



**MAGNA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2026**

****DRAFT MINUTES – UNAPPROVED****

Webster Center
8952 West Magna Main Street
Magna, Utah 84044

Council Members Present:

Mayor Mick Sudbury
Council Member Megan Olsen
Council Member Steve Prokopis
Council Member Michael Jensen
Council Member Terry George

Council Members Absent:

Council Member Audrey Pierce

Staff Present: Brian Hartsell – MSD Assistant General Manager, Chad Anderson – Assistant City Engineer, Matt Starley – Long Range Planner, Daniel Hoffman – Accounting Manager, Jay Springer – Legal Counsel, Kelly Bush – City Manager, Diana Baun – City Recorder, Lt. Chris Benedict – UPD, Chief Kelly Millard – UFA, Claire Gillmore – Deputy City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sudbury called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

2. DETERMINE QUORUM

Mayor Sudbury confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 2 minutes per person)

Mayor Sudbury announced that no individuals had signed up for public comment.

5. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

A. Unified Police Department – *Lt. Christopher Benedict*

Lt. Chris Benedict reported on the previous two weeks of enforcement activity, noting the issuance of 206 civil parking citations and an active DUI enforcement campaign that resulted in eight DUI arrests. He further described a two-and-a-half-hour traffic enforcement saturation on 8000 West and 8400 West that produced 37 moving violations. He noted the successful crossing-guard appreciation luncheon

attended by Mayor Sudbury and expressed gratitude for continued community and council support. No questions were raised.

B. Unified Fire Authority – *Chief Kelly Millard*

Chief Kelly Millard introduced several firefighters from B-Platoon who spoke briefly about their experience and assignments in Magna. Chief Millard reported that seven individuals recently graduated from the UFA recruit camp, including thirteen paramedics systemwide and one new paramedic now stationed in Magna. He recognized the Fire Training Division, led by Council Member and Chief Prokopis, for its work preparing personnel through ongoing professional development. Chief Millard discussed preparations relating to firework season and noted that an interactive map showing restriction zones was available on unifiedfire.org. No additional questions were presented.

C. Magna 4th of July Updates – *Jennifer D’Haenens*

Jennifer D’Haenens reported approximately fifty parade entries, with additional volunteers still needed. Six sponsors had paid or were pending, and four additional sponsors intended to provide meals for UPD, UFA, and volunteers. She noted that parade planning meetings would begin June 4 and stated that multiple cities, including Taylorsville, South Salt Lake, and West Valley City, would participate. She also announced approval for an Apache helicopter flyover. Mayor Sudbury expressed appreciation for her work.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - None

7. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. MSD Updates – *MSD Staff*

Brian Hartsell provided an update on the spring 2026 tree-removal project (**Attachment A**). He distinguished MSD’s project from Rocky Mountain Power’s tree-trimming work and explained that the city had identified numerous dying, diseased, or hazardous trees in the rights-of-way, particularly in neighborhoods surrounding Main Street, 9200 West, 8400 West, and 3100 South. Approximately forty trees had been removed from public rights-of-way and twenty-three from private property with owner permission; additional private-property locations remained pending through abatement or permission processes. He noted the intent to reduce safety hazards, prevent sidewalk damage, and prepare for future sidewalk repairs. Mr. Hartsell explained that \$150,000 had been budgeted in FY27 for sidewalk repair and that additional projects would be required beyond that allocation. Discussion followed about prioritizing sidewalk repairs on 8560 West ahead of the upcoming Fourth of July parade. Mayor Sudbury expressed concern regarding liability and community dissatisfaction over tree removals prior to sidewalk repairs. Mr. Hartsell and Chad Anderson explained the procurement limitations and timing associated with the FY27 budget cycle. Council Members participated actively in evaluating interim solutions, including grinding, signage, potential use of state-contract vendors, MSD contractor piggybacking, and alternative funding sources. Council Members requested exploration of all options for early repair of the most hazardous segments.

Assistant City Engineer Chad Anderson then provided updates (**Attachment B**) on active MSD engineering projects. He described developer requests for placement of barriers on Big Ditch Road to reduce illegal dumping and noted that canal access from other points would remain available. Discussion followed on enforcement tools, including potential use of trail cameras, and historical

placement of jersey barriers. Mr. Anderson also reviewed irrigation infrastructure failures near 3100 South and Vickery Lane, noting short-term stabilization efforts and long-term repair planning. He further outlined ongoing sidewalk-zone inspections and future repair strategies to ensure equitable citywide maintenance.

B. Rio Tinto Kennecott Annual Business Updates – *Laura Ingersoll, Rio Tinto*

Sean Daly and others from the Rio Tinto Kennecott team presented a comprehensive update (**Attachment C**) regarding mine operations, tailings-management strategies, and ongoing community engagement. Representatives included Sean Daly (air quality), Eric Franco (tailings superintendent), Michael Richards (power plant demolition), and others. They described mining operations, processing systems, and ongoing reclamation work. Mr. Franco provided a detailed review of dust-mitigation activities, including vegetation, polymer applications, sprinklers, magnesium-chloride treatments, water-truck operations, and predictive weather modeling. He explained monitoring technology, complaint-tracking processes, and transparency commitments.

The team reported on past studies evaluating seismic-risk conditions at the tailings impoundments and described proposed construction of a south containment wall approximately 12–14 feet in height and 3,000 feet in length. This wall remained pending approval. Council Member Olsen asked about continuous dewatering, and Mr. Franco and Mr. Daly explained ongoing groundwater-management work. Mr. Richards discussed the planned demolition of the retired coal-fired power plant beginning mid-June and continuing through 2026, noting limited hours, traffic-management planning, and preservation of switch-yard components. Council Members inquired about retaining certain historical materials for the museum. The team concluded by encouraging residents to use the Local Voices survey and to report dust concerns promptly.

