



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers at City Hall and Online

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present included Art Adcock, Lynn Mecham Travis Keel, Jeff Siddoway and Brian Del Rosario

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Assistant City Manager Jason Bond, City Recorder Stephanie Christensen, City Legal Counsel Brett Rich, Financial Director Shannon Hoffman, Fire Chief Ryan Lind, Community Services Director Kami Ellsworth, Digital Content Specialist Molly Warnick, Payson Santaquin Chamber of Commerce Jim Rowland, Christine Bell, Jonathon Sirrize, Karleen Savage, Dustin Holden, Dennis Larsen, Blake Leonelli, Dalan Briggs, Morgan Nielson, Kale Smith, Lacey Keel, Andrew Brower, Syd Jorgenson, Burk Terry and additional members of the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Lynn Mecham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Councilor Brian Del Rosario offered an inspirational thought.

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No members of the City Council expressed any conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA (MINUTES, BILLS, ITEMS)

Minutes

- 1. 05-19-2026 – City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes**
- 2. 05-19-2026 – City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

Bills

- 3. Review City Expenditures from 05-16-2026 to 05-29-2026 in the amount to \$567,476.56**
- 4. Out of State Travel Request - Fire Department**

Mayor Olson invited Fire Chief Ryan Lind to address the Council regarding an out-of-state travel request. Fire Chief Lind explained that three individuals had previously been approved to travel to the manufacturer for the pre-build inspection of the new fire engine. The current request sought approval for a fourth individual, Allan Duke, to attend, at a total all-inclusive cost of \$2,000 (covering round-trip airfare, lodging, and meals).

Fire Chief Lind explained that the pre-build process involved reviewing over 2,200 line items requiring decisions and specifications — far more complex than a standard vehicle purchase. The purpose of including Allan Duke was to ensure continuity of knowledge for future apparatus orders, in the event that

Fire Chief Lind was unavailable or no longer in his position. The Fire Chief described this as a core responsibility of leadership — training up a successor.

Councilor Art Adcock expressed support for the additional traveler, noting a prior conversation with the Fire Chief in which the rationale was explained clearly.

Councilor Travis Keel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 4. Councilor Brian Del Rosario seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Olson announced that nine individuals had signed up to speak during the public forum, with a total allotted time of 30 minutes (approximately three minutes per speaker). Mayor Olson also acknowledged that additional speakers who had signed up after the initial list would be accommodated if time permitted.

Dustin Holden

Mr. Dustin Holden addressed the Council regarding several GRAMA (Government Records Access and Management Act) requests he had submitted approximately a week and a half prior. He stated his purpose was to gather information that would allow him to better understand and support the City Council's fiscal decisions. His requests covered the following areas:

- How City funds are being spent and why
- The City's grant-seeking activities and processes
- The sewer on the Main Street expansion
- How and why the bid was awarded and how change orders are managed
- The data center project — specifically noting that data centers in Utah are exempt from sales tax under a provision passed in 2016, meaning the anticipated \$3.5 million in sales tax revenue would likely not materialize
- The Waste Management contract — expressing concern that it was approved without the Council seeing a final version
- Automated license plate readers (Flock cameras) — requesting information on data usage, storage, and whether data is being shared with federal agencies
- Fire truck and police costs — asking whether cooperative agreement partners (such as Genola and Elberta) are sharing proportionally in the increased costs

Mr. Holden concluded by expressing his desire to maintain a productive relationship with City staff and Council Members, including City Manager Norm Beagley and Recorder Stephanie Christensen, and acknowledged that he had submitted his GRAMA requests rapidly.

Dennis Larson

Mr. Dennis Larson addressed the Council regarding the proper handling of conflicts of interest in public office. He referenced having observed a conflict of interest at a recent City Council meeting that he felt

was not handled appropriately. He outlined the following recommended steps for managing a conflict of interest:

1. Identify the conflict — A conflict arises when a Council Member or a close family member has a direct or indirect financial, property, or business stake in a matter being voted on, or when dual roles or personal loyalties prevent impartial action.
2. Make a formal disclosure — At the time the agenda item is called, clearly state on the record that a conflict exists and describe its nature.
3. Document it — Ensure the City Clerk or recording secretary captures the disclosure in the official minutes.
4. Recuse yourself — Step back from the entire decision-making process.
5. Do not debate or advocate — A recused member may not use personal influence to sway other council members.
6. Leave the room — It is best practice to physically exit the Council Chambers until the vote is concluded to avoid the appearance of undue influence.
7. Abstain from voting — The recused member cannot participate in the vote or count toward the quorum for that specific motion. If the quorum is affected, the city attorney should be consulted.

