

**SANTA CLARA CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR SANTA CLARA CITY, WASHINGTON, UTAH, met for a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 2603 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara, Utah. The meeting will be broadcasted on our city website at <https://santaclarautah.gov>.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Dave Pond
Councilwoman Janene Burton
Councilwoman Christa Hinton
Councilman Mark Hendrickson
Councilman Justin Caplin

Excused: Mayor Jarett Waite

Staff Present: Brock Jacobsen, City Manager
Selena Nez, City Recorder
Matt Ence, City Attorney
Jim McNulty, Planning Director
Cody Mitchell, Building Official
Dan Cazier, Fire Chief
Casey Stratton, Public Works Director
Gary Hall, Power Director
Ryan VonCannon, Parks Director
Lance Haynie, Government Affairs Director
Nick Tobler, Sergeant

Others Present: Nancy Larson
Tim Robinson

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Pond called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The mayor pro tem welcomed everyone and noted that council was present: Councilwoman Janene Burton, Councilwoman Christa Hinton, Councilman Mark Hendrickson and Justin Caplin. Excused Mayor Waite due to travel.

2. Opening Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Burton

Opening Comments: Reverend Alex Wilkie, Retired Baptist Minister

3. General Citizen Public Comments

No general citizen public comments were reordered.

4. Conflicts and Disclosures

No other conflicts were disclosed by council members.

5. Working Agenda

A. Public Hearing(s) 6:00 pm

1. Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding Storage of Personal Property Amendment to city code 8.04.090.

Building Official Cody Mitchell provided a brief overview of the revisions made to the ordinance following the May 13 work meeting. The primary updates included adding "or commercial bus" alongside every reference to "former school bus" throughout the document and capping permitted buses at one per property

under section D.1. City Attorney Matt Ence reviewed the ordinance and reorganized the definitions to the top of the section, consistent with the formatting of other city ordinances.

Mayor Pro Tem Pond opened the public hearing at 6:09 PM.

Nancy Larson of Crestview Drive expressed appreciation for the work done on the ordinance and sought clarification on whether detached utility trailers parked on the street with personal property in them would be covered under the new language. She also read a written statement submitted by neighbor Russell Atkins of Scenic Drive, who expressed strong support for the ordinance, writing that neighborhoods need to be kept orderly and that large commercial vehicles, school buses, and trailers have no place in a residential neighborhood and create safety and visibility hazards.

Tom Robinson, also of Crestview Drive, spoke at length about the ongoing issues at the corner of Crestview and Lava Ridge caused by school buses parked in the area. He described how the buses obstructed sightlines at the four-way stop, contributing to drivers running the stop sign and creating dangerous conditions for children. He noted that one of the buses had been moved to a property in Myrtle, Utah, but that another vehicle was subsequently brought back. He also raised concerns about homeless individuals having used the buses for shelter and general nuisances associated with ongoing vehicle maintenance being conducted on the street. He expressed gratitude to the council for addressing the matter and acknowledged that any such ordinance will involve difficult trade-offs.

Following public comment, City Attorney Ence clarified in response to Ms. Larson's question that detached utility trailers of the kind she described would not be directly addressed by this new ordinance. However, they would remain subject to existing city code provisions restricting vehicles and trailers from being left on public roads for more than 72 consecutive hours, as well as commercial parking restrictions limiting commercial vehicles to five hours.

The public hearing was closed.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes and Claims:
 - April 22, 2026, City Council Work and Regular Meeting
 - April 22, 2026, Closed Meeting Session
 - April 27, 2026, City Council Special Meeting
 - April 27, 2026, Closed Meeting Session
 - May 13, 2026, City Council Work and Regular Meeting
 - Claims through May 27, 2026

2. Calendar of Events:
 - June 10, 2026, City Council Work and Regular Meeting
 - June 15, 2026, Juneteenth National Freedom Day (Offices Closed)
 - June 24, 2026, City Council Work and Regular Meeting

Motion: Councilwoman Hinton moved to APPROVE the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Hendrickson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Hendrickson – Aye, Hinton – Aye, Burton – Aye and Caplin – Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

C. General Business

1. **Discussion and action to consider approval Storage of Personal Property amendment to city code 8.04.090 and to approve Ordinance No. 2026-08. Presented by Cody Mitchell, Building Official.**

Following the closure of the public hearing, the council moved directly to consider approval of the ordinance. No additional discussion was recorded.

Motion: Councilwoman Hinton moved to APPROVE the Storage of Personal Property amendment to city code 8.04.090 and approve Ordinance No. 2026-08. Councilwoman Burton seconded the

motion. Roll call vote: Hendrickson – Aye, Hinton – Aye, Burton – Aye and Caplin – Aye . Motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports

A. Mayor / Council Reports

Staff Reports

Various department heads provided updates:

Sergeant Nick Tobler reported:

- Reported on two recent vehicle theft and pursuit incidents
- Stated the first theft occurred in Santa Clara and the vehicle was recovered with evidence collected
- Noted a second pursuit the following evening, assisted by St. George, resulted in the apprehension of a suspect believed responsible for both incidents and additional countywide thefts
- Reported school resource officers have transitioned to summer duties, with one assigned to investigations and the other to traffic enforcement

