



WEST VALLEY CITY

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes May 12, 2026

THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN ELECTRONIC REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M. AT WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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
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
Tumi Young, Chief Code Enforcement Officer
Jake Arslanian, Facilities Director
Travis Crosby, IT

OPENING CEREMONY- COUNCILMEMBER WILL WHETSTONE

Councilmember Will Whetstone stated that he participated in a training session for the new Fire Department recruits. He displayed video of the training. He then asked members of the Council, staff, and audience to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 28, 2026

The Council considered the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 28, 2026. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

Councilmember Huynh moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 28, 2026. Councilmember Nordfelt seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ryan Mahoney thanked the City Council, Mayor, and City staff for their prompt response to concerns previously raised regarding a security trailer placed near the Jordan River Trail and adjacent equestrian trail. He stated that the issue had been brought forward by neighborhood residents and expressed appreciation on behalf of himself and the surrounding community for the City's efforts in addressing the matter.

Cheryl Soderburg expressed concern regarding continued apartment and townhouse development within West Valley City and the potential impacts on the City's water supply. She stated that she is worried about long-term water availability and encouraged the City to carefully consider water resources and planning as future development occurs. Cheryl also reiterated her support for the establishment of a museum within the City.

Jim Vesock commented on proposed amendments to Title III of the City Code discussed during the study meeting, stating that he supports maintaining transparency regarding departmental structure, oversight, and chains of command within West Valley City. He acknowledged that portions of the code are outdated and expressed hope that updates under the new City Manager structure would improve accountability and public understanding of departmental responsibilities. Jim also discussed the City's Code Enforcement Board, stating that it was originally established to provide residents with an alternative forum for addressing concerns related to code enforcement matters and to prevent perceived abuses by prior City administration. He stated that although the board did not fully develop as originally intended, the current Administrative Law Judge process appears to be functioning effectively. However, he noted that maintaining some form of resident involvement could still provide value if similar concerns arise in the future. Jim

further commented on the fencing ordinance along 4100 South, stating that he originally understood the decorative wrought iron fence requirements to apply only within the City's project area where the City had invested in fencing improvements. He suggested that maintaining the fencing standards within the original project area may be appropriate, but stated that extending those requirements outside the project area places an unfair financial burden on residents. Jim recommended modifying the ordinance so that enhanced fencing standards would apply only within active project areas unless future City projects are undertaken in other portions of the corridor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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.

Mayor Lang opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak in favor or opposition, Mayor Lang closed the Public Hearing.

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

The City Council previously held a public hearing regarding 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.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Lang there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and she called for a motion.

Councilmember Nordfelt moved to approve Ordinance 26-16.

Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Wood	Yes
Councilmember Whetstone	Yes
Councilmember Harmon	Yes
Councilmember Huynh	Yes
Councilmember Christensen	Yes
Councilmember Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Lang	Yes

Unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Lang 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.

B. 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

Mayor Lang 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.

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

Mayor Lang 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.

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

Mayor Lang 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.

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

Mayor Lang 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.

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

Mayor Lang 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.

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

Mayor Lang 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.

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

Mayor Lang 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:

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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.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Lang there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and she called for a motion.

Councilmember Huynh moved to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Councilmember Whetstone seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Wood	Yes
Councilmember Whetstone	Yes
Councilmember Harmon	Yes
Councilmember Huynh	Yes
Councilmember Christensen	Yes
Councilmember Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Lang	Yes

Unanimous.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

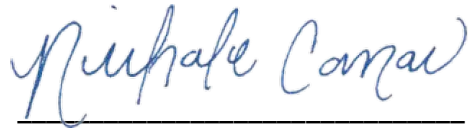
Upon motion by Councilmember Harmon all voted in favor to adjourn.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY COUNCIL, THE REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY MAY 12, 2026 WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:44 PM BY MAYOR LANG.

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, May 12, 2026.



Nichole Camac, MMC
City Recorder