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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

MAY 12, 2026

12:20 P.M.

Mayor

Steve Nelson

Council Members

Robert Cox
Waldo D. Galan
R. Scott Phillips
Phil E. Schmidt
Carter Wilkey

City Manager

Paul Bittmenn

The Special City Council meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the City Office, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah. The agenda will consist of the following items:

- I. FY 2026-27 Budget Presentations
 - 12:20 Events
 - 12:40 Economic Development
 - 1:00 Library / Heritage
 - 1:20 Public Works Facilities / Administration
 - 1:40 Fleet
 - 2:00 CATS
 - 2:20 Airport
 - 2:40 Street
 - 3:00 Water
 - 3:20 Storm Drain
 - 3:40 Solid Waste
 - 4:00 Treatment
 - 4:20 Collections

Dated this this 7th day of May, 2026.

Renon Savage, MMC
City Recorder

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COUNCIL WORK MINUTES

MAY 12, 2026

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2026, at 12:20 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Steve Nelson; Councilmembers: Robert Cox; Waldo D. Galan; R. Scott Phillips; Phil E. Schmidt; Carter Wilkey.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Randall McUne; Finance Director Terri Marsh; City Recorder Renon Savage; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Economic Development Director David Johnson; Economic Development Coordinator Daisy Burns; Events Director Brandon Burt; Library Director Dallen Olcott; Heritage Manager Jason Clark; Fleet Manager Corey Childs; Airport Manager Tyler Galetka; Street Superintendent Eric Witzke; Water Superintendent Matt Baker; Wastewater Plant Superintendent Jeff Lennert; Collections Division Head Randy Clove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Howard Thorley.

FY 2026-27 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

EVENTS: **Brandon** – operating budget, \$25,000 additional for event account for events that are not races, Downtown Lighting, Spring Fiesta, etc. I think Downtown lighting generates more than you would think. We jumped from 10,000 attendees in 2024 to 13,000 in 2025, which is a huge leap. We need to start taking more safety precautions. **Paul** – do you know the numbers when it snowed? **Brandon** – no, 2023 we had 7,000, then 9,600, and up. We have in mind to make it safer is more walking paths, places to move and places to stand and watch. Also LED screens so people are not crammed around the stage, designated places for people to stand and watch. The growth for all events, the \$25,000, won't cover all, but we can make it work. **Wilkey** – when he brings in revenue, where does it go, back to general fund? **Mayor** – yes. **Paul** – there is a receivable account that books the revenue, I don't think it offsets his budget. **Brandon** – the economic impact is greater than we see in race entry. I did a study for the downtown lighting. I also bring in more with sponsorships above the \$50,000 that goes back into the general fund. **Paul** – you will see that during the budget adjustments. You can spend TRT funds on anything general funds can be spent on. Cedar City chose to set up a fund for this operation. **Galan** – on revenue we have a state grant reserve. **Brandon** – it is a grant we don't apply for anymore; it was before I came in. **Galan** – there is a residual. **Brandon** – we may have used it for the UServ grant. I am also requesting \$20,000 for the race series. The Half Marathon has grown almost half in size. We are looking at a full marathon which would be a big boom for us. **Galan** – do we have a Ragnar Race? **Brandon** - no, I have reached out, it is a hard sale without an international airport. We have BWR which is a bike race, and it has grown every year. We have so many trails that we could use, but we need more personnel. **Galan** – there is the Saint to Sinner Race from Salt Lake to Vegas and it is massive. **Brandon** – the two in operating is the \$25,000 and the \$20,000, there is also the \$20,000 for road closure and \$10,000 for the 4th of July. Capital is an addition of a box truck for the department since we go back and forth from storage, I rent U-Hauls now, the trailer holds the chairs and tables. **Galan** – what was the \$70,000 estimate. **Brandon** – I put a few estimates for various trucks, they go up to \$70,000, but talking with the Mayor and Street Department has an old Blue Stakes truck that would need some work, but we could have. There is also some money left from renovating the storage facility. We bought two 40' Conex. We are using the basement and the old Animal Shelter and one from Tom Jett's property. When we are done with renovations there is some money left. I wanted to carry some over to put roofs over the Conex's and we may be able to use some to gut the truck. **Mayor** – there won't be any cost to gut the truck. **Brandon** – I talked with Maria to help with wrapping my trailer, there may be help for the truck. Personnel, I am asking for another part-time person, I have one now, she helps with the general organization. I would like a part-time community organization and grants coordinator. We bring in \$50,000 from Maria's office and sponsorships from businesses. I believe if we had someone

