

**Logan Municipal Council
Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2026**

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgo.loganutah.gov/CouncilMeetings)

Meeting Attendance

Approximately 15 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 Herm Olsen 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 May 5, 2026 Council meeting and the May 19, 2026 agenda as presented.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Lee-Koven, seconded by Councilmember Dahle, to approve minutes from the May 5, 2026 Council meeting and the May 19, 2026 meeting agenda, as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0)

Dahle: Aye

Johnson: Aye

Lee-Koven: Aye

López: Excused

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, June 2, 2026.

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

39 **[Link to video recording of meeting at time stamp \(3:54\)](#)**

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 Logan resident Joshua Molitor expressed concerns regarding the proposed data center project in Box
49 Elder County and its potential impacts on Cache Valley. He discussed concerns about possible
50 environmental effects, projected population growth associated with construction and operations, and
51 the potential for increased development and housing density in Logan and surrounding communities.
52 He noted concerns regarding air quality and regional weather patterns that could affect Cache Valley.
53 Mr. Molitor encouraged consideration of ways local governments and neighboring communities could
54 work together to address impacts and ensure future development does not negatively affect the
55 community. He also shared broader concerns about corporate influence and growth-related impacts on
56 local systems.

57 Logan resident Gail Hanson expressed concerns regarding proposed data center projects, stating
58 concern that growth in data center development may be temporary and could result in significant
59 investments in projects that may not provide long-term value.

60 She also commented on decision-making considerations, commending the Council for evaluating who
61 benefits from proposed actions and considering associated prices. She encouraged additional focus on
62 evaluating broader costs and impacts, including long-term community and environmental effects.

63 Drawing on personal experience, Ms. Hanson shared observations regarding changes in community
64 landscapes and the effects of infrastructure decisions on the environment. She encouraged
65 consideration of the long-term impacts and costs associated with current projects and proposals,
66 including the proposed data center and Logan River-related considerations. Regarding the data center
67 she feels it's a bubble and a lot of resources going into something that will stand empty.

68 Logan resident and former councilmember Herm Olson expressed appreciation for the Council and
69 City staff, reflecting on his prior years of service on the City Council and noting that he had come to
70 miss participating in and attending Council meetings. He acknowledged the work and effort involved
71 in serving the community, including the responsibilities and challenges that accompany public service.

Mr. Olson thanked the Council and staff for their service and expressed appreciation for their continued efforts on behalf of the community.

Logan resident Linda Johnson commented on traffic conditions within Logan and noted concerns regarding travel times within the city. She expressed appreciation for the Council's work with various boards, commissions, and departments, including reporting and communication efforts.

Ms. Johnson asked about communication and collaboration between Logan City and neighboring communities within Cache Valley, including whether city councils or community leaders meet regularly to discuss regional issues and planning efforts. She referenced topics such as land use, development, and long-term planning, and asked how information and coordination among communities are shared and communicated.

Chair Johnson responded to Ms. Johnson's question regarding regional coordination; he explained that Logan City participates in both formal and informal collaboration with neighboring communities and regional organizations. Examples discussed included participation on shared boards, committees, and advisory groups involving representatives from municipalities throughout Cache Valley and the surrounding region.

He noted that interactions occur through organizations and committees focused on areas such as recreation, transportation planning, housing, airports, and homelessness. It was also noted that Council members and local officials regularly meet and communicate with leaders from neighboring communities to discuss issues and collaborate on matters of regional interest as they arise.

Mayor Anderson added that City representatives also participate in regular meetings with regional leadership groups, including mayoral associations and intergovernmental organizations, providing opportunities to discuss shared issues and exchange information. He stated that efforts are ongoing to strengthen relationships and communication with neighboring communities and county representatives through both formal meetings and regular collaboration. He noted that while not all discussions are reported individually during meetings, coordination and relationship-building efforts with regional partners remain an ongoing priority.

Ms. Johnson expressed appreciation for the discussion regarding regional collaboration and communication efforts. She suggested that brief updates during Council meetings regarding meetings with neighboring communities, boards, and regional organizations could help provide additional transparency and keep the public informed about ongoing regional discussions and partnerships.

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

Mayor/Staff Reports

[Link to video recording of meeting at time stamp \(15:28\)](#)

Logan Downtown Alliance State and National Main Street Accreditation from Utah Main Street and Main Street America - Mayor Anderson

108 Mayor Anderson recognized the Logan Downtown Alliance for becoming the first organization in
109 Utah to receive both state and national Main Street accreditation. He noted that the recognition was
110 announced by Utah Main Street and Main Street America during National Historic Preservation Month
111 and highlighted Logan's efforts in historic preservation, economic development, and downtown
112 revitalization.

