



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

WORK SESSION – 5 PM IN EOC ROOM

COUNCIL MEETING – 6 PM IN COUNCIL ROOM

WORK SESSION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Russell Porter, Council Members Mike Howard, Jeannette Smyth, Doug Stephens, Jeremy Howe, and Clayton Peterson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Matt Dixon, Assistant City Manager Summer Palmer, Finance Director Peter Anjewierden, Fire Chief Cameron West, Deputy Fire Chief Brandon Storey, Police Chief Darin Parke, Public Works Director Jon Andersen, Planner Alika Murphy, Events and Communications Manager Danielle Bendinelli, and Recorder Leesa Kapetanov

OTHERS PRESENT

No one else attended the work session.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- At 5:03 pm, Mayor Porter called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to begin.
00:00:00

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Peterson. Council Members Howard, Smyth, Stephens, Howe, and Peterson all voted aye.

II. REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- No one requested a review of agenda items

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The mayor and council determined they would meet on June 23 at 5:30 pm for a CDRA Budget meeting 00:01:07

A. FY2027 Interim Budget

- City Finance Director Peter Anjewierden reviewed the requirements for the Truth in Taxation process and the tax rate 00:02:20
- After discussion, the council instructed staff to move forward with a 10.3% property tax increase 00:13:36
- Mr. Anjewierden reviewed some specific items in the budget 00:16:46

B. Discussion on Water Restrictions

- Public Works Director Jon Andersen gave an updated handout to the Council for water rates based on drought levels. He also provided them with a proposed water conservation notice (see Attachment A) 00:40:04
- The council directed staff to track the City's monthly usage reports in order to determine if water restrictions should be put in place

IV. ADJOURN

- At 5:52 pm, Mayor Porter called for a motion to end the work session 00:48:57

Council Member Howard so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Smyth. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Tyler Murphy, Leslie Neilson, Bruce & Joyce Hartman, Manny Cypers, Noreen Jordan

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I. OPENING CEREMONY

A. Call To Order

- Mayor Porter called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm and called for a motion to begin
00:00:00

Council Member Howe so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Howard. In a voice vote Council Members Howard, Smyth, Stephens, Howe, and Peterson all voted aye.

B. Prayer/Moment of Silence

- The mayor led those present in a moment of silence

C. Pledge Of Allegiance

- Council Member Smyth led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mayor Porter invited anyone who wished to make a comment to come forward. No one commented. 00:00:47

III. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

- Not applicable

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of June 2, 2026 Council Minutes

- Mayor Porter asked if any corrections needed to be made to the minutes; seeing none, he called for a motion to approve the consent agenda 00:01:07

Council Member Howard so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth. All present voted aye.

V. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on Proposed Transfers Between Enterprise Funds for the FY2026 Budget

- The mayor invited Finance Director Peter Anjewierden to give an overview of both items A and B 00:01:55
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to open the public hearing on the proposed transfers between enterprise funds for the FY2026 Budget and the amendments to the FY2026 Budget 00:04:27

Council Member Smyth so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Howe. All present voted aye.

- Mayor Porter invited those who wished to comment to come forward. There were no comments. The mayor called for a motion to close the public hearing. 00:05:06

Council Member Howe so moved. Council Member Smyth seconded the motion. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- City Recorder Leesa Kapetanov asked the mayor to open a separate public hearing for the budget amendments as shown on the agenda 00:05:18

B. Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on Proposed Amendments to the FY2026 Budget Including Transfers Between Enterprise Funds

- The mayor called for a motion to open a public hearing on proposed amendments to the FY2026 Budget 00:05:36

Council Member Smyth so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterson. All members of the council voted aye.

- No one came forward to comment on the proposed amendments. Mayor Porter called for a motion to close the public hearing 00:05:52

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Peterson. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Consideration of Resolution 26-15 – Amending the FY2026 Budget Including Transfers Between Enterprise Funds

- There was no discussion by the Council
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve Resolution 26-15 00:06:09

Council Member Howe moved to approve Resolution 26-15, followed by a second from Council Member Howard. The mayor asked if there was any further discussion, and seeing none, he called the vote:

Council Member Howard-	Yes
Council Member Smyth-	Yes
Council Member Stephens-	Yes
Council Member Howe-	Yes
Council Member Peterson-	Yes

Resolution 26-15 was adopted.

