



WEST VALLEY CITY
City Council Study Meeting
April 28, 2026

THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN ELECTRONIC STUDY SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026 AT 4:30 P.M. AT WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND CONDUCTED BY MAYOR LANG.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Karen Lang, Mayor
Lars Nordfelt, Councilmember At-Large
Don Christensen, Councilmember At-Large
Tom Huynh, Councilmember District 1
Scott Harmon, Councilmember District 2
William Whetstone, Councilmember District 3

ABSENT:

Cindy Wood, Councilmember District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Ifo Pili, City Manager
Nichole Camac, City Recorder
John Flores, Assistant City Manager
Eric Bunderson, City Attorney
Colleen Jacobs, Police Chief
John Evans, Fire Chief
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Steve Pastorik, CED Director
Dan Johnson, Public Works Director
Jamie Young, Parks and Recreation Director
Jonathan Springmeyer, RDA Director
Sam Johnson, Strategic Communications Director
Craig Thomas, Community and Culture Director
Paula Melgar, HR Director (*electronically*)
Tumi Young, Chief Code Enforcement Officer
Harold Moleni, Administrative Analyst
Lauren McPeak, Administrative Analyst
Travis Crosby, IT

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2026

The Council considered the Minutes of the Study Meeting held April 14, 2026. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

Councilmember Harmon moved to approve the Minutes of the Study Meeting held April 14, 2026. Councilmember Nordfelt seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and all members voted in favor of the motion.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Chief Jacobs introduced Austin Siebler, Clint Moore, Chase Larsen, Mark Arutyunyan, and Kevin Ray.

Jamie Young introduced Danny Desmarais.

REVIEW AGENDA FOR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2026

Upon inquiry by Mayor Lang, members of the Council had no further questions or concerns regarding items listed on the Agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled later this night.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24, 2026

A. **ACCEPT PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING APPLICATION SV-1-2026, FILED BY WEST VALLEY CITY, REQUESTING A STREET VACATION FOR A PORTION OF 2300 SOUTH, BETWEEN 5700 WEST AND THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CORRIDOR RIGHT OF WAY**

Mayor Lang informed a public hearing had been advertised for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled April 28, 2026 in order for the City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding Application SV-1-2026, Filed by West Valley City, Requesting a Street Vacation for a Portion of 2300 South, Between 5700 West and the Eastern Edge of the Mountain View Corridor Right of Way

Proposed Ordinance 26-16 related to the proposal to be considered by the City Council subsequent to the public hearing, was discussed as follows:

ACTION: ORDINANCE 26-16, APPROVE THE VACATION FOR A PORTION OF SECOND STREET (2300 SOUTH) LOCATED BETWEEN LESTER STREET (5700

WEST) AND THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CORRIDOR RIGHT OF WAY

Brock Anderson, CD, discussed proposed Ordinance 26-16 that would approve the Vacation for a Portion of Second Street (2300 South) Located Between Lester Street (5700 West) and the Mountain View Corridor Right of Way.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

2300 South, originally named Second Street, was dedicated as part of the Hayne's Addition Plat E Subdivision in May 1889. Since the Mountain View Corridor was constructed in this area, 2300 South no longer connects to any streets west of 5700 West. Wadsworth Development Group recently petitioned the City and rezoned a large area of property on the north and south sides of 2300 South, west of 5700 West, for a new building and storage yard development (Z-8-2025). They intend to include the vacated right-of-way in their project area. In 2005, the City previously vacated the southern portion of 2300 South in favor of the adjacent property owners to the south, so the vacation of this right-of-way will go to the property owner on the north side, which is Wadsworth Development Group.

The City Council will consider Ordinance 26-16 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 12, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

RESOLUTION 26-46: AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FROM FIREFIGHTER SUPPLY CO.

John Evans, Fire Chief, presented proposed resolution 26-46 that would authorize the Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment from Firefighter Supply Co.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

West Valley City Fire Department has been purchasing the Innotex brand turnouts for the last three years. The local dealer for Innotex is Firefighter Supply Co and they do provide Salt Lake Metro Fire contract pricing. Typically, we are purchasing between 3-7 sets per academy, however this last new hire academy had 10 individuals causing us to cross the \$30,000 purchase threshold.

