

**Riverton City, Utah
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
May 5, 2026**

**Riverton City Hall
12830 South 1700 West
Riverton, Utah 84065**

Attendance:

Mayor Tish Buroker

Councilmembers:

Councilmember Spencer Haymond
Councilmember Alexander Johnson
Councilmember Troy McDougal - excused
Councilmember Andy Pierucci
Councilmember Shannon Smith

City Staff:

Kevin Hicks, City Manager
Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Cary Necaise, Public Works Director
Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director
Jamie Larsen, City Recorder
Chief Shane Taylor, Riverton Police Department
Brook Bowen, Graphic Design & Marketing Specialist
Sheril Garn, Events and Operations Director
Stacie Olson, Assistant Public Works Director
Fire Marshal Wade Watkins, Unified Fire Authority

WORK SESSION – 4:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Buroker called the Work Session to order at 4:06 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Haymond, Johnson, Pierucci and Smith were present. Councilmember McDougal was excused.

Presentations

Wing & Walmart Drone Delivery Presentation

Representatives from Wing and Walmart presented their drone delivery partnership and proposed operations in Riverton. They explained that the program began in the Dallas–Fort Worth area during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide faster, more reliable deliveries and has since expanded to several major metropolitan areas. The presentation included a video demonstrating how Walmart associates load packages onto drones at a parking lot staging area before the drones deliver orders directly to customers in approximately 30 minutes or less.

Discussion Items

Budget Study Session

Nick Geer, Administrative Services Director, reported that Riverton's sales tax revenue remains slightly ahead of last year by about 1.5%, though growth has slowed compared to previous years. Council discussion highlighted that past revenue growth was fueled by rapid population growth and

major retail additions, while future growth is expected to stabilize as surrounding cities develop more commercial areas that compete for sales tax revenue.

Mr. Geer reviewed the timeline for adoption of the 2026 budget, explaining that the Council would formally adopt the tentative budget at the current meeting, hold a public hearing during the second meeting in May to receive public feedback, and then consider final budget approval on June 2 after any necessary revisions are posted for the required 10-day public review period.

EV Stations

Kevin Hicks, City Manager, explained that the proposed EV charging station grant project align with several City strategic priorities and help address Riverton's lack of public charging infrastructure compared to surrounding cities. The proposed project would use approximately \$385,000 in federal grant funding with an estimated City contribution of about 8%, or roughly \$10,000 to \$11,000 if only two stations are installed. He also shared that feedback from other cities with public charging stations has been overwhelmingly positive from both residents and officials.

Councilmembers discussed differing perspectives regarding the proposed EV charging stations, with several expressing concern about the proper role of government in providing public charging infrastructure and whether taxpayer funds should be used for amenities that could be supplied by private businesses. Staff clarified that the project would go through a standard public procurement process managed by UDOT under federal grant requirements and noted that the City's actual financial contribution would remain relatively small due to the grant funding. Other Councilmembers acknowledged the concerns but noted the stations could support future City fleet needs, maintain positive regional partnerships, and address Riverton's lack of publicly owned charging infrastructure compared to surrounding cities.

City Council Agenda Review

Councilmembers requested that the detailed budget line-item information continue to be available alongside the new simplified budget presentation, emphasizing that the additional detail helps both elected officials and residents better understand exactly how City funds are allocated and improves transparency and accountability.

Mr. Hicks also reviewed upcoming agenda items for May and June, including discussions on water conservation, park irrigation levels during drought conditions, strategic planning, the skate park, storage container regulations, and Mountain View Corridor updates.

Adjournment of Work Session

Councilmember Smith **MOVED to adjourn the Work Session**. Councilmember Haymond **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 5:34 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Buroker called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Haymond, Johnson, Pierucci and Smith were present. Councilmember McDougal was excused.

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Loyola Urbina offered the invocation and Fire Marshal Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment

Mayor Buroker called for public comments;

Jennifer Preece, speaking on behalf of numerous neighbors, stated that 3200 West has become a speeding corridor where drivers frequently travel 40 to 50 miles per hour on a residential street posted at 25 miles per hour, with many motorists also ignoring a nearby stop sign. She questioned the City's opposition to speed bumps, arguing that traffic calming devices appear effective on other neighborhood streets. She urged the Council to take advantage of planned repaving work on 3200 West to incorporate permanent traffic calming measures before a more serious accident occurs.