D. Presentation and Overview of FY2027 Property Tax Impact Schedule

- Finance Director Peter Anjewierden reviewed the Property Tax Impact Schedule, including the amount of revenue the increase would produce, the percentage of tax increase (10.3%), how much the increase would be for a typical property, and for what the increased revenue would be used. He also announced that the public hearing for the property tax increase would be held on August 4, 2026 at 6 pm.

00:06:30

E. Consideration of Resolution 26-16 - Approving an Increase to the Employer Election Pick-Up Contributions to Utah Retirement Systems for Tier-2 Public Safety and Firefighter Employees

- Assistant City Manager Summer Palmer explained the reason for this resolution

00:13:44

- There was no discussion by the Council on this item
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve Resolution 26-16

00:14:47

Council Member Peterson so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Stephens. After determining there was no further discussion, he called the vote:

Council Member Peterson - Yes

Council Member Howe - Yes

Council Member Stephens- Yes

Council Member Smyth - Yes

Council Member Howard - Yes

Resolution 26-16 was approved.

F. Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on the Proposed Compensation of Executive Municipal Officers for FY2027

- Assistant City Manager Summer Palmer explained why a public hearing was being held for this item
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to open the public hearing on the proposed compensation of executive municipal officers for FY2027

00:15:04

00:16:48

Council Member Howard so moved. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion. All present voted aye.

- The mayor opened the floor for public comments. No one came forward. He then entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

00:17:07

Council Member Smyth so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterson. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

G. Consideration of Ordinance 26-05 – Approving the Compensation of Executive Municipal Officers for FY2027

- There was no discussion on the ordinance
- Mayor Porter comments
- The mayor called for a motion to approve Ordinance 26-05

00:17:22

00:18:11

Council Member Howard so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Howe. There was no further discussion. Mayor Porter called the vote:

Council Member Howe -	Yes
Council Member Howard -	Yes
Council Member Smyth -	Yes
Council Member Stephens -	Yes
Council Member Peterson-	Yes

The motion stood.

H. Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on the City's Intent to Continue Not Charging Itself for Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain Used for Normal City Operations During FY2027

- Finance Director Peter Anjewierden gave an overview of why the City did not charge itself for utilities it provided, including the estimated amounts we are not charging ourselves 00:18:30
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to open a public hearing on the City's intent to continue not charging itself for water, sewer, and storm drain used for normal city operations during FY2027 00:20:48

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Peterson. All council members voted aye.

- After determining there were no public comments, the mayor called for a vote to close the public hearing 00:21:08

Council Member Howe so moved. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion. The voice vote was unanimous to close the public hearing.

I. Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on Proposed Utility Franchise Fee Transfers from Enterprise Funds to the General Fund in FY2027

- Mr. Anjewierden explained the reason for the transfers and their amounts 00:21:16
- The mayor called for a motion to open a public hearing to receive comments on proposed utility franchise fee transfers from enterprise funds to the general fund in FY2027 00:23:35

Council Member Smyth so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Howard. All present voted aye.

- No one came forward to comment on this item. Mayor Porter entertained a motion to close the public hearing. 00:23:52

Council Member Howard so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Smyth. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

J. Public Hearing to Receive and Consider Comments on the Proposed FY2027 Interim Budget, Including an Increase in Property Taxes and an Increase in Garbage Rates

- Finance Director Peter Anjewierden reviewed the Interim Budget, including the property tax increase 00:23:59
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to open a public hearing on the proposed FY2027 Interim Budget, including an increase in property taxes and an increase in garbage rates 00:29:23

Council Member Smyth so moved. Council Member Howard seconded the motion. All members of the council voted aye.

- No one spoke to this item. The mayor entertained a motion to close the public hearing. 00:29:42

Council Member Smyth so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Peterson. The vote to close the public hearing was unanimous.

K. Consideration of Resolution 26-17 - Adopting the FY2027 Interim Budget

- Mayor Porter entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 26-17, which included a 10.3% increase, or in other words an increase from .002147 to .002666, and to proceed with Truth in Taxation and the associated Proposed Property Tax Impact Schedule 00:29:48

Council Member Smyth so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Stephens. After determining there was no further discussion, the mayor called the vote:

Council Member Peterson-	Yes
Council Member Stephens -	Yes
Council Member Smyth -	Yes
Council Member Howard -	Yes
Council Member Howe -	Yes

The FY2027 Interim Budget was adopted.