dedicated to 20-30 hours a week, we could multiply the amount we bring in significantly. Because we have the sinking fund, we have been cutting into that. Eventually that will get back to the \$50,000 and my department would take a big hit; this position would help that a lot. **Mayor** – this is a sponsorship type person, not a grants writer. I am comfortable with Brandon managing someone to do this. **Phillips** – where will this person work? **Brandon** – my assistant works in a cubby; there is no answer. This person would be out of office meeting with people. We can work out a shared cubical space for now.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: **David** – I have three budgets in my department, events, RDA and Economic Development. Both Brandon and I have a lot of experience in grants. A lot of places will not give a grant if the person writing it is getting a commission instead of a wage. First, RDA, over the past few years we have needed professional services, attorneys to work with developers that are related to the RDA, this is to budget for those fees. **Schmidt** – hiring attorneys, why not use the city attorneys? **David** – sometimes we need attorneys with expertise, I go to our attorneys first. The funding is not always spent. **Galan** – it is the RDA's funding, it is not Economic Development budget, we just oversee that budget. **Cox** – the increase in Port 15 revenue. **Paul** – you should ignore that, it will change in January, it is a placeholder, we don't know what it will be until we receive the tax revenue. We will probably revise it in December. **Paul** – it is set by contract; the percentages are set. The County Assessor collects the tax, they send us the increment, we split it up and send it out. SITLA owns the underlying land that is not built on. **Wilkey** – we keep the administrative fee? **David** – there is a 5% and 11.2% for incentives, when American Packaging and GoEx came we upfronted infrastructure costs for each of them. in total allocations has been \$6.8 million and the developer in 2033 or when they receive \$7 million. In calendar 24 was over a million and in 2025 about \$900,000. **Phillips** – we are deducting debt service of \$125,000 and interest. **Paul** – we are paying off Lin's. **Galan** – what is the lighting? **Paul** – Street lighting in on Main Street. We have been working on that for 8 years. Part of the revenue has been used to pay off the debt on Lin's. **Phillips** – we talked about a priority to be downtown, and I want money to do that. **Schmidt** – how far does that go down? **Paul** – to Golden Corral. **Schmidt** – that needs to be done before the South Interchange is done. **Paul** – the Engineers say if you budget the money they will get it done. **Phillips** – the priority was for downtown, we need to do something from Center to 200 S. either the electrical and poles for lighting or the trees, but nothing is in the budget. **Paul** – you might want different funding options. When the work was done down here, it was a SID paid by the neighboring property owners, the city up fronted the money, the payoff was the property owners, they recognized the value. We could possibly do that if you have an idea and sell it to the property owners. **Phillips** – we have the idea; we spent a lot of money with UDOT and Blueline. **Wilkey** – the fund balance unappropriated, \$191,800 what is that? **Terri** – we are taking what we have left over to pay what we have budgeted this year. The unrestricted fund balance was \$557,000. **Wilkey** – you are pulling \$191,000 from that? **Terri** – no, I am adding to it. **David** – what is some of the restricted funding going for? **Paul** – Décor Worx, Port 15, the Hampton, Inline Precision. **David** – I sent to each of you the Downtown Plan, my hope is that over the next year is to start working with you to see what projects you want to see so we know what we want to start implementing. **Phillips** – I don't want to be a year from now with nothing done. **Wilkey** – I think we sometimes feel we plan ourselves to death. **David** – with 3 new elected officials I don't know what you want done. **Cox** – the RDA money is not just for downtown. If it benefits them, they should pay a portion, I don't know why we don't help all of the businesses. **David** – I would like to identify areas in the city that we should be investing in or identify project areas. **Cox** – for the overall health of the city if they can bring a few hundred employees in to work. **Galan** – if you look at the expenditures. **Mayor** – I hear all the time from people; part of the driver is that we still have a viable downtown. It shouldn't be overweighted, but I think downtown is an overall benefit. **David** – it is the gem that shows what we can do. Port 15 and Décor Worx are other great examples.

The Economic Development budget, the request was for more hours for part-time staff, the Historic Downtown Coordinator has 10 hours a week, I am asking for 20 hours a week. In the past it was a contract employee; we moved it to a part-time employee. We had the Historic Downtown Committee

Thursday, they asked what they needed to do to get more hours for this position, they wanted me to provide a letter to you for more hours. **Wilkey** – it was the committee that asked for this. **David** – you can't manage grants or sponsorship or create relationships with 10 hours a week. This person works with the state and National group. I had already identified that we needed more hours. **Wilkey** – how are we currently paying for that? **David** – it was a contract employee, and we had \$8,000 that didn't get shifted to the budget. We had staff turnover and we had some reserves. **Cox** – do you have expectations on what the extra 20 hours would be? **David** – the outcome, our part-time Main Street manager, we need to know better our main street businesses, issues and vacancies. The outcome is managing the grants and grant applications through the Main Street program and maintaining all the requirements for the grant. I think we need a few people that do different things. **Wilkey** – was the \$8,000 a one-time grant. **Phillips** – we had it for 3 years. It is not being awarded anymore. **Galan** – we need to put fencing around money attached to expectations, that can start at meeting people and then what are we getting out of this person. I am happy to fight for extra \$10,000, but the explanation is not enough. **David** – this position was able to get a few different grants, Cedar City was a pilot city for Main Street Utah, they directly reimburse us. **Mayor** – the reason I did what I did is the same reason, I am supportive, but to spend time without a clear expectation and a plan to get the results. **David** – a result stat, when I did grant writing, it was you received one in very 12 grants. The expectation is to get more grants and dollars. This position is an element to bring in business and dollars, but that is only half, the first half is to have the relationship. **Mayor** – if it is a liaison of building information on a business, what is the square footage, and is there a grease trap, what is available, that has not been in a proposal. **Galan** – we had a meeting with you and your staff, there is a lot of talent in the department. I would suggest, based on our concerns, get together with the department and put out a list of the day-to-day effort and you can show progress and put numbers to performance and then look to other areas to help your team. **David** – I thought you were talking dollar amounts. **Galan** – you need both. **Phillips** – this position started as the Main Street Program grant, what the mayor said is exactly what I want. We have 3 buildings with x amount of space, so many grease traps, etc. I know Rachel does a terrific job, but she needs more direction from you. **David** – that is what I meant, I just wasn't getting it across. I appreciate the clarity. **Cox** – I don't expect you to know exactly what is going to happen, but I want you to know how many grants you will write each month, an inventory, etc. some guidance for them.