Natalie Palmer raised concerns about persistent speeding and reckless driving on 3200 West, stating that the road has become unsafe for families, pedestrians, bicyclists, and children attending nearby church activities. She urged the City to implement permanent traffic calming measures.

Amy Nicholson described an incident in which an unlicensed door-to-door salesman entered her fenced yard despite warning signs and was confronted by her dogs, leading to police involvement and a lawsuit against her by the City. She expressed frustration that, despite following prior police recommendations regarding signage and containment, she faced legal expenses and stress before the case was ultimately dismissed, and urged the City to strengthen protections and enforcement related to door-to-door solicitors and resident liability.

Dave Hogge praised City staff and officers for their investigation but raised concerns about breakdowns in communication between the City, legal counsel, and prosecutors that led to confusion and delays in a door-to-door solicitor case involving his daughter. He argued that enforcement of City codes and protections for residents should be clearer and more consistent.

Dustin Palmer described ongoing safety concerns on 3200 West, stating that its long, uninterrupted stretch has led drivers to treat it like a drag strip, with frequent speeding and stop sign violations. He noted that police enforcement has only provided temporary relief and urged the City to implement permanent traffic calming measures.

Summer Joos expressed opposition to ICE involvement in Riverton, arguing that the agency disproportionately targets non-citizens and people of color and raised concerns about broader immigration enforcement practices. She urged the City to sever any affiliation with ICE.

Kevin Nay expressed serious safety concerns about frequent speeding and stop sign violations in

the area, noting that the roadway has long been dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists and that recent construction has not improved driver behavior. He urged the City to consider stronger traffic calming measures.

Mayor Buroker called for additional public comments; there being none, she closed the Citizen Comment period.

Mayor/Council/Manager Reports

Councilmember Haymond reported attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns meetings, noting that water issues were a major focus and that the event provided useful learning and collaboration opportunities. He also shared that he has been working with staff to pursue additional grants to support the planning and design of the skate park.

Councilmember Johnson reported attending a South Valley Chamber event where BNR Chem Dry was recognized as Small Business Impact Award recipient, and expressed appreciation for their long-standing contribution to the community. He also shared remarks from the Riverton Youth City Council closing event, praising participating students for their service and leadership and encouraging families to consider the program for interested youth.

Mayor Buroker reported attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference, where she heard a sobering update on Colorado River water conditions and expressed concern that limited snowpack may result in water restrictions for the City this year. She also referenced the City's traffic team process for reviewing resident concerns and noted that the budget has been presented to the Council, offering copies to members of the public who would like one.

Councilmember Pierucci reported attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference, where he participated in discussions on water management and land use planning. He also shared updates from a skate park tour in Washington City, noted recent positive trends in reduced regional water use, and described participation in a national community leaders conference and a police ride-along, along with attending a Riverton High School baseball game.

Councilmember Smith reported attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference, noting extensive learning on water issues along with discussions on housing and other statewide municipal challenges. She also shared appreciation for a South Valley Chamber meeting highlighting local small businesses and commended City staff and the Mayor for producing a clear, easy-to-understand budget that supports informed decision-making.

Presentations

Riverton Choice Awards for Excellence in Education, Riverton Elementary

Mayor Buroker recognized Ashlee Urry (teacher), Austin Clark (student) and Hailey Brey (student) from Riverton Elementary for the Choice Awards.

Riverton Choice Awards for Excellence in Education, Rosamond Elementary

Mayor Buroker recognized Heike Klenk (teacher), Wyatt Christensen (student) and Penelope Henline (student) from Rosamond Elementary for the Choice Awards.

Introduction of New Historical Preservation Commission Members and Presentation of Historical Homes

Mayor Buroker introduced the new members of the Historical Preservation Commission and then presented the Historical Homes designation to four Riverton families who own homes that are over 50 years old.

South Valley Chamber Presentation

Jay Francis, South Valley Chamber, provided an overview of South Valley Chamber activities, highlighting strong business growth with 15 ribbon cuttings in Riverton last year and expanding participation across multiple committees supporting business, education, and public policy. He emphasized programs such as leadership training, business accelerator and boot camps, women in business initiatives, and student entrepreneurship efforts, noting significant participation and scholarship support. He concluded by underscoring the Chamber's role in economic development and public policy advocacy, framing its relationship with the City as a close partnership focused on supporting small businesses and regional growth.