Mr. Larson warned that failure to declare a conflict of interest can result in serious consequences, including voided decisions and legal challenges. He recommended that Santaquin City consider expanding its conflict of interest code beyond the minimum state requirements to better protect the City, its citizens, and its reputation.

Dalan Briggs

Mr. Dalan Briggs introduced himself as a seven-year resident of Santaquin and a member of the RAP Tax Committee for over four years. He spoke in support of the proposed skate park. Drawing on his professional background — having worked for three cities as a park superintendent and been involved in designing and building skate parks — he addressed common concerns about skate parks, including graffiti, crime, and undesirable crowds. He noted that the same concerns apply to any public space in the City, including parks, pavilions, and restrooms, all of which are maintained by the City's public works, parks, and police departments.

Mr. Briggs argued that failing to provide a space for skateboarders, BMX riders, and scooter riders would be a disservice to youth, and that if they are not given a dedicated space, they will gather elsewhere. He noted that the RAP Tax Committee had unanimously recommended allocating just over \$100,000 from RAP Tax funds toward the skate park, in conjunction with an available grant, and suggested that impact fees or other funding sources could cover the remainder.

Councilor Brian Del Rosario (on behalf of Ty Nelson and the Martinez Family)

Council Member Brian Del Rosario read statements on behalf of two community members who were unable to attend.

On behalf of Ty Nelson (resident and parent):

Mr. Nelson expressed strong support for the skate park, citing the need for recreational opportunities for teens and young adults who do not participate in traditional sports. He noted that a skate park would provide a safe, active, and positive space for youth to gather, develop skills, build friendships, and spend time outdoors. He also suggested that a dedicated skate park could reduce skateboarding in parking lots, sidewalks, and school areas. He acknowledged that thoughtful planning would be necessary, including careful site selection, professional design, clear rules and operating hours, adequate lighting, visibility, seating, shade, and parking.

On behalf of the Martinez Family:

The Martinez family, a family of six with four children ages 10, 8, 4, and 1, submitted a written statement expressing strong support for the skate park. They noted that Santaquin currently lacks such a facility, requiring them to travel to neighboring communities — including Kanab, where the skate park and pump track have become family favorites. They addressed concerns about crime, noting that one parent has 13 years of law enforcement experience, and stated that modern skate parks are family-oriented recreational spaces. They described their consistent experiences at skate parks as positive, with families spending time together, parents supervising children, and young people engaging in healthy outdoor recreation. A photo of their children at a skate park was shared with the Council.

Morgan Nielson

Ms. Nielson spoke in favor of the skate park, challenging the perception that skate parks are associated with counterculture or criminal activity. She referenced Tony Hawk as an example of a respected public figure who came from skateboarding culture. She shared her personal experience visiting nearly every skate park in Utah County with her children and described consistently positive environments — welcoming atmospheres, kids helping each other learn, teens socializing constructively, and adults exercising after work.

She highlighted a Provo business called Carry On, an indoor skate park that integrates mental health programming alongside skating, teaching resilience and confidence. She noted that she learned about it from a teenager from a group home who credited skating with changing his life.

Ms. Nielsen argued that as children grow older, they need a "third space" beyond home and school to build community and connection. She noted that her daughter said the City should build a skate park because "I really like to skate and it's cool," and that her son responded with "That would be so cool" when asked about it, though he declined to speak publicly. She expressed her family's full support for the project.

Kale Smith

Mr. Kale Smith introduced himself as a three-year Santaquin resident living in the Foothill neighborhood with his wife and three children (ages 5, 3, and 1). He noted that his 5-year-old had prepared a speech — "Dad, get a skate park" — but was attending a T-ball game. Mr. Smith also identified himself as a member of the RAP Tax Committee.

He confirmed that the RAP Tax Committee's recommendation to the City Council was unanimous — to direct just over \$100,000 of this year's RAP Tax dollars toward the skate park or a future bicycle pump track, based on community feedback and committee members' own experiences.

