

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2026, 5:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**City Manager John Willis  
Assistant City Manager Robert Myers  
City Attorney Ryan Dooley  
City Recorder Christina Fernandez  
Parks and Community Services Director Shane Moore  
Several staff members from Parks and Community Services  
Fire Chief Robert Stoker  
Public Works Director Cameron Cutler  
Budget Manager Jared Edwards  
Finance Director Tiffany LaJoice  
Assistant Budget Manager Chad Moultrie  
Planner Dan Boles**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Chad McWilliams with Greater Zion  
County Commissioner Gil Almquist  
Zach Renstrom with Washington County Water Conservancy District**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The invocation was offered by Laura Fairchild with the Baha'i Faith and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Tanner.

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

**MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND UPDATES:**

**c. Read a Proclamation proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation Month.**

Link to Councilmember Anderson reading a proclamation proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation Month; the proclamation was received by staff members from Parks and Community Services: [00:02:04](#)

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**a. Presentation from Greater Zion.**

Link to presentation from Chad McWilliams with Greater Zion and County Commissioner Gil Almquist, including comments from Mayor Hughes: [00:08:40](#)

**b. Presentation from Washington County Water Conservancy District.**

Link to presentation from Zach Renstrom with Washington County Water Conservancy District, including comments from Councilmember Larsen and Mayor Hughes: [00:13:35](#)

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**a. Consider approval to award WRX Contracting the Curly Hollow Pumptrack RFP.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This pump track is one feature in the upcoming Curly Hollow Adventure Park. The plans are in final review currently and a bid will be advertised for the entire park soon. The pump track requires specialization, and an RFP was issued separately in order to obtain a qualified contractor. Contractors were asked to submit a design and construction proposal maximizing the use of \$175,000 in grant funds. Four submissions were received and scored. WRX Contracting scored the highest in the evaluation. Staff recommends approval of the contract to WRX Contracting in the amount of \$175,000 contingent upon adoption of the FY 2026-27 Tentative Budget.

**b. Consider award of bid to Suncore for the construction of Slick Rock Substation.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The award of this bid is for the construction of Slick Rock Substation, which is required to accommodate the increasing electrical demand within the surrounding service area. The Bid closed on June 5, 2026 and six bids were received. Bids were evaluated and staff recommends award of bid to Suncore in the amount of \$991,710.

**c. Consider approval to purchase a Pierce Manufacturing 1,500 GPM Type 1 fire engine/pumper through Siddons-Martin Emergency Group (Regional Pierce Vendor).**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This request is for an additional fire apparatus utilizing a national cooperative purchasing contract HGAC FS12-23 (FIRE). Staff from the Fire and Fleet departments have been working on specifications over the past several months and the apparatus will be similar to the fire apparatus that have been purchased in the past and apparatus currently on order with Pierce Manufacturing. The City has a long history with Pierce Manufacturing spanning over 36 years. Staff recommends purchasing the Pierce Manufacturing 1,500 GPM Type 1 fire engine/pumper from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group in the amount of \$1,195,908.38. Pricing for the apparatus came in at \$1,368,516.00, the city received a discount of \$174,607.62 for the upfront pre-payment for this apparatus. There is an additional amount of \$2,000 for utilizing the national purchasing contract which brings the total amount to \$1,195,908.38. Staff recommends approval contingent upon approval of the associated budget amendment.

**d. Consider approval of a Reimbursement Agreement with Enbridge Gas Utah.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This item is for the reimbursement of drainage facilities needed to accommodate the re-alignment of a high pressure gas line along Merrill Road in conjunction with the 3000 East Storm Drain Trunk Line Project. Due to the existing elevation of the gas line, it was required that the utility be moved to accommodate the large storm drain pipe being installed in the drainage ditch. It was determined that it would be more feasible, safer, and less costly a storm drain vault was reconfigured to allow the gas line to be installed above the storm drain. The cost to reconfigure and install the storm drain vault was determined to be an additional \$129,855.07, which is to be reimbursed to the City by Enbridge.