113 Mayor Anderson shared remarks recognizing the significance of the achievement and acknowledged
114 the Logan Downtown Alliance's efforts in supporting downtown businesses, preserving community
115 character, and enhancing public spaces. He congratulated the organization on receiving the
116 accreditation and invited Gary Saxton, Director of the Logan Downtown Alliance, to provide
117 additional comments regarding the recognition and its significance.

118 Gary Saxton, Director of the Logan Downtown Alliance, provided additional information regarding
119 the accreditation process. He explained that the organization joined Utah's Main Street Program in
120 2023 and progressed through multiple qualification levels over the following years, with accreditation
121 representing the highest level of recognition.

122 Mr. Saxton stated that achieving accreditation creates additional opportunities for funding and support
123 through corporate and foundation partnerships, including resources for business support programs,
124 façade improvements, and downtown revitalization efforts. He noted broader trends supporting
125 renewed investment in downtown areas and emphasized the goal of preserving Logan's history and
126 culture while creating a strong business environment and community gathering space.

127 Mayor Anderson thanked Mr. Saxton and again congratulated the Logan Downtown Alliance on
128 achieving the state and national accreditation.

129 Mr. Saxton expressed appreciation for the organization's partnership with Logan City.

130 No further Mayor/Staff reports were provided.

131 **Council Business**

132 [Link to video recording of meeting at time stamp \(18:48\)](#)

133 **Planning Commission Update – Councilmember Simmonds**

134 Councilmember Simmonds provided an update on recent Planning Commission actions and reported
135 that two projects had been approved:

- 136 • **Elevate at 12th** – A project located at 1137 West 200 South and 1136 West 130 South
137 consisting of two three-story mixed-use buildings within a commercial district. The project
138 includes hotel space on the ground floor with apartments on the upper floors.
- 139 • **Public Works Campus – Phase Two** – The second phase of the Public Works Campus project
140 was approved and reported to be ready to move forward for construction.

141 **Council Announcements – Chair Johnson**

142 Councilmember Dahle reported attending the Police Officer Banquet, noting participation by multiple
143 Council members and Mayor Anderson. She shared that it was a positive event to recognize law
144 enforcement personnel and included a dinner and presentation of awards and recognition for
145 department members.

146 Council members expressed appreciation for the Police Department and noted that the event provided
147 insight into various incidents and achievements that are not typically publicized. They also commented
148 on the professionalism of the department and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend and
149 show support.

150 Councilmember Lee-Koven also reported attending the City Employee Appreciation Lunch, along
151 with other Council members and Mayor Anderson. This is an annual event held at Willow Park to
152 recognize and thank city staff. Council members noted their participation in serving lunch and
153 interacting with employees from across city departments.

154 They expressed appreciation for city staff and the opportunity to show support for employees, noting
155 the scale of the event and the number of employees served.

156 Councilmember Dahle reported attending the Library Board meeting and followed up on a prior
157 inquiry regarding library program attendance. It was reported that specific attendance numbers were
158 not provided; however, library staff indicated that program participation has increased by
159 approximately 25 percent.

160 Councilmember Lee-Koven reported attending a Historic Preservation meeting for the first time. She
161 noted that while she arrived slightly late and learned she was not a voting member, she participated in
162 a listening and advisory capacity. She reported that the primary item under review involved a property
163 located at 176 North Main Street, on the east side of Main Street just north of the BRAG building,
164 involving existing commercial buildings in the area. It was noted that the proposal included
165 modifications to an existing structure, including a change in design from three doors to five doors in
166 order to better accommodate basement access and other functional improvements.

167 The Councilmember stated that Historic Preservation Commission discussion focused on evaluating
168 exterior design elements of the proposed changes and providing feedback consistent with preservation
169 standards.

170 Chair Johnson reported visiting the landfill and wastewater treatment facility and noted appreciation
171 for the work performed by city staff in those operations. He emphasized the importance of these
172 services, noting they often operate outside of public view, and expressed appreciation for the
173 employees who manage solid waste and wastewater services. He also reported observing forestry staff
174 performing tree line clearance work and commented on the efficiency and effectiveness of the crews in
175 maintaining city infrastructure and vegetation management.