Mr. Smith challenged the misconception that skate parks are dirty or serve only a small portion of the population, drawing on his own lifelong experience riding BMX bikes, skateboards, and rollerblades at parks throughout Utah County. He described the typical demographic at skate parks as children aged 8 to 12, accompanied by parents with strollers. He suggested the facilities should more accurately be called "scooter parks." He referenced the Cherry Ridge Park in Springville and the Bluffdale skate park as examples of family-friendly facilities, describing a recent visit to Bluffdale where he counted over 10 families and two dozen children, with a mother sharing lemonade with all in attendance.

He concluded by expressing personal enthusiasm for the project and support for his children's recreational development.

Jonathan Sirrize

Mr. Sirrize identified himself as a parent of a 7-year-old and a 4-year-old, and a regular visitor to Utah County skate parks. He echoed previous speakers' positive observations and shared that he grew up skating, describing it as an outlet during difficult times in his life. He expressed confidence that the proposed skate park would be a family-friendly asset for Santaquin youth and noted that he had reviewed the plans and believed the design would support that goal.

Lacey Keel

Mrs. Lacey Keel stated that she had not planned to speak but felt compelled to represent residents who oppose the skate park but had not signed up to speak. She invited those in the room who did not want a skate park but had not signed up to stand, noting that good people are often quiet and rely on their elected officials to act on their behalf.

She stated that based on her Facebook following, over 1,000 people, not a single follower had expressed support for the skate park. She acknowledged that if a skate park were to be built, quality matters — referencing the St. George skate park, which cost between \$8 and \$10 million, as an example of a facility that attracts quality users. She argued that a lower-budget facility would attract lower-quality users.

Mrs. Keel suggested that the available funding — approximately \$287,000 — would be better spent completing the park adjacent to the city offices and library, which she described as an eyesore of weeds that would be used by far more residents than a skate park. She expressed opposition to the skate park outright, stating she does not want it in Santaquin at all, and noted that three individuals had asked her how to have it removed from the master plan.

She referenced her husband's 20 years of law enforcement experience and a conversation with an officer who described skate parks as "the new flagpole" — a reference to the old practice of meeting at a school flagpole to fight — suggesting that skate parks have become gathering points for conflict.

Andrew Brower

Mr. Andrew Brower introduced himself as a Santaquin resident who grew up in south Provo near the original Provo skate park, which he described as a basic Eagle Scout project. He is the father of a 7-year-old, a 3-year-old, and a 1-year-old. His parents live near the Washington Wheels Park in St. George, which his children love.

He pushed back on the suggestion that the budget of a skate park determines the quality of its users. He stated that in all his years at the basic Provo skate park, he never witnessed drug use, alcohol consumption, or illegal activity. He noted that he does not drink, has never used illegal drugs, and does not have tattoos — yet grew up at a minimal skate park.

He argued that the proposed plans for Santaquin, while modest, represent a meaningful start and that the size or budget of a skate park does not determine the character of those who use it. He credited skateboarding with teaching him hard work, resilience, patience, and persistence, and noted that his deepest and longest-lasting friendships were formed at the skate park. He concluded with a personal story of landing a difficult trick at age 15 to the applause of strangers, describing it as a formative and unforgettable experience.

Mayor Olson thanked all speakers for their participation and input.

5. Chamber of Commerce Report

Jim Rowland, President of the Payson Santaquin Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council with updates on upcoming events and organizational developments.

Hometown Market

- The first night of the Hometown Market is scheduled for June 15th, two weeks from the meeting date.
- 39 booths have already registered.
- The opening night theme features Hawaiian dancers and fire dancers, described as a popular draw.
- Six food trucks will be in attendance, including El Pancho and La Conchita. Details have been posted to the Chamber's website.
- Upcoming Hometown Market dates:
 - June 29 — America 250 Celebration, featuring the Army Band and additional vendors
 - July 13 — Youth Night
 - July 29 — Pets in the Park
 - August 10 — Back to School Bash
- All events will feature live music, entertainment, and participation from local Santaquin businesses.

The Chamber has hired two new part-time staff members:

Nellissi Donigan — Secretary

David Rowley — Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Rowley runs the Innovation Center at MTECH and specializes in helping small businesses launch and grow. His focus will be on member involvement and retention.