Unified Fire Authority Presentation

Fire Marshal Wade Watkins presented first-quarter emergency response data for January through March, reporting a total of 521 incidents, including 63 emergent medical calls (about 12%), and noted overall call volume remained consistent month to month. He highlighted that the most common EMS responses were falls, breathing issues, and sick-person calls, often related to medical events such as cardiac issues or age-related conditions, and confirmed that response patterns in Riverton remain generally steady.

Consent Items

Mayor Buroker presented the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minute Approval: April 21, 2026;
- b. Set Public Hearing Dates regarding the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – **May 19, 2026 and June 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM**; Set Public Hearing Date regarding the proposed Municipal Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - **June 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM** Set Public Hearing Date regarding the proposed Compensation for Elective and Statutory Officers for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - **June 2, 2026 7:00 PM**; Set Public Hearing Date regarding the proposed Compensation for Executive Officers and City Attorney for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - **June 2, 2026 7:00 PM**; Set Public Hearing Date regarding the Final Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - **June 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM**;
- c. **Resolution No. 26-17** - Appointing Members to the Historic Preservation Commission;
- d. **Resolution No. 26-18** - Approving Riverton City's Entry into a Cooperative Agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands;
- e. **Resolution No. 26-20** - Approving Riverton City's Entry into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Salt Lake County for the Transfer of County Tourism Recreation, Cultural & Convention Funds (Skate Park Design);
- f. **Resolution No. 26-21** - Amending Rules and Regulations Necessary for the Operations, Maintenance, Appearance and Protection of the Riverton City Cemetery;
- g. **Resolution No. 26-22** - Authorizing the Execution of a Franchise Agreement with Emery Telcom;
- h. **Resolution No. 26-23** - Approving the Renaming of Four Riverton City Parks.

Councilmember Pierucci **MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item c and Item h.** Councilmember Smith **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 26-17 - Appointing Members to the Historic Preservation Commission

Councilmember Johnson **MOVED to approve the Resolution No. 26-17 - Appointing Members to the Historic Preservation Commission.** Councilmember Pierucci **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 26-23 - Approving the Renaming of Four Riverton City Parks

Councilmember Pierucci **MOVED to approve the Resolution No. 26-23 - Approving the Renaming of Four Riverton City Parks.** Councilmember Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing(s)/Action Items

Ordinance No. 26-08 – Adoption of Water Conservation Element of General Plan, Correcting the previously adopted Water Conservation and Efficiency Standard to be included, as an element of the General Plan

Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director, explained that the item before the Council was a procedural matter combining two previously approved documents into a single consolidated version, as required, without making any substantive changes to either the general plan or the water conservation element. He clarified that a public hearing was required for this administrative step and noted that any future updates to the general plan would be addressed separately through a more comprehensive review process.

Mayor Buroker opened the public hearing and called for public comments. There being none, she closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Haymond **MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 26-08 – Adoption of Water Conservation Element of General Plan, Correcting the previously adopted Water Conservation and Efficiency Standard to be included, as an element of the General Plan.** Councilmember Smith **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items

Resolution No. 26-19 – Riverton City Tentatively Adopting Tentative Budgets for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

Nick Geer, Administrative Services Director, explained that the Council had already discussed the budget in prior sessions and had now received the tentative budget, which is being adopted as an interim step before final approval. He clarified that the process is still ongoing, with two public hearings remaining before the final budget is adopted.

Councilmember Johnson **MOVED to approve Resolution No. 26-19 – Riverton City Tentatively Adopting Tentative Budgets for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year**. Councilmember Smith **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 26-15 – Approving the Riverton City Water Shortage Management Plan

Cary Necaie, Public Works Director, explained that the resolution had been revised with updated language regarding drought mitigation and was being brought forward after prior discussion and reposting of the document. He clarified that the plan generally aligns with Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District's Level Two standards but provides the City flexibility to adopt stricter drought response levels or voluntary reductions depending on future conditions.

Councilmember Haymond **MOVED to approve Resolution No. 26-15 – Approving the Riverton City Water Shortage Management Plan**. Councilmember Pierucci **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Buroker called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Haymond-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Pierucci-Yes, and Smith-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilmember Haymond **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council meeting at the conclusion of the Closed Session. Councilmember Pierucci **SECONDED** the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Approved: CCM 5.19.26