

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse City Council, held on June 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in a hybrid in-person/electronic format via Zoom, meeting ID 876 2042 4654, in-person in the City Council Chambers at 1979 W. 1900 S., and streamed on the Syracuse City YouTube Channel in accordance with House Bill 5002, Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments, signed into law on June 25, 2020.

Present: Councilmembers: Andrea Brown
Abraham Pollard
Julie Robertson
Paul Watson

Mayor Dave Maughan
City Manager Brody Bovero
Administrative Services Director/City Recorder Cassie Brown

Excused: Councilmember Brett Cragun

City Employees Present:
Assistant City Manager Stephen Marshall
City Attorney Colin Winchester
Police Chief Alex Davis
Fire Chief Aaron Byington
Parks and Recreation Director Kresta Robinson
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley
Community and Economic Development Director Noah Steele
Deputy Fire Chief Jo Hamblin

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Maughan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. as a regular meeting, with notice of time, place, and agenda provided 24 hours in advance to the newspaper and each Councilmember. Mayor Maughan provided an invocation. Councilmember Watson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTSON MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER WATSON SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

2. Public comment

Shane Crowton offered comments in anticipation of Item 11 regarding freeway signage. Mr. Crowton encouraged the Council to incorporate dark sky elements into any signage ordinance, citing Syracuse's identity as a gateway to Antelope Island. He expressed appreciation for the sign examples shown in the meeting packet and further suggested that monument signs proposed near the Antelope Drive and 3000 West development—which he noted featured internally lit, 5000-kelvin backlighting—be made dark sky compliant as well, given the cumulative ambient light already anticipated from street lights and parking lot lighting in that area.

Administrative Services Director/City Recorder Brown read the following emailed public comment:

“Dear Mayor Maughan and members of the Syracuse City Council, I would like to submit the following public comment regarding the FY 2027 budget, utility fee increases, and future transportation utility fee discussions. First, I would like to thank Mayor Mann for addressing my previous public comment during the May 26th work session. I appreciate the clarification that the population projections contained within the water use and conservation element are planning scenarios rather than growth targets and that future growth levels will ultimately be determined by decisions made by current and future city councils.

After reviewing the June 9th meeting packet, my primary concern is the cumulative financial impact that appears to be developing for Syracuse residents. The proposed utility fee adjustments total approximately \$7.89 per month along with a new paper billing fee for residents who continue to receive mailed utility statements. In addition, the council is actively discussing a future transportation utility fee to address road maintenance needs. While I understand the need to maintain critical infrastructure and public services, I hope the council carefully considers the total impact these increases may have on families who are already facing higher costs for housing, insurance, utilities, and everyday living expenses.

I was particularly interested in the discussion regarding road maintenance funding. The information presented clearly demonstrates that proactive maintenance is far less expensive than allowing roads to deteriorate to the point of reconstruction. I appreciate the council's willingness to address this issue before it becomes an even larger financial burden in the future. At the same time, I would encourage the council to continue examining whether growth is fully paying for itself. Many of the infrastructure challenges discussed in recent meetings, including roads, water infrastructure, public safety services, parks, and other capital needs are directly tied to a growing community. As future funding mechanisms are considered, I hope the city continues to evaluate how much of these costs should be borne by new development versus existing residents.

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I appreciate the transparency that city staff and the Council have shown throughout the budget process and thank you for your service to our community. Respectfully, Eric Wilson."

3. Approval of minutes.

The following minutes were reviewed by the City Council: April 28, 2026 Special City Council Business Meeting, May 12, 2026 City Council Business Meeting, May 26, 2026 City Council Work Session, and May 26, 2026 Special City Council Business Meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES LISTED ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

4a. Common consent: Authorize Administration to execute Franchise Agreement with Forged Fiber 37, LLC.

An administrative staff memo explained Forged Fiber desires to provide telecommunication services within City and in connection therewith to establish a telecommunications network in, under, along, over, and across City's present and future streets, alleys, easements, and Public Ways, consisting of telecommunication lines, cables, and all necessary appurtenances. With this agreement, Forged Fiber agrees to pay a 3.5% franchise tax in accordance with the Municipal Telecommunication License Tax Act (Utah Code Ann. 10-1-401 to 10-1-410). The first term of this Agreement shall be for a period of ten (10) years, and will continue thereafter on a year-to-year basis unless either party provides written notice to the other party one hundred twenty (120) days' notice of its intent to renegotiate the terms and conditions of this Agreement. All additional terms and extensions will be negotiated upon terms and conditions acceptable to both parties. The City has franchise agreements with other companies that provide telecommunications services in the city. This is a common practice in cities across Utah.