**e. Consider approval of a Reimbursement Agreement with STG Storage, LLC for Block Plant Roadway Improvements.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: STG Storage, LLC is constructing a portion of roadway improvements for STG Storage Units to be known as Block Plant Road. The City would like STG Storage, LLC to construct the full roadway improvements to provide a new access to serve the public.

**f. Consider approval of the minutes from the meetings held on May 28, 2026 (Joint Work Meeting with Planning Commission); May 28, 2026 (Work Meeting); May 28, 2026 (Regular Meeting); June 4, 2026 (Work Meeting); and June 4, 2026 (Regular Meeting).**

Link to presentation from City Manager John Willis: [00:17:15](#)

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Link to motion: [00:17:51](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to approve the consent calendar as presented with the exception of items c and e.

**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.

Link to discussion between the City Council, Fire Chief Robert Stoker, and Public Works Director Cameron Cutler regarding items c and e [00:18:45](#)

Link to motion: [00:21:57](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve items c and e on the consent calendar.

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

**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/TRANSFERS FROM ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO OTHER FUNDS:**

**Public hearing to review and take public comment regarding the proposed transfers from Enterprise Funds to Other Funds included in the recommended fiscal year 2026-27 budget.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The General Fund provides administrative and overhead support to the enterprise (business-type) funds. These services include human resources, legal, technology, fleet maintenance, and other administrative services. If these functions were not provided by the General Fund, the enterprise funds would need to hire additional employees and pay the direct personnel, materials and supplies, and equipment costs and/or hire consultants and pay their fees. Staff recommends holding the public hearing.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Budget Manager Jared Edwards: [00:22:19](#)

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Link to public hearing; there were no public comments: [00:24:04](#)

**PUBLIC HEARING/NON-RECIPROCAL TRANSFERS FROM UNBILLED UTILITY SERVICES FROM ELECTRIC, WATER, AND SEWER FUNDS TO OTHER FUNDS:**

**Public hearing to review and take public comment regarding non-reciprocal transfers for unbilled utility services from the Electric, Water, and Sewer Funds to other City Funds.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The City of St. George has funds that operate as business-type funds, providing water, energy, and sewer collection and

treatment services to customers and charging fees based upon consumption (usage) at rates established by the St. George City Council. Most city-owned facilities are charged for these services, but some services are provided directly back to the City at no cost. Staff recommends holding the public hearing.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Finance Director Tiffany LaJoice: [00:24:45](#)

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Link to public hearing; there were no public comments: [00:26:05](#)

**ADOPT AND AMEND MASTER FEE SCHEDULE/RESOLUTION:**

**Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-009R amending and adopting fees for various services and recreational activities.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: Each year, the City reviews its associated services and fees to ensure the sufficiency of fee coverage. The City has recognized some areas where fee increases are necessary to cover related costs. Increased fees will become effective on July 1, 2026. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Assistant Budget Manager Chad Moultrie, including discussion between the City Council, Mr. Moultrie, Parks and Community Services Director Shane Moore, and City Recorder Christina Fernandez: [00:26:25](#)

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Link to motion: [00:31:10](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Tanner to approve Resolution No. 2026-009R amending and adopting fees for various services and recreational activities, with the correction to the Airport Fees.

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larkin.

**AMENDED MOTION:**

Councilmember Tanner amended her motion to include the correction on Airport fees for 1 hour rather than 30 minutes.

**SECOND:**

The amended 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPT FY26-27 BUDGET/RESOLUTION:**

**Public hearing to receive input on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget and consideration of Resolution No. 2026-010R for final adoption of the FY 2026-27 Budget.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The FY 2026-27 Budget and Business Plan is the city's action plan for delivering the high quality municipal services that our residents, businesses, and visitors desire and expect. Developed in alignment with the City Council's priorities outlined in the FY 2027 Business Plan, this budget reflects a commitment to strategic planning and investment as well as strong financial stewardship. Major investments in this year's budget are focused on achieving the City Council's priorities identified in the FY 2027 Business Plan. Some of these investments include enhancements in public safety with new equipment and improvements to facilities, critical utility and transportation infrastructure improvements, additions to the parks and trails system from the 2023 voter-approved General Obligation Bond, and targeted initiatives in operational excellence, workforce development and customer service. A copy of FY 2026-27 Budget is publicly available for review on the city's website at [www.sgcityutah.gov/budget](http://www.sgcityutah.gov/budget) and through the City Recorder's Office. This year the city will have held two public hearings to gather citizen input on the FY 2026-27 Budget. Tonight's meeting includes the second public hearing. Staff recommends holding the public hearing and at the conclusion of the public hearing approval of the resolution to adopt the Final Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Assistant City Manager Robert Myers, including comments from Mayor Hughes and the City Council: [00:32:23](#)