Mr. Rowland expressed enthusiasm for the Chamber's direction and its role in supporting local business growth and tax revenue. Council Members expressed appreciation for his efforts and jokingly requested that he work to attract a steakhouse to Santaquin.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Olson read statements 6 through 10 as per the Truth and Taxation State code.

6. Budget Officer/Mayor intends to state the following:

- * Santaquin City is considering a tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate.
- * The approximate dollar amount of the proposed property tax increase is \$73,407.00 total.
- * The purpose of the ad valorem tax revenue increase is proposed to be used for Fire Department Apparatus and Library staffing.
- * The approximate percentage increase in ad valorem tax revenue that is based on the tax rate increase is approximately 3.4%.
- * In accordance with Section 59-2-919(8)(a) UCA, as amended, the following information is given pursuant to a public hearing on a proposed property tax increase:

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Santaquin City

City Council Chambers

110 South Center Street

Santaquin, Utah 84655

Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed increase during the above listed public hearing.

7. Property Tax Increase Intent Statement by the Budget Officer/Mayor That the Tentative Budget Includes a Property Tax Increase and Presentation of a Proposed Property Tax Impact Schedule Pursuant to Section 59-2-919(4)(b)(i) of the Utah Code.

- * Santaquin City is considering a tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate.
- * The approximate dollar amount of the proposed property tax increase is \$73,407.00 total.
- * The purpose of the ad valorem tax revenue increase is proposed to be used for Fire Department Apparatus and Library staffing.
- * The approximate percentage increase in ad valorem tax revenue that is based on the tax rate increase is approximately 3.4%.
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8. Restatement of Resolution 05-04-2026 – Acknowledging that the Budget Officer/Mayor Stated That the Tentative Budget Includes a Property Tax Increase and that the Budget Officer/Mayor presented a Proposed Property Tax Impact Schedule.

- * Santaquin City is considering a tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate.
- * The approximate dollar amount of the proposed property tax increase is \$73,407.00 total.
- * The purpose of the ad valorem tax revenue increase is proposed to be used for Fire Department Apparatus and Library staffing.
- * The approximate percentage increase in ad valorem tax revenue that is based on the tax rate increase is approximately 3.4%.
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9. Restatement of Resolution 05-05-2026 – A Resolution Adopting the Tentative FY2026-2027 Budget for Santaquin City, the Property Tax Impact Schedule, and Setting the Date for a Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget.

- * Santaquin City is considering a tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate.
- * The approximate dollar amount of the proposed property tax increase is \$73,407.00 total.

- * The purpose of the ad valorem tax revenue increase is proposed to be used for Fire Department Apparatus and Library staffing.
- * The approximate percentage increase in ad valorem tax revenue that is based on the tax rate increase is approximately 3.4%.
- * In accordance with Section 59-2-919(8)(a) UCA, as amended, the following information is given pursuant to a public hearing on a proposed property tax increase:

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Santaquin City

City Council Chambers

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Santaquin, Utah 84655

Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed increase during the above listed public hearing.

10. Restatement of Resolution 05-06-2026 – Acknowledging that the Budget Officer/Mayor Stated That a Public Hearing will be Held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 7:00 pm Regarding the Proposed Property Tax Increase.

- * Santaquin City is considering a tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate.
- * The approximate dollar amount of the proposed property tax increase is \$73,407.00 total.
- * The purpose of the ad valorem tax revenue increase is proposed to be used for Fire Department Apparatus and Library staffing.
- * The approximate percentage increase in ad valorem tax revenue that is based on the tax rate increase is approximately 3.4%.
- * In accordance with Section 59-2-919(8)(a) UCA, as amended, the following information is given pursuant to a public hearing on a proposed property tax increase:

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

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Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed increase during the above listed public hearing.

FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING

Councilor Jeff Siddoway made a motion to move into a Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Tentative Budget and Proposed Property Tax Increase. Councilor Brian Del Rosario seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

11. Formal Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget and Proposed Property Tax Increase.

Dustin Holden

Mr. Dustin Holden, identifying himself as a CFO of a \$100 million company with extensive budgeting experience, addressed the proposed tax increase with the following points:

- Sales tax revenue variance: He noted that sales taxes are coming in higher than expected and asked whether this reflects a genuine positive surprise or a flaw in the budgeting methodology. He emphasized the importance of understanding deviations from budget projections.
- Scale of the increase: The proposed \$73,476 represents approximately half a percent of the nearly \$14 million general fund. He questioned whether the City could identify equivalent savings rather than raising taxes.
- Financial position: He cited the following as reasons why a tax increase may be premature:
 - The general fund grew by more than \$1 million based on audited numbers
 - \$500,000 has already been set aside for the new ladder truck from the fire surplus fund
 - A new \$330,000 budget line item contributes to the general fund
 - The City is approximately 20% under its projected spending
 - The statutory savings limit is 35%, and the City has not reached it
- Lack of specificity: He criticized the vague description of "fire apparatus" in the budget proposal and asked for more detail on what exactly the funds would be used for, whether the costs are one-time or recurring, and what financing or grant options have been explored.
- Financing vs. permanent tax: He questioned why a permanent tax increase was being proposed rather than financing the equipment or making a one-time budget adjustment. He noted that previous apparatus purchases were financed through PNC and asked whether that option had been considered.
- Grant pursuit: He suggested that if the City can pursue grants for a skate park, it should similarly pursue grants for fire apparatus.
- State contract: He asked whether the Council is confident the state contract for fire trucks represents the best available pricing, or whether additional market research should be conducted.
- General fund savings: He noted that the general fund is projected to grow by another \$840,000 in the next fiscal year, largely driven by interest on reserves, and asked what the City is saving toward.
- Cost of living inequity: He noted that while government employees receive cost-of-living adjustments, many Santaquin residents have not seen income increases in years and are struggling with rising costs.

He concluded by offering his availability to discuss finances and brainstorm solutions with any Council Member, Mayor, or city administrator, and reiterated his commitment to the Santaquin community.

BurkTerry

Mr. Burk Terry addressed the Council in opposition to the property tax increase. He stated that the City had also raised taxes the prior year for fire department and other needs and expressed frustration at the recurring nature of the increases. He noted that he is on a fixed Social Security income with no retirement account and cannot afford continued tax increases. He stated that he has lived in Santaquin for 20 years and is considering moving due to the financial burden. He acknowledged appreciation for the Council Members' service but urged them to find alternative solutions before raising taxes. He noted that his Social Security cost-of-living adjustment does not match the proposed 3.4% increase being placed on residents.

Councilor Brian Del Rosario made a motion to end the Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget and Proposed Property Tax Increase. Councilor Jeff Siddoway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

BUILDING PERMIT & BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

Assistant City Manager Bond presented the Building Permit Report. 147 residential units have been issued building permits in the current calendar year. In comparison, 219 single and multi-family residential units have been issued building permits in the current fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). We had 3 new business licenses issued in the last month.

RESOLUTIONS

12. Resolution 06-01-2026 – Lenslock, Inc. Agreement

The City Manager presented Resolution 06-01-2026, **LensLock, Inc. Agreement**, the provider of body cameras and vehicle cameras for the police department, including storage and management services.

Key points:

- This is the fourth year of a five-year contract, being renewed one year early.
- The early renewal was prompted by ongoing issues with the current equipment, including bulging batteries, insufficient storage capacity, and download failures.
- All issues have been addressed under warranty, but the new contract provides updated equipment to resolve these problems.
- The cameras are critical tools for officer safety and public accountability.

Councilor Brian Del Rosario made a motion to approve Resolution 06-01-2026 – Lenslock, Inc, Agreement. Councilor Travis Keel seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

13. Resolution 06-02-2026 - Solid Waste and Recycle Contract - Waste Management

The City Manager Norm Beagley presented Resolution 06-02-2026, Solid Waste and Recycling services contract - Waste Management, following the Council's earlier award of the contract.

Key provisions of the contract:

- The contract had been in the council packet since the prior Friday for review.
- Permitted fees are limited exclusively to those identified in Exhibit A: can replacement fees (\$90), fuel surcharges, recycling can costs, second can costs, etc.
- No additional fees may be charged beyond those explicitly listed. Any new fee or service proposal must come back through a formal contract amendment with City Council approval.

- Direct payment to Bay View: The City will now pay the South Utah Valley Solid Waste District (operator of the Bay View facility in Elberta) directly, eliminating the previous arrangement where Republic Services collected payment and paid Bay View with a potential markup.
- City facility service: Waste Management will also service front-load containers at City facilities including the public safety building, public works building, and recreation buildings.

A typographical error was identified: the Resolution cover page referred to "Board Member" instead of "City Council Member." The motion was amended to include this correction.

Discussion: Council Members raised questions about how residents would be notified of the transition to new containers. City Manager Norm Beagley confirmed that a coordination meeting with Waste Management was scheduled for the following day and that messaging would be distributed via the City website, social media, and the City's Everbridge notification system through the County phone/text system (which reaches all utility billing customers). Council Members emphasized the importance of broad outreach, noting that a significant portion of the City's approximately 21,000 residents are not active on social media.

Councilor Brian Del Rosario made a motion to approve Resolution 06-02-2026 - Solid Waste and Recycle Contract - Waste Management with the change from Board Members to Council Members on the Resolution cover page. Councilor Jeff Siddoway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS AND RESOLUTION

Discussion & Possible Actions

14. Discussion & Possible Action Item – Include or Not Include Skate Park in Interim and Final Budgets for FY 2026-2027

Mayor Olson opened discussion on the proposed skate park at Harvest View Sports Complex, acknowledging it as a significant topic of public interest. He noted that a grant had been received two weeks prior with a one-year signing deadline, and that differing viewpoints had been aired at the previous meeting and again during the public forum.

Financial Overview (presented during discussion):

- Total estimated project cost: ~\$570,000–\$575,000
- Grant funding (50%): ~\$285,000
- RAP Tax Committee recommendation: \$100,000
- Remaining funding needed from impact fees: ~\$185,000
- Note: The cost estimate had previously included a fence, which is no longer recommended by safety experts, as open visibility is considered safer. Lighting at the proposed location would just be spillover from existing lights at the pickle ball courts, parking lot, etc. — not dedicated skate park lighting.

Councilor Art Adcock: Described himself as being "both for and against it" and requested a full financial review before deciding. He expressed appreciation for the design, acknowledged that children need recreational spaces, and noted concerns about whether the money could be better spent elsewhere. He mentioned receiving pressure from his son in Phoenix (in favor) and acknowledged a prior commitment to a constituent to vote against it, which he appeared to be reconsidering. He expressed concern about safe pedestrian access from the City Center to the proposed location at Harvest View.

Councilor Brian Del Rosario: Shared that he visited the West Valley City Skate Park the previous evening from 8:00–8:40 pm specifically to conduct research. He interviewed four parents and observed 20–40 children ranging in age from approximately 5 to 23. He noted minimal vandalism (stickers on a shade structure and a few plastic cups), multiple trash cans, and a warm, family-oriented atmosphere. He posted an unedited 360-degree video of his visit to his Facebook page for public viewing. He recounted conversations with parents who expressed gratitude for the space, including a Spanish-speaking family visiting for the first time and a father who described watching his child gain confidence with the encouragement of older kids. Council Member Brian Del Rosario acknowledged his own tendency toward judgment and stated that he was genuinely surprised and moved by what he observed. He noted that the proposed location at Harvest View already has parking, restrooms, and security cameras, and is visible from the road — similar to the West Valley facility.

Councilor Jeff Siddoway Stated he has supported the skate park since before he ran for office, having been introduced to the concept by a predecessor approximately five years ago.

Councilor Lynn Mecham Stated that with 34 years of experience as an educator, he has firsthand knowledge of what happens at skate parks — both positive and negative — and that in his judgment, the negatives outweigh the positives for a City of Santaquin's size. He stated he could not in good conscience vote for the skate park.

Councilor Travis Keel: Drawing on 20 years of law enforcement experience, including 18 years in communities with skate parks and 7 years in Payson, he expressed concern that the positive experiences described by other speakers reflect skate parks in other communities — not the population that would use a Santaquin skate park. He warned that youth from Payson's skate park, which he described as problematic, would likely frequent a Santaquin facility. He noted that the Payson Police Department responded to their skate park 27 times in 2025. He questioned the long-term costs of police responses, graffiti cleanup, and other associated expenses. He advocated for directing the available funds toward cleaning up the City Center instead, calling it a more universally beneficial use of resources.