LIBRARY / HERITAGE: **Phillips** – you are very explanatory. **Dallin** – our only large capital is a server and computer replacement; we stagger replacing the computers for public use every 3-5 years. **Cox** – you haven't budgeted any increase in revenue. We need to look at the revenue increase. Any technology, we need to have a conscience process. **Wilkey** – where are things at with fines. **Dallin** – they are for damaged or missing items. You are more likely to get the book back if you don't charge a fee. **Cox** – how are we trending. **Phillips** – we pay in property taxes a library fee, is that so all our services are free. **Paul** – there is a library tax imposed by Iron County. Years ago, we got an agreement with the County, we get the bulk of that, it doesn't come close to paying for the library. **Phillips** – we have rooms that are booked all the time, are they free? **Dallin** – they are free for non-profit. **Phillips** – maybe we should have a reduced rate for non-profit but still charge something. **Terri** - \$178,500 is from the County. **Wilkey** – there is room rentals, fines. **Dallin** - we charge for room rental, fines, copies, and book sales. We do apply for grants. **Paul** – we have a lot of revenue from a lot of different sources. **Mayor** – think of ways to increase revenue at the library.

Heritage Galan – why is there reduced amount of revenue? **Terri** – that is year to date. **Cox** – what is the drop in the revenue? **Jason** – there are various rooms, if someone is renting a less expensive room we bring in less. **Cox** – do you know the ability to target. **Cox** - what made the difference from 2024 to 2025 to fill the \$30,000 gap. **Jason** - I have increased the rate of the highest used rooms. **Wilkey** – the Heritage Center user fees is upstairs and the theatre? **Jason** – yes. The county owns Festival Hall, they put forth money to make it a convention center, but they don't put forth the money to administer it. We keep the operating fees and they use it free of charge. They have helped with some capital improvements over the years. The big ask is another \$1 million for the upcoming

renovations. The facility has had a wonderful run for 20+ years. We have asked for modest increases, we try and keep them low, a lot of groups are non-profit. I hope to have another increase next year. I hope to really review the fees, contracts, rate schedules and what we want to accomplish during the renovation. In the past I was asked to get the facility filled, we have done that on the Theatre side. Do we want first come, first serve or certain organizations? I think we roll that out with a refreshed building. **Mayor** – I want a real plan before we invest in the theatre. **Phillips** – I felt the rate increases were too small. Beyond that, I think we had discussed as a previous council to move forward on the renovation, I advocate the remodel is very important. In your opinion, are conventions more lucrative than live performances? **Jason** – what holds us back for conventions is the dining spaces, I am limited to the 300 max. I think if we could expand that we could tap into the conventions. The problem is the threshold to accommodate their needs. **Phillips** – I believe we can get substantial changes for about \$3.5 million, and I am going to ask my fellow councilmembers to add some funding for the renovation. Theaters never pay for themselves, not anywhere, we need to increase the revenue. I would like to reinstate some of that money. **Schmidt** – I appreciate your efforts, at a business standpoint, I would hope you would consider a review to make a little more money, we told Jared to raise the fees at the Golf Course, it needs to be more viable. There are things on the punch list that need to be repaired, take care of things that are detrimental to people coming. **Jason** – sound and lights, if they don't work you don't have a functioning theatre. **Schmidt** – I would like a breakdown of the plan, we have to do something, we need to be on an upward trend. **Galan** – a read an article a few weeks ago, they study places and use tourism as part of the economic foundation, one was the island of Guam, it is beautiful to bring tourism, Guam loved the revenue but didn't reinvest to continue to attract more, and they just lost revenue. They built a casino thinking China would come and it was never finished and tourism went away. I was thinking about our revenue, Shakespear Festival, our Theatre, we need to gather the people involved and take a hard look at the future of tourism within Cedar City, it doesn't run long on auto pilot. I do agree that things need to take place now, sound is one, there are safety issues. **Mayor** – the events that bring people into the community are very low, they are local events. If we don't have a plan, it is all sunken costs. We need to have the theatre generate more money. We are far below the opportunity that is there. Maybe we need to do national advertising.

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES / ADMINISTRATION: **Ryan** – we appreciate working with the mayor on this budget cycle and the things that we need to look forward to planning for. Operation is status and we didn't ask for any capital, that was administration. Facilities, operation, we asked for an increase in overtime, this is for blue stakes to mark utilities, there are times he is called in after hours. **Cox** – transfers, is that based on a function that is variable? **Ryan** – it is split between enterprise funds and general funds; it is a set percentage. **Paul** – the percentage is not based on the budget; they are based on the percentage of the facility. **Cox** – is there a different calculation? **Ryan** – that may have been when we were doing a new building. In capital of the facility, I asked for \$30,000, we have sections of asphalt that are breaking up that we would like to fix and replace, that was recommended, it is split out among the different divisions. It looks like \$198,000 was proposed, we only asked for \$30,000, it may not have been subtracted out.

