



## EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16, 4:00 PM

EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1650 E STAGECOACH RUN, EAGLE MOUNTAIN, UT 84005

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Jared R. Gray; Councilmembers Craig Whiting, Melissa Clark, Rich Wood, Brett Wright and Zachory Huish.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin Reeves, City Manager; Steve Mumford, Deputy City Manager; John Magness, Legislative and Policy Analyst; Evan Berrett, Director of Legislative and Strategic Services; Marcus Draper, City Attorney; Lacie Messerly, City Recorder; Kimberly Ruesch, Director of Administrative Services; Kyle Ireland, Communications Manager; Angela Valenzuela, Human Resource Manager; Natalie Winterton, Assistant to the City Manager; Terrence Dela Pena, Finance and Management Analyst; Brandon Larsen, Planning Director; Steven Lehmitz, Planner; Elizabeth Fewkes, Planner; Stephanie Allred, Deputy Recorder; Mack Straw, Assistant Public Works Director; Vince Hogge, City Engineer; Jeff Weber, Fleet and Facilities/Operations Director; Zac Hilton, Assistant Public Works Director; Brad Hickman, Public Works Director; David Salazar, Assistant City Engineer; David Ulibarri, Public Safety Director; Erik Knutzen, Chief Deputy Sheriff; and Jeff Robinson, Sergeant.

CITY STAFF PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Michele Graves, Library Director

### 4:00 PM WORK SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

#### 1. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1.A. DISCUSSION – Proposed Update to Annexation Policy Plan (addition of Area 7) – Community Development Director, Brandon Larsen

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 00:02:25.](#)

Community Development Director Brandon Larsen provided an overview of the item and presented proposed updates to the annexation plan. Mr. Larsen responded to questions from the City Council and requested feedback.

- 1.B. DISCUSSION – Transmission Lines and the AG Zone – Community Development Director, Brandon Larsen

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 00:13:54.](#)

Community Development Director Brandon Larsen presented the item, discussed optional code updates related to transmission lines, responded to questions from the City Council and requested feedback.

- 1.C. DISCUSSION – Sage Valley Community Entrance Sign – Planner, Steven Lehmitz

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 00:31:57.](#)

Planner Steven Lehmitz discussed an application from Sage Valley community regarding an entrance sign and the proposed location and requested feedback from the City Council.

## **2. CITY MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS**

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 00:55:04.](#)

City Manager Ben Reeves provided information and updates to the City Council.

## **3. AGENDA REVIEW**

- 7.A. INFORMATION – Fire Restriction Order

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 00:55:42.](#)

The City Council discussed the possibility of implementing stricter fireworks restrictions in response to ongoing wildfire conditions in Utah.

- 13.B. RESOLUTION – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Approving a Recreational Sports Sponsorship Policy.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 01:02:47.](#)

Community Services Board President Jessie Southworth responded to questions from the City Council regarding the proposed Recreational Sports Sponsorship Plan. The City Council provided feedback regarding updates to the proposed plan.

- 13.C. RESOLUTION – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Approving a Service Contract with West Coast Code Consultants for Third-Party Building Permit and Plan Review and Inspection Services.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 01:30:09.](#)

Director of Administrative Services Kimberly Ruesch and Community Development Director Brandon Larsen provided clarification regarding the item.

- 13.F. RESOLUTION – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Approving a Contract with MHTN Architects to Conduct a City Hall & Library Feasibility Study.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 01:35:01.](#)

The City Council requested additional involvement in the process and revisions to the contract.

- 14.A. ORDINANCE – An Ordinance of Eagle Mountain City, Utah Amending Eagle Mountain Municipal Code 2.45 Youth Council.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 01:39:13.](#)

Councilmember Whiting provided clarification regarding proposed updates to the Eagle Mountain Municipal Code and responded to questions from fellow City Council members.

#### 4. ADJOURN TO A CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: *Councilmember Huish moved to adjourn to a Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of pending or reasonably imminent litigation; the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; the purchase, lease, sale, or exchange of real property; a proposed development agreement, project proposal, or financing proposal related to the development of land owned by the state or a political subdivision; and/or the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems, pursuant to Section 52-4-205(1) of the Utah Code, Annotated. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.*

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| Melissa Clark | Yes |
| Zachory Huish | Yes |
| Craig Whiting | Yes |
| Rich Wood     | Yes |
| Brett Wright  | Yes |

*The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

The Work Session was adjourned at 5:52 PM.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 01:54:46.](#)

## 7:00 PM POLICY SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### 5. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 01:58:38.](#)

### 6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 7. INFORMATION ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager Ben Reeves provided event updates.

