



****DRAFT MINUTES – UNAPPROVED****

**MAGNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2026**

Webster Center
8952 West Magna Main Street
Magna, Utah 84044

Council Members Present:

Mayor Mick Sudbury
Council Member Audrey Pierce
Council Member Terry George
Council Member Steve Prokopis
Council Member Megan Olsen
Council Member Michael Jensen

Council Member(s) Excused:

Staff Present:

Kelly Bush, City Manager
Diana Baun, City Recorder
Nathan Bracken, City Attorney
Chief Del Craig, Unified Police Department
Lt. Chris Benedict, Unified Police Department
Chief Jason Mazuran, UPD
Matt Starley, Long Range Planner
Chad Anderson, Assistant City Engineer
Brian Tucker, Planning Manager

Others Present: None

6:00 PM – PUBLIC MEETING

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mick Sudbury, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Determine Quorum

A quorum was present, allowing the meeting to proceed.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 2 minutes per person)

Anyone who wants to speak on an item that is not on the public hearing agenda must sign up and will be called in order. Please state your name. Council members will not respond during public comments, but city staff will follow up if needed. ***Comments are limited to two (2) minutes.***

Lisa Henry approached the podium and stated she had no comments to offer for the current month but anticipated providing comments at the next meeting.

Melinda Burrell addressed the Council with concerns regarding the ongoing median construction on 8400 West. She explained that drivers had been driving over traffic cones in the construction area and expressed her preference for a full median installation similar to those on the north side. She stated that without a full median, motorists would continue attempting illegal maneuvers, creating unsafe conditions, and she hoped the final design would include attractive landscaping.

Mary Knowles then spoke regarding longstanding safety issues near Matheson Junior High, particularly on Montclair and Jefferson. She noted that the school-zone speed sign had not been functioning for years and did not light up, which made it difficult for drivers to identify when children were crossing. She described situations in which parked cars, narrow travel lanes, and school buses created dangerous conditions and made it difficult for vehicles to pass each other safely. She emphasized that these issues occur across multiple streets in the area, especially during busy times and when service vehicles such as garbage trucks are present.

5. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

A. Unified Police Department – *Chief Del Craig*

Chief Craig of the Unified Police Department presented the monthly police update. He directed the Council to the statistical report included in the meeting packet and explained that this expanded report represented a shift under the new UPD administration toward broader, more comprehensive pooled-services reporting. Chief Craig reviewed current caseloads, noting that the Violent Crimes Unit was carrying 199 open cases and had received five new cases in the prior month, including three death investigations, an assault, and a robbery. He continued with an update on the Special Victims Unit, which had 88 active cases and had received fourteen new referrals, including child sex abuse, adult sexual assault, child physical abuse, pornography-related cases, and two runaway cases. He also reported on specialty team activity, including nine callouts by the Collision Reconstruction Team, thirteen canine deployments, and six drone deployments within Magna during the month of March. Chief Craig emphasized that these centralized services allow major felony investigations to be handled by specialized teams with focused training and expertise. He concluded by reiterating that additional quarterly reporting would continue as part of the updated UPD reporting structure. No questions were raised by the Council.

B. Magna 4th of July – *Jennifer D’Haenens*

Jennifer D’Haenens provided an update on planning efforts for the upcoming Magna 4th of July celebration. She reported that four sponsor checks had been received to date, with additional sponsors still being pursued. Parade entries were steadily increasing, and volunteer recruitment continued to be a priority. She noted that volunteers ages sixteen and older could participate with parental approval, and that volunteer sign-up links were available through the City’s website and the official Facebook page. Council members asked brief clarifying questions regarding volunteer outreach, and Ms. D’Haenens explained that community word-of-mouth efforts, including recent engagement with local businesses, were helping to increase participation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes

1) April 14, 2026 City Council Meeting

Council Member Megan Olsen discussed an error in the DUI numbers in the draft minutes shared with the council, and City Recorder Diana Baun was able to make that change prior to the meeting and that change was shared with the council prior to the meeting.

Council Member Olsen moved to approve the April 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes with the changes discussed and shared with the council prior to the meeting and noted above. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

7. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. MSD Updates – *Chad Anderson*

Reviewed his prepared presentation (Attachment A).

