

Logan Municipal Council Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2026

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

Meeting Attendance

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

Council members present:

- Chair Mike Johnson
- Vice Chair Ernesto López - Excused
- Councilmember Jeannie F. Simmonds
- Councilmember Melissa Dahle
- Councilmember Katie Lee-Koven

Administration present:

- Mayor Mark A. Anderson
- City Attorney Craig Carlston
- Finance Director Richard Anderson
- City Recorder Teresa Harris

Opening Ceremony

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

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

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

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

Dahle: Aye

Johnson: Aye

Lee-Koven: Aye

López: Excused

Simmonds: Aye

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

Questions and Comments for the Mayor and Council

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor/Staff Reports

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

Mayor's Budget Presentation - Mayor Anderson

Mayor Anderson read the following:

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

A Commitment to Disciplined Stewardship

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

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

Economic Outlook and Revenue Strategy

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

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

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

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

Strengthening Essential Operations

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

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

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

Investing in Our Greatest Asset: Our People

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

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

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

Mark Anderson, Mayor

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

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

Non-departmental:

Fund additional street lighting utility expenses \$54,614

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

lighting utility fees to the Electric Department.

Police Department:

Fund a Police Officer I position 131,086

Operational Impact: The Police Department will be able to fund one additional position.

Otherwise, it would have to be eliminated.

Total \$185,700 - Mayor Anderson/Richard Anderson, Finance Director

Property Tax Impact Schedule: The schedule, that was just read, will be available on the back table during the meeting, on the finance department website, and in the Council packet for this meeting – Mayor Anderson/Richard Anderson, Finance Director

FY 2027 Property Tax Impact Schedule for the City of Logan

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Statement from Mayor Mark A. Anderson: If the City proceeds with the proposed tax increase, Logan City will notice the public and hold a public hearing, tentatively planned for Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Director Richard Anderson explained that the statements presented by Mayor Anderson are required by State statute and noted that the City is also required to submit video documentation confirming that the statements were made during tonight's meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No further Mayor/Staff reports were provided

Council Business

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

Planning Commission Update – Councilmember Simmonds

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

Council Announcements – Chair Johnson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No further Council Business items were presented.

Action Items

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dahle: Aye

Johnson: Aye

Lee-Koven: Aye

López: Excused

Simmonds: Aye

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

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

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

Chair Johnson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

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

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

Dahle: Aye

Johnson: Aye

Lee-Koven: Aye

López: Excused

Simmonds: Aye

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chair Johnson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dahle: Aye

Johnson: Aye

Lee-Koven: Aye

López: Excused

Simmonds: Aye

Workshop Items

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The proposed resolution will be an action item at the May 19, 2026 Council meeting.

No further workshop items were presented.

Other Considerations

No further considerations were discussed.

Adjourned

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

Teresa Harris, City Recorder