IT and Administration Director Lance Haynie reported:

- Reported the city is evaluating cybersecurity vendors for potential cost savings
- Informed council the THUD grant request for the 69kV power line and substation project was reduced to \$500,000
- Noted concerns regarding NEPA compliance requirements relative to the reduced funding amount
- Reported the city is exploring a state legislative appropriation as an alternative funding source

Parks and Recreation Director Ryan VonCannon reported:

- Announced an upcoming eight-day AFA baseball tournament
- Reported staff are addressing routine maintenance and irrigation issues
- Stated soil samples from the columbarium site showed no blue clay, only orange sand
- Reported engineering footings have been designed and coordination is ongoing to adjust impact fees for multiple columbarium units

Power Director Gary Hall reported:

- Provided updates on UAMPS projects
- Reported the Nebo plant is operating at 65 percent capacity with turbine repairs expected by July or August
- Noted market purchases are being used to offset production shortfall
- Reported the Millard County Wartsila project approved long-lead equipment purchases, though transmission rights remain unresolved
- Stated the Wolverine Creek wind farm refurbishment is expected to yield a 26–30 percent capacity factor with approximately a one-megawatt share
- Reported maintenance issues on generators three and four are being addressed

Public Works Director Casey Stratton reported:

- Reported the annual slurry seal project was completed successfully with positive public feedback
- Noted the use of interactive maps developed by the IT department
- Reported findings from a traffic study at Gates Lane and Clary Hills Drive
- Stated a lighted stop sign will be installed on southbound Gates Lane, designating Clary Hills Drive as the through street

Fire Chief Dan Cazier reported:

- Reported the SAFER grant application is underway with awards anticipated in October

- Announced a fireworks map will be posted on the city website ahead of the Fourth of July
- Reported on two recent structure fires, including a minor electrical fire in Ivins and a total loss residential fire in Gunlock
- Noted receipt of a \$50,000 county check, potentially part of a quarterly funding arrangement

Building Official Cody Mitchell reported:

- Reported the city is nearing 100 residential permits, currently at 92 issued with additional permits in review and pending payment
- Noted positive feedback on recent building improvements
- Reported upcoming projects including Coyote Landing apartments, a mixed-use building near Merc, and interest from McDonald's

Planning Director Jim McNulty reported:

- Confirmed McDonald's is conducting due diligence on the Cole West commercial property
- Reported a hotel feasibility analysis is underway for the site
- Announced an upcoming Planning Commission meeting
- Reported the Hillside Protection Overlay Zone committee will begin work with a projected completion timeline of three to four months

City Manager Brock Jacobsen reported:

- Reported on Water Conservancy District discussions regarding ADU water usage and impact fees
- Noted reservoir levels are strong across regional facilities
- Shared population data estimates for Washington County from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
- Reported the city is finalizing the upcoming budget and completing bond-related reconciliation work
- Provided updates on Swiss Days preparations
- Reported adjustments to the public safety interlocal agreement with minimal fiscal impact
- Noted the animal control agreement is under review
- Confirmed receipt of \$50,000 in county fire funding and plans to pursue a more formal agreement
- Suggested evaluating traffic signal warrants at Chapel Street
- Reported the 69kV project will likely require bonding, with potential state funding to reduce costs

City Recorder Selena Nez reported:

- The Bison artist book has been re-submitted for council review to select a replacement artist, as the originally selected artist was unavailable.

Mayor / Council Reports

Councilwoman Justin Caplin had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Janene Burton reported on Police Appreciation Week activities, including coordinating gift certificate donations from local Santa Clara businesses such as Harmon's, Swigg, and Tagg-N-Go. She noted an upcoming America's 250th anniversary movie-in-the-park event on June 6, featuring the Disney film Johnny Tremaine, with Bahama Bucks providing complimentary treats. She also attended a Heritage Committee meeting and heard from Speaker Schultz regarding craftsman-style buildings.

Councilwoman Christa Hinton had no formal report but clarified details for the America 250 events, noting that the movie in the park was listed as beginning at 9:00 PM on the flyer, and that a lecture by Dennis Lovett was scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 in the banquet room. She mentioned the Liberty truck exhibit, currently at Liberty Village, would be coming to Ivins in the near future.

Councilman Mark Hendrickson noted that the flood control authority requires designation of an alternate member and requested the item be placed on the next work meeting agenda. He reported that a community support team has been formed for foster care families in the Santa Clara area under the Courage community event initiative, led by Tara Reynolds of Up On The Heights.

Councilman Dave Pond reported that he had attended the Liberty Village family week and viewed the Liberty truck exhibit. He noted that the columbarium project could proceed following the soil test results confirming no blue clay. He also brought to the council's attention that political campaign signs had appeared along Pioneer Parkway, including a large sign for one candidate and a smaller yard sign for another. He noted that the area falls within a zone where such signs are not permitted under the city's existing ordinance and indicated he would refer the matter to code enforcement.

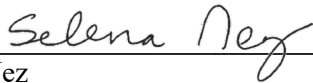
7. Closed Meeting Session

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Pond confirmed there was no closed meeting session.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Councilwoman Burton moved to adjourn. Councilman Caplin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Selena Nez
City Recorder

Approved: _____ June 10, 2026