FLEET: **Ryan** – they are static from last year. The \$5,000 is for the study. **Corey** – the computers service is higher; the costs are going up. **Ryan** – the software we are using now is going obsolete, Corey has evaluated other programs, RTA is putting out a new program, they have 19 years of our history in software, it is fleet management and diagnostic and fleet software. They are going to web base that is not user friendly. **Corey** - We are investigating other options, and have not found what we like, we added money to the budget to stay with RTA, they have made some improvements. We are paid to the end of June; we will probably stay one more year and see if they improve. **Paul** – transferring that data is hard. **Corey** – they say they can do it, but I am not sure. **Ryan** – it is hard to lose that history. **Corey** – we are connected to the old system and the new in case it doesn't work on the new system, but I only have 2 months of that left. **Schmidt** – you have a fleet control software system; do you also have one for the machines like CAT? **Corey** – yes. We switch to another system;

we have all different models. We hired a mechanic that knows the system well and it has reduced our cost by not paying for each individual software. **Ryan** – previous administrations we had different direction at the management level of the fleet; we are looking at direction on how to manage that. Do we want maximum trade in value or run until they don't run anymore. Our dump trucks and garbage trucks are on a rotational basis, we are talking all vehicle, smaller ones. **Wilkey** – are you talking police or all others? **Paul** – we run the equipment a long time, he is talking pickup trucks and cars. The police are not included. **Ryan** - We worked up a recommendation about 8 years ago, but it went away because the previous administration did not want to do that. **Paul** – you can look at lease options, but I would not recommend that for public safety. We have engineering, events, and public works. **Mayor** – I am a run into the ground person when you have your own maintenance department. **Wilkey** – I am ok with that, but not for the public safety. County moved to hybrid Toyota vehicles they are cheaper to run. I see a lot of trucks that people are in, and I wonder if they need trucks. **Galan** – one of the best managed fleets I worked with was in Lima Peru, they run in the ground and over the road semis that have a lot of weight, they have a life by miles, tire could service 4 trucks, they did other things as well, they had semi's for 15-20 years that looked new. It was home grown and very thought out. I think our diversified fleet prohibits that, probably going until they drop is the best solution. There is a way to have them last longer. You know what you have, I would like the makeup of our entire fleet. **Corey** – we are doing some of those things, in public safety, we do that with tires, we don't fix a tire for public safety for their vehicles, but we fix it and put on another vehicle. **Schmidt** – run as much as you can but take care of them. If they start to become a hazard, we are done. **Galan** – our garbage truck and equipment is all in house, have we looked at outsourcing that and a real recycling. **Mayor** – we will talk about that during collections. **Ryan** – we had recycling, all the distribution centers stopped doing it in St. George, it cost too much to send it to Las Vegas. **Paul** – the metric that we looked at was the cost of the landfill or recycling.

CATS: **Ryan** – are we going to expand or not, the budget is staying where we are. Nothing to increase. Capital we just got two replacement buses and two replacement vans; we are up on our vehicles for a few years unless we expand. **Cox** – the complaint is it takes too long to get where they are going. **Ryan** – they wanted to reduce the route from 75 to 60 minutes, but that cuts 30 percent of the coverage. We could do 30 minutes, that would double our salary, and it was not recommended. **Phillips** – what about shelters, they were budgeted last year. **Ryan** – they are in the yard; I was waiting to have the put up to see if we were expanding the route. There are areas that didn't have room to place the shelters. **Phillips** – the two places I see is by Wells Fargo on South Main, and by the Ramada on 200 North. **Ryan** – the busiest is by Smith's but with them moving we will wait. Ridership is up to 18,700 last year.

STREET: **Wilkey** – operations there wasn't much, \$500 increase in uniforms. Capital, dump truck, plow and sander is rotation. **Eric** – we are still behind. **Wilkey** – sweeper. **Eric** – we have one that is not working well and needs to be replaced. **Wilkey** – Clark Parkway to 2200 West, Gemini to Flying L, do we have all the easements and land? **Paul** – we have some land acquisitions we still need some. **Cox** – there is an easement. **Wilkey** – What is Eagle Ridge sinking? **Eric** – that is a fund to punch that road through. **Paul** – the grant is small urban highway, there is an upper limit, we may have to apply a few times. **Wilkey** – we are starting a sinking fund? **Paul** – correct. **Schmidt** – are any of them designed by engineering? **Paul** – designed enough for a grant, but not for construction. **Schmidt** – 800 West is in the process of being designed now. **Ryan** – it is not on the summary; it is a carry over from last year. **Paul** – we are subject to UDOT process, it will go to bid in the next fiscal year. **Wilkey** – 820 South 170 West didn't get funded. **Mayor** – that is a timing issue. **Ryan** – we are looking to coordinate into one budget season for water and sewer. **Schmidt** – can we apply for grants. **Wilkey** – Asphalt hot box. **Eric** – that goes in the back of the truck. **Wilkey** -The road behind the Henley apartments. **Schmidt** – is this in conjunction with the Leavitt's. **Mayor** – no. **Paul** – when a developer subdivides, the double chip will be ripped out. **Wilkey** – relocate fence along Wedgewood. **Paul** – Terribles southbound that is in our right-of-way, when it got deeded Linford didn't move the

