

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

JULY 16, 2026; 5:33 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR JOY PETRO, MIKE KOLENDRIANOS,
CLINT MORRIS, BETTINA SMITH EDMONDSON,
AND DAVE THOMAS**

ABSENT:

ZACH BLOXHAM

STAFF PRESENT:

**ALEX JENSEN, JADYN SANDERS, STEPHEN
JACKSON, WESTON APPLONIE, SCOTT
MAUGHAN, GAVIN MOFFAT, ED FRAZIER, AND
KIM READ**

The meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Layton City Center.

Mayor Petro opened the meeting.

AGENDA:

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Petro informed the Council she had attended an event at the teen center on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, for the three graduating teens. She reported all three earned scholarships and an anonymous donor had also contributed additional funding. She shared personal experiences regarding the students and believed the facility was making a great contribution to the community.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Thomas announced a free puppet show would be presented in the amphitheater on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM. He commented the previous presentation had been successful.

Councilmember Kolendrianos shared an update regarding Open Doors. He indicated the previous boardmember representing Layton City had resigned and he had been appointed as a new boardmember. He attended the meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, and announced a donation had been received in the amount of \$150,000. He reported a Boardmember Playbook was being developed with the intent to provide guidance to boardmembers to promote Open Doors' messaging and programming.

He informed the Council, Mayor Petro had attended the most recent Planning Commission Meeting of Tuesday, July 14, 2026, to express appreciation to members of the Commission on behalf of the City Council and presented each with the City's America250 coin.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson announced CTC (Communities That Care) would be hosting the 'Teen Brain' free workshop in the Layton City Council Chambers on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM. She stated pre-registration was required and was still open and was hopeful additional registrations would continue. She mentioned a free family pass to Surf 'n Swim would be drawn at the conclusion of the evening.

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAYTON CITY AND DAVIS
COUNTY REGARDING GENTILE STREET – 2400 EAST TO 2600 EAST**

Stephen Jackson, Public Works Director, shared a visual illustration of the East Gentile Street improvement project and explained Davis County had approached the City regarding the roadway near the Valley View Golf Course last year. He indicated patrons of the golf course and visitