

MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026, IN THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1020 EAST PIONEER ROAD, DRAPER, UTAH

PRESENT: Mayor Troy K. Walker, and Councilmembers Kathryn Dahlin, Bryn Heather Johnson, Tasha Lowery, and Fred Lowry (via Zoom until 7pm)

EXCUSED: Councilmember Mike Green

STAFF: Mike Barker, City Manager; Kellie Challburg, Assistant City Manager; Scott Cooley, City Engineer and Public Works Director; Spencer DuShane, Assistant City Attorney; Rich Ferguson, Chief of Police; Traci Gundersen, City Attorney; Jennifer Jastremsky, Community Development Director; Rhett Ogden, Parks and Recreation Director; Derek Orth, Human Resource Director; Linda Peterson, Communications Director; Nicole Smedley, City Recorder; Clint Smith, Fire Chief; Jake Sorensen, Network Manager; and John Vuyk, Finance Director

Study Session

Report: Traffic Committee

Mr. Cooley explained that the Traffic Committee consisted of nine members, including the Public Works Director/City Engineer, Fire Marshal, one representative each from the Police Department, Community Development Department, and Attorney's Office, as well as four engineers. He stated that the committee met monthly with the goal of improving safety in Draper. Mr. Cooley reported that the committee reviewed traffic-related complaints and suggestions submitted to the City and provided recommendations.

Mr. Cooley shared the following ongoing issues analyzed and discussed by the Traffic Committee:

- **Lone Peak Parkway and American Preparatory Academy (APA) Left Turns and U-Turns Not Allowed** – Mr. Cooley discussed traffic concerns near Lone Peak Parkway and American Preparatory Academy related to prohibited left-hand turns and U-turns. He stated that the Traffic Committee had considered several potential solutions, including the installation of a median to restrict U-turns and left-hand turns. The Council and staff discussed an existing Conditional Use Permit, a protection strip on 11950

South extending to Lone Peak Parkway, and enforcement of parking restrictions. Mr. Cooley reported that he remained in communication with APA representatives.

- **Channing Hall Charter School – Backup at The Roundabout During Peak Times** - Mr. Cooley said the Traffic Committee had discussed the possibility of eliminating the left-turn lane for a right-turn-only lane to improve stacking. Councilmember Johnson suggested discussion with the Channing Hall School Board.
- **Pioneer Road and 800 East – Sight Line Visibility Issues** - Mr. Cooley explained a recommendation to push the road to the south and add curb, gutter, and sidewalk, eliminating parking in the dirt.

Discussion: Water Supply Outlook

City Manager Mike Barker reported on a recent meeting of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. He stated that there was no current snowpack and that the State was experiencing extreme drought conditions. Mr. Barker reported that below-average precipitation and above-average temperatures were anticipated in the coming months. He stated that the Drought Monitoring Committee had requested a voluntary 10% reduction in water usage from all customers and noted that a 25% surcharge would apply to water usage exceeding 110% of the City's contracted amount. Mr. Barker reported that secondary water service would begin on May 15 and end on September 15. Mr. Cooley stated that Draper City could meet the requested 10% reduction if residents refrained from watering before May 15 and after September 15, and he emphasized the importance of communicating the conservation message to the community.

Parks and Recreation Director Rhett Ogden reviewed proposed water conservation measures for City parks and properties, which were organized into three priority levels. He stated that City parks, City Hall, and the cemetery were designated as Priority Level 1 properties. Mr. Ogden reported that Priority Level 2 and 3 properties would experience greater reductions in water usage than Priority Level 1 properties. He also stated that splash pad operations could be reduced from seven days per week to four days per week.

Councilmember Dahlin said at a recent Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) meeting, representatives of several cities had talked about an app that could track water usage. Staff said they were interested in the capability.

Closed Meeting

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to recess to a closed meeting to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and the purchase, exchange or lease of real property pursuant to the provisions of Section §52-4-205(1) of the Open and Public Meetings Law. Councilmember Dahlin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green			Excused
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Dahlin	X		

The closed meeting convened in the Administration Conference Room at 6:39 pm. Those present: Mayor Troy K. Walker; Councilmembers Kathryn Dahlin, Bryn Heather Johnson, Tasha Lowery, and Fred Lowry (via Zoom); Mike Barker, City Manager; Kellie Challburg, Assistant City Manager; Traci Gundersen, City Attorney; Spencer DuShane, Assistant City Attorney; Nicole Smedley, City Recorder; and Ashley Johnson, Deputy City Recorder.

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to return to open meeting at 6:54 pm. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green			Excused
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Dahlin	X		

Councilmember F. Lowry left the Zoom meeting.

Business Session

1. Call to Order by Mayor Troy K. Walker
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Lieutenant Pat Evans

3. **Oath of Office**

City Recorder Nicole Smedley administered the Oath of Office for newly advanced Master Officers Robert Barlow and Devin Sorensen.

4. **Public Comments**

Joyce Walker, a Sandy City resident and President of the Dimple Dell Preservation Community, spoke in opposition to a potential environmental impact study related to the extension of Highland Drive over Dimple Dell Regional Park. Ms. Walker stated that the Dimple Dell Preservation Community was a grassroots organization founded ten years earlier. She reported that members of the Sandy City Council had begun advocating for an environmental impact study to evaluate the feasibility of extending Highland Drive over Dimple Dell. Ms. Walker stated that 7% of the study cost would be shared equally by Sandy City and Draper City, resulting in a contribution of \$150,500 from each city's budget. She stated that Dimple Dell Regional Park was a valuable resource that should be protected.

Matt Witt, a Draper resident, stated that he enjoyed living in Draper City. He reported that he served on the Draper Hillside HOA Board and spoke in opposition to increased waste collection fees for private streets. Mr. Witt stated that, although the neighborhood operated as an HOA, the streets were accessible to the public. He suggested that the City resume responsibility for waste collection and snow plowing services within the HOA.

5. **Consent Items**

5.a **Approve the April 7, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes**

5.b **Approve Resolution #26-18 reappointing Keri Brown to serve as a member of the Draper City Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee**

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green			Excused
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry			Excused

Councilmember Dahlin X

6. Items for Council Consideration

6.a Public Hearing providing Local Consent for a Special Use Permit for W8 Distributing Inc. dba Jade Bloom

Business Licensing Specialist Travis DeJong said the requested Special Use Permit would allow for the storage and use of alcohol in a manufacturing process, and said the application met all distance requirements.

Mayor Walker opened a public hearing, and closed the public hearing seeing no one come forward.

Taylor Wimberly, applicant, explained the alcohol would be used in the manufacture of room sprays, and would not be for consumption.

Councilmember T. Lowery motioned to approve Local Consent for the Special Use Permit. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green			Excused
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry			Excused
Councilmember Dahlin	X		

Council/Manager Reports

- Councilmember T. Lowery complimented Chief Smith on his presentation at a recent Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) meeting.
- Councilmember Johnson spoke of a recent opportunity to distribute emergency information at a public event, and reported the information was well received.
- Mayor Walker reported on the recent annual ULCT Conference in St. George.

7. Adjournment

Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember T. Lowery seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.