Councilor Brian Del Rosario Acknowledged Councilor Keel's concerns but noted that the proposed location at Harvest View — adjacent to baseball fields, soccer fields, and pickle ball courts — mirrors the setting of the West Valley skate park, which he found to be well-managed. He suggested that the City could support both the skate park and other community improvements, and offered to personally make a financial contribution toward anti-vandalism measures or other skate park-related costs. The Mayor suggested that donations could be directed through Friends of Santaquin, with donor-designated purposes.

Councilor Travis Keel made a motion to not include the skate park in interim and Final Budgets for FY 2026-2027. Councilor Lynn Mecham seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	No
Councilor Del Rosario	No
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	No

The motion failed.

Councilor Brain Del Rosario made a motion to include the skate park in interim and Final Budgets for FY 2026-2027. Councilor Jeff Siddoway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	No
Councilor Mecham	No
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

CONVENE OF THE SANTAQUIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY

Mayor Olson stated we needed to convene into the Santaquin Community Development and Renewal Agency. Councilor Lynn Mecham made a motion to enter into the Santaquin Community Development and Renewal Agency (CDRA) Board Meeting. Councilor Jeff Siddoway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

The CDRA Board meeting began at 8:40 p.m.

15. Resolution 06-01-2026 CDA – Subordination Agreement Santaquin Peaks Industrial Park

City Manager Norm Beagley presented a subordination agreement related to the Santaquin Peaks Industrial Park. Approximately one year prior, the City sold two lots in the industrial park to Mahogany Land, a cabinet manufacturing company. The purchase agreement included a notice of interest that placed the City in a first-lien position to protect its interests during the development of the industrial park.

The proposed subordination agreement would move the City to a second-lien position, allowing Mahogany Land to secure \$9 million in construction financing from Mountain America Federal Credit Union to proceed with building their facility. The City Manager Beagley noted that this is consistent with the economic development purposes of the original purchase agreement and that the City's ability to repurchase the property at the original price would effectively be amended to include the \$9 million in building investment — a scenario that is not anticipated to occur.

Property owner Sid Jorgenson was present and confirmed the following construction timeline:

- Underground work is complete
- Concrete slab to be poured Thursday (~590 yards)
- Building completion anticipated by February 2027
- The facility will house a premier cabinet manufacturing operation bearing the Santaquin name

Board Members expressed strong appreciation for the industrial park project, crediting the Mayor's vision approximately four years prior. The project was noted as having generated revenue that helped fund the City's new library without reliance on taxpayer funds.

Board Member Lynn Mecham made a motion to approve Resolution 06-01-2026 CDA – Subordination Agreement Santaquin Peaks Industrial Park for the Community Development and Renewal Agency of Santaquin City. Board Member Jeff Siddoway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

Board Member Jeff Siddoway made a motion to end the Santaquin Community Development and Renewal Agency (CDRA) Board Meeting and enter back into the Regular City Council Meeting. Board Member Lynn Mecham seconded the motion.

The CDRA Board meeting ended, and the Regular City Council meeting reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

REPORTS BY STAFF, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND MAYOR OLSON

Assistant City Manager Jason Bond:

- ARC Board: Following a recent code amendment establishing five members and one alternate for the Architectural Review Committee, a Planning Commissioner has been identified and has agreed to serve in that capacity. Formal appointment will be brought to the next Council meeting.
- Development Review Committee (DRC) — Upcoming Items:
 - Proposed Taco Bell: A site plan has been submitted for a Taco Bell location just north of the Fizz drink establishment on the west side of the parking lot where asphalt tailings are currently located. The DRC is reviewing the site plan.
 - Speed Bumps on Pole Canyon Road: A traffic control request for speed bumps has been submitted. The DRC will review this against MUTCD and engineering standards.
- Planning Commission — Upcoming Public Hearings:
 - Rezone Request: A property on State Road 198 is proposed to be rezoned from Residential Agriculture (RA) to Residential Commercial (RC). The applicant intends to operate a daycare, initially as a home occupation with potential future expansion to a commercial scale.
 - Code Amendment: A code amendment is proposed to align City code with recent state legislation that prohibits requiring residential landscaping as a condition of certificate of occupancy issuance.

City Manager Norm Beagley

- Special City Council Meeting — June 30, 2026, at 5:00 PM: Council Members were asked to reserve this date for a special meeting to address the final budget amendment for fiscal year close-out. Invitations will be sent the following day. This is expected to be a brief meeting with a single agenda item.