Assistant Public Works Director Zac Hilton introduced Kyle Markstrom, the new Eagle Mountain City Parks Manager. Mr. Markstrom provided background information about himself, his family and his professional experience.

#### 7.A. INFORMATION – Fire Restrictions Order

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 02:03:20.](#)

Battalion Fire Chief Ken Aldridge with Unified Fire read the State of Utah Fire Restrictions Order signed by Governor Cox.

### 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Mayor Gray opened the public comment period at 7:13 PM.*

The following individuals spoke during the Public Comment period:

- City Recorder Lacie Messerly read an email from Jody Hooley requesting a firework ban.
- Lexi Jackson requested City Council support to protect the integrity of Chapter 2.45 of the City Code regarding Youth City Council.

- Rudy Chavez provided a handout to the City Council and requested a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Legion.
- Public comments in favor of the Silverlake Parkway connection to Saratoga Springs were received from: James Myers, Nancy Strickland, Kathryn Anderson, Cory Anderson, Alex Christensen, Brian Morris, Jeff Bean, Ben Perez, Lindsay Peterson, Quinn Linde, Justin Cook, Steve Fisher, Colby Curtis, and Scott Griffeth. Speakers emphasized improved access to the new high school, reduced congestion, enhanced safety and emergency access, support for walking and biking, and overall community benefit and the importance of appropriate speed limits and other safety measures.

*Mayor Gray closed the public comment period at 7:42 PM.*

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 02:06:47.](#)

## 9. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR ITEMS

The Mayor and Councilmembers offered comments to the public.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 02:38:14.](#)

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 10. BOND RELEASES

10.A. Harmony ADB, Plat 13 – Into Warranty

### 11. CHANGE ORDERS

11.A. Traffic Signal Eagle Mountain Boulevard & Pony Express Parkway, BHI – Change Order #4

### 12. MINUTES

12.A. June 2, 2026 Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting

### 13. RESOLUTIONS

13.A. RESOLUTION – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Amending the Consolidated Fee Schedule.

- 13.B. RESOLUTION – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Approving a Recreational Sports Sponsorship Policy.
- 13.C. RESOLUTION – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Approving a Service Contract with West Coast Code Consultants for Third-Party Building Permit and Plan Review and Inspection Services.
- 13.D. RESOLUTION – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Approving a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of Claims.
- 13.E. RESOLUTION – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Updating Sections of the Eagle Mountain City Employee Policies and Procedures Manual.
- 13.F. RESOLUTION – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City Approving a Contract with MHTN Architects to Conduct a City Hall & Library Feasibility Study.

#### 14. ORDINANCES

- 14.A. ORDINANCE – An Ordinance of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Amending Eagle Mountain Code 2.45 Youth Council.

MOTION: *Councilmember Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the following amendments:*

- 1. *Item 13.B., Section 6 (Use of Sponsorship Funds) remove the provisions beginning with “purchase and maintain” through “cover administrative” and to add “other one-time use of funds approved by the City Council.”*
- 2. *Item 13.B., update Appendix A Fee Schedule to reflect fee schedule presented in the Work Session.*
- 3. *Item 13.F., update the Scope of Work to include a kickoff meeting noticed for the full City Council and emphasize Councilmember involvement throughout the process.*
- 4. *Item 14.A., Section 2.45.040 (Limitations of the Youth City Council Authority): update the numbering of items 1-4 and revise Item 1 to read “The youth city council must have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is one more than half of the youth city council voting members or at least five voting members, whichever is less.”*

*Councilmember Huish seconded the motion.*

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| Melissa Clark | Yes |
| Zachory Huish | Yes |
| Craig Whiting | Yes |
| Rich Wood     | Yes |

Brett Wright                      Yes

*The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 02:53:35.](#)

## SCHEDULED ITEMS

### 15. DISCUSSION ONLY/NO ACTION TAKEN

15.A. DISCUSSION ONLY – Traffic Impact Study of Silverlake Pkwy Connection to Saratoga Springs.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 02:56:16.](#)

Project Manager Jordi Berrett and Transportation Planner Dallin Borrowman with Hales Engineering presented a traffic impact study, including roadway connections, analysis scenarios, traffic patterns, level of service, queueing improvements, optional improvements, and other recommendations, along with associated costs. Assistant City Engineer David Salazar provided staff recommendations and cost estimates. Mr. Salazar responded to questions from the City Council and received direction moving forward.