The estimated total cost to outfit a new firefighter is \$9,800. The bulk of this price is the cost of the firefighting jacket and pants. Other equipment needs consist of a

helmet, radio, SCBA mask, structural gloves, flash hood, structural boots, lightweight nomex brush jacket, and winter medical jacket.

The Fire Department was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to help with the purchase of personal protective equipment for a total of \$57,600. Upon disbursement, the AFG will reimburse the cost of this purchase.

The City Council will consider Resolution 26-46 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 12, 2026 at 6:30 P.M

RESOLUTION 26-47: APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CRIMES AGAINST STATE ECONOMY TASK FORCE

Colleen Jacobs, Police Chief, presented proposed resolution 26-47 that would approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City and the Utah Attorney General's Office to Participate in the Crimes Against State Economy Task Force.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

This resolution authorizes the Police Department to work with the Utah Attorney General's Office to investigate Crimes Against State Economy (C.A.S.E.)

The Utah Attorney General's Office desires to partner with The West Valley City Police Department to investigate retail crime, cargo, theft, porch piracy, pawn shops, gambling and catalytic converter/scrap metal thefts. To assist in overtime, training, and outreach programs, The Utah Attorney General's Office will award The Police Department \$4000 for the time period of April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

Mayor Lang asked if catalytic converter theft has decreased since legislation passed several years ago. Chief Jacobs replied yes.

The City Council will consider Resolution 26-47 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 12, 2026 at 6:30 P.M

RESOLUTION 26-48: DESIGNATE CERTAIN AREAS WHERE ORDERS TO DISPERSE ARE AUTHORIZED AND GANG LOITERING IS PROHIBITED

Eric Bunderson, City Attorney, and Levi Lloyd, Police Department, presented proposed resolution 26-48 that would designate Certain Areas Where Orders to Disperse are

Authorized and Gang Loitering is Prohibited.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

The Police Department is requesting that WestFest 2026, held at Centennial Park from June 17 to June 20, 2026, be designated as an area where gang loitering is prohibited and subject to enforcement by law enforcement officials and criminal penalties. This designation and enforcement of the same is authorized by Sections 11-48-104 and 53-25-602 of the Utah Code.

This requested designation will enable law enforcement to curtail the increasing presence of and disruptions caused by criminal street gangs that have and have attempted to establish control over areas at WestFest, intimidate other individuals from entering those areas, and conceal illegal activities conducted in those areas.

Following WestFest 2026, the Police Department will conduct a review and report back to the Council concerning the designation.

West Valley City's annual WestFest celebration has experienced people with known gang affiliations seeking to establish control over public places and gatherings through fighting, stabbings, intimidation, conducting illegal activities, and other forms of violence. This activity has caused safety and security concerns.

Utah Code § 11-48-104 explicitly provides authority for municipal legislative bodies to designate places within the municipal jurisdiction as areas where gang loitering is prohibited and subject to enforcement and criminal penalties. It requires the legislative body to consult with individuals who are knowledgeable about the effects of gang activity in the area, which in the present case includes the Police Department, gang task force, City Administration, and the Council members themselves.

Utah Code § 53-25-602 provides guidelines for the enforcement of such designations by law enforcement officers. These include how officers are to inform individuals of loitering prohibitions, issue orders to disperse, and make clear to individuals the criminal consequences of failing to promptly disperse.

Councilmember Whetstone inquired about the objective criteria used to identify gang-affiliated individuals. Lieutenant Lloyd explained that identification is based on factors

such as colors, tattoos, gang signs, and associations with known individuals documented under federal guidelines. Councilmember Whetstone also asked whether the public would be notified, to which Lieutenant Lloyd responded that they would not. Mayor Lang asked whether the approach had been effective in Taylorsville, and Lieutenant Lloyd confirmed that it had, noting that individuals were trespassed, all complied, and no cases were generated.

The City Council will consider Resolution 26-48 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 12, 2026 at 6:30 P.M

RESOLUTION 26-49: APPROVE A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CITIES STRONG FOUNDATION

Craig Thomas, Community Engagement and Culture Director, presented proposed resolution 26-49 that would approve a Community Resource Center Grant Agreement Between the City and Cities Strong Foundation.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

All three Community Resource Centers have dated chalk boards that cause mess and dust in the classrooms. These will be replaced with dry erase boards. Bulletin boards are needed in key entry locations to the buildings to post information about classes, partner programs, and community events. TV's are needed in a couple of key locations. All three Community Resource Centers have dedicated sewing classrooms, cutting tables are needed for the students. These funds come from donations made to Cities Strong with the purpose of supporting these buildings and the MyHometown classes.