- Main Street Project: Construction is substantially complete. A section of concrete at 100 West was excavated to repair a leaking old irrigation pipe running north-south from Main Street. Public Works has completed the repair.
- The CUP (Connection/Utility Project) is underway, with parts expected on-site this week to begin tapping into the main line. Additional parts are still pending. Water delivery is anticipated this year.
- Library Construction Update: The new library building is progressing well. Carpet, flooring, and most stair treads are installed. Countertops, touchups, and cleanup are underway. The elevator is installed but has not yet been inspected by the state, and alarm/callout systems are not yet in place. Construction completion is estimated at approximately one month away. FF&E (furniture, fixtures, and equipment) procurement is being prepared for Council approval — expected at the June 16th meeting or the first meeting in July. Lead times are currently 4–6 weeks, placing delivery around Orchard Days and occupancy of the new building on track for September–October 2026.

Councilor Brian Del Rosario:

- Expressed gratitude to Jim Rowland for his dedication to the Chamber of Commerce and the Hometown Market, noting that his efforts have been a genuine blessing to the community.
- Acknowledged Dustin Holden's comments on the tax increase, confirming that the data center sales tax exemption (enacted in 2016 by the state legislature) is a real concern. He expressed optimism that the legislature may revisit this policy given current political trends.
- Thanked all community members who spoke during the public forum, including those who opposed the skate park. He described his practice of listening to opposing viewpoints and finding common ground, citing his relationship with the leader of the data center petition as an example. He referenced his advocacy for a digital communications position (now held by Molly) as a direct result of community feedback. He encouraged all residents, regardless of their views, to engage with him directly.

Councilor Art Adcock:

- Commended recent staff changes at the Senior Citizens Center, noting that many residents have expressed appreciation for improvements in service and meals under Sarah Miller and her team.
- Raised a concern about the museum roof, noting visible deterioration (white boards visible from the road) that appears to be worsening.
- Shared a report from the American Legion's Memorial Day poppy fundraiser, the organization's sole fundraiser used to pay for names on the cemetery wall (\$40 per name; nine names this year totaling \$360). He expressed pride and gratitude for the community's generosity, noting that one anonymous donor gave \$100 and three others donated \$50 each, despite widespread financial pressures.

Councilor Jeff Siddoway:

- Reminded the community of the Family Fitness Festival at Centennial Park that Saturday, beginning at 8:00 am. The event includes a 5K, vendor booths, and fitness classes. Youth participants have been walking or running throughout the past month or two and will complete their final mile at this event.
- Announced the My Hometown Service Day the following week — meeting at the A-Frame Church on Main Street at 8:30 am. Five service projects are planned, including fence repairs at the park and painting and repairing tables at Trumbolt day use area.
- Echoed appreciation for Jim Rowland and the Hometown Market, noting its significant growth since its first year.

Councilor Travis Keel:

- Provided an update on Youth City Council, noting it is entering a busy season. Youth Council Members helped at the fire department's Memorial Day breakfast on Monday. He expressed appreciation for Chelsea's support in managing Youth Council activities.
- Shared a library statistics report from Librarian Jen:
 - 7,247 active patrons (after removing those with no checkouts in 5+ years)
 - 70,742 physical item checkouts from July 1, 2025 through June 1, 2026 (not including digital checkouts through Libby)
 - May 12 — Bedazzle Night: 50 registered participants decorated books and personal items; a second event is planned for July due to popularity
 - May 29 — Summer Reading Program kickoff: 256 attendees watched *The Land Before Time* (moved indoors due to weather); 325 people have registered for the six-week summer reading program as of the day before the meeting; registration remains open throughout the program
- Expressed excitement about what the library will be able to accomplish in the new, larger building with additional staff.

Mayor Olson:

- Shared that a local business has offered to cover 50% of the cost of breakfast items for the fire department's Memorial Day breakfast going forward. He directed Chief Lind to follow up on the details.
- Expressed appreciation for all who participated in the meeting and for the community's engagement.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Lynn Mecham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Brian Del Rosario seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9: p.m.

ATTEST:


Daniel M. Olson, Mayor


Stephanie Christensen, City Recorder