fence, he wanted us to move it we said no. **Wilkey** – widening Wedgewood, do we have all the property? **Paul** – no. **Schmidt** – Center Street is more important. **Ryan** – weed abatement, there is misconception on what they do, we are spot spraying thistle and whitetop, not an all-out spraying. We would need more resources to do it yearly; we could put together a plan. There is also some beautification we have heard the council would like. We have some contracts that will micro seal instead of chip seal, we are happy with results, there is potential to do more roads, and it would free up staffing to do weed abatement and beautification. **Cox** – doesn't the County do that? **Eric** – they do the county area; we do the city. We do some areas in conjunction with the County; we are doing Coal Creek right now. **Phillips** – is this the company that did Fiddlers? **Eric** – we didn't get the quality or the life span; we have another company that is doing a better job that is more local. **Schmidt** – did they do 1100 West, it was done right, is that the company? **Eric** – yes. **Schmidt** – I don't like the chip seal roads. **Paul** – does it preserve the asphalt as well? **Eric** – yes, and we use a black aggregate also. **Ryan** – they have a product they use for higher traffic roads. **Schmidt** – the weed abatement, the area from the movie theatre to keep the weeds off the sidewalk and along Coal Creek, I would love to see the city do more and clean the town up. **Eric** – we can put a proposal together. **Cox** – is it a machine that puts the product down? **Eric** – yes. **Phillips** – are we still putting a traffic signal at 1100 W and 600 S, I want you to reach out to the homes on that corner. **Ryan** – Engineering is designing and they are meeting with the homeowners; they have to redo some of the sidewalks. **Eric** – 200 N restriping, I am micro surfacing that road from Veterans Memorial to Main Street.

SOLID WASTE: **Eric** – Equipment maintenance goes up every year. **Schmidt** – you are on rotation? **Eric** – we run them 6,000 hours, then we put them in reserve. We keep them for holidays and back up. We see quite a bit of growth, we will probably ask for another body and truck in that department. I am going to repurpose the chassis from an old truck for a roll-off truck. **Ryan** – Eric has proposed that we have done a lot of contracting for the roll-off dumpsters, he would like to do that in house, there are other opportunities that are contracting out that we could bring in house with a small investment. **Galan** – what is the revenue? **Eric** – the average roll-off bin is about \$300 a month, the Arena is doing it 3 times a month. We have the equipment and think we should do it in-house. I already have one truck. We use the roll-off when we do spring clean up and when we are sweeping streets. **Ryan** – the request is for what we currently do. **Mayor** – until we have the numbers and know the savings lets hold off. **Eric** – we can handle it now; it will add staff next year. **Ryan** – pre 2020 we were purchasing 300 cans a year; we are now 550 to 600 cans a year.

STORM DRAIN: **Eric** – professional and technical services is for the fee study. **Wilkey** – walk behind concrete saw. **Eric** – to replace a wore out saw. The new channels where I had access on both sides are putting walking trails, and we can't put equipment on it. We need rubber wheels; we will have to beef up the trails. **Schmidt** – the County did that, you have to be 100 feet back, engineering needs to look at that. **Eric** – they are also looking at doing that. We can also use that equipment during spring cleanup. **Wilkey** – storm water betterment for south interchange. **Eric** – it is our part of the south interchange project. East of the Indian Village by the Golf Course, there is a sink hole we need to get fixed; it is affecting two homes. **Wilkey** – Fiddlers Canyon Road master plan. **Eric** – continue to Main Street to Canyon View. We may need to look for a grant for that. Engineering has made them put storm drain in, but it dead ends. **Ryan** – it was onsite retention; they used the road to move the water to main street. **Paul** – storm drain master plan will focus on the northwest portion. We updated 2-3 years ago in the older part of town. Some of the areas to the north, west and south need a lot more information, this plan will focus on that. **Phillips** – Cross Hollow retainage project expanded, what is that? **Eric** – they wanted to do the walking trail under the road by Silver Silo and I strongly oppose that. **Paul** – last storm the grate closed. **Eric** – we put a piece of equipment there during every storm. **Wilkey** – storm drain 56 and Cove Drive. **Eric** – we are looking for a grant for the entire portion. **Ryan** – when we submitted the budget we didn't know we were going after the grant. This may be in two phases with the grant. If we don't get it, the \$500,000 will allow us to fix it by the railroad tracks. **Paul** – we discussed this in council meeting last week. **Wilkey** – 800 West. **Eric** –

that is the Watson and Smith property. **Paul** – SUU fixed their portion; we want a pipe north from 200 to Coal Creek. **Wilkey** – Greens Lake Dam sinking fund. **Paul** – we ran out of money. NRCS have told us they are a year away for the past 5 years. **Wilkey** – 2 new operators. **Schmidt** – a few months ago the farmers called about irrigation ditches, I talked with Eric, Jeff Hunter and the irrigation companies, a lot of the work was done by an employee that did it on his own time. Eric said he could do it with additional employees. **Eric** – I would like a maintenance agreement with the irrigation company if we go this route. **Schmidt** – I talked with Paul Nelson and they are grateful. **Eric** – it helps us with other projects; we can do things a lot cheaper in house than engineer estimates. **Wilkey** – the number includes salary and benefits? **Terri** – yes. **Schmidt** – I am glad the mayor agreed to that. **Eric** – I think it helps our staffing level a lot. **Ryan** – we have been at \$63,900 and he has overspent that the last two years in the operation budget, that needs to be upped. **Paul** – for years, storm drain, streets and solid waste has used each other's resources and paid each other's stuff, you will need to be tighter on that. **Eric** – I have not cross filled in two years. I try and keep them in their line items. **Paul** – personnel you need to show.