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178 Mayor Anderson reported meeting with Environmental Director Tyler Richards to discuss plans for
179 community gardens at the compost facility, with anticipated development continuing into the next
180 year. It was noted that discussions included the potential for establishing both vegetable gardens and
181 more permanent plantings, such as fruit trees and small fruit crops.

182 Mayor Anderson also reported collaboration with Utah State University Extension and noted
183 assistance and guidance provided through that partnership regarding planning and plant selection,
184 including recommendations for incorporating perennial plantings into the project design.

185 Chair Johnson reported ongoing discussions with the Mayor, Council members, and staff regarding a
186 potential property tax adjustment and the Truth in Taxation process and a public hearing scheduled for
187 August 11, 2026. He stated that no decision was being made at this meeting; however, he requested
188 feedback from the Council regarding whether the item should be placed on a future agenda for formal
189 consideration, noting that the process is time-sensitive and requires Council direction.

190 City Attorney Craig Carlston clarified that the Council Chair is responsible for setting the meeting
191 agenda, and that no formal vote or action was being requested at this time. The Chair at this time is
192 seeking informal feedback from Council members to assist in determining whether the item should be
193 placed on a future agenda.

194 Finance Director Richard Anderson provided an overview of recent action by Cache County adopting
195 Ordinance 2026-23, which increases the fire levy while reducing the general fund levy by an
196 equivalent amount. It was explained that Logan City residents currently contribute to the County fire
197 levy but receive limited direct fire services from the County due to Logan City's own fire department
198 providing those services locally.

199 It was reported that the net effect of the County action would reduce taxes on Logan City residents by
200 approximately \$1.3 million. He noted that this development occurred after initial budget workshops
201 and was not available at the time the Mayor's proposed budget was prepared.

202 He explained that the Council now has the option to consider whether to adjust Logan City's property
203 tax levy in response. It was noted that any adjustment could potentially offset the County reduction
204 and allow the City to redirect funds toward operational needs, including potential funding for a future
205 fire station in the northwest portion of the City.

206 It was further explained that funding considerations include:

- 207 • Supporting future operational costs for a northwest fire station
- 208 • Reducing reliance on intergovernmental service agreements
- 209 • Balancing operating and capital funding priorities
- 210 • Managing potential impacts to service levels and response times if no adjustment is made

211 Mr. Anderson emphasized that multiple options exist, including maintaining current levels, adjusting
212 the levy to redirect funding internally, or continuing reliance on existing agreements and capital
213 planning strategies. It was clarified that no decision was being made at this time and that the

214 discussion was intended solely to gather Council input on whether to proceed with formal agenda
215 consideration

216 Chair Johnson reiterated that the purpose of this discussion was to determine whether the matter
217 should be placed on a future agenda for further consideration during upcoming budget workshop on
218 May 26, rather than to discuss specific positions, percentages, or formal decisions. It was noted that
219 timing is important due to the budget schedule.

220 Councilmember Lee-Koven requested additional context for public understanding regarding the City's
221 budget proposal. She noted that the Mayor's proposed budget includes an approximate 3% increase. It
222 was also discussed that in recent years, approved budget increases have generally ranged between
223 approximately 3% and 7%, often reflecting inflationary pressures and service level adjustments rather
224 than purely inflation-based changes. It was her understanding that approximately 12% of the total
225 property tax paid by residents is attributable to Logan City's portion of the tax rate.

226 Mr. Anderson provided additional clarification regarding the potential property tax implications of the
227 proposed adjustment. It was explained that the referenced approximately \$83 per household is
228 currently collected through Cache County. If Logan City were to adjust its levy to capture an
229 equivalent amount, it would represent an approximate 20% increase in the City's portion of the
230 property tax rate.

231 It was further noted that Logan City accounts for approximately 11% of a resident's total property tax
232 bill, and that a 20% adjustment to that portion would translate to an overall impact of approximately
233 2% to 3% of a resident's total property tax bill, depending on final calculations and distribution.

234 Mr. Anderson reiterated that Cache County has adopted a resolution indicating its intent to reduce its
235 levy by the corresponding amount, though it was noted that implementation is anticipated rather than
236 fully finalized at the time of discussion.

237 Councilmember Simmonds stated that the Mayor's budget has already been formally proposed and
238 cannot be amended at this stage; any changes would require Council action. The Mayor has indicated
239 support for whatever direction the Council chooses.

240 The Council Chair emphasized that the timing of the discussion is critical due to statutory
241 requirements governing property tax processes, including required deadlines, public notice provisions,
242 and findings related to proposed adjustments. It was noted that these procedural requirements
243 necessitate timely Council consideration if further action is desired.

