City of Washington Terrace

Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting
Held on August 4, 2026
City Hall, 5249 South 400 East, Washington Terrace City, Utah

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor Mark C. Allen
Council Member Anna Davidson
Council Member Zunayid Z. Zishan
Council Member Cheryl Parkinson
Council Member Jeff West
Council Member Michael Thomas
Finance Director Shari' Garrett
StormWater Manager/GIS Tanon Mathews
City Recorder Amy Rodriguez
City Manager Tom Hanson
Lt. Sean Endsley, Weber County Sheriff

OTHERS PRESENT:
Kathryn Craynor, Ulis Gardiner, Jarron Kennedy, Joann Ricketts

Mayor Allen explained the order for public comments. He explained to those watching on the youtube page who may want to provide comment to please follow the zoom link posted on our city webpage and facebook page. Mayor Allen gave instructions on how to use the zoom features to make oral or written comments.

1. ROLL CALL **6:00 P.M.**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. WELCOME

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Item 4.1 was approved by general consent.

5. SPECIAL ORDER
Special orders will proceed as follows: Chair introduction of item, staff/applicant presentation, questions by Council, Chair opens public hearing, citizen input; Chair closes public hearing, then Council final discussion.

5.1 PRESENTATION: PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX IMPACT STATEMENT

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The Impact Schedule was projected on the wall, printed out and available on the sign in table, and is presented on several places on our city website. Hanson presented the Property Tax Impact Schedule:

Washington Terrace City will consider an increase to its property tax rate from 0.001590 to 0.0016997 to generate an additional $98,100. The following information is intended to provide decision makers and the public with an explanation of how the City's operations would be affected if the proposed property tax increase is adopted.
Washington Terrace City's current property tax rate: 0.001590
Washington Terrace City's current property tax revenue: $1,458,777
Proposed revenue with tax change: $1,556,877
New Property Tax Revenue to Washington Terrace City $98,100

Estimated increase to Washington Terrace City Property Tax Rate 6.7%

Estimated increase to a primary residence of $409,000 $25.33
Estimated increase to a business valued at $409,000 $46.05

Affected Department : Police Proposed Budget: $1,300,314 Budget without Tax Change: $1,202,214 Budget Change:$98,100

Impact of Tax Increase – To fund contractual increases for law enforcement services entered into with the Weber County Sheriff's Office.

5.2 PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE AND TO EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

Citizens have the option to attend or participate in the public hearing in person or virtually. Interested parties may obtain more information regarding the tax increase by contacting Washington Terrace City at 801-393-8681 or visit www.washingtonterrace.gov Instructions for virtual participation in the public hearing will be available at www.washingtonterrace.gov no later than 24 hours before the public hearing is scheduled to begin.

Hanson conducted a short presentation on what property taxes are, how they are collected, and explained to what purpose the tax increase will be used. Hanson noted the impact of the increase to residents and businesses. Hanson stated that the proposed tax increase will be used for contractual obligations for our contract with Weber County Sheriff for law enforcement services. The total tax revenue increase for law enforcement services will be $98,100. Hanson clarified that there will be 10 officers added to the contract cities pool of officers, and not exclusively to Washington Terrace City.

Mayor Allen opened the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m.

In Person Comments**:**
Kathleen Craynor stated that she finds it sad that more people do not come to public hearings to participate, noting that everyone that she has spoken with felt that it was pointless because they know what Council will do anyway. She questioned Council asking if they knew that they needed the $98,000 for the Sheriff, noting

that she feels that they do an excellent job, why would Council vote to spend $30,000 on the Flock Cameras that we didn't need and maybe could have put off. She stated that she doesn't understand how they budget that way.

Jerry Kenedy spoke after the zoom and written comments were made. He stated that he does not support the increase, stating that similar to other comments, he feels that we can focus more on the Fire Department and also on modernization of our water and sewer systems. He stated that he feels that would be a much better use of the tax money.

Via Zoom Platform audio/video:
Mathews stated that there were no indications that anyone wanted to make a comment on zoom webinar.

Via Written/Email:
Rodriguez read two email comments that were received.
Trena Held: email is entered as record at end of minutes.
Kathryn Held: email is entered as record at end of minutes.

Via Zoom Platform written comments:
Mathews stated that there were no comments written during the hearing on the zoom chat feature.

Mayor Allen asked if there were any more public comments. There were none.

Mayor Allen closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Council Member Zishan clarified that the proposed tax increase is not to increase policing, as was suggested in citizen comments, but to keep the policing that we already have, noting that the Sheriff's Office increased their charge. He stated that we have to meet that charge and we are $98K short. He stated that in general, we are having the tax increase not to increase policing, but to keep what we already have. He noted that the addition of the ten officers is not the city's choice, but we have to meet the quote in order to keep their services. Mayor Allen stated that we have to contribute the $98,000 to that pool, noting that every other city in our contract pool may be increasing taxes to help pay for the increase in officers. He stated that we are not the only city paying more for our contract, noting that there are 15 other contract cities contributing to that pool for the ten officers. Council Member Zishan stated that our options are to have our own police force which would cost around 3 to 5 million dollars or go along and keep their service and meet their new price. He stated that we looked for other providers and found that the quote was almost double the cost. He clarified that he is the last person to be in support of tax increase but this is what we were quoted and at this point this is our only reasonable option.

Council Member Davidson stated that due diligence was done to explore all the options this is the most viable for our community and for the contract cities.

In response to some of the recommendations heard in the comments, Council Member West explained that we are not asking to increase taxes to augment any other services, that it is only to pay for our contract law enforcement services. He stated that Council heard the recommendations for the increase for the senior center, infrastructure and other city services, but stated that they are not raising taxes for those purposes and

stated that they are doing the best with the funds that we have and that we are in decent shape with our infrastructure.
Hanson clarified that we have a structural requirement to state exactly what our Truth-in-Taxation cause and effect is, noting that this is the only item that is available/identified as the recipient of the TnT process.

Hanson stated that no action will be taken tonight on the final budget. He stated that Council will consider the public comments heard tonight. He stated that there will be a Council Meeting on August 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. here at City Hall for a final discussion and decision on the final budget.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion by Council Member Zishan
Seconded by Council Member Davidson
To adjourn the meeting
Approved unanimously (5-0)
Time: 6:34 p.m.

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Date Approved **City Recorder**

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