

**Minutes of the North Logan City
City Council
Held on May 26, 2026
At the North Logan City Offices, North Logan, Utah**

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Item #1 - Opening Business

The work session was called to order by Mayor Lyndsay Peterson at 12:00 p.m. in the Public Works (meeting room).

Mayor Peterson explained the purpose of the discussion, and emphasized the importance of establishing a long-term strategic direction for North Logan.

Key points included:

- Council's role is to establish an overarching vision and direction for the City.
- Reactive decision-making can lead to inconsistent priorities and less effective governance.
- Strategic goals provide guidance for the Mayor and City administration when representing North Logan in regional and countywide discussions.
- Infrastructure priorities should be based on community benefit and planning objectives rather than solely on the volume of public complaints.
- The meeting was described as a simplified version of a council retreat focused on long-term visioning and goal setting.

Council members present were: Lyndsay Peterson, Emily Schmidt, and Kenny Reese. (Buzzy Mullahkhel, Mark Hancey, and Larry Hepworth were excused).

Others present were: Alan Luce, Scott Perkes, and Jordan Oldham.

City Council Work Session Items

Item #2: Hedgehog Exercise.

Council members were introduced to the "Hedgehog Principle," a strategic planning concept from Jim Collins.

Discussion included:

- The contrast between the fox, which pursues many objectives, and the hedgehog, which focuses on doing one thing exceptionally well.
- The concept encourages organizations to identify areas where they can excel and concentrate resources and effort around those strengths.
- Council members were asked to identify:
 - What they are passionate about.
 - What North Logan does exceptionally well.
 - What North Logan could potentially be the best at.
- Identifying North Logan's Core Strengths:
 - Council members brainstormed community strengths and characteristics that define North Logan.

Recreation and Community Amenities

- Recreation services.
- Parks and open space.
- Community programming.
- Community involvement.

Discussion noted that North Logan successfully organizes and hosts events such as:

- Pioneer Day celebrations
- Memorial Day activities
- Pumpkin Days and other community events

These events contribute significantly to community identity and engagement.

Small-Town Character and Gathering Spaces

Discussion included the value residents place on:

- Small-town atmosphere
- Community connections
- Gathering opportunities
- Hosting community events and activities

It was noted that facilities serve as important gathering places that attract both residents and visitors, such as:

- Library
- Recreation facilities
- Community Center

Efficient Services

Discussion highlighted North Logan's ability to provide high-quality services with limited resources, including:

- Library operations
- Recreation programs
- General municipal services

Quality of Life Discussion

The Council discussed whether "quality of life" should be a primary strategic focus, including:

- North Logan enjoys a high quality of life.
- The term needs to be clearly defined if adopted as a strategic goal.
- Housing affordability was discussed but generally viewed as an area where local government has limited influence due to broader market forces.
- Council members emphasized identifying aspects of quality of life that the City can realistically influence and improve.

Fairness and Consistency in Government

Mayor Peterson emphasized the importance of city operations and development review processes being:

- Fairness
- Uniformity
- Predictability

Discussion focused on:

- Avoiding perceptions of favoritism.
- Ensuring consistent treatment of applicants and developers.
- Maintaining transparent standards and expectations.

Those present agreed that a reputation for fairness is important to the City's long-term success.

Water Stewardship and Resource Management

The Council discussed water management as a potential strategic priority.

Water Conservation Leadership

- Members noted that water is one of the City's most important resources.
- North Logan has historically been proactive in water conservation efforts.
- The City implemented tiered water rates years before many neighboring communities.

Discussion included:

- Future water audits.
- Long-term planning as the City approaches build-out.
- Continued investment in water infrastructure.
- Public education regarding responsible water use in an arid environment.

Essential Municipal Services

Council members also emphasized the importance of excelling at basic municipal functions, including:

- Water delivery
- Snow removal
- Street maintenance
- Sewer services
- Pothole repair

There was discussion that while recreation and library services receive significant attention, residents also judge their city government on the quality and reliability of fundamental services.