Assistant City Engineer Chad Anderson presented the monthly MSD Updates and reviewed the prepared presentation included in the meeting materials. He began by addressing comments that had been raised during the public comment period, including the non-functioning school zone sign near Matheson Junior High, and stated he would look into the issue. He explained that the MSD was continuing work on the Transportation Master Plan, noting that the project was ongoing with anticipated completion in fall 2026. He described the forthcoming online “story map” that would allow the public and the Council to view long-term road plans and how these plans would guide future capital improvement funding.

Mr. Anderson then provided updates on several major roadway and infrastructure projects. He stated that sidewalk construction on 8400 West was progressing, with the west side completed and the east side approximately halfway finished. He informed the Council that paving would begin soon and sought direction regarding the construction of the median on 8400 West. After receiving earlier public feedback and Council discussion, he confirmed that MSD would proceed with a full median installation rather than studying a gap in the northbound left-turn lane.

He also reviewed progress on additional roadway projects including 8000 West, 7200 West, and the realignment of 2700 South and 2820. He noted that acquisition of remaining parcels was still required before certain segments could advance, and that work continued on interlocal agreements with West Valley City for cost-sharing and design obligations. He reported that several projects were entering design phases, receiving federal funding, or were scheduled for contractor award at upcoming MSD Board meetings.

Following the engineering report, Long Range Planning Manager Matt Starley introduced an informational presentation on the Walking Loops Program, accompanied by Tim Sullivan, the program's director. Mr. Starley explained that no action was required from the Council and that the presentation was intended to provide an update on a new pedestrian-oriented initiative being coordinated with MSD. He highlighted Magna's designation as a nationally recognized historic district, which allows participation in the Utah Main Street Program and access to certain tax incentives and grant opportunities. He described how the Walking Loops project would complement recent downtown improvements, including murals and façade upgrades.

Tim Sullivan then provided an in-depth overview of the Walking Loops concept, explaining that the program encourages residents and visitors to walk through downtown districts, cultural centers, and historic areas using safe and engaging routes. He described the planned route for Magna's downtown loop and showcased sample materials, including postcards, interpretive signage, sidewalk decals, and QR-code-linked digital content that would provide historical and contextual information about landmarks along the loop. He noted that temporary "pop-up" improvements—such as benches or painted crosswalks—may be incorporated depending on available funding. Installation of program materials was tentatively planned for around the Fourth of July.

Mr. Starley concluded by stating that the next steps included finalizing design materials, coordinating with City staff and MSD, building out the program website, and preparing for installation. The Council thanked both presenters for the update.

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Resolution R2026-26, A Resolution by the Magna City Council (The "Council") Approving Funding for an Additional Police Sergeant – *Chief Del Craig, Unified Police Department*

The Council considered Resolution R2026-26, approving funding for an additional police sergeant allocation within the Unified Police Department. Chief Del Craig reviewed his prepared presentation and explained that, after evaluating two options, UPD recommended converting an existing COP detective allocation into a sergeant position. He stated that the cost difference associated with this conversion totaled \$56,940 annually, which would need to be absorbed by the City. Chief Craig discussed the operational impacts of the change and noted that UPD intended to offset the reduction in detective allocations by adopting a more hands-on "working sergeant" model. Chief Jason Mazuran added that Kearns and Brighton were also expected to contribute to the related funding needs.

Council Member Prokopis described ongoing funding pressures at SLVLESA and emphasized that the rising costs reflected increased call volume rather than an expansion of service. Lieutenant Chris Benedict confirmed that the UPD Board had set strict limits on cost increases and that current projections were tracking below those limits. City Attorney Nathan Bracken

advised the Council that the creation of this position would require an interlocal agreement between Magna and UPD and recommended that the Council authorize staff to prepare such an agreement, including a two-year review provision.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Option Two for the sergeant position and direct staff to prepare the interlocal agreement. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 5–0.

B. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Utah – *Greg Bisping and Kelly Bush, City Manager*

The Council held a discussion regarding a potential agreement with EDCUtah. Greg Bisping presented an overview of the organization and its services, explaining that EDCUtah works to attract and expand businesses in Utah by coordinating with communities, providing economic research, producing marketing materials, and hosting site selector visits. He stated that a one-year membership fee of \$5,000 would give Magna access to its project pipeline, reporting tools, grant information, and state-level coordination efforts. Mr. Bisping discussed past project inquiries involving Magna and described how EDCUtah could assist with targeted industry outreach.

