



**NOTICE OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD DURING THE REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM**

Present

Mayor Zack Stratton
Council Member Jacob Holdaway
Council Member David Lauret
Council Member Parker McCumber
Council Member Ezra Nair
Council Member Jacob Wood

Staff Present: Administrative Director David Herring; Chief Deputy Holden Rockwell of the Utah County Sheriff's Office (remotely); City Recorder Robin Bond; Deputy City Recorder Tony Lara (remotely); Parks and Recreation Director Brian Vawdrey; and Public Works Director/City Engineer Naseem Ghandour.

Also Attending: Daria Evans, Karen Cornelius, Kim Cornelius, Dennis Frank, Nathan Steele, Emmeline McCumber, Trinity Ewing, Brian Voeks, Jane Pearce, David Pearce, Darlene Price, and others who did not sign in or whose writing was illegible.

AGENDA

Presiding Mayor Zack Stratton

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stratton called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Council Member Holdaway gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, OR PROCLAMATIONS

All individuals on the agenda were recognized and congratulated. A Photo was taken.

3.1. Hunter Campbell and Tony Tienda, Environmental Utilities Operators

The City recognizes Hunter Campbell and Tyson Tienda, Water Operator 1, for earning their Grade 2 Water Operator Certification. This certification reflects expertise in water systems and qualifies them to operate, treat, and distribute water in large, complex municipal systems.

3.2. Blaine Nielson, Public Works Technician

The city recognizes Blaine Nielson, Public Works Technician, for receiving his ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Arborist certification. This certificate reflects his continued professional growth and recognizes his level of knowledge and skill in the art and science of arboriculture, encompassing areas such as tree biology, diagnosis, maintenance, and safety.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE

5.1. Consolidated Fee Schedule

Mr. Steele asked how the fees were determined and if the Library Board approved the fees. Parks and Recreation Director Brian Vawdrey explained the fees. He said it was presented before the Library Board. 

6. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TENTATIVE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

6.1. Tentative 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget

MOTION: Council Member Holdaway moved to accept the tentative budget as presented. Council Member Wood seconded the motion. Yes: Council Members Holdaway, Lauret, McCumber, Nair, and Wood. No: None. Motion Passed 5-0.

MOTION: Council Member McCumber moved to start the Public Hearing. Council Member Lauret seconded the motion. Yes: Council Members Holdaway, Lauret, McCumber, Nair, and Wood. No None. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

City Finance Director Evan Smith presented the budget through a PowerPoint presentation. Council Member McCumber requested that the budget be presented in a more user-friendly way. He thanked staff for working so diligently on it.

Public Comments:

 Daria Evans, Villas, asked questions regarding the Rad Newman project, installation of fire hydrant aprons, the 400 North design-build project and its relation to the RDA, and whether the city has reapplied for the Vineyard Beach Improvement Grant following its April 2026 expiration.

 Karen Cornelious, Villas resident, requested greater transparency regarding the Redevelopment Agency (RDA), including access to a financial overview such as a balance sheet, outstanding obligations, revenue, and bond repayment plans. The resident expressed interest in understanding the RDA's financial position and its potential impact on property values and asked how property owners can obtain this information.

 Nathan Steele resident, expressed appreciation for early publication of budget materials and provided detailed feedback on the proposed budget. The comments included questions regarding the use of fund balance in calculating the operating surplus, salary adjustments, and potential staffing changes, including reductions in certain departments. He also requested additional context and transparency related to planning budget reductions, projected grant revenues, police contract expenditures, and asset ownership. Concerns were raised about the potential impact of organizational changes on the City's bond rating and debt obligations. Mr. Steele emphasized the

need for clearer narrative explanations and supporting documentation to improve public understanding of budget decisions.

MOTION: Council Member Lauret moved to end the Public Hearing. Council Member Wood seconded the motion. Yes: Council Members Holdaway, Lauret, McCumber, Nair, and Wood. No None. **MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

7. CONSENT ITEMS

7.1. Approval of the April 28, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

7.2. Approval of the May 5, 2026, City Council Work Meeting Minutes

7.3. Approval of Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) CWP Water Supply Agreement and Takedown Schedule

MOTION: Council Member Nair moved to accept the consent items as presented. Council Member McCumber seconded the motion. Yes: Council Members Holdaway, Lauret, McCumber, Nair, and Wood. No: None. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)

“Public Comments” is defined as time set aside for citizens to express their views. *Public comments can be submitted ahead of time to tonyl@vineyardutah.gov.*

Daria Evans, Villas, expressed concern that future city amenities should not be encumbered by developer-related obligations prior to City ownership. She also inquired whether questions raised during a previous public hearing would be addressed.

During the discussion, it was noted that certain questions would be addressed in the RDA meeting. Staff clarified that grant revenues are included in the budget as required, and expenditures tied to those grants would only occur if fundings were received. Additionally, clarification was provided that the RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) program referenced in the budget is a self-defense initiative for women.

 **Dennis Frank**, Cascade resident raised concerns about closed pedestrian access through the wetlands and indicated that closures may be ignored, particularly during Vineyard Days, suggesting a need for improved access control or monitoring. The resident also noted ongoing maintenance issues, including vegetation overgrowth near Russian olive trees, fire prevention concerns, and inadequate upkeep on steep slopes and slide hill areas. He requested improved and more consistent maintenance in these locations.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1. Vineyard City's Floodplain Regulation Update (National Flood Insurance Program Compliance)

Vineyard City is proposing updates to its floodplain management regulations by ordinance to maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) following updated flood hazard determinations issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

 Public Works Director/City Engineer Naseem Ghandour, gave updates to the Floodplain

compliance. He thanked Justine for her work on this. He presented a PowerPoint presentation to help explain the needed update.

Mr. Ghandour presented a proposed Floodplain Regulation Ordinance update required for compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and FEMA standards. The update is intended to maintain eligibility for flood insurance, federal disaster funding, and grants, while promoting public safety and responsible development in flood-prone areas.

The presentation outlined updated flood hazard mapping, primarily affecting areas near Utah Lake, and explained that the ordinance establishes development standards, including elevation and permitting requirements for new construction in designated flood zones. The update does not impact existing structures.

Staff emphasized that the ordinance is compliance-driven, with minimal local modifications, and includes administrative provisions designating the Public Works Director as Floodplain Administrator and establishing enforcement mechanisms for noncompliance.

The public comment period will conclude May 31, 2026, with ordinance adoption scheduled for City Council consideration in June.

Council discussion focused on clarification of compliance requirements, enforcement provisions, and confirmation that the ordinance does not impose direct costs on existing residents. 



10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1. Approve Updated Consolidated Fee Schedule

MOTION: Council Member Holdaway moved to accept the Consolidated Fee Schedule as presented. Council Member Wood seconded the motion. Yes: Council Members Holdaway, Lauret, McCumber, Nair, and Wood. No: None. Motion Passed 5-0.

10.2. Discussion and Action: Council discussion and possible action on amending the Annual Meeting Schedule.

Discussion ensued about the date and time of the City Council work meeting. Tuesday at 4 pm was decided for the work session.

MOTION: Council Member Holdaway moved to change the Work Meeting schedule to every other Tuesday on the off weeks of City Council meetings starting the next City Council Meeting. Starting at 4 pm. Council Member Lauret seconded the motion. Yes: Council Members Holdaway, Lauret, McCumber, Nair, and Wood. No: None. Motion Passed 5-0.

11. COMMUNICATION

12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Holdaway moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED ON: May 26, 2026.

CERTIFIED CORRECT BY: Robin Bond
ROBIN BOND, CITY RECORDER



APPROVED