Growth, Community Character, and Walkability

The Council discussed how future growth should occur while preserving North Logan's character.

Maintaining Community Identity, with concerns regarding:

- Members expressed concerns about:
- Overdevelopment.
- Losing neighborhood character.
- Becoming overly urbanized.

Discussion focused on balancing growth with preservation of:

- Neighborhood feel
- Community interaction
- Open space
- Livability

Walkability

Walkability emerged as a major theme, w council members discussing:

- Creating destinations residents can access on foot.
- Connecting neighborhoods to amenities.
- Encouraging community interaction through pedestrian-friendly design.

Examples included:

- Walking to parks.
- Accessing neighborhood businesses.
- Creating more opportunities for residents to gather informally.

Third Places

The concept of "third places" was introduced, and described as locations that are:

- Neither home nor work.
- Community gathering locations.
- Spaces that encourage social interaction and civic engagement.

Examples include:

- Parks
- Libraries
- Recreation facilities
- Community centers

Council members expressed support for increasing access to such spaces throughout the city.

Recreation Complex and Community Center

Council members noted:

- Strong public use of the Cache Recreation Complex.
- High utilization of community facilities.
- The success of recreation and community gathering spaces in bringing residents together.

Sidewalks, Connectivity, and Transportation Planning

Discussion shifted toward transportation infrastructure and pedestrian connectivity.

Sidewalk System Planning discussion included:

- Existing sidewalk gaps.
- Areas of the city lacking pedestrian infrastructure.
- Prioritization of future sidewalk projects.

Council members emphasized the need for decisions to be guided by adopted plans rather than individual complaints.

Active Transportation Plan

Staff and Council referenced the City's Active Transportation Plan and discussed:

- Prioritization criteria.
- Existing project rankings.
- Long-term connectivity goals.

Specific corridors mentioned included:

- 400 East
- 1600 East
- 1800/1900 North area

Discussion focused on:

- Pedestrian safety.
- Connectivity to employment centers.
- Connections to downtown destinations.
- Access to the Space Dynamics Laboratory area.

Sidewalk Installation Challenges

Council discussed historical sidewalk construction practices, including:

- Previous approaches requiring sidewalks when individual homes were developed.
- Resulting inconsistencies and gaps.
- Challenges of retrofitting infrastructure in established neighborhoods.

Council members generally agreed that comprehensive planning produces better long-term outcomes than piecemeal installation.

ADA Accessibility Discussion

The Council discussed accessibility concerns related to missing sidewalk segments and pedestrian routes.

Topics included:

- ADA compliance requirements.
- Developer responsibilities for accessible infrastructure.
- Existing sidewalk gaps in older developed areas.
- Challenges associated with retrofitting infrastructure after development has occurred.

Council members noted:

- Some older areas lack sidewalks entirely.
- Accessibility concerns deserve continued evaluation.
- Funding limitations affect the pace of improvements.

Discussion concluded with recognition that accessibility concerns should be considered alongside broader transportation and connectivity priorities.

Strategic Themes Identified During Discussion

Throughout the work session, several recurring themes emerged as potential strategic priorities:

1. Exceptional Recreation and Community Amenities
2. Strong Community Engagement and Gathering Spaces
3. Efficient and Reliable Municipal Services
4. Water Stewardship and Resource Conservation
5. Fairness, Consistency, and Transparency in Government
6. Preservation of Community Character
7. Walkability and Connectivity
8. Development of "Third Places" for Community Interaction
9. Long-Term Planning Rather Than Reactive Decision-Making
10. Quality of Life Enhancement

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Motion

Mayor Peterson adjourned the meeting.

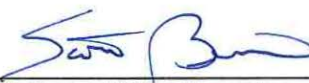
The meeting adjourned at: 12:38 p.m.

Approved by City Council:

June 17, 2026

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