The City Council will consider Resolution 26-49 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 12, 2026 at 6:30 P.M

RESOLUTION 26-50: APPROVE A NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CITIES STRONG FOUNDATION

Craig Thomas, Community Engagement and Culture Director, presented proposed resolution 26-50 that would approve a Neighborhood Leadership Academy Grant Agreement Between the City and the Cities Strong Foundation

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy graduates have proposed 15 resident led neighborhood projects to help strengthen neighborhoods and community pride.

Graduates of the program have planned and implemented projects to enhance their neighborhoods. Donations were secured by Cities Strong from several West Valley City businesses to support the implementation of the projects.

Councilmember Whetstone verified that this money can only be used for the 15 projects that were proposed. Craig replied yes.

The City Council will consider Resolution 26-50 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 12, 2026 at 6:30 P.M

RESOLUTION 26-51: APPROVE A LOGO USAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE OF UTAH TO PARTICIPATE IN AMERICA250 UTAH

Craig Thomas, Community Engagement and Culture Director, presented proposed resolution 26-51 that would approve a Logo Usage Agreement Between the City and the State of Utah to Participate in America250 Utah.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

Allows WVC the use of the trademarked America 250 Utah logo and customized logos with West Valley City added.

The City would like to co-brand several existing programs as well as generate new programs related to the America 250 anniversary.

The City Council will consider Resolution 26-51 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 12, 2026 at 6:30 P.M

RESOLUTION 26-52: APPROVE THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT FROM UTAH TENTS AND EVENTS

Craig Thomas, Community Engagement and Culture Director, presented proposed resolution 26-52 that would approve the Rental of Equipment from Utah Tents and Events.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

Utah Tent and Events will provide the 100 tents, sidewalls, fire extinguishers, 500 folding chairs, 37 chairs and assorted items.

Utah Tent and Events has provided event tents and supplies to WestFest for several years. They were the lowest bid again this year.

The City Council will consider Resolution 26-52 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 12, 2026 at 6:30 P.M

RESOLUTION 26-53: AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN DESIGN SERVICES

Coby Wilson, Public Works, presented proposed resolution 26-53 that would authorize the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Certain Design Services.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

Magna City and West Valley City are coordinating to hire a design consultant to prepare plans for the reconstruction of 7200 West between SR-201 and 2100 South. This roadway segment is in poor condition and requires full-depth reconstruction, along with improvements such as street lighting, sidewalk, curb and gutter, and storm drainage upgrades.

West Valley City will manage the consultant contract, and the design costs will be shared equally between Magna City and West Valley City. This partnership allows both cities to coordinate the design of this important corridor while sharing project costs.

The City Council will consider Resolution 26-53 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 12, 2026 at 6:30 P.M

AUTHORIZE CONSENT AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12, 2026

The Council agreed to all items to the Consent Agenda for the May 12, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER MORENO UPDATE

Councilmember Moreno, Salt Lake County, presented a PowerPoint presentation summarized as follows:

- The County's statutory duties
 - Public Safety
 - Operate the jail
 - Run elections and voter services
 - Collect property taxes
 - Criminal justice system
 - Provide a Health Department
 - Mental Health Authority
 - Meals on Wheels for seniors
 - Parks, trails, and canyons
 - Preserve Land Records
 - Flood control
 - Recreation centers
 - Libraries
 - Convention centers
- 2025 Accomplishments
 - Cut mayor's administration budget (2 FTE)
 - Transitioned subsidized childcare to public/private partnerships
 - Froze salaries of elected officials
 - Ended Biden-era programs funded by COVID funds.
 - Moved Clark Planetarium from property taxes to Tourism, Recreation, Culture, and Convention (TRCC)
 - Opened new pod at Oxbow Jail (250+ beds) to address overcrowding, safety
 - Addressed \$3M in deferred maintenance at ADC using existing funds to extend the life of infrastructure
 - Completed a State Legislative Audit of election equipment to protect election security and maintain public trust
 - Completed Parley's multi-use trail
 - Began rehabilitation of Jordan River Parkway Trail (north of 2100 S)
 - Completed Millcreek Canyon Road (FLAP grant + Forest Service)
 - County partnered with local groups to expand and formalize a mountain bike trail in the Kearns Lodestone Trail system
 - Saved Abravanel Hall
 - Began work on Downtown Entertainment District
 - Created America 250 Commission