AIRPORT: **Tyler** – adjustments with salaries are due to the wage study. Travel and training we asked for \$2,000 because they are costing more. \$3,000 for new equipment, we are over budget on that as well to maintain the equipment. Professional and technical services are for the fee study. Computer and technical services I am not aware. **Terri** – there was a study done and that is to code your stuff correct. **Tyler** - \$2,300 increase to badge everything. Capital, AIP is the 5% match for the design. Airport Terminal expansion for the camera in the airport terminal, we want only one system. Snow removal equipment for a command vehicle, that was taken out of the budget, this would be to buy and equipment, it is non-FAA eligible. **Ryan** – I talked with Eric and Corey about finding something for him to use. **Tyler** – our current vehicle has 250,000 miles. Reroof historical dome building, it is the 1945 hangar, we lease that building. North Hangar storm water, it was taken out of the budget. The original design had the hangars at different grades with small dirt channels; this was for piping the runoff. **Phillips** – is that our responsibility? **Tyler** – the area is our responsibility, they have to get it out, but no one has been required to put it between the buildings. **Ryan** – there is one hangar that it getting flooded out. The mayor is of the opinion that it is their responsibility, one hangar is getting the brunt of it. **Tyler** - They are required to have a 1% slope. The smaller hanger is higher than the larger one. There are 20-30 feet between them. **Paul** – the hangar owner is not going to fix it? **Tyler** – one hanger owner did for his but doesn't feel it is his responsibility to fix it for all the hangars. We don't have the grade and slope to do a good run off. **Galan** – why do we pay to do that if they own the hangars. **Wilkey** – if we own a regular rental property it would be the owner responsibility. **Paul** – it is a land lease at a reduced rate. **Galan** – the liability runs up hill. **Tyler** – east apron gate relocation, with the National Guard relocating we are having a lot of traffic, and we are looking to move the gate. We put a piece of equipment on the runway when we closed it, it was taken out. We are covered on the FAA projects; the contractor is required to provide them. We asked for \$5,500 for a new diesel tank, it is leaking and we need a larger one. **Schmidt** – put a liner under it for your own safety. **Tyler** – lighting and T-hangars, we requested \$7,000 to put that in. we will reevaluate the lease rate when that is complete. We will request a full-time person for safety next year. **Phillips** - I had a conversation with Congresswoman Maloy about Air Traffic Control tower. **Ryan** – gas, utility and telephone, Tyler has overspent on all of those items the past few years. We don't budget those; they are carried over. **Paul** – he needs to request those. **Terri** – code that to utility. **Ryan** – Tyler is the only one that is on call, we need to look at possible over-time budget to shift that to his full-time staff. The Air Traffic Control tower, we have applied for a control tower, we have applied for staffing, if we get that the FAA will pay that, we will have to pay for environmental. We are applying for grants to build the tower, but we are required to equip the tower. St. George did not see all the costs when they built theirs, we want to be on top of that.

WATER: **Matt** – office supplies \$7,000 is for mailing the water bills. \$15,000 is for chlorine. \$50,000 for utilities. \$15,000 for professional tech services. \$34,817 is for Neptune. \$1,000 uniform services and \$250 employee recognition. **Cox** – what are the meter sales? **Matt** – city meters. **Paul** –