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH FORGED FIBER 37, LLC. COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

4b. Common consent: Proposed Ordinance 2026-13 repealing Section 4.55.20 of the Syracuse Municipal Code (SMC) pertaining to hours of operation.

An administrative staff memo explained Current Syracuse Municipal Code Section 4.55.020 establishes (by ordinance) the hours that City Hall will be available for public use. The hours of public availability for City Hall are best left to the City Manager or designee. If deemed appropriate, the hours of availability can then be changed from time to time without the formal process of amending an ordinance. It is therefore proposed that Municipal Code Section 4.55.020 be repealed.

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2026-13 REPEALING SECTION 4.55.20 OF THE SYRACUSE MUNICIPAL CODE (SMC) PERTAINING TO HOURS OF OPERATION. COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

5. Common consent: Proposed Resolution R26-28 appointing Planning Commissioners.

An administrative staff memo explained that at the time the meeting packet was published, Mayor Maughan was in the process of conducting interviews for individuals interested in being appointed to the Syracuse City Planning Commission; the terms of appointment for Kelly Nielson and Michael Scott Shea expire at the end of June 2026. Mayor Maughan will provide the names of the individuals he is recommending for appointment during the meeting.

Mayor Maughan nominated Kelly Nielsen for his first full term, having previously served out the remainder of a prior Commissioner's term, and Courtney Haddock as a new Commissioner. The Mayor noted that Ms. Haddock holds a background in architecture, works for Salt Lake-based firm FFKR, and is pursuing legal coursework with a focus on planning.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-28 APPOINTING PLANNING COMMISSIONERS. COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

6. Public hearing: Proposed Ordinance 2026-10 approving Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 compensation increases for Executive Municipal Officers.

An administrative staff memo explained State Law 10-3-818 requires "The elective and statutory officers of municipalities shall receive the compensation for their services that the governing body fixes by ordinance adopting compensation or compensation schedules enacted after public hearing." This includes the city manager, assistant city manager,

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city attorney, department heads, and assistant department heads. Before a governing body may adopt a final budget or a final amended budget that includes a compensation increase for an executive municipal officer, the governing body shall:

- (i) hold a public hearing on the compensation increase; and
- (ii) publish notice of the time, place, and purpose of the public hearing:
 - (A) for at least seven days before the date of the public hearing; and
 - (B) as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102.

A public hearing under Subsection (2)(c)(i):

- (i) shall be held separate from any other public hearing; and
- (ii) may be held the same day as another public hearing, including immediately before or after the other public hearing.

Below is a list of percentage increases of those positions identified above. Some positions are eligible for a benchmark adjustment that is completed biannually across half the departments each year.

Title	Benchmark Adjustment	Merit Increase	Total Increase
City Manager	2.6%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 4.37%
Assistant City Manager	2.6%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 4.37%
City Attorney	2.6%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 4.37%
CED Director	4.1%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 5.87%
Admin Services Director / City Recorder	2.6%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 4.37%
Public Works Director	2.6%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 4.37%
Parks & Rec Director	6.05%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 7.82%
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Police Chief	5.25%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 7.02%
Assistant Police Chief	7.0%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 8.77%
Fire Chief	2.6%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 4.37%
Deputy Fire Chief	2.6%	Up to 1.77%	Up to 4.37%

Mayor Maughan opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. There were no persons appearing to be heard and the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Watson noted that the compensation figures are already reflected in the budget to be considered later in the meeting, and that the Council continues to have ongoing discussions about future compensation structures and potential cost savings.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2026-10 APPROVING FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR EXECUTIVE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS. COUNCILMEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

7. Public hearing: Proposed Resolution R26-24, adopting the Tentative Budget as the Final Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027, and accepting the certified tax rate from Davis County.

Mayor Maughan expressed frustration that the certified tax rate had not yet been formally delivered by Davis County, which places taxing authorities in the difficult position of voting on a rate they have not yet received. Assistant City Manager Steve Marshall clarified that Davis County has submitted its property valuations to the Utah State Tax Commission and is awaiting the Commission's approval before the rate can be set. The Mayor stated his personal view that the legislature should require this information to be delivered at least one month before taxing authorities are required to vote.

