

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK MEETING
MAY 7, 2026, 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT:

**Mayor Jimmie Hughes
Councilmember Dannielle Larkin
Councilmember Natalie Larsen
Councilmember Michelle Tanner
Councilmember Steve Kemp
Councilmember Austin Anderson**

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

**City Manager John Willis
City Attorney Ryan Dooley
City Recorder Christina Fernandez
Assistant City Manager Robert Myers
Victim Services Advocate Stephany Alvarez
Fire Chief Robert Stoker
Deputy Fire Chief Brad Esplin
Community Services Director Carol Winner
Assistant City Attorney Kris Pearson
Public Works Director Cameron Cutler
Deputy City Attorney Jami Brackin
Water Services Director Scott Taylor
Economic Development Director Chad Thomas**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Josh Ruesch
Alexis Ence**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

UPDATE FROM VICTIM SERVICES:

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Stephany Alvarez with Victim Services, including discussion between City Council and Ms. Alvarez: [00:00:17](#) [Recording 1]

PRESENTATION FROM JOSH RUESCH REGARDING A YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation Josh Ruesch and Alexis Ence, including discussion between Mayor Hughes, the City Council, Mr. Ruesch, and Ms. Ence: [00:03:50](#) [Recording 1]

DISCUSSION REGARDING WUI (WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE) ZONING:

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Fire Chief Robert Stoker and Carol Winner, including discussion between City Manager John Willis, the City Council, Deputy Fire Chief Brad Esplin, Assistant City Attorney Kris Pearson, City Attorney John Willis, Chief Stoker, and Ms. Winner: [00:21:45](#) [Recording 1]

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DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION UTILITY FEE:

Link to introduction from City Manager Jonn Willis and presentation from Public Works Director Cameron Cutler, including discussion between City Manger John Willis, Mayor Hughes, Assistant City Manager Robert Myers, Deputy City Attorney Jami Brackin, Finance Director Tiffany LaJoice, and Mr. Cutler: [01:10:42](#) [Recording 1]

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Councilmember Tanner stepped out during this discussion.

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

Link to motion: [01:49:40](#) [Recording 1]

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to adjourn to the regular meeting.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – absent
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ADU (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS) IMPACT FEES:

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Water Services Director Scott Taylor, including discussion between the City Council, City Manager John Willis, Mayor Hughes, Community Development Director Carol Winner, and Mr. Taylor: [00:00:00](#) [Recording 2]

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**DISCUSSION REGARDING WATER COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ULTRA WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS:**

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Water Services Director Scott Taylor, including discussion between the City Council, City Manager John Willis, Mayor Hughes, Finance Director Tiffany LaJoice, and Mr. Taylor: [00:27:53](#) [Recording 2]

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DISCUSSION REGARDING DIXIE SUNBOWL STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT:

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Economic

Development Director Chad Thomas, including discussion between the City Council, City Manager John Willis, and Mr. Thomas: [00:43:00](#) [Recording 2]

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REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER:

ADJOURN TO A CLOSED MEETING:

Request a closed meeting to discuss litigation, security, property acquisition or sale, or the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.

Link to motion: [01:09:00](#) [Recording 2]

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Tanner to adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss litigation, security, property acquisition or sale, or the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larkin.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

/s/Christina Fernandez

Christina Fernandez, City Recorder