### 16. RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING

16.A. RESOLUTION/PUBLIC HEARING – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Approving the Third Amendment to the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Annual Budget.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 03:37:38.](#)

*Mayor Gray opened the Public Hearing period at 8:32 PM. Seeing no one wished to speak Mayor Gray closed the Public Hearing at 8:33 PM.*

MOTION:                      *Councilmember Wright moved to adopt a Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, approving the Third Amendment to the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Annual Budget. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.*

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| Melissa Clark | Yes |
| Zachory Huish | No  |
| Craig Whiting | Yes |
| Rich Wood     | No  |
| Brett Wright  | Yes |

*The motion passed with 3:2 vote*

[The recording of the motion can be found online here at 03:28:53.](#)

After the vote was completed, Councilmember Huish indicated that he had intended to vote "yes" and requested that the minutes reflect his intended vote. The City Attorney advised that the motion had already been decided and that a second vote was not necessary. The minutes reflect Councilmember Huish's stated intent.

## 17. BUDGET FY 2026-2027 AND TRUTH-IN-TAXATION

17.A. PUBLIC HEARING ONLY – Pursuant to Utah Code 10-3-818(2)(b)(i), Consideration of Public Comment on Proposed Compensation Increases for Executive Officers in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 03:30:58.](#)

*Mayor Gray opened the Public Hearing period at 8:35 PM. Seeing no one wished to speak Mayor Gray closed the Public Hearing at 8:36 PM.*

17.B. INFORMATION – Proposed Tax Impact Schedule.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 03:32:43.](#)

Mayor Gray read the Proposed Tax Impact Schedule.

17.C. RESOLUTION/PUBLIC HEARING – A Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Interim Budget and the Proposed Certified Tax Rate; and Discontinuing DebtBook Services.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 03:35:34.](#)

*Mayor Gray opened the Public Hearing period at 8:40 PM.*

The following individuals spoke during the public hearing period:

- Colby Curtis – questioned how the City arrived at this point and why do taxes need to be increased at this time.

The Mayor, Councilmembers and City Manager Ben Reeves responded to Colby Curtis's question and provided clarification regarding the need for the tax increase at this time.

- Austin Bailey – expressed concern regarding the tax increase and its financial impact on families.

- Charlotte Ducos – requested that a specific interval be established for reviewing taxes and impact fees.
- Justin Coole – requested increased transparency for residents regarding the proposed tax increase.

*Mayor Gray closed the Public Hearing at 9:06 PM.*

**MOTION:** *Councilmember Wright moved to approve a Resolution of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Interim Budget and the Proposed Certified Tax Rate; and Discontinuing DebtBook Services. Councilmember Whiting seconded the motion.*

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| Melissa Clark | Yes |
| Zachory Huish | No  |
| Craig Whiting | Yes |
| Rich Wood     | Yes |
| Brett Wright  | Yes |

*The motion passed with a 4:1 vote.*

[The recording of the motion can be found online here at 04:02:50.](#)

## 18. ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

18.A. ORDINANCE/PUBLIC HEARING – An Ordinance of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, Amending the Eagle Mountain Municipal Code 16.15 Concept Plans.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 04:04:30.](#)

Community Development Director Branden Larsen presented proposed amendments to the Item, responded to questions from the City Council, and requested feedback.

*Mayor Gray opened the Public Hearing period at 9:23 PM. Seeing no one wished to speak Mayor Gray closed the Public Hearing at 9:23 PM.*

**MOTION:** *Councilmember Wright moved to adopt an Ordinance of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, amending the Eagle Mountain Municipal Code 16.15 Concept Plans adding condition that council be notified every time a concept plan will be presented to Planning Commission. Councilmember Wood seconded the motion.*

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| Melissa Clark | Yes |
| Zachory Huish | Yes |
| Craig Whiting | Yes |

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| Rich Wood    | Yes |
| Brett Wright | Yes |

*The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

[The recording of the motion can be found online here at 04:22:28.](#)

## 19. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

### 19.A. UPDATE – Legislative Priorities List

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 04:23:31.](#)

John Magness provided updates and requested clarification from the City Council regarding items on the legislative priorities list.

## 20. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR’S BUSINESS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Gray and the City Councilmembers offered comments and reports on committees to which they are assigned as liaisons.

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 04:28:25.](#)

## 21. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

### 21.A. Upcoming Agenda Items

### 21.B. Fiscal Year 2026 Fraud Risk Assessment

## 22. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Councilmember Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 PM.  
Councilmember Huish seconded the motion.*

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| Melissa Clark | Yes |
| Zachory Huish | Yes |
| Craig Whiting | Yes |
| Rich Wood     | Yes |
| Brett Wright  | Yes |

*The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

[The recording of the motion can be found online here at 04:43:28.](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Approved by the City Council on July 7, 2026.

*Lacie A. Messerly*  
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City Recorder