A staff memo from the Assistant City Manager explained as required by Utah Code Annotated 10-6-113, the governing body shall establish the time and place of a public hearing to consider its adoption and shall order that notice of the public hearing be published at least seven days prior to the public hearing. This requirement has been met since the City Council adopted the tentative budget on May 12th and set a public hearing on June 9, 2026, to consider adoption of the final budget. As required by Utah Code Annotated 10-6-118, "before June 30 of each fiscal period, or, in the case of a property tax increase under Sections 59-2-919 through 59-2-923, before September 1 of the year for which a property tax increase is proposed, the governing body shall by resolution or ordinance adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal period for each fund for which a budget is required under this chapter. The budget officer of the governing body shall certify a copy of the final budget and file with the state auditor within 30 days after adoption." This requirement will be met tonight with the approval of the budget and the final budget will be certified and filed with the state auditor within 30 days of this date. The tentative budget proposal was accepted on May 12th by the city council with a no tax increase option and with the following key budget decisions:

- Look for alternative revenue sources to fund the remaining 9 firefighters for station 32.

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- Temporary measure reduction of recruitment and retention plan until the city council adopts a modified plan.
- Increase bond payments by 500k in impact fee fund to reduce the amount needed to be paid by the general fund. Temporary measure.
- Freeze two police staff positions for FY2027. Temporary savings of 240k.
- Create a new emergency dispatch utility fee of \$3.09 to fund the increase cost of switching to Layton City dispatch center.
- Increase the park maintenance utility fee by \$1.91 to fund 3 new parks positions to help with continued growth in our parks and trails systems including the regional park opening this fall.

These changes reduced the deficit down to \$330,000 with the decision to make up this difference with rainy day fund balance reserve.

Utility Fee Discussion – Potential Fee Increases Change Summary by Utility Fee

<u>Utility Fund</u>	<u>Rate Change</u>
Park Maintenance Fee	\$1.91
Emergency Dispatch Fee	\$3.09
Secondary Water Fee	\$0.27
Storm Water Fee	\$0.39
Culinary Water Fee	\$2.01
Sewer Fee	\$0.22
Total Fee Change	\$7.89

Change Summary by Expense

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Rate Change</u>	<u>Notes</u>
3 new parks employees	\$1.91	2 park maintenance works and admin
Emergency Dispatch Fees	\$3.09	Full cost of dispatch services
Water Supply Increases	\$1.23	Both Culinary and Secondary Water
Employee Comp and Benefits	\$0.86	Includes R & R, benefits increase
Fully Fund 5 Year IT Plan	\$0.32	20% portion of the 200k IT budget increase
Customer Portal	\$0.40	State Reporting Requirement
New Maintenance Superintendent	\$0.08	Promotion not a new position
Total Fee Change	\$7.89	

Mr. Marshall reviewed his staff memo.

Councilmember Watson emphasized for the public's benefit that the Council has worked diligently and has firmly decided not to propose a property tax increase for the coming fiscal year. The Mayor added that inflation has placed significant pressure on City budgets statewide, and that arriving at a budget without a tax increase was not an easy undertaking.

Mayor Maughan opened the public hearing at 6:16 p.m. There were no persons appearing to be heard and the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Pollard commended City staff for their diligence and fiscal discipline throughout the budget process, and the Mayor echoed appreciation for both staff and the Council's efforts.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-24, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AS THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027, AND ACCEPTING THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE FROM DAVIS COUNTY. COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

8. Public hearing: Proposed Resolution R26-25, amending the Syracuse City Consolidated Fee Schedule by making adjustments throughout.

A staff memo from the Assistant City Manager listed the proposed changes to the consolidated fee schedule:

- Utility Rate Changes:
 - Emergency Dispatch Fee: New fee of \$3.09. New fee will pay for all costs associated with dispatch services including the increased cost to transition to the Layton emergency dispatch center.
 - Park Maintenance Fee: Increase of \$1.91 to fund 2 new park maintenance workers and an admin professional for parks.

- Culinary Water: Increase of \$2.01 for water rate increases from Weber Basin Water, moving 2 water employees from secondary water, customer portal requirements, benchmarks, and benefits.
- Secondary Water: Increase of \$0.27 for water rate increases from irrigation companies, moving 2 water employees to culinary water, customer portal requirements, benchmarks, and benefits.
- Storm Water: Increase by \$0.39 for benchmarks and benefits.
- Sewer Fund: Increase by \$0.22 for benchmarks and benefits.
- Add \$2 paper utility bill fee – effective October 1, 2026
- Other Changes
 - Removed several fees that we have not used in a long time. We don't see a need to keep them in the fee schedule.

Mayor Maughan referenced the points raised by Mr. Wilison during the public comment period and noted the fee adjustments are intended to support infrastructure upkeep and do not divert funds elsewhere.

Mr. Marshall reviewed his staff memo and drew the Council's attention to a concessionaire fee of \$250 per month listed on page 232 of the packet, noting that the Council had previously resolved not to allow the rental of park spaces for commercial concession purposes. He recommended removing the fee from the schedule for consistency, as its presence could be interpreted as authorizing a practice the Council has discontinued. The Council agreed and directed that the fee be removed as part of the motion.