Council Members Jensen, George, and Olsen asked questions regarding measurable outcomes, annual evaluation, and how EDCUtah’s services would coordinate with those provided by MSD. City Manager Kelly Bush stated that MSD was aware of the City’s interest and that both agencies could work together. She recommended preparing an agreement for Council review at a future meeting. No formal action was taken.

C. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Walking Loops – *Matt Starley, Long Range Planner - Tim Sullivan, Director of the Walking Loops Program*

Matt Starley reviewed his prepared presentation (Attachment C)

Tim Sullivan gave a brief overview of the Walking Loops program.

The Council discussed the Walking Loops program following the earlier presentation by Long Range Planning Manager Matt Starley and Program Director Tim Sullivan. Mr. Starley summarized that the program would enhance pedestrian activity, highlight historic and cultural areas, and complement ongoing downtown revitalization efforts. Mr. Sullivan described interpretive signage, sidewalk decals, temporary improvements, and the planned website that would provide additional content about downtown Magna. Installation was planned for early summer. The item required no action, and the Council accepted the update

D. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Resolution R2026-27, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Roth Landscaping for the Main Street Project – *Kelly Bush, City Manager***

The Council considered Resolution R2026-27 regarding authorization for the Mayor to sign an agreement with Roth Landscaping for Main Street improvements. City Manager Kelly Bush explained that a formal resolution was not needed; instead, the Council’s authorization for the

Mayor's signature would be sufficient. She described the project, which included removal of diseased trees and stumps, installation of new trees, improved landscaping features, and a new drip irrigation system. The work would extend along Main Street and the Webster Center frontage and would be funded through the Magna Main Street CRA. Mayor Sudbury noted the project would address long-standing stump removal needs near the Webster Center.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Resolution R2026-27, authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement above, and Council Member Olsen seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- E. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Ordinance 2026-O-08**, An Ordinance Imposing a Ban on the Discharge of Fireworks Within Designated Areas of Magna City – **Nathan Bracken, City Attorney**

The Council considered Ordinance 2026-O-08, adopting the annual fireworks restrictions map. City Attorney Nathan Bracken explained that state law requires municipalities to adopt, each year, a map designating areas where fireworks are prohibited based on fire marshal recommendations. He reviewed the map prepared by UFA and noted it aligned with previous years' designations of high-risk areas.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-08, Regarding a ban on the discharge of fireworks in certain areas of the city. Council Member George seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- F. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Resolution R2026-23**, A Resolution Waiving Fees and Bond Requirements for Salt Lake County Improvements on 8000 W 4100 S – **Steven Kuhlmeier, Salt Lake County**

Steven Kuhlmeier of Salt Lake County Public Works presented the request associated with Resolution R2026-23. He explained that the County planned to install public improvements at 8000 West and 4100 South, including sidewalk, curb, gutter, drainage, pavement, and lighting, as well as a covered salt pile structure. Because the County itself would enforce construction standards, he requested that Magna waive the standard development fees and bond requirements. Mr. Kuhlmeier described a guarantee letter the County submitted in lieu of bonding. Following discussion, Council Member Jensen moved to approve Resolution R2026-23, with Council Member Prokopolis seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Resolution R2026-23, Waiving fees and bond requirements for Salt Lake County as discussed above. Council Member Prokopolis seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- G. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Ordinance 2026-O-07**, Adoption of the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Map Set Forth in Section 15.08.011 of the Magna Municipal Code, Which Adopted the 2006 Edition of the Utah WUI Code to Comply with H.B. 48 – **Brian Tucker, Planning Manager**

Brian Tucker reviewed background information from the published meeting documents and his prepared presentation (Attachment D), explaining that tonight staff was asking the council to

approve the map and authorize staff to create the ordinance adopting the map along with the previously updated 2025 ordinance to adopt the 2006 WUI code into the city's code.

