

1 **Logan Municipal Council**
2 **Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2026**

3 Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, May
4 5, 2026, in the Logan Municipal Council Chambers located at 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah
5 84321 at 5:30 p.m. Logan Municipal Council Meetings are streamed on the [City of Logan YouTube](#)
6 [channel](#) at: go.loganutah.gov/CouncilMeetings

7 **Meeting Attendance**

8 Approximately 18 individuals were in attendance the start of the meeting. Chair Mike Johnson called
9 the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

10 Council members present:

- 11 • Chair Mike Johnson
- 12 • Vice Chair Ernesto López - Excused
- 13 • Councilmember Jeannie F. Simmonds
- 14 • Councilmember Melissa Dahle
- 15 • Councilmember Katie Lee-Koven

16 Administration present:

- 17 • Mayor Mark A. Anderson
- 18 • City Attorney Craig Carlston
- 19 • Finance Director Richard Anderson
- 20 • City Recorder Teresa Harris

21 **Opening Ceremony**

22 The opening ceremony was provided by Councilmember Melissa Dahle who led the audience in the
23 Pledge of Allegiance.

24 **Meeting Minutes and Agenda**

25 Chair Johnson announced there are two public hearings scheduled for this Council meeting. A motion
26 was made and seconded to approve minutes from the April 21, 2026 Council meeting and the May 5,
27 2026 agenda as presented.

28 **ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Lee-Koven, seconded by Councilmember Dahle, to**
29 **approve minutes from the April 21, 2026 Council meeting and the May 5, 2026 meeting agenda,**
30 **as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0)**

31 **Dahle: Aye**

32 **Johnson: Aye**

33 **Lee-Koven: Aye**

34 **López: Excused**

35 **Simmonds: Aye**

36 Chair Johnson announced that regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the
37 month at 5:30 p.m. The next regular Council meeting is Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

38 **Questions and Comments for the Mayor and Council**

39 **[Link to video recording of meeting at time stamp \(1:51\)](#)**

40 Chair Johnson explained that any person wishing to comment on any item not otherwise on the agenda
41 may address the City Council at this point by stepping to the microphone and giving his or her name
42 and address for the record. Comments should be limited to not more than three (3) minutes unless
43 additional time is authorized by the Council Chair. Citizen groups will be asked to appoint a
44 spokesperson. This is the time and place for any person who wishes to comment on non-agenda items
45 and items that are germane or relevant to the authority of the City Council. Items brought forward to
46 the attention of the City Council will be turned over to staff to respond to outside of the City Council
47 meeting.

48 Joshua Molitor, resident of Logan addressed the Council regarding recent events in Box Elder County,
49 describing the situation as concerning and expressing frustration with the limitations faced by local
50 government officials. He stated his belief that corporate influence has become increasingly powerful in
51 government at the local, state, and federal levels.

52 Mr. Molitor referenced the 1971 “Powell Memorandum,” written by Lewis Powell prior to his
53 appointment to the United States Supreme Court, and encouraged Councilmembers and the public to
54 review the document. He discussed his view that the memorandum contributed to increased corporate
55 influence in American government and economic systems. He concluded his comments by thanking
56 the Council.

57 Linda Johnson, resident of Logan expressed appreciation to the Council for investing in and
58 maintaining city infrastructure through ongoing construction and improvement projects. She
59 acknowledged the challenges associated with rising costs and the proposed property tax increase and
60 stated that she trusts the Council to carefully review the available information and make thoughtful
61 decisions.

62 Ms. Johnson also commented on current traffic impacts throughout the valley and expressed
63 appreciation for the City’s efforts to provide traffic control, signage, safe roads, trails, and
64 infrastructure improvements, including the pipeline project and the intersection reconstruction on 200
65 East. She thanked the Council for its research and stewardship on behalf of the community.