Mayor Maughan opened the public hearing at 6:21 p.m. There were no persons appearing to be heard and the public hearing was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-25, AMENDING THE SYRACUSE CITY CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE BY MAKING ADJUSTMENTS THROUGHOUT, AND BY REMOVING THE CONCESSIONAIRE FEE FROM THE DOCUMENT. COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

9. Proposed Resolution R26-26, adopting an updated Syracuse City Wage Scale for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027.

A staff memo from the Assistant City Manager explained Proposed benchmark adjustments for CED, Police, and Parks and Recreation are included in the wage scale. Refer to discussion on the recruitment retention policy for possible changes to future benchmarking. Other changes made to positions in the wage scale:

- Added Full-time Environmental Crew Leader
- Added Part-time Maintenance Workers II and III

The updates to the wage scale will become effective for the new budget year starting July 1, 2026.

Mr. Marshall reviewed his staff memo and identified one correction to the draft: the wage scale for the front desk receptionist position contained a data error. The corrected range is \$15.48 to \$20.78 per hour, replacing the draft figures of \$15.88 to \$21.33 per hour.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-26, ADOPTING AN UPDATED SYRACUSE CITY WAGE SCALE FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027, INCLUDING THE CORRECTION OF THE FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST WAGE SCALE TO \$15.48 TO \$20.78 PER HOUR. COUNCILMEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

10. Proposed Resolution R26-27, authorizing and directing the participation of Syracuse City in the Public Employees Retirement System and the Public Safety Retirement System of the Utah Retirement Systems (URS) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027.

A staff memo from the Assistant City Manager explained the City is required by Utah Code Title 49, Chapters 11-15 to pay retirement for full-time employees. Each year, the City is required to certify the contribution rates that will be paid for retirement to Utah Retirement Systems (URS) for full-time employees. These rates vary depending on which system the employees are in and when they were hired. The City currently participates in nine different retirement programs offered by URS. This includes police, fire, and administrative staff as well as tier I and tier II employees. They are outlined below and in the URS rates table attached.

Local Government Employee	Tier I – DB	14.97%
Local Government Employee	Tier II – DB Hybrid	13.19%
Local Government Employee	Tier II – DC	13.19%
Public Safety – Police	Tier I – DB	32.54%
Public Safety – Police	Tier II – DB Hybrid	30.31%

Public Safety – Police	Tier II – DC	24.33%
Public Safety – Fire	Tier I – DB	16.66%
Public Safety – Fire	Tier II – DB Hybrid	20.06%
Public Safety – Fire	Tier II – DC	14.08%

Mr. Marshall reviewed his staff memo.

Councilmember Pollard expressed support for the resolution, emphasizing the importance of demonstrating the City's commitment to its employees and first responders.

COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-27, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PARTICIPATION OF SYRACUSE CITY IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE UTAH RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (URS) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027. COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

11. Proposed Ordinance 2026-11 amending Section 10.45 of the Syracuse Municipal Code (SMC) pertaining to sign and lighting regulations.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department explained the City has received a request from Kendall Hawkins of Colliers to amend the city's signage ordinance. The City's signage ordinance is found in chapter 10.45 'Sign and Lighting Regulations'. The goal of the ordinance is to require signs that are aesthetically pleasing, harmonious to the built environment, not excessive or confusing, not hazardous to motorists or pedestrians, approve the appearance of the City, and safeguard property values. The applicant/developer is requesting taller/larger signage than what is allowed by current ordinance. They claim that the elevated freeway limits visibility to their signage. Please see attached for their proposed signage package and existing ordinance (see highlighted for areas in conflict with proposed signage.) The City Council reviewed the item during their meeting on April 28, 2026 and expressed support for some sort of amendment. The Planning Commission discussed the item on May 5, 2026, but tabled the item following an inconclusive motion that failed to gather a required four affirmative votes. A public hearing was also held the same night where a member of the public expressed opposition to the proposed change. The Planning Commission resumed discussion on May 19, 2026 and is forwarding a recommendation to approve the attached proposed amendment to the signage ordinance.

CED Director Steele reviewed his staff memo and concluded the goal of this discussion is to decide if an amendment to the sign ordinance is appropriate and vote to either approve, approve with modifications, table, or deny the request.