The Council considered Ordinance 2026-O-07 related to adoption of the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) map. Planning Manager Brian Tucker reviewed the updated statewide WUI data and explained that Magna had no areas meeting the highest-risk categories of seven or eight. He noted that the Planning Commission recommended adopting a blank map and explained that staff would prepare an ordinance formalizing that adoption.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-07, Adoption of the city's WUI map as discussed above. Council Member Prokopis seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- H. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Ordinance 2026-O-06**, An Ordinance of the Magna City Council ("The Council") Repealing and Replacing Magna City Code Chapter 2.49.170 Commemorative Street Names – **Nathan Bracken, City Attorney**

City Attorney Bracken presented Ordinance 2026-O-06, explaining that Magna's existing commemorative street-naming process was inherited from Salt Lake County and overly complex. The proposed replacement ordinance simplified the process by allowing residents to submit proposals directly and giving the Council full discretion in approving commemorative names.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-06, Repealing and replacing Chapter 2.49.170 of the City Code as discussed above. Council Member Prokopis seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- I. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Resolution R2026-24**, A Resolution of the Magna City Council ("The Council") Approving A Commemorative Street Name on 3100 South, Between 8400 West and 8560 West, Magna City (Magna STEAM Academy) – **Nathan Bracken, City Attorney**

With the new ordinance now approved, the Council considered Resolution R2026-24, a request from Magna STEAM Academy to designate the segment of 3100 South between 8400 West and 8560 West as "Bulldogs Way." Council Member Olsen disclosed that her children attended the school but stated she had no conflict of interest.

Council Member Olsen moved to approve Resolution R2026-24, commemorative street name change as discussed above. Council Member Jensen seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- J. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Resolution R2026-25**, A Resolution of the Magna City Council ("The Council") Approving A Commemorative Street Name Change on Cordero Drive Between 8540 West and 8795 West, Magna City (Cyprus High School) – **Nathan Bracken, City Attorney**

The Council then considered Resolution R2026-25, submitted by Cyprus High School, requesting the commemorative name “Pirates Way” for the portion of Cordero Drive between 8540 West and 8795 West.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Resolution R2026-25, commemorative street name change as discussed above. Council Member George seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

K. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Funding for Copper Ridge Riders –
Kelly Bush, City Manager

Shelbi Stucki and representatives from the Copper Ridge Riders gave a presentation on request for funding for their program. Jace Archuletta offered additional information for the council if needed. They explained that the club serves youth and families and that the requested funds would be used for arena sprinklers and transportation of donated sand needed to provide safe ground conditions for horse events. Council Member George expressed strong support based on his site visit and long familiarity with the program.

Council Member George moved to approve \$2,450 in funding, and Council Member Olsen seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

L. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Reallocation of Beer Tax Funds -
Mayor Mick Sudbury

Mayor Sudbury introduced a discussion regarding the City’s beer tax revenues, noting that most cities allocate such revenues to law enforcement. He expressed support for redirecting Magna’s beer tax funds to UPD.

Council Member George moved to allocate the beer tax revenue to police services, and Council Member Olsen seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

M. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Purchase and Construction of a Large Garage for Storage of City Parade Float – ***Kelly Bush, City Manager***

The Council then discussed options for storing the City’s new parade float. City Manager Bush explained that the float could not be stored at the former Cypress High School due to its dimensions and that UPD’s SWAT building was serving only as a short-term solution. Mayor Sudbury reviewed the agreement originally reached with Modern Display for seasonal storage and clarified that the company now required the City to house the float during the active season. He noted that Modern Display would store the float only after the parade season and could also modify the design at the City’s request.

Council Member George expressed concern about constructing a large storage structure on the Webster Center property and suggested continuing to explore all other alternatives before approving construction. Council Members Prokopis and Olsen discussed the possibility of shrink-wrapping, partial disassembly, or off-site storage in nearby communities. City Manager Bush reported that multiple entities had been contacted, including Rio Tinto, but that no suitable storage site had been located. The Mayor invited the Council and community

members to submit additional suggestions and stated that the item would return for further discussion once more options had been explored.

9. MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES

A. City Manager Updates – *Kelly Bush, Assistant City Manager*

City Manager Kelly Bush provided an update on upcoming administrative activities. She informed the Council that she and the Mayor had a scheduled meeting on Friday with Jay Springer to initiate work on a feasibility study. She explained that an RFP would be drafted and released, with an anticipated two-week response window once posted.

B. City Attorney Updates – *Nathan Bracken, City Attorney*

City Attorney Nathan Bracken then presented legal updates. He reported that staff was continuing to work on the boundary adjustment discussions with West Valley City, but no new information was available at this time. He stated that he hoped to provide a more substantive update at the next Council meeting. Mr. Bracken also provided background on the City's involvement with the Communities That Care (CTC) program. He explained that the existing agreement—under which Magna acts as fiscal agent for certain county-provided funds—would expire in June. He outlined two potential paths forward: the City could decline to renew its involvement, or it could enter into a new agreement with updated terms reflecting recent changes in federal law, state auditor requirements, and recommended financial controls. He noted that when public funds exceeding \$25,000 flow to a nonprofit partner, state law requires a formal reporting and oversight structure, and he emphasized that any updated agreement would need to incorporate those requirements.

