

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 2026, 5:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

**City Manager John Willis
City Attorney Ryan Dooley
City Recorder Christina Fernandez
Government Affairs Director Shawn Guzman
Energy Services Director Bryan Dial
Several staff members from Energy Services
Operations Director Marc Mortensen
Assistant Public Works Director Wes Jenkins**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Resident John Haller
Several Residents**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. An invocation was offered by Councilmember Larsen and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Government Affairs Director Shawn Guzman.

Link to call to order, invocation, and flag salute: [00:00:00](#)

MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND UPDATES:

Link to Mayor Hughes recognizing Government Affairs Director Shawn Guzman for his years of service with the City and his retirement, including comments from Mr. Guzman, the City Council, City Attorney Ryan Dooley, and City Manager John Willis: [00:02:06](#)

a. Recognize resident John Haller.

Link to Mayor Hughes and Councilmember Larkin recognizing resident John Haller, including comments from the City Council, Mr. Haller and his mom: [00:20:20](#)

b. Recognize Energy Services staff.

Link to Mayor Hughes recognizing staff members from Energy Services: [00:27:31](#)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Consider approval of reimbursement agreement with Quality Excavation for irrigation lines at Desert Canyons.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This is a reimbursement agreement for the contractor to install lines that have been identified in the master plan as part of the subdivision improvements. Staff recommends approval in the amount of \$29,885.15.

- b. Consider approval to purchase computer equipment from GovConnection utilizing the State Contract.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This item is for the purchase of 78 computers for various departments throughout the city utilizing the state contract through GovConnection. Staff recommends approval of the computers at a total price of \$127,696.46.

- d. Consider approval of the minutes from the meetings held on May 7, 2026 (Work Meeting); May 7, 2026 (Regular Meeting); and May 21, 2026.**

Link to presentation from City Manager John Willis, including him noting that item 3c has been removed from the agenda: [00:35:36](#)

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Link to motion: [00:36:15](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to approve the consent calendar as presented, with item 3c removed.

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 – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING/FY 2026-2027 BUDGET:

Public hearing to receive input on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: State Law requires the City to hold a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to final adoption of the budget which must occur before June 30th each year. This year the City will hold two public hearings to gather

citizen input on the FY 2026-27 Budget. Tonight's item will be this year's first public hearing with the second public hearing planned to be held on June 18, 2026. Final adoption of the FY 2026-27 Budget is planned for June 18, 2026 following the second public hearing. A copy of the FY 2026-27 Budget was presented to the City Council during the May 7th City Council meeting and has been publicly available on the city's website and in the City Recorder's Office since that time. Staff recommends holding a public hearing to receive input on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Assistant City Manager Rober Myers: [00:36:33](#)

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Link to public hearing: [00:47:28](#)

Link to comments from resident Kris Neal, and comments from Operations Director Marc Mortensen: [00:48:00](#)

Link to comments from resident Tom Butine: [00:50:30](#)

Link to comments from resident Terry Brandenburg, including comments from Operations Director Marc Mortensen: [00:51:50](#)

**PUBLIC HEARING/VACATE PORTION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY
EASEMENT/ORDINANCE:**

Public hearing and consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-046 vacating a portion of a municipal utility easement located five feet inside the northerly lot line and within the adjacent common area of Lot 406, Desert Color Resort Phase 4B and Phase 6.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: Lot 406 is currently configured with common area on its northern and western borders. The applicant is requesting the easement vacation to expand the property's northern boundary line into the adjacent common area to construct a slightly larger home. By vacating the requested municipal utility easements, some of which are designated in the common area, and by amending the subdivision plat, Lot 406 will increase in size. The required municipal utility easements on the proposed configuration of Lot 406 are proposed with the application of the subdivision amendment.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Assistant Public Works Director Wes Jenkins: [00:54:59](#)

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Link to public hearing; there were no comments: [00:56:53](#)

Link to motion: [00:57:10](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Tanner to approve Ordinance No. 2026-046 vacating a portion of a municipal utility easement located five feet inside the northerly lot line and within the adjacent common area of Lot 406, Desert Color Resort Phase 4B and Phase 6.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larkin.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a roll call 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.

AMEND HILLSIDE RIDGE LINE MAP/ORDINANCE:

Consider approval of Ordinance No. 2026-047 to amend the Hillside Ridge Line Map at 785 West Sir Monte Drive. (Case No. 2026-HS-001 - Rath ADU)

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The City approved a hillside Ridge Line Map a number of years ago that designated on this map all ridgelines that were defined as a Cuesta Ridge or a Plateau Ridge. A ridgeline defined as a Cuesta Ridgeline was given a 100-foot set back from the ridgeline to any structure and a ridgeline defined as a Plateau Ridgeline was given a 50-foot setback from the ridgeline to any structure. All other ridgelines within the hillside overlay zone were given a 30-foot setback from the ridgeline to any structure. With the approval of the Ridge Line Map, the ridgelines along the south and west sides of this parcel were designated as a Cuesta with the 100-foot setback to the structure. The Hillside Review Board unanimously recommended approval of the hillside permit to change the west ridgeline on this parcel from a Cuesta Ridgeline as shown on the City's Ridgeline Map to a Ridgeline. The Planning Commission recommended approval, with a 5-2 vote.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Assistant Public Works Director Wes Jenkins, including discussion between the City Council, City Manager John Willis, and Mr. Jenkins: [00:57:49](#)

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Link to motion: [01:10:05](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Larkin to approve Ordinance No. 2026-047 to change the west ridge line on this parcel from a cuesta ridgeline as shown on the City's ridgeline map to a ridgeline.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a roll call 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.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY:

No appointments were made.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER:

Link to reports from Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager: [01:10:45](#)

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.

A closed meeting was not held.

ADJOURN:

Link to motion: [01:11:23](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to adjourn.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tanner.

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