The Mayor facilitated Council discussion/debate of the Planning Commission's recommended conditions at length and the body ultimately agreed to modify several of them:

- **Dark Sky Elements:** The Mayor expressed concern that prescriptive dark sky standards—particularly brightness caps measured in nits—are effectively unenforceable, as light output varies with bulb age and replacement, and it is unclear from where measurements would be taken. He also noted that the City already uses backlit lettering on its own entryway signs, and that he had personally visited Antelope Island at night and was not able to identify nearby commercial signage as a threat to the island's dark sky certification. The Council agreed to strike the enumerated dark sky conditions from the ordinance, noting that the City's existing dark sky code already applies broadly and that businesses have voluntarily proposed limiting illumination to logo areas only.
- **Sign Height and Location:** The Council debated whether the 50-foot allowance should be tied specifically to proximity to a freeway ramp or more broadly to any elevated freeway. Councilmember Pollard, Councilmember Watson, and the Mayor generally agreed that 50 feet was a reasonable and not visually intrusive height, and that the right framework is to allow the height wherever a business is adjacent to an elevated freeway interchange—regardless of whether there is a ramp immediately adjacent. City Attorney Colin Winchester cautioned that defining a specific numerical elevation threshold could be considered arbitrary and capricious, and recommended leaving the language more general, using the term "elevated," with specific cases to be evaluated administratively. The Council agreed to replace the ramp-specific language with reference to an elevated freeway interchange.
- **Equal Sign Representation:** The Council agreed to strike the Planning Commission's condition requiring a minimum of five equally-sized sign locations on any freeway sign structure, finding it an overreach into private property and business arrangements.
- **Planning Commission Review:** After brief debate, the Council determined that requiring Planning Commission review of each freeway sign would add unnecessary delay for businesses. The Council directed that freeway sign applications be handled through staff administrative review, consistent with how other sign compliance matters are processed.

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The Mayor also confirmed that the ordinance does not authorize off-premise advertising signs, which remain prohibited, consistent with Utah scenic byway restrictions. The intent is solely to allow on-premise signage for businesses that abut an elevated freeway.

COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2026-11 AMENDING SECTION 10.45 OF THE SYRACUSE MUNICIPAL CODE (SMC) PERTAINING TO SIGN AND LIGHTING REGULATIONS WITH MODIFICATIONS TO: ALLOW UP TO 50 FEET IN HEIGHT FOR SIGNS ADJACENT TO AN ELEVATED FREEWAY INTERCHANGE; REMOVE THE DARK SKY ENUMERATION REQUIREMENTS; REMOVE THE EQUAL-SIZE AND MINIMUM SIGN COUNT CONDITIONS; AND REMOVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW REQUIREMENT IN FAVOR OF STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW. COUNCILMEMBER WATSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTSON, WHO VOTED IN OPPOSITION. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

12. Proposed Ordinance 2026-12 amending the Syracuse City General Plan by adding a Water Use and Conservation Element.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department explained the Utah Legislature has enacted SB110 (2022) and SB76 (2023), requiring municipalities to formally integrate water supply, use, and conservation planning into their General Plans. This law requires municipalities to analyze the relationship between land use decisions and water usage. As part of this requirement, each city must evaluate whether it has sufficient water resources to accommodate projected growth. Syracuse City has been diligent in planning ahead with its water infrastructure. The City has adopted system plans for both its culinary water and secondary water systems, along with a water conservation plan. All three plans are publicly available on the City's website. In addition, the City collects water shares, impact fees, and connection fees with all new development to ensure long-term water sustainability. Attached is a proposed amendment to the General Plan that is intended to satisfy the state's requirement to incorporate a water use element. In accordance with state law, amendments to the General Plan must be reviewed by the Planning Commission, presented in a public hearing, and formally adopted by the City Council through ordinance. This item has been discussed with the Planning Commission on October 7, 2025. A public hearing was also held that night. They are forwarding a recommendation for approval. The City Council also discussed this item on May 25, 2026 during their work meeting.

CED Director Steele reviewed his staff memo and concluded the purpose of this discussion item is to review and consider the proposed General Plan text amendment incorporating the Water Use and Conservation Element. The discussion should determine whether the draft amendment sufficiently addresses state requirements and local needs.

COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2026-12 AMENDING THE SYRACUSE CITY GENERAL PLAN BY ADDING A WATER USE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT. COUNCILMEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

13. Public comments

There were no additional public comments.

Mayor Maughan recessed the meeting at 7:01 p.m. to allow the Council to convene as the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and Municipal Building Authority (MBA). The meeting reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

13. Mayor/Council reports and announcements

The Council and Mayor then provided announcements about recent and upcoming community events, and other opportunities for public involvement.

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER WATSON SECONDED THE MOTION ALL VOTED IN FAVOR TO ADJOURN. Councilmember Cragun was not present when this vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Dave Maughan
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, MMC
City Recorder

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