

**WORK SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
May 7, 2026
5:30 p.m.**

PRESENT:	DJ Bott	Mayor
	Dave Hipp	Councilmember
	Dave Jeffries	Councilmember <i>arrived at 5:48 PM</i>
	Matthew Jensen	Councilmember
	Ryan Smith	Councilmember
	Robin Troxell	Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:	Nicole Cottle	City Attorney
	Tom Kotter	Community and Economic Development Director
	Derek Oyler	City Administrator
	Tyler Pugsley	Power Director
	Kristina Rasmussen	City Recorder
	Chief Reyes	Police Chief
	Jeff Schmitt	Finance Director
	Mike Waite	Public Works Director
	Royce Wilkerson	IT Director

Mayor Bott opened the work session to discuss the proposed repeal and reenactment of Title 3 of the City Code, pertaining to public safety. The Mayor invited Nicole Cottle, Derek Oyler, and Chad Reyes to present.

Ms. Cottle introduced the item as part of the ongoing comprehensive code review and reorganization effort, noting that the Council had previously reviewed Titles 1, 2, and 5, and was now considering Title 3, which addresses public safety. She explained that the proposed ordinance includes a full repeal and reenactment of several existing titles, chapters, and sections to ensure accuracy, consistency, and improved organization.

- The updated Title 3 consolidates provisions related to:
 - Police services, including criminal and traffic code, parking regulations, general offenses, and offenses against public order and decency
 - Animal services, administered through the police department
 - Fire and emergency medical services
 - The Office of Emergency Services

Ms. Cottle further explained that the emergency services chapter was largely reenacted without substantive changes to maintain compliance with federal and state requirements, particularly those related to emergency response and reimbursement eligibility. She noted that the code had been reviewed for compliance with current laws and usability for both the public and enforcement personnel. She indicated that two specific topics involving potential policy changes would be discussed in detail.

Chief Reyes then presented the first topic regarding the regulation of virtual currency kiosks, commonly known as cryptocurrency kiosks. He explained that this provision would be a new addition to the City's criminal code and summarized research conducted by Layton City, which

found that approximately 90 percent of transactions conducted at such kiosks were associated with fraudulent or “nefarious” activity.

- He described common scam scenarios:
 - Individuals receive fraudulent messages claiming unpaid fees or legal issues
 - Victims are directed to deposit large sums (often thousands of dollars) into a kiosk
 - Funds are transferred to cryptocurrency wallets, typically overseas

Chief Reyes stated that Layton City had enacted an ordinance prohibiting these kiosks and recommended that Brigham City take a similar proactive approach. He emphasized that legitimate cryptocurrency transactions can be conducted through personal devices, making kiosks largely unnecessary and primarily a tool for exploitation. Mr. Oyler added that the proposed language had not been included in the original Council packet but was provided at the meeting and would need to be specifically included in any motion during the regular meeting.

Council discussion followed, during which members clarified that the kiosks resemble ATM-style machines commonly located in convenience stores. Chief Reyes confirmed that:

- Brigham City does not currently have any such kiosks
- A 60-day removal period would apply if any were identified in the future
- Violations would be treated as a Class B misdemeanor

Council members expressed general support for the proactive approach and acknowledged the potential risk to vulnerable populations.

The second topic addressed proposed revisions to the City’s ordinance governing the discharge of firearms within city limits. Mr. Oyler explained that the existing ordinance—restricting discharge east of 1200 West—has become outdated due to recent annexations, including expansion west of 1200 West and north of SR-13.

- Key issues identified:
 - City boundaries have expanded significantly since the ordinance was last updated
 - Existing geographic restrictions no longer align with current city limits
 - The ordinance required simplification and modernization

Chief Reyes explained that the proposed revisions aim to simplify the ordinance and align it more closely with state law. Under the proposed language:

- Discharge of firearms, pellet guns, or bows would be prohibited unless:
 - The activity complies with state law (e.g., lawful hunting)
 - It occurs at a designated range
 - It involves lawful archery practice on private property meeting state distance requirements
- Hunting and discharge would be prohibited in:
 - City parks
 - City-owned recreation areas

Council discussion focused on impacts to lawful hunting, particularly in newly annexed rural areas. Chief Reyes clarified that individuals with valid hunting licenses and landowner permission could hunt within city limits if they comply with all state regulations, including distance requirements from dwellings and roadways. He provided examples of agricultural areas west of Interstate 15 where such activity may occur.

Mr. Oyler summarized the primary policy shift:

- Lawful hunting would now be permitted in certain areas, including:
 - Newly annexed rural properties
 - Mountain areas east of the city, where it is currently prohibited

Chief Reyes also referenced prior legal challenges in other jurisdictions, noting that state law preempts local ordinances that conflict with designated hunting areas. He explained that the proposed language reflects a model used by other cities to ensure compliance with state authority while maintaining local safety standards.

Council members asked clarifying questions and expressed general understanding of the proposed changes. One member commented on the practicality of simplifying the ordinance and avoiding unnecessary administrative requirements.

At the conclusion of the discussion, staff reminded the Council that both the cryptocurrency kiosk prohibition and the firearm discharge ordinance revisions would need to be explicitly included in any motion during the regular meeting if the Council wished to adopt them. .

The undersigned duly appointed Recorder for Brigham City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the May 7, 2026 City Council Work Session

Dated this 26th of May, 2026.

Kristina Rasmussen

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