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Additional Costs for Copper Park Upgrades – *Matt Starley, Long Range Planner*

Matt Starley discussed engagement options for the Copper Park Master Plan component of the MSD Parks and Recreation Plan. He outlined three potential methods of gathering council and community input: direct work sessions with the council, formation of a small working group, or creation of a formal advisory committee. Council Members generally favored forming a working group, with the possibility of it evolving into a permanent advisory committee following forthcoming ordinance updates. Mayor Sudbury volunteered to participate. Deputy City Attorney Ms. Gillmor explained that she would soon present an advisory-committee ordinance to provide appropriate legal structure.

Mr. Starley also presented an update regarding the TRCC pickleball-court project originally designated for Magna Neighborhood Park. He explained that the site lacked restrooms, curb-cut access, parking improvements, and other amenities, and therefore recommended relocating the project to Copper Park, where existing facilities would support higher usage. He discussed resurfacing options, fencing replacement, and configurations for tennis and pickleball courts. Council Members requested receipt of formal bids before making a final decision and expressed sensitivity to maintaining future plans for Magna Neighborhood Park.

B. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Ordinance 2026-O-09**, Establishing Official Procedures for Handling Requests for Funds from the City – *City Attorney*

Claire Gillmor described current funding-request ordinances and the need to modernize and clarify criteria for evaluating public-funding requests. She requested input from the council regarding caps, tiers, reporting requirements, residency preferences, and whether nonprofit status should be required. Council Members discussed the importance of accountability, receipt documentation, and establishing a tiered system with reporting proportional to award size. Council Member Prokopis encouraged research into best-practice models. Ms. Gillmor agreed to draft an updated ordinance for council review based on feedback.

- C. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Creating a Review Committee for Magna City Feasibility Study Bids – ***Kelly Bush, City Manager/Jay Springer, Legal Counsel***

This item was discussed in tandem with Item D – see details below.

- D. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Assignment of Representative to Respond to Inquiries and Act as Recipient of Bid Submission (Potentially Legal Counsel, Jay Springer) – ***Kelly Bush, City Manager/Jay Springer, Legal Counsel***

Kelly Bush and Jay Springer presented a draft request for proposals for a feasibility study evaluating city service delivery, costs, revenues, and options. Mr. Springer explained the need to designate a review committee and a separate point of contact to receive sealed proposals and respond to bidder inquiries. He recommended a small committee consisting of the mayor, one or two council members, and the City Manager. Council Members discussed roles, conflicts, and review processes.

Council Member Jensen moved that the review committee consist of himself, Council Member George, and the mayor, with Jay Springer designated as the bid-recipient and question-response contact. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

- E. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Designating a Purchasing Agent to Authorize Payment for Feasibility Study – ***Kelly Bush, City Manager/Jay Springer, Legal Counsel***

Council Member Jensen moved to designate City Manager Kelly Bush as the purchasing agent for the feasibility study. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote

- F. Discussion Only Regarding the Potential Hiring of a Locally Based Municipal Public Works Employee for the City – ***Kelly Bush, City Manager***

Kelly Bush discussed the possibility of hiring a facilities-focused employee for Magna to handle maintenance of city-owned properties, landscaping, snow removal, basic electrical tasks, restroom maintenance, and cemetery-related duties. She presented duty concepts and potential equipment needs, including a truck and small excavator. Council Members discussed integration with the upcoming feasibility study, skill expectations, licensing considerations, and workload demands. Consensus was to return the item at the next meeting with refined responsibilities and options.

- G. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Authorizing the Mayor/City Manager to Pay EDC Utah and Begin Working with Them Moving Forward – ***Kelly Bush, City Manager***

Council Member Olsen moved to approve entering into a relationship with with EDC Utah for economic development support at the proposed \$5,000 annual investment. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

9. MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES

A. City Manager Updates – *Kelly Bush, Assistant City Manager*

Kelly Bush had no further updates beyond prior agenda items.

B. City Attorney Updates – *Nathan Bracken, City Attorney*

1) Updates on Boundary Adjustment with West Valley City

Claire Gillmor stated that the boundary-adjustment update with West Valley City was still being drafted.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Jensen reported that MSD and council meeting schedules had shifted and that MSD budget discussions would continue the following day. He would provide an update at the next meeting.

Council Member George reported from the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District, noting an unusually high number of contaminated recycling cans in Magna—approximately 600 in one week—resulting in lost recycling revenue. He reminded residents that only acceptable recyclable materials should be placed in the blue cans.

Council Member Olsen reported that Fourth of July updates had already been covered.

Council Member Prokopis reported on UFA’s tentative FY26–27 budget, including a 5.3% increase driven by health-insurance and cost-of-living adjustments. He announced that the UFA Board had tentatively approved a \$25 million investment in upgrades to the Fire Training Center in Magna. He also discussed UPD budget details, including a slight increase to Magna’s portion and the use of fund balance to maintain fiscal stability.

Mayor Sudbury noted his appreciation for the planned improvements to the Fire Training Center and discussed anticipated economic ripple effects for Magna businesses.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were requested for future agendas.

12. CLOSED SESSIONS IF NEEDED AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE §52-4-205

- A.** Discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.
- B.** Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
- C.** Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.
- D.** Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; and
- E.** Other lawful purposes as listed in Utah Code §52-4-205

13. ADJOURN

Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the May 26, 2026 Magna City Council Meeting at 8:21 pm. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

This is a true and correct copy of the May 26, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on June 9, 2026.

Attest:

Diana Baun, Magna City Recorder

Mick Sudbury, Magna City Mayor

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