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Link to public hearing; there were no public comments: [00:47:43](#)

Link to motion: [00:48:25](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Larsen to approve Resolution No. 2026-010R for final adoption of the FY 2026-27 Budget, with the amendments.

**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.

Link to comments from the City Council and Mayor: [00:49:17](#)

**ADOPT TAX RATE FOR 2026 TAX YEAR (2027 FISCAL YEAR)/RESOLUTION:  
Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-011R adopting the tax rate for the  
2026 tax year (2027 fiscal year) and levying taxes upon all real and  
personal property within the City of St. George.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: State Law requires that the city adopt the Certified Tax Rate (CTR) on or before June 22nd of each year. The Certified Tax Rate is the property tax rate that if adopted would raise the same amount of property tax revenue as was budgeted for the City in the prior fiscal year from existing residents. The Certified Tax Rate is deposited into the City's General Fund and is used to fund core city services provided to our residents including police, fire, 911 dispatch, street and traffic signal maintenance, parks and trails maintenance and general administration and support. The Certified Tax Rate is calculated by the State Property Tax Commission and Washington County Clerk Auditor's Office and is provided to the City each year in early June. For TY 2026 (FY 2027) the Certified Tax Rate is 0.000665. Staff recommends approval of the resolution adopting the TY 2026 (FY 2027) Certified Tax Rate.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Assistant City Manager Robert Myers, including discussion between the City Council and Mr. Myers: [00:49:56](#)

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Link to motion: [00:54:34](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Larkin to approve Resolution No. 2026-011R adopting the tax rate for the 2026 tax year (2027 fiscal year) and levying taxes upon all real and personal property within the City of St. George.

**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.

**PUBLIC HEARING/AMEND FY25-26 BUDGET/RESOLUTION:**

**Public hearing and consideration of Resolution No. 2026-012R to review and approve amendments to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: State statute requires a public hearing when changes are requested to the City's budget. Staff typically bring budget openings forward to the City Council for consideration on a quarterly basis based on changes that occur during the fiscal year. Staff recommends taking public comment and approval of the resolution.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Budget Manager Jared Edwards, including discussion between the City Council and Assistant City Manager Robert Myers: [00:55:11](#)

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Link to public hearing; there were no public comments: [01:16:44](#)

Link to motion: [01:17:02](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to approve Resolution No. 2026-012R to review and approve amendments to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget as presented by staff.

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen.

**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.

**PICK-UP OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND FIREFIGHTER TIER II EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS/RESOLUTION:**

**Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-013R authorizing City pick-up of Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II employee retirement contributions.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This resolution authorizes the City per amendments by Utah State Legislature to pick up the required increase from 4.73%

to 5.98% for the employee portion of the Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Noncontributory Retirement System. Staff recommends approval.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Assistant City Manager Robert Myers: [01:17:29](#)

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Link to motion: [01:18:36](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2026-013R authorizing City pick-up of Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II employee retirement contributions.

**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.

**APPOINT DESIGNATED APPOINTED OFFICIALS/RESOLUTION:**

**Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-014R appointing designated appointed officials.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This resolution authorizes the reappointment of all current appointed officials, with the exception of the City Engineer position. Staff recommends approval of the resolution to reappoint the existing officers and to formally appoint Wes Jenkins as City Engineer to replace Jay Sandberg who recently retired.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from City Attorney Ryan Dooley: [01:19:10](#)

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Link to motion: [01:20:05](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Larsen to approve Resolution No. 2026-014R appointing designated appointed officials.

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson.