it is a transfer. **Matt** – fee and rate increase, 1” and 2” we charge \$90, I called local contractor they charge \$650 for 1” and \$1,150 for a 2” meter. **Mayor** – we are allowing people to tap into the water for \$90. The fee he is suggesting is market rate. The other option is to tell people that the city doesn’t do it and they can call a contractor. The user base fee is increasing from \$17.00 to \$17.30. **Paul** – that is a user rate, but that is based on what it costs us to pay Neptune to run that system. Remember that when we do the rate study. We will also get to a point where the financial advisors will recommend you raise that base fee to cover the bond. **Wilkey** - or you can hold off and do them both at the same time. **Phillips** – people are more educated that water will cost more. **Matt** – Capital, replace the water line on Monterey Drive 400 S to Monterey Dr. Two new trucks and a hydro truck. Take down the old Cedar Canyon Tank, \$50,000 if we have to demo it ourselves. 1600 N water upsizing we will upsize that to a 12” line. We still need the extra connection from Port 15. Westview waterline by SUU Farm it will complete the loop, it is a 16” line and a fire hydrant. Update and recalibrate the water model. Redo the waterline under I-15, that line runs behind Discount Tire and through the parking lot of Maverik. **Ryan** – we will get two conduits, UDOT will reconfigure and redo the sheep tunnel, they will put two conduits, we will pay for the materials. We will relocate around Maverik, and on the other side of the flyover, they will pay for that since they are ripping that out. **Paul** – that tunnel has served as a storm drain since it was put in. **Matt** – carry over culinary well on 3000 N, 1700 W water line, not additional, adding money to chlorination system and Enoch 1 well. **Schmidt** – what is the culinary well at 3000 North. **Mayor** – we need one more well before the Water Conservancy District takes that over. It is a placeholder for one more well. **Wilkey** – water rights acquisition for \$100,000, where does the other \$1.4 million go? **Paul** – to an account to buy water rights. We don’t have a clue how many water rights we will buy, we will do a budget adjustment if needed to purchase water rights. It is place holder. **Wilkey** – what is in water acquisition reserve now? **Terri** - \$1.4 million. **Matt** – Matt read Exhibit “A”. **Schmidt** – you are taking out two-meter readers? **Mayor** – my proposal is different than Matt’s. I have a vacant water worker I position. **Matt** - I would like to make it a water worker II position. The skills, we have a guy trained to do a water tap, a contractor dug a trench and ran a line over a boulder and we caught it? That gives an operator I, and one meter reader that is maintenance/laborer can give shut-off notices. I asked for a new position, but we put it off to next year. **Wilkey** – Water worker II is a new position; we should have just had the difference. I was going to reclassify one of the guys and make operator II a new position. Now we don’t need the new position. **Mayor** – he is asking for reclassification and keep the people he has. **Ryan** – he has 13 people, the mayor proposed, if he takes the open position. He needs to open an operator II and reclassify one to a water worker II. **Natasha** -if he reclassifies it would be \$10,000. He has a current opening, if we reclassify one of the meter readers, he could keep the existing staff. If we reclass a water worker I to a water worker 2 it would cost \$4,000 to \$5,000, and if you reclass the meter reader to water worker 1 it would be another \$5,000. **Matt** – that leaves me down one guy. I still want 13 positions. **Natasha** – if you do what he is asking, you will need \$87,000. He has \$73,000 in part time wages, so he would use that money he would only need about \$7,500 for the reclass. **Schmidt** – Tom, the city inspector does not have time to watch everything. If we keep all the staff together, is there someone to help watch the developers, very few people watch the waterlines. Someone on the crew could watch water systems. If they hadn’t caught that line over the boulder, that line would have only been 6-8 inches underground. **Phillips** – watch water lines, what do you mean? How will they know? **Schmidt** – inspect the waterlines. **Matt** – we know subdivisions coming in, they get one year warranty. **Ryan** – several years ago the water department did that, that is how Engineering got that inspector. Tom is overwhelmed, we try and fill in when he can, and we will continue to do what we can. **Cox** – from level I to level II do they get training? **Matt** – they have to get certified from the State of Utah. One of my guys is looking to jump to another position in the Collections. **Cox** – I don’t have a problem with that. **Galan** – you wanted to reduce that because of the water meters and they are installed. **Mayor** – yes. History, the two meter readers, they don’t read anymore, there is still maintenance. They both applied for an open position, and neither were given the position and so I said why not eliminate one and move the better one up and then reevaluate the other down the road if the work is too much to reopen another position. **Cox** – I agree with that also. **Mayor** – by no means do I devalue water or do I want water understaffed. **Galan** – the people that installed the meters were

hired for that purpose. **Matt** – they read meters and then they changed meters when they were done. The part-time kids worked after school. **Schmidt** – are these two guys worth keeping? **Matt** – they are getting better. **Natasha** – one is Matt's relative, he can't be a part, so the lead worker, Shawn Glover takes the role, he had two candidates apply, he said we won't promote either. I talked with Shawn this morning and after talking with Shawn, we opened the position again and we will see what happens this time. He spoke to the guys on the crew, and they chose not to promote, they gave good feedback to the employees. They told them this is your opportunity to step up; we will reopen the position. There are part-time employees that are eligible to put in for this position also. **Wilkey** – overall, do we have a number, this is the budget of payroll, this is what it had, this is what it would be? **Paul** – you add another \$15,000 from his current budget. **Cox** – maybe think outside the box and open outside. **Ryan** – he has 13 positions, the mayor suggests 12. If you let him reclassify from 1-2 and a meter reader to 1. **Mayor** – he still has \$77,000 for part-time. I am ok to reclass from a 1 to a 2. **Matt** – I have 4 ones and 3 twos. **Schmidt** – the question is are we going from 13 to 12 employees. **Galan** – we have 13 heads or we don't. You can't be in both places at once, the budget is there for 13. We are trying to figure if you need 13 heads in your department. I say keep 13. **Schmidt** – I say keep 13 and help with inspection. **Wilkey** – you proposed for 12 plus part-time. **Cox** – I am ok with 13, but I want them qualified. **Phillips** – we have a position and 2 of our people were not hired, that is my problem. **Paul** – we post internally first; we don't go to the whole world. **Galan** – if the two fail, move on. Water is precious and you need to protect it.