244 Councilmember Lee-Koven recommended placing the item on a future agenda for further Council
245 discussion, citing the timing of the recent Cache County fire service levy reduction and the need to
246 evaluate both immediate and long-term fire service funding considerations. It was noted that the
247 proposed discussion would not constitute a public hearing at this stage, but rather an opportunity for
248 Council review and deliberation ahead of formal statutory hearings later in the budget process.

249 Mr. Anderson clarified the timeline for required public hearings related to the budget and Truth in
250 Taxation process, noting anticipated public hearing date on August 11, 2026 and a public hearing on
251 June 16 for the tentative budget approval.

252 Further discussion addressed procedural options for advancing the item, including whether staff should
253 proceed with presenting a full range of potential levy adjustments (including up to the maximum
254 allowable increase) at the upcoming meeting to preserve flexibility under state noticing requirements,
255 or whether to defer detailed proposals to a subsequent meeting. It was noted that once public noticing
256 is completed, reductions can be considered but increases cannot exceed the noticed amount.

257 Councilmembers and staff discussed the importance of identifying the underlying need associated with
258 any potential adjustment, including whether funds would support immediate operational needs, long-
259 term capital planning, or reserve funding for future infrastructure such as fire service expansion in the
260 northwest portion of the City.

261 It was further emphasized that clarity on the intended purpose of any potential revenue adjustment
262 would help guide staff recommendations and ensure appropriate alignment with budget priorities.

263 The Council Chair indicated intent to coordinate further with Finance Director Richard Anderson, City
264 Attorney Craig Carlston, Mayor Anderson and Fire Chief Nate Thompson to refine the proposal and
265 determine appropriate agenda placement for future Council consideration.

266 **Council Budget Workshop: May 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. – Chair Johnson**

267 Council Chair Johnson announced an upcoming budget workshop scheduled for May 26 at 5:30 p.m.
268 in the Council Chambers. The workshops will provide an opportunity for the Council and public to
269 review and discuss the City’s proposed budget. Departments scheduled for discussion at the upcoming
270 workshop include Public Works, Light and Power, Police, and Environmental.

271 **July Meeting Schedule – Chair Johnson**

272 The Council discussed the July meeting schedule, noting that it is customary to consider adjustments
273 to the regular meeting dates due to the holiday period. It was noted that the first Tuesday in July would
274 fall on July 7th, and the third Tuesday would be July 21st.

275 Council members indicated varying availability for the proposed dates, with some members noting
276 potential conflicts and others offering flexibility or remote participation if needed. Staff confirmed that
277 there were no significant agenda items anticipated for July at this time based on current departmental
278 input.

279 **ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Councilmember Lee-Koven to**
280 **cancel the July 7, 2026 Council meeting as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0).**
281 **Dahle: Aye**
282 **Johnson: Aye**
283 **Lee-Koven: Aye**
284 **López: Excused**
285 **Simmonds: Aye**

286 No further Council Business items were presented.

287 **Action Items**

288 [Link to video recording of meeting at time stamp \(47:34\)](#)

289 **Consideration of a proposed resolution designating a Closed Area to Ignition or Use of**
290 **Fireworks – Resolution 26-14 – Fire Chief Nate Thompson**

291 Fire Chief Nate Thompson addressed the Council regarding the proposed resolution regarding
292 fireworks restrictions within the City. It was reported that there are no changes to fireworks boundaries
293 from the previous year. The eastern boundary remains along 1600 East through North Logan and
294 Logan, extending down through Canyon Road. No changes were noted to boundaries affecting
295 contract cities.

296 It was further noted that areas along 100 West and 600 West remain unchanged. Chief Thompson
297 stated that the newly appointed Fire Marshal, Aaron Walker will review certain developed areas as
298 part of ongoing evaluation efforts, noting that boundary determinations must account for required
299 separation distances from wildland and agricultural lands.

300 Chief Thompson also provided an update on current fire conditions, noting increasing regional fire risk
301 and unusually early fire restrictions in parts of Utah, emphasizing the importance of public caution due
302 to dry conditions.

303 An interactive online fire restriction map was presented as a public resource, allowing residents to
304 search by address to determine whether fireworks are permitted in specific areas. He noted that this
305 tool will be made available on the City's website and promoted to the public, including at fireworks
306 sales locations.

307 Chief Thompson confirmed that boundary signage will be posted approximately one week prior to the
308 legal fireworks period on both the east and west sides of Logan City.