Council Members Prokopis and Olsen expressed support for continuing with the program but emphasized the need for clear guardrails and an annual review provision. Council Member George agreed and requested that staff prepare a draft agreement for the Council's review at a future meeting. Mr. Bracken stated that staff would begin drafting the updated agreement immediately so the Council could act before the current arrangement expired.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Prokopis reported that UPD was in the midst of its budget season and that he had been meeting regularly with UPD leadership to work through ongoing funding issues. He stated that he anticipated additional meetings over the next several weeks as the budget process continued.

Mayor Sudbury then provided an update from the UFA Board, noting that he had recently toured the existing training facility and was surprised by how limited and constrained the current space was. He stated that UFA had expressed interest in constructing a new training facility and commented that Magna City would benefit from such an investment, particularly given the number of outside agencies that train in Magna and contribute to local sales tax

revenue during their visits.

Council Member Olsen gave an update on local events and community programs. She reported that Jennifer D’Haenens had provided additional information regarding the 4th of July planning efforts. She also reviewed recent CTC activities, noting that the Drug Take-Back Day had collected fifteen pounds of unused or expired medication from seventy-six community members. She stated that CTC had also participated in the recent “Cyprus Unites” event and expressed appreciation on behalf of CTC for the Council’s support in the Easter egg program. She concluded by listing several upcoming events, including the “I Can” Fun Run on May 1, the Youth Squad Family Night on May 7, and the Health and Safety Fair on May 13 at the Magna Recreation Center.

Council Member George reported on the most recent Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District meeting, which he attended the previous day. He stated that the meeting lasted approximately four hours and included discussion of efforts to improve communication with the public, including development of a mobile app that would reduce reliance on printed flyers. He explained that the app was projected to save approximately \$120,000 in the current year and over \$210,000 the following year. Council Member George also reported that WFWRD was seeking public input on whether Magna wanted an additional glass-recycling dumpster beyond the existing one at the Recreation Center. He further described proposed changes to bulk-waste disposal procedures, including the potential for curbside placement with a seventy-two-hour notification window, which had been implemented successfully in other cities. He requested public feedback on these proposals. He concluded by noting that the district was exploring the feasibility of switching residential recycling collection to an every-other-week schedule and stated that his Animal Control Board meeting would take place later in the week, with a report to be provided at the next Council meeting.

Council Member Jensen reported on the recent MSD budget meeting, explaining that as a newer member of the MSD Board, he expected to receive the tentative budget following the meeting but would follow up to ensure the Council received copies. He stated that no substantive discussion occurred concerning Magna’s budget, though other topics—such as Brighton’s budget and potential fiber-installation initiatives—were discussed.

Council Member Pierce reported that there had been no recent Magna Mosquito Abatement District meeting and that he would provide an update following the meeting scheduled for the following week.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Attorney Nathan Bracken informed the Council that staff would be preparing two items for placement on a future agenda. First, he stated that he would be bringing forward proposed new rules of order and procedure for Council meetings, consistent with discussions held during the City Council retreat. Second, he recommended the creation of a clear and objective policy governing public funding requests, explaining that such a policy would help ensure consistency and transparency for all applicants. He noted that these items did not need to appear on the next agenda but would be scheduled for an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Bracken also advised the Council that he and Deputy Attorney Claire would like to schedule individual introductory meetings or calls with each Council Member over the next month or two. He clarified that these informal meetings would be at no cost to the City and were intended to help staff better understand each Council Member's priorities. These meetings were noted for informational purposes and were not intended as agenda items.

The Mayor invited Council Members to identify any additional future agenda items. No further items were requested.

Council Member Jensen moved to convene a Closed Session for the stated purpose, and Council Member George seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Council entered the Closed Session at 8:07 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSIONS IF NEEDED AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE §52-4-205

- A. Discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.
- B. **Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.**
- C. Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.
- D. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; and
- E. Other lawful purposes as listed in Utah Code §52-4-205

13. ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council, Council Member Olsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

This is a true and correct copy of the April 28, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on May 12, 2026.

Attest:

Diana Baun, Magna City Recorder

Mick Sudbury, Magna City Mayor