**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.

Link to City Manager John Willis noting that item 11 has been removed from the agenda: [01:20:33](#)

**PUBLIC HEARING/VACATE PORTION OF A UTILITIES EASEMENT AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT/ORDINANCE:**

**Public hearing and consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-048 vacating a portion of a utilities easement and drainage easement located along the rear lot line of Lot 76 of the Bloomington Country Club No. 6 Subdivision.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The plat for Bloomington Country Club No. 6 Subdivision identifies utility and drainage easements along both the front and rear of each lot. The applicant is requesting that the utilities easement and drainage easement located along the rear property line be vacated. Vacating these easements will allow the property owner to incorporate the parcel acquired from Bloomington Country Club into the existing lot, thereby increasing the overall size of Lot 76. The Joint Utilities Commission recommended approval.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Public Works Director Cameron Cutler: [01:20:33](#)

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Link to public hearing; there were no public comments: [01:21:39](#)

Link to motion: [01:21:52](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Larkin to approve Ordinance No. 2026-048 vacating a portion of a utilities easement and drainage easement located along the rear lot line of Lot 76 of the Bloomington Country Club No. 6 Subdivision.

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen.

**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.

**PUBLIC HEARING/VACATE EASEMENTS/ORDINANCE:**

**Public hearing and consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-049 vacating all easements on Lots 3, 4, and former Sac Street, City of St. George Industrial Park, except for the Pole Line Easement crossing Lot 3.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The City of St. George Industrial Park subdivision plat depicts easements along the perimeter of the lots as well as easements crossing through the lots. Several of these easements cannot be accurately plotted because they are not defined by metes and bounds descriptions. Therefore, this request proposes to vacate all existing easements within the affected area, with the exception of the Pole Line Easement that runs east-west across Lot 3, which will remain in place. As part of the proposed subdivision amendment, new easements will be dedicated along the boundaries of the reconfigured lots to accommodate existing and future utility needs. It should also be noted that Sac Street was vacated by City Council action many years ago and is now owned by the adjoining lot owners. This request includes the vacation of any remaining easements located within the former Sac Street right-of-way. The proposed subdivision amendment will reconfigure the boundaries and layout of Lots 3 and 4, and the new easements will be granted as part of the approval and recording of the amended subdivision plat. The Joint Utilities Commission has recommended approval.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Public Works Director Cameron Cutler: [01:22:24](#)

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Link to public hearing; there were no public comments: [01:23:56](#)

Link to motion: [01:24:52](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Tanner to approve Ordinance No. 2026-049 vacating all easements on Lots 3, 4, and former Sac Street, City of St. George Industrial Park, except for the Pole Line Easement crossing Lot 3.

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen.

**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.

**ZONE CHANGE/ORDINANCE:**

**Consider approval of Ordinance No. 2026-050 amending the City Zoning Map by changing the zone from R-1-10 (Residential, 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> minimum lot size) to PD-R (Planned Development Residential) on approximately 42.86 acres located generally southwest of the Gap Canyon Parkway and 1790 West intersection. (Case No. 2026-ZC-009 - Divario PA-2 Allora Village)**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The proposal is for a multi-family project consisting of 410 townhome and apartment units with a density of 12.28 dwelling units per acre. At their meeting held on May 26, 2026, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval with conditions, with a vote of 6-0. There were no public comments.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Planner Dan Boles, including discussion between the City Council, Public Works Director Cameron Cutler, and Mr. Boles: [01:24:30](#)

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Link to motion: [01:36:05](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Larsen to approve Ordinance No. 2026-050 amending the City Zoning Map by changing the zone from R-1-10 (Residential, 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> minimum lot size) to PD-R (Planned Development Residential) on approximately 42.86 acres located generally southwest of the Gap Canyon Parkway and 1790 West intersection, with the conditions snow fencing around the white designated area so it does not get disturbed, including comments from the Planning Commission – 1) public roads on the interior of the site must meet all standards for public streets including cross-section; 2) a site plan must be submitted prior to any construction on the site; and 3) access to the trails is required.

**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: [01:37:57](#)

**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: [01:42:04](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Larkin to adjourn and readjourn in the RDA meeting.

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

**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

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Christina Fernandez, City Recorder