L. Consideration of Resolution 26-18 – Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands for Procurement, Use, and Compensation for Wildfire Services

- Fire Chief Cameron West explained the reason for the memorandum of understanding
00:31:01
- There were no questions or discussion by the Council
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve Resolution 26-18
00:32:22

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Peterson. Seeing no further discussion, Mayor Porter called the vote:

Council Member Howard -	Yes
Council Member Smyth -	Yes
Council Member Stephens -	Yes
Council Member Howe -	Yes
Council Member Peterson -	Yes

Resolution 26-18 was adopted.

VI. REPORTS/DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

- A. City Council Members**
 - Council Member Howe - 00:32:50
 - Council Member Howard - 00:34:44
 - Council Member Smyth - 00:37:31
 - Council Member Stephens - 00:38:59
 - Council Member Peterson - nothing to report
- B. City Manager** 00:41:35
- C. Mayor** 00:44:55

VII. ADJOURN

- At 6:48 pm, Mayor Porter called for a motion to adjourn
00:47:59

Council Member Smyth so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Stephens. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the South Ogden City Work Session and Council Meeting held Tuesday, June 16, 2026.


Leesa Kapetanov, City Recorder

July 7, 2026
Date Approved by the City Council

ATTACHMENT A

Handout from Public Works Director Jon Andersen

SOUTH OGDEN CITY

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL WATER RATE SCHEDULE

MONTHLY BASE RATES

METER SIZE	BASE RATE
5/8"	\$16.66
1"	\$23.32
1.5"	\$29.84
2"	\$48.04

WATER USAGE RATES (Per 1,000 Gallons)



NORMAL CONDITIONS

0~2,999 gals	\$1.49
3,000–6,999 gals	\$2.31
7,000–10,999 gals	\$3.51
11,000–14,999 gals	\$4.72
15,000+ gals	\$5.93



SEVERE DROUGHT (+50%)

0~2,999 gals	\$2.24
3,000–6,999 gals	\$3.47
7,000–10,999 gals	\$5.27
11,000–14,999 gals	\$7.08
15,000+ gals	\$8.90



EXTREME DROUGHT (+75%)

0~2,999 gals	\$2.61
3,000–6,999 gals	\$4.05
7,000–10,999 gals	\$6.15
11,000–14,999 gals	\$8.24
15,000+ gals	\$10.38



EXCEPTIONAL DROUGHT (+100%)

0~2,999 gals	\$2.98
3,000–6,999 gals	\$4.62
7,000–10,999 gals	\$7.02
11,000–14,999 gals	\$8.24
15,000+ gals	\$11.26

SOUTH OGDEN CITY WATER CONSERVATION NOTICE

South Ogden City has issued the following Water Conservation Notice for 2026:

Severe drought conditions exist in the Weber River drainage system this year. Spring run-off flows are already finished, and water conditions are looking extremely bleak. At this time, the reservoirs, which supply a significant amount of water used in South Ogden City during summer months, are dangerously low levels of capacity.

On April 7th 2026 Weber Basin Water Conservancy District formally notified South Ogden City that the Weber Basin Water will be implementing contract reductions in accordance with its Drought Contingency Plan for the year 2026.

In order to preserve the supply of water for the current and future needs of the public, it is in South Ogden City's best interest to adopt water use restriction beginning immediately and continuing through the end of the year.

1. Reduce ALL watering by 20%
2. No watering between 10 am – 6 pm
3. Water rate costs for usage will change off of drought Tiers.
4. Base rate will remain the same and the first 3 tiers.
5. No outdoor water with culinary water if you are connected to a secondary meter.
6. Hosing or washing sidewalks, driveways, patios, and other hard surfaces is prohibited except for health or safety.
7. When possible, the installation of new landscapes should be delayed until the spring of 2027.
8. Fix leaks & broken sprinkler systems immediately.
9. Limit car washing:
 - a. Use a bucket + shutoff nozzle
 - b. Wash on grass or permeable surfaces
10. Use of culinary to spot water trees, shrubs and a plants are allowed.
11. This order shall take effect immediately as outlined in South Ogden City Code 8-1-5 and will remain in place until further notice.

With the ongoing drought conditions going on in Utah, our City is asking all water users to reduce the water usage by 20%. To support this effort, The City has adjusted water rates to increase the tier 4 over 10,000 gallons plus an increase of 25%.

Thank you and the City appreciates all the work to preserve the precious resources so South Ogden City and surrounding can thrive.