66 Mayor Anderson shared an experience participating in a tour with City water and sewer crews,
67 observing sewer maintenance operations and the use of robotic camera technology to inspect
68 underground utility lines for root intrusion and infrastructure issues. He expressed appreciation for the
69 work performed by City staff and emphasized the importance of continued infrastructure investment to
70 prevent future problems and maintain the community’s quality of life.

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72 There were no further comments or questions for the Mayor or Council.

73 **Mayor/Staff Reports**

74 [Link to video recording of meeting at time stamp \(8:40\)](#)

75 **Mayor's Budget Presentation - Mayor Anderson**

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77 Mayor Anderson read the following:

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79 **Mayor's Budget Message for FY 2027 Budget Presented to City Council May 5, 2026**

80 **A Commitment to Disciplined Stewardship**

81 I want to thank the citizens of Logan, the City Council, and our dedicated City departments for their
82 collaboration in establishing this balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

83 Budgeting is the art of prioritizing limited resources. While we may not have every resource we desire,
84 we are committed to maximizing the impact of every dollar we do have. In our General Fund—which
85 supports essential services like Police, Fire, Public Works, and Parks—we continue to utilize **Target**
86 **Based Budgeting**. This collaborative approach provides departments the flexibility to address their
87 most critical needs while remaining strictly aligned with the strategic objectives set by the Mayor and
88 Council.

89 **Economic Outlook and Revenue Strategy**

90 While we remain hopeful that current local and national economic uncertainties will stabilize, we are
91 projecting that **sales tax revenue**—our General Fund's most significant revenue source, will remain
92 relatively flat for FY 2027.

93 To balance this volatility, we rely on **property tax** as a vital stabilizing force. It is important to clarify
94 a common misconception: property tax revenues do not automatically rise alongside increases to
95 property values. Unless the City adjusts the levy through the "Truth in Taxation" process, the total
96 revenue from existing taxpayers remains flat.

97 We believe that small, incremental adjustments are better policy than implementing large, disruptive
98 rate corrections. Therefore, we are proposing a **3% increase to the property tax levy**. This modest
99 adjustment is specifically earmarked for two critical needs:

- 100 **1. Public Safety:** Funding one additional Police Officer position.
101 **2. Infrastructure:** Covering the rising costs of citywide street lighting.

102 **Strengthening Essential Operations**

103 To maintain the high level of service our residents expect, this budget proposes strategic additions to
104 our workforce:

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 - **Police Department:** As mentioned above, we propose funding one police officer position
106 through a property tax increase.

- 107 • Fire Department: We propose adding a full-time Administrative Support position for Fire
108 Prevention. By repurposing existing part-time wages and adding modest new funding, we will
109 improve the efficiency of our inspection and safety programs.
- 110 • 911 Dispatch: We propose adding two full-time Dispatchers. This investment will ensure
111 adequate coverage during peak call volumes and reduce the heavy burden of mandatory
112 overtime on our current staff.
- 113 • Sewer Treatment: We propose a new Wastewater Treatment Superintendent to oversee the
114 operations and maintenance of our treatment plant. This role is essential for supervising
115 maintenance crews, coordinating complex repairs, and ensuring the long-term reliability of our
116 utility infrastructure.

117 **Investing in Our Greatest Asset: Our People**

118 Our employees are the backbone of Logan City. To retain the talent necessary to run a leading
119 municipality, we must remain competitive.

- 120 • **Compensation:** We have proposed an average **3% Pay for Performance** increase, alongside
121 targeted market adjustments of approximately 2% to ensure our pay scales remain fair and
122 competitive.
- 123 • **Health Benefits:** This year, our insurance premiums increased by 10.5%. While the rising cost
124 of healthcare remains a national challenge, the City continues to cover 100% of health care
125 premiums. This represents a significant benefit for our staff— particularly for those at the
126 lower end of the pay scale and reinforces our commitment to their well-being.

127 This budget is a roadmap for a resilient Logan. It prioritizes public safety, maintains our infrastructure,
128 and invests in the people who serve our community every day. I look forward to our continued work
129 together to finalize this plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

130 Mark Anderson, Mayor

131 **Statement from Mayor Mark A. Anderson: Mayor intends to present a tentative budget that**
132 **includes a property tax rate increase as outlined in the Property Tax Impact Schedule – which**
133 **reads - The City of Logan is considering levying a property tax rate that exceeds the certified**
134 **tax rate. The FY 2027 Proposed Budget includes a property tax rate increase as follows:**

- 135 1. **The approximate dollar amount of additional ad valorem tax revenue that would be**
136 **generated for the City of Logan is \$185,700.**
- 137 2. **The approximate percentage increase in tax revenue for the City of Logan is 3.12%.**
- 138 3. **The approximate percentage increase to the amount of property tax paid (in total, not**
139 **just the City of Logan) on an average residence is 0.37%.**
- 140 4. **The approximate percentage increase to the amount of property tax paid (in total, not just**
141 **the City of Logan) on an average commercial property is 0.37%. The additional property tax**
142 **dollars are proposed to be used as follows:**

143 **Non-departmental:**

144 **Fund additional street lighting utility expenses \$54,614**

145 **Operational Impact: Non-departmental will be able to pay the full cost of calculated street**

146 **lighting utility fees to the Electric Department.**
147 **Police Department:**
148 **Fund a Police Officer I position 131,086**
149 **Operational Impact: The Police Department will be able to fund one additional position.**
150 **Otherwise, it would have to be eliminated.**
151 **Total \$185,700 - Mayor Anderson/Richard Anderson, Finance Director**
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153 **Property Tax Impact Schedule: The schedule, that was just read, will be available on the back**
154 **table during the meeting, on the finance department website, and in the Council packet for this**
155 **meeting – Mayor Anderson/Richard Anderson, Finance Director**
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157 **FY 2027 Property Tax Impact Schedule for the City of Logan**

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160 2027 Proposed Budget includes a property tax rate increase as follows:

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162 the City of Logan is \$185,700.

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165 of Logan) on an average residence is 0.37 %.

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167 of Logan) on an average commercial property is 0.37 %.

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171 Operational Impact: Non-departmental will be able to pay the full cost of calculated street lighting
172 utility fees to the Electric Department.

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175 Operational Impact: The Police Department will be able to fund one additional position. Otherwise, it
176 would have to be eliminated.

177 Total - \$185,700

178 **Statement from Mayor Mark A. Anderson: If the City proceeds with the proposed tax increase,**
179 **Logan City will notice the public and hold a public hearing, tentatively planned for Tuesday,**
180 **August 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**
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184 Finance Director Richard Anderson explained that the statements presented by Mayor Anderson are
185 required by State statute and noted that the City is also required to submit video documentation
186 confirming that the statements were made during tonight's meeting.

187 Councilmember Dahle asked when questions regarding the budget would be most appropriately
188 addressed.

189 Mr. Anderson responded that detailed budget discussions and questions would likely be best suited for
190 the upcoming budget workshops scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 and May 26. He added that
191 Councilmembers are welcome to ask questions during regular meetings as well.

192 Councilmember Simmonds asked for clarification regarding proposed staffing additions in the budget
193 and inquired whether any reductions or cuts were being considered to offset the added positions,
194 noting that the proposed property tax increase represented the primary source of additional revenue.

195 Mr. Anderson clarified that several of the proposed position increases were funded through enterprise
196 or dedicated funds rather than the General Fund. He explained that the additional 911 positions would
197 be funded through 911 service charges paid by other cities, while sewer treatment positions would be
198 funded through utility revenues.

199 Mr. Anderson further explained that the primary General Fund position under discussion was an
200 additional police officer position funded through property tax revenues. A fire department position
201 would be funded through targeted budgeting allocations and partially offset through reductions in part-
202 time staffing, resulting in consolidation of positions.

203 Regarding potential budget reductions, he noted that departments prioritize expenditures each year due
204 to limited funding availability, but no major elimination of services or programs have been identified.

205 Councilmember Simmonds requested clarification regarding discussion of a proposed police officer
206 position, questioning how a position that had not yet been added could be described as being
207 "eliminated."

208 Mr. Anderson explained that the wording referenced was required statutory language associated with
209 the Truth in Taxation process. The City is required to identify the department for which the proposed
210 property tax increase would be used and describe the operational impact if the increase is not
211 approved. The proposed property tax increase would fund an additional police officer position, and if
212 the increase were not approved, the City would be unable to fund and add that position.

213 Councilmember Simmonds asked how funds previously allocated toward airport-related expenses
214 were being utilized within the current budget.

215 Mr. Anderson responded that the funds were not redirected to a specific item but instead remained
216 within the General Fund and were absorbed into overall General Fund operations and expenditures. He
217 added that the expense had simply been removed from the expenditure side of the budget.

218 Councilmember Simmonds asked for additional clarification regarding approximately \$100,000 in
219 airport-related expenditures that had been removed from the budget.

220 Mr. Anderson explained that revenues and expenditures were calculated proportionally across
221 departments within the General Fund, and that without the removal of the airport expense, departments
222 collectively would have received approximately \$100,000 less in funding allocations. He added that
223 the proportional allocation breakdown is available and could be provided to the Council for review.

224 Councilmember Dahle requested further explanation regarding proposed funding for lighting
225 improvements, questioning the prioritization of lighting expenditures in relation to other budget
226 considerations such as employee wages and retention of police personnel.

227 Mr. Anderson explained that the General Fund supports a wide range of core municipal services,
228 including public safety (police and fire), public works, parks and recreation, community development,
229 transportation infrastructure, and street lighting.

230 He clarified that street lighting is also a General Fund expense and is provided through the City's
231 electric utility system. Unlike typical utility customers, most streetlights are not individually metered;
232 instead, they are connected directly to the City's electrical infrastructure. The electric department
233 estimates the annual energy and maintenance costs associated with street lighting, and the General
234 Fund reimburses those costs through an internal accounting allocation rather than monthly utility
235 billing.

236 Mr. Anderson noted that this arrangement ensures the City accounts for the full cost of providing street
237 lighting services, even though usage is not individually metered.

238 Councilmember Lee-Koven asked for clarification regarding the approximately \$54,000 allocated for
239 street lighting costs, inquiring whether the amount was based on a cost study and anticipated usage or
240 metering assumptions. She also requested a year-over-year comparison of the street lighting line item
241 within the General Fund and asked whether the current year reflected an increase in costs.

242 She further asked, if there was an increase, what factors were driving the higher cost, such as
243 additional lighting needs, expanded infrastructure, or changes in energy usage or rates.

244 Mr. Anderson explained that the street lighting cost study is updated approximately every three to four
245 years, rather than annually due to the complexity of the analysis. In the interim years, the City makes
246 incremental adjustments based on known utility rate increases.

247 He noted that the current increase in the street lighting allocation is driven by several factors, including
248 utility rate increases over the past several years, the identification of additional streetlights that were
249 not previously accounted for in earlier studies, and new streetlights added through recent development
250 and growth.

251 Mr. Anderson further explained that in the prior study period, the estimated cost was approximately
252 \$216,000, and the updated estimate is approximately \$290,000. The increase reflects both updated
253 usage data and expanded infrastructure over the intervening four-to-five-year period.

254 Mr. Anderson noted that there has been a change in personnel within the Electric Department since the
255 prior street lighting cost study was completed, and the staff member who previously conducted the
256 analysis is no longer with the City. Staff explained that new personnel were involved in updating the
257 study and reviewing the calculations.

258 He stated that the study was reviewed multiple times internally to verify accuracy due to the
259 significant increase in estimated costs. He acknowledged concern over the approximate 25% increase
260 and confirmed that the figures were rechecked to ensure they were correct and reflected current
261 conditions, including updated rates and system data.

262 Councilmember Lee-Koven suggested that the City may benefit from a future discussion regarding
263 street lighting technology and energy efficiency, noting that when cost increases are identified, it may
264 be worthwhile to evaluate whether more cost-effective or efficient lighting solutions are available. She
265 stated that while the current discussion focused on budget figures, a separate review of lighting
266 technology and potential improvements in efficiency could be valuable for long-term cost
267 management.

268 Councilmember Simmonds asked for clarification regarding what happened to previously budgeted
269 funds that had been used to cover portions of street lighting costs under prior accounting methods.

270 Mr. Anderson responded that those amounts had been reduced in the corresponding budgets as the
271 costs were consolidated into a single accounting structure for street lighting. The net increase in
272 funding was approximately \$80,000, with \$54,000 of that being requested through property tax
273 revenue. He confirmed those figures and explained the relationship between the consolidated costs and
274 the requested funding source.

275 Councilmember Lee-Koven noted it was her first budget process and acknowledged the importance of
276 understanding what issues should be discussed in the current meeting versus future budget sessions.

277 Mr. Anderson responded that each department would be reviewed individually during budget
278 meetings, and additional opportunities for questions would be available both during department
279 presentations and at the conclusion of the budget process.

280 A Councilmember noted for public context that Logan City represents approximately 12% of the
281 overall property tax burden paid by residents and suggested that this information may be helpful for
282 public understanding of the proposed budget and property tax discussion.

283 The Councilmember also referenced prior year budget materials comparing property tax rates among
284 similarly sized municipalities in Utah, noting that Logan City's rate compares favorably and is
285 relatively low in comparison. The Councilmember stated that such comparative data is useful for
286 understanding the City's position in a broader statewide context.

287 Mr. Anderson commented on ongoing budget pressures, specifically identifying the rising cost of
288 employee healthcare as a significant and recurring factor affecting baseline budget expenditures. He
289 indicated these broader context items may be helpful for public communication and understanding of
290 the budget discussion.

291 Mr. Anderson explained the procedural requirements associated with the Truth in Taxation process
292 and the proposed property tax impact schedule. He noted that if the Council wished to decrease the
293 proposed property tax rate, it would be permissible under current notice; however, if the Council
294 intended to significantly change or increase the proposal, the City would likely be required to re-notice
295 the hearing and restart portions of the process prior to the statutory deadline.

296 He clarified that changes to the proposal could be made within a limited timeframe, but that substantial
297 revisions particularly those altering the identified funding uses would likely require additional noticing
298 and reprocessing. Mr. Anderson also explained that while the public hearing remains a required step in
299 the process, adjustments to the proposal may still be possible depending on the Council's final
300 direction and timing.

301 Council discussion followed regarding the interpretation of "substantial changes," procedural
302 requirements, and the flexibility of adjusting funding allocations (such as shifting between public
303 safety positions).

304 Mr. Anderson acknowledged the complexity of the statutory framework and noted that the process can
305 be procedurally challenging due to state requirements and the structure of municipal governance.

306 He added that further discussion and clarification would continue during the upcoming budget
307 meetings.

308 No further Mayor/Staff reports were provided

309 **Council Business**

310 [Link to video recording of meeting at time stamp \(34:26\)](#)

311 **Planning Commission Update – Councilmember Simmonds**

312 Councilmember Simmonds reported that Planning Commission meeting was canceled and she has
313 nothing to report.

314 **Council Announcements – Chair Johnson**

315 Councilmember Simmonds reported that the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the
316 Logan River Watershed Project with Crockett Avenue Irrigation Company will be available for public
317 review and comment from May 8 through June 22 on the Natural Resources Conservation Service
318 (NRCS) website. She encouraged interested residents to review the document and submit comments.
319 A public meeting regarding the project will also be held on May 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Logan
320 High School. All public comments will be collected and reviewed as part of the process.

321 Chair Johnson reported that the City’s website redesign committee has been meeting regularly and that
322 progress continues on the new website, which is expected to be launched soon.