TREATMENT: **Ryan** – operation he asked for additional funds that was denied. Chemicals prices go up, he asked for \$39,000. Building and ground maintenance increase was not recommended. Professional and technical services were funded. Special department supplies for \$3,000 which were not funded. On the professional and technical services, we had \$5,000 for the fee study, but we it shows \$135,000 was added. **Terri** - that is for the expansion study. **Phillips** – why not up the equipment maintenance. **Jeff** – it is not important that it is there, if needed we can add it. **Paul** – last year a boiler went out, it was a \$50,000 item. Equipment maintenance is day to day, if a piece of equipment goes bad, we will fix it and there is a bank account to do that. **Ryan** – there is a varied amount each year, this was his first year. Capital is a skid loader lease; it has been a cheap rental for us. We have two clarifiers for \$1.4 million, two in this year's budget, this is for the last two. A roll off dumpster truck for \$260,000 that was approved. **Wilkey** - how many do you have? **Jeff** – we have one, purchased used from the County. We move the biosolids every day. His truck stays there; it doesn't go anywhere else. **Wilkey** – what is the plan for the old truck? **Jeff** – it is a backup for us and it can be shared. **Ryan** – two golf carts were approved for \$27,000. **Paul** – Jared was here yesterday; he will probably have a few used golf carts for you. **Phillips** – what is the chemical pump addition? **Jeff** – we need a pump system to feed chemicals. It was removed because I have enough money to purchase it this year. **Schmidt** – is this the line to upsize for the Water Conservancy District? **Paul** – Eric Bonzo tried to figure out the size when he was here. We just need to add a line and let them drink water. **Jeff** – what held it up was the wells. **Ryan** – cameras for \$60,000 and pump station for \$200,000 proposed. Effluent is a holder, and the expansion study, we need to look at that soon. There may be interim things we can do before the expansion. **Schmidt** – have we talked to Stantec, are they doing it? **Paul** – it will have to be bid out. **Schmidt** – the new facility, there is no ventilation system in the building, when it starts to run, we will have to put a ventilation system in. **Jeff** – once the water is no longer spoken for, we plan to run the filter for a few weeks. We do need a ventilation system in that building. **Ryan** – when we start running it, it will have to be done. **Jeff** – there are state regulations to move the air one time per minute. **Ryan** – we need to talk about the gray expansion. They have been in violation for the past 6 months. **Jeff** – we have had warnings. **Ryan** – we will go from 100,000 gpd to 300,000 gpd, we have got to get a handle on that. You might see some fines coming through. **Jeff** – at the beginning of the year our bods were 70 percent we are at 90 percent today, we hope to get them under control.

COLLECTIONS: **Randy** – only increase is the \$1,000 for uniforms and the \$5,000 for the rate study. Pickup truck, BZI trunk line upsizing, the \$500,000 is our rehab each year. We did manholes

and we have done 200 South, 200 East, we are cleaning up existing lines. **Ryan** – he is using them on BZI this year. **Schmidt** – there are a few lines in town turning red. **Randy** – that is on upsizing. Stantec does the flow study, they run a calculation, they have an average and run it to go through the lines to the plant. If it triggers it will show a yellow and then an orange, we can use impact fee money for those. **Ryan** – update to sewer model, upsize lines also. **Schmidt** – are we good with everything going up Fiddlers, is there enough sewer capacity to the plant? **Randy** – yes, they have to pay Stantec to run those numbers. When they change their model, they run the numbers again. For the Dairy we need solid numbers, that affects the 2300 outfall line. We are very strict with the county until these are done, we need to keep a solid count, and we report that to the state. **Ryan** – 800 West extension was approved. Personnel we asked for a reclassification to a lead worker and that was an increase of \$4,500. **Randy** – we also added an employee. **Phillips** – what is the BZI component. **Paul** – a couple components, start at the Y and go north our master plan calls for a 30” trunk line and a large lift station. BZI put in their 30” trunk line. We had to upsize the trunk line, we have to split that between us and the County. There will be an agreement to split the cost for the lift station between us and the County. There will be another agreement for a development next to BZI for the upsizing with us and the County. Those three projects will be in the millions of dollars of impact fee money. The county signed their agreement we are asking them to change it by 2.5%. BZI has put theirs in, the development south of BZI we are meeting with them to consider annexing. **Ryan** – 5 years ago there were 35 miles of line they were maintaining, they are now maintaining about 50 miles of line.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn at 4:55p.m.; second by Councilmember Galan; vote unanimous.



Renon Savage, MMC
City Recorder

EXHIBIT "A"
MAY 12, 2026
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

Public utilities are the operating backbone of modern communities. Clean reliable water. The crews who maintain this infrastructure—such as pipes, pumps, meters, and related treatment—need to be developed, maintained, and managed. These services are essential to public safety, public health, and economic development. For leaders in city government, workforce development-related to utility operations should be viewed and funded as a strategic investment rather than an optional human resources (HR) program. The reasons are straightforward: operational resilience, regulatory compliance, cost containment, succession readiness, and community trust all depend on managing a well-educated, trained, and ethical workforce.

The water operator's role is important, affecting the public health and safety of everyone in a community. A bad doctor, nurse, or dentist only affects the patients they serve, but a water operator impacts everyone. So, it's important that operators are on top of their game 24/7 for 365 days of the year. In 1987 in Carrollton, Ga. A *Cryptosporidium* outbreak in the community. Operators reported that their kids came home from school crying because the other kids said that their dad had made their family sick. This kind of situation is a powerful reminder of the important job operators do. In 2000, 2 operators (who were brothers) were on suicide watch after being responsible for more than 2,300 illnesses and at least 7 deaths. These and other tragedies are tragic reminders that water treatment is more than "ticking boxes" on a report or filling in numbers on a log sheet; it's fundamentally about protecting the public health of entire communities!