309 **ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Councilmember Lee-Koven to**
310 **approve Resolution 26-14 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0).**

311 **Dahle: Aye**

312 **Johnson: Aye**

313 **Lee-Koven: Aye**

314 **López: Excused**

315 **Simmonds: Aye**

316 **PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustments FY 2025-2026 appropriating: \$6,000,000 Class C**
317 **reserves toward eligible costs associated with the Public Works campus project; \$10,000 funds**
318 **the Fire Department received from the Department of Agriculture to purchase equipment used**
319 **in wildland deployments; \$52,073 for 911 reserves toward Spillman software subscription costs;**
320 **\$14,392 a grant the Police Department was awarded by the State of Utah. The Alcohol and Drug**

321 **Free Committee funds will be used to purchase police equipment - Resolution 26-15 – Richard**
322 **Anderson, Finance Director**

323 Finance Director Rich Anderson reviewed several proposed budget adjustments. He stated the largest
324 proposed item was a request to appropriate \$6 million in Class C road funds toward the Public Works
325 Campus project. He explained that this appropriation, combined with previously approved funding,
326 brings the total project budget to approximately \$60 million. It was noted that the project is considered
327 “shovel ready,” with construction readiness underway and bidding activity occurring for Phase One.
328 He indicated confidence that current estimates remain aligned with contractor bids and anticipated
329 construction costs, including contingency and subcontracting considerations.

330 He noted that additional potential costs, such as rooftop solar options, may be brought forward
331 separately if pursued.

332 Additional appropriations included:

- 333 • \$10,000 for the Fire Department for wildland deployment equipment through a grant
- 334 • \$52,073 from 911 reserves for Spillman software costs
- 335 • \$14,392 for a Police Department alcohol- and drug-related grant for equipment purchases

336 Councilmember Lee-Koven requested clarification regarding the Public Works Campus funding.

337 Public Works Program Manager Sam Odd confirmed that current estimates and contractor bids
338 support proceeding with the project at this stage and that the appropriation is intended to ensure full
339 project readiness for construction.

340 Chair Johnson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

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

342 **ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Councilmember Dahle to approve**
343 **Resolution 26-15 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0).**

344 **Dahle: Aye**

345 **Johnson: Aye**

346 **Lee-Koven: Aye**

347 **López: Excused**

348 **Simmonds: Aye**

349 Councilmember Dahle was excused from the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

350 **Workshop Items**

351 **[Link to video recording of meeting at time stamp \(55:15\)](#)**

352 **Budget Adjustments FY 2025-2026 appropriating: \$30,000 golf course reserves toward**
353 **equipment repairs - Resolution 26-22 – Richard Anderson, Finance Director**

354 Finance Director Richard Anderson also presented an additional appropriation request for \$30,000
355 from golf course reserves for golf equipment repairs. It was noted that this request is related to
356 increased operational demands during an extended golf season and follows a prior appropriation made
357 for operational needs. He explained that the additional funds are intended to address equipment repair
358 costs and that, with this adjustment, the golf course budget is anticipated to remain on track and
359 potentially conclude the season under budget, subject to final expenditures.

360 The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the June 2, 2026 Council meeting.

361 **CODE AMENDMENT – Consideration of a proposed ordinance amending Section 5.02 & 5.20**
362 **of the Logan Municipal Code Regulating Mobile Food – Ordinance 26-09 – Russ Holley,**
363 **Community Development Director**

364 Community Development Director Russ Holley addressed the Council and presented the proposed
365 code amendment to Title 5 of the municipal code related to business licensing.

366 He explained that the ordinance updates definitions and licensing categories by adding classifications
367 for commercial Level 1 and Level 2 businesses. The amendment also removes the bonding
368 requirement section, noting that this requirement has not been actively used or enforced for
369 approximately 15 years.

370 Additional updates include revisions to food vendor regulations to align with recent changes in state
371 law. These updates expand the scope of regulated vendors beyond mobile food vendors to include
372 other types of vendors and clarify where and how they may operate.

373 Overall, he characterized the ordinance as a housekeeping update to modernize and align the
374 municipal code with current practices and state requirements.

375 The proposed ordinance will be an action item and public hearing at the June 2, 2026 Council meeting.

376 No further workshop items were presented.

377 **Other Considerations**

378 No further considerations were discussed.

379 **Adjourned**

380 There being no further business, the Logan Municipal Council adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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382 Teresa Harris, City Recorder