323 He also shared that he recently met with the Community Development Department regarding revisions
324 to the wetland code. Progress is being made on the proposed updates, and the item is expected to be
325 returned to the Council for further review in the near future.

326 Councilmember Dahle shared an update from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that she
327 recently attended regarding the completed Spring Creek Trail near Trapper Park. Despite the winter
328 conditions, the trail was successfully paved and completed this season.

329 She also noted that the new trail provides a loop connection near the springs west of Trapper Park and
330 connects to the City’s river trail system. The trail was described as a valuable addition to the
331 community and a well-received recreational amenity.

332 Councilmember Lee-Koven reported on a recent tour of the City’s hydroelectric plant, which provided
333 information on the facility’s history, operations, and role as a reliable city-owned energy source.
334 Councilmember Dahle also attended the tour.

335 She additionally shared that she met with Fire Chief Thompson to discuss the City’s role in fire
336 prevention efforts near areas adjacent to national forest land. Discussion included ways to better
337 inform neighborhood chairs and residents about wildfire preparedness, including landscaping practices
338 and the use of “Firewise” plants and other preventative measures for homes located near perimeter and
339 foothill areas.

340 **Council Budget Workshops: May 12 and May 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. – Chair Johnson**

341 Council Chair Johnson announced upcoming budget workshops scheduled for May 12 and May 26 at
342 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The workshops will provide an opportunity for the Council and
343 public to review and discuss the City’s proposed budget.

344 No further Council Business items were presented.

345 **Action Items**

346 **[Link to video recording of meeting at time stamp \(39:11\)](#)**

347 **(Continued from the April 21, 2026 Council Meeting) - Consideration of a proposed resolution**
348 **approving the Logan 2045 General Plan as presented. The General Plan creates a long-term**
349 **vision for the City of Logan to implement over the next 20 years - Resolution 26-09 – Russ**
350 **Holley, Community Development Director and Cody Ferguson, Houseal Lavigne Associates**

351 Russ Holley, Community Development Director, addressed the Council. He reported that all nine
352 changes discussed at the previous meeting had been incorporated into the final draft included in the
353 Council packet. The updates included amendments to the Future Land Use Plan for the 400 North
354 Corridor and the South Highway 89/Lundstrom Street area.

355 Mr. Holley indicated he is prepared to review any of the revisions in greater detail and had a
356 PowerPoint presentation available if requested by the Council.

357 Councilmembers expressed appreciation to staff and all participating departments for the extensive
358 work completed throughout the approximately 17-month General plan process.

359 **ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Councilmember Lee-Koven to**
360 **approve Resolution 26-09 as amended. Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0).**

361 **Dahle: Aye**

362 **Johnson: Aye**

363 **Lee-Koven: Aye**

364 **López: Excused**

365 **Simmonds: Aye**

366 **PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of a proposed resolution to approve fees for the Parks and**
367 **Recreation Department to include Logan River Golf Course, Logan Cemetery, Parks and**
368 **Recreation Field Use – Resolution 26-12– Russ Akina, Parks and Recreation Director**

369 Russ Akina, Parks and Recreation Director, presented Resolution 26-12 regarding proposed fee
370 adjustments for Parks and Recreation, including Logan River Golf Course fees, selected field use fees,
371 and cemetery fees.

372 Mr. Akina summarized the discussion from the previous meeting, noting that three exhibits outlining
373 the proposed fee increases had been presented to the Council. He also reported that staff incorporated
374 Council feedback by revising the title of the large group use area within Exhibit B.

