



Minutes of the City of West Jordan
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Approved May 26, 2026
8000 S Redwood Road, 3rd Floor
West Jordan, UT 84088

1. Call to Order

- Council:** Chair Bob Bedore (remote), Vice Chair Jessica Wignall, Annette Harris, Zach Jacob, Chad Lamb, Kent Shelton, Kayleen Whitelock (absent)
- Staff:** Council Office Director Alan Anderson, City Attorney Josh Chandler, Public Works Director Brian Clegg, Budget & Management Analyst Rebecca Condie, Public Utilities Director Greg Davenport, Public Services Director Cory Fralick, Assistant City Administrator Paul Jerome, City Administrator Korban Lee, Council Office Clerk Cindy Quick, Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck

Acting Chair Wignall called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and noted that Council Member Bedore was joining remotely, and Council Member Whitelock was excused

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Luke Willis led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

Acting Chair Wignall opened public comment at 6:04 pm

Comments:

None

Acting Chair Wignall closed public comment at 6:04 pm

4. Business Items

a. The Budget Officer of West Jordan Intends to State that the Proposed Budget Includes a Tax Rate Increase

Acting Chair Wignall explained that House Bill 236 created new requirements for taxing entities considering a property tax increase and noted the next items were included to comply with the legislation.

b. Resolution No. 26-026 Public Statement on the Property Tax Increase, Including the Introduction of the Property Tax Impact Schedule for Fiscal Year 2027

Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck had been authorized by the Mayor as Budget Officer to present the Property Tax Impact Statement and Schedule. The City would consider

a property tax rate increase to generate an additional \$500,418 and noted the proposed budget included that increase.

She outlined the budget process, including required public notices and hearings, with a tentative budget hearing scheduled for June 9, 2026 and a Truth in Taxation hearing on August 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm. She explained that the Property Tax Impact Schedule would be reviewed at all budget meetings and that related revenues would be held until completion of the public process and final budget adoption.

Ms. Steck reported proposed total property tax revenue of \$22,667,562, a 2.26% increase, and provided estimated annual impacts of approximately \$8.96 for a primary residence (about \$0.70 per month) and \$16.30 for businesses.

Department requests included: a Parks maintenance worker and planner; creation of a Crossing Guard Supervisor position; funding for a proposed "Beet Days" event (\$100,000) planned for August 2027; and upgrading a vacant police officer position to a police lieutenant to strengthen command staffing. The Passport program proposed replacing two part-time positions with one full-time position, and the Customer Service Department requested a full-time representative at the Public Works Building, with costs allocated across multiple funds.

Council discussion included clarification on the Crossing Guard Supervisor structure and timing for the Beet Days event. The proposed items were included in the Mayor's recommended budget and scheduled for further discussion in upcoming work sessions.

MOTION: Council Member Lamb moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 26-026 Acknowledging Public Statement on the Property Tax Increase, Including the Introduction of the Property Tax Impact Schedule for Fiscal Year 2027. Council Member Jacob seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bob Bedore, Jessica Wignall, Annette Harris, Zach Jacob, Chad Lamb, Kent Shelton

NO:

ABSENT: Kayleen Whitelock

The motion Passed 6-0.

c. Resolution No. 26-027 Acknowledging the Filing of the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the City of West Jordan, Utah for Fiscal Year 2027

Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck presented the Mayor's proposed budget and explained that, under new legislative requirements, Council was being asked to formally acknowledge the full budget, including the Property Tax Impact Statement. She summarized the budget message, noting a focus on long-term planning, incremental adjustments, and financial sustainability.

Ms. Steck reported that the budget was balanced on an operational basis, included five-year financial forecasts for most funds, and maintained reserve levels. The City's primary revenue source was charges for services, followed by taxes, with additional revenue from intergovernmental sources, permits, and other fees. Total budgeted expenditures exceeded revenues primarily due to capital improvement spending and reserve usage, with an overall budget of approximately \$229 million.

Ms. Steck outlined proposed budget priorities, including a Customer Service Representative at the Public Works Building, police technology upgrades, a Crossing Guard Supervisor, funding for a proposed "Beet Days" event, and \$72.6 million in capital projects. She also noted the City declined an Attorney General's Office grant tied to a police staffing assignment.

Council Member Jacob expressed concern that economic development was too closely tied to infrastructure spending rather than revenue growth and sales tax generation. Staff responded that most economic development activity occurs through the Redevelopment Agency and that no direct incentive funding was included in the proposed budget.

Ms. Steck reviewed revenue assumptions, noting limited sales tax growth and minimal population increase, which may impact future revenue distribution. She presented a proposed property tax increase of 2.26%, below the March CPI of 3.14%, and reviewed inflationary pressures affecting city costs.

Council discussion focused on utility rates and reserves. Council Member Jacob questioned holding water rates steady despite increased wholesale costs. Ms. Steck responded that the decision was based on current reserve levels and recent higher-than-expected water usage, and that a utility rate study would be brought forward for further review.

Ms. Steck explained that reserve balances are included in each fund and are used to support long-term financial planning. She outlined the budget adoption process, including the transition from the Mayor's budget to tentative budget, potential interim budget, Truth in Taxation hearing, and final budget adoption. She confirmed that Council could amend funding allocations but would need to balance any additions with corresponding reductions.

Ms. Steck concluded that capital project spending and reserve drawdowns in certain funds account for the difference between total revenues and expenditures.

MOTION: Council Member Shelton moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 26-027 Acknowledging the Filing of the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the City of West Jordan, Utah for Fiscal Year 2027.
Council Member Harris seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bob Bedore, Jessica Wignall, Annette Harris, Zach Jacob, Chad Lamb, Kent Shelton

NO:

ABSENT: Kayleen Whitelock

The motion Passed 6-0.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent an accurate summary of what occurred at the meeting held on May 5, 2026. This document constitutes the official minutes for the West Jordan City Council meeting.

/s/ Cindy M. Quick, MMC
Council Office Clerk

Approved this 26th day of May 2026