- Salt Palace Renovation adds second ballroom allowing two conventions at once adding an estimated \$105 million in annual economic impact
- Legislative Intent to protect trees on county property
- Resolution to protect The Great Salt Lake
- Continued progress on several library projects and Designing libraries as community hubs with meeting rooms, maker spaces, and flexible gathering areas (Midvale, Taylorsville, Cottonwood Heights, West Valley)
- Investments in trails, infrastructure, and events that connect communities
- Sponsored Proclamations
 - National Day of Prayer
 - Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - Women’s Day Proclamation
 - Victims of Communism Resolution

The Mayor and Council had no further questions.

B. VICTIMS ADVOCATE UPDATE

Kaytlynn Scott, Legal, presented a PowerPoint presentation summarized as follows:

- Who We Serve
 - Police Department
 - Victims of Domestic Violence
 - Victims of non-DV crimes
 - Sexual Assault Victims
 - Witnesses to crime
 - Prosecutors Office
 - Any case that West Valley prosecutes that also has a victim
 - Some cases that WVCPD investigates are felonies, and get sent to the District Attorney for prosecution – we still assist victims through the investigation period
 - West Valley Citizens
 - Anyone can call us for referrals, safety planning, or just to learn about DV cycles.
 - Many people we serve do not call police first, some hear by word of mouth

- How We Serve
 - Day to Day
 - We are in the Justice court, walk-ins are M-Th.
 - We have advocates working 7 Days a week
 - We have a rotating call shift
 - Attending court with victims, and notifying them accordingly
 - West Valley Justice Court
 - Salt Lake County District Courts
 - Upholding the Utah Victim Bill of Rights according to Utah Law ([77-37-3 Bill of Rights](#))
 - Assisting officers with victim contact, sometimes on scene
 - Attending meetings with victims and WVC PD
 - Attending meetings with WVC Prosecutors
 - Explaining PD investigation, criminal Justice Process, types of protective orders, what to expect, restitution, etc.
 - Liaison for Officers and Prosecutors
 - Referral to appropriate agencies
 - Ongoing Education
 - Utah Certified Advocate Program (in the past)
 - EVAWI – Spring
 - National
 - SWAVO – March
 - Statewide
 - Crime Victim Services Conference – April
 - Statewide
 - Various others
 - Regular meetings with Partner Organizations
 - Utah Department of Public Safety
- General Statistics (July 2025- Present)
 - 1619 clients served
 - Gender
 - 361 Male
 - 824 female
 - 476 not reported
 - 1 other
 - Age
 - 0-12 17
 - 13-17 32

- 18-24 271
- 25-59 1141
- 60+ 102
- Not reported 59
- Victimizations 3342 total
 - Number of victims with more than one victimization - 1100
 - Domestic / Family Violence – 1341
 - We have a long list. It includes assault, sexual assault, child abuse, theft etc.
- Services provided
 - Info and referral – 8,657
 - Other services – 8,012
 - Criminal Justice Assistance – 6,236
 - Other services – 8,012

Councilmember Huynh asked if the service number provided is normal. Katylynn stated that 200 are typically added per fiscal year. Councilmember Whetstone asked if the team is adequately staffed. Katylynn replied that each team member does a good job covering everything they can and rely on each other to ensure needs are met. She noted that it is a high case load but there is a lot of support and appreciation.

The Mayor and Council had no further questions.

C. COUNCIL CALENDAR

Mayor Lang referenced a Memorandum previously received from the City Manager that outlined upcoming meetings and events.

Members of the City Council had no further questions regarding the Council Update.

NEW BUSINESS

A. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

N/A

**B. COUNCIL REPORTS
COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN**

Councilmember Christensen stated he attended Springfest.

COUNCILMEMBER WHETSTONE

Councilmember Whetstone stated that he attended Springfest, ULCT Conference, and the Ability Inclusion Services Gala.

MAYOR LANG

Mayor Lang stated that attended the ULCT Conference and the Midvalley Express Ribbon Cutting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Upon motion by Councilmember Whetstone all voted in favor to adjourn.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY COUNCIL THE STUDY MEETING ON TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2026 WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:08 PM BY MAYOR LANG.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Study Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, April 28, 2026.



Nichole Camac, MMC
City Recorder