375 Chair Johnson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

376 There were no comments and Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

377 **ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Councilmember Dahle to approve**
378 **Resolution 26-12 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0).**

379 **Dahle: Aye**

380 **Johnson: Aye**

381 **Lee-Koven: Aye**

382 **López: Excused**

383 **Simmonds: Aye**

384 **PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustments FY 2025-2026 appropriating: \$589,920 funds the**
385 **engineering department received from the State of Utah to be used for Phase II improvements to**
386 **stabilize the bank along the Logan River; \$21,000 funds the fire department received from the**
387 **State of Utah to be used to purchase Wildland Shelters that can be used during deployment;**
388 **\$340 donated funds toward youth council expenses; \$100,000 risk management reserves toward**
389 **Center Street safety bollards; \$2,435,000 transfer of reserves to capital project funds to**
390 **accommodate changes in general fund reserve calculation; \$88,222 State alcohol funds toward**

391 **police enforcement; \$20,827 funds received for police overtime shifts; \$47,126 alcohol**
392 **enforcement reserves toward the purchase of lighting systems for patrol vehicles; \$50,240**
393 **additional funds for golf course operations associated with the longer season; \$13,000 funds the**
394 **city will received from the State of Utah to be used to purchase emergency management supplies**
395 **and materials – Resolution 26-13 – Richard Anderson**

396 Finance Director Rich Anderson reviewed the proposed budget adjustments previously discussed at
397 the prior meeting. Proposed appropriations included funding for Phase II of the Logan River bank
398 stabilization project, a Fire Department grant for wildland shelters, donated funds for Youth Council
399 expenses, Center Street safety bollards, and a transfer from General Fund reserves to the Capital
400 Projects Fund related to reserve calculation adjustments. He noted the reserve transfer amount was an
401 estimate and may require a future adjustment once final year-end figures are available.

402 Additional appropriations included State alcohol enforcement funds for law enforcement activities and
403 related equipment, police overtime shifts, golf course expenses associated with extending the golf
404 season, and an EMS grant for emergency preparedness.

405 During Council discussion, questions were raised regarding the allocation of State alcohol
406 enforcement funding.

407 Mr. Anderson explained that the grant funds are received in advance and may be used for eligible
408 alcohol enforcement activities, including overtime shifts and equipment purchases. He further noted
409 that funding levels can vary annually based on factors such as enforcement activity, population, and
410 State funding formulas.

411 Chair Johnson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

412 Linda Johnson of Logan requested clarification regarding the proposed Center Street safety bollards.

413 Mayor Anderson clarified that the proposed Center Street safety bollards are not fully retractable
414 systems. Instead, they are removable bollards intended to allow for controlled access while
415 maintaining flexibility for operational needs. He noted that fully retractable systems were considered
416 but were not feasible due to cost constraints.

417 Mayor Anderson further explained that the bollards are intended to enhance public safety during large
418 downtown events by preventing unauthorized vehicle access into closed portions of Center Street. The
419 system would reduce the need for a large police presence currently required to monitor for potential
420 vehicle entry into event areas.

421 Staff further clarified that the bollards are permanently installed in the roadway but can be inserted or
422 removed as needed for event control. When not in use, they would be stored at the Public Works
423 facility. The system is designed specifically for the Center Street corridor and requires installation
424 infrastructure in the pavement to ensure stability and effectiveness.

425 There were no further comments and Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

426 Paul Lindhardt, Public Works Director, clarified that the proposed Center Street safety bollards would
427 be installed in ground-mounted sleeves with lids, allowing the bollards to be inserted and removed
428 quickly as needed for events. The bollards will be stored in a traffic control trailer and deployed during
429 closures, providing a more efficient alternative to current methods such as using emergency vehicles
430 or other temporary barriers for street closures.

431 Mr. Lindhardt emphasized that the system would improve event setup efficiency and reduce reliance
432 on costly and less effective traffic control measures. It was also noted that the bollards are a one-time
433 infrastructure investment that could prevent significantly higher costs associated with potential
434 vehicle-related incidents in closed event areas.

435 **ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Dahle seconded by Councilmember Lee-Koven to approve**
436 **Resolution 26-13 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0).**

437 **Dahle: Aye**

438 **Johnson: Aye**

439 **Lee-Koven: Aye**

440 **López: Excused**

441 **Simmonds: Aye**

442 **Workshop Items**

443 **[Link to video recording of meeting at time stamp \(53:53\)](#)**

444 **Budget Adjustments FY 2025-2026 appropriating: \$6,000,000 Class C reserves toward eligible**
445 **costs associated with the Public Works campus project; \$10,000 funds the Fire Department**
446 **received from the Department of Agriculture to purchase equipment used in wildland**
447 **deployments; \$52,073 for 911 reserves toward Spillman software subscription costs; \$14,392 a**
448 **grant the Police Department was awarded by the State of Utah. The Alcohol and Drug Free**
449 **Committee funds will be used to purchase police equipment - Resolution 26-15 – Richard**
450 **Anderson, Finance Director**

451 Finance Director Rich Anderson reviewed several proposed budget adjustments. These included:

- 452 • **\$10,000** for Fire Department wildland deployment equipment;
- 453 • **\$52,730** from 911 reserves for Spillman software subscription costs, reflecting changes in
454 vendor pricing and service structure;
- 455 • **\$14,392** from a State of Utah grant for the Alcohol and Drug-Free Committee to support police
456 department equipment purchases; and
- 457 • **\$6 million** in Class C road funds allocated to the Public Works Campus project to support
458 transportation-related components, including salt and equipment storage.

459 Mr. Anderson noted that this additional appropriation increases the total project cost to approximately
460 \$60 million, acknowledging cost growth over time but indicating that most anticipated expenses have
461 now been identified. He added that some potential project elements, such as solar capacity on facility
462 buildings, may return to Council for future consideration if deemed viable as an electric fund project.

463 The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the May 19, 2026 Council
464 meeting.

465 **Consideration of a proposed resolution designating a Closed Area to Ignition or Use of**
466 **Fireworks – Resolution 26-14 – Robert Lacroix, Assistant Chief of Operations**

467 Assistant Chief Robert Lacroix addressed the Council and presented Resolution 26-14 regarding the
468 annual designation of restricted areas for fireworks use within the City. He noted that the resolution
469 includes the same restricted area map used in previous years.

470 Assistant Chief Lacroix explained that the Fire Department plans to increase public outreach and
471 social media messaging beginning in mid-June to educate residents on fireworks restrictions and fire
472 danger. He emphasized that, given current conditions including low snowpack, reduced moisture
473 levels, and ongoing drought concerns, the City is anticipating an elevated wildfire risk this season.

474 In response to questions, Chief Lacroix clarified that while the State regulates the sale of fireworks,
475 municipalities are only able to restrict their use in designated areas and cannot prohibit sales. He
476 reiterated that restricted zones remain consistent with prior years and that no changes to those
477 boundaries were proposed.

478 Councilmembers raised questions regarding whether any adjustments to restricted areas could be
479 considered, and staff confirmed that the current boundaries would remain in place.

480 Chair Johnson asked, have we considered allowing “ground only” fireworks.

481 Assistant Chief Lacroix confirmed that the City has not considered allowing “ground only” fireworks
482 in restricted areas, noting that expanding allowances could lead to increased use of aerial fireworks
483 and additional enforcement challenges.

484 Councilmembers discussed recurring concerns from residents regarding fireworks activity in
485 neighborhoods near restricted zones, particularly during the Fourth of July period.

486 Assistant Chief Lacroix reiterated that fireworks restrictions remain necessary due to prior incidents
487 and ongoing enforcement challenges within restricted areas.

488 Assistant Fire Chief Lacroix also noted his long tenure in fire service and shared that this would be his
489 final fire season prior to retirement on June 5. He emphasized continued concern about wildfire risk
490 this year due to dry conditions and an anticipated active fire season.

491 The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the May 19, 2026 Council
492 meeting.

493 No further workshop items were presented.

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495 **Other Considerations**

496 No further considerations were discussed.

497 **Adjourned**

498 There being no further business, the Logan Municipal Council adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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500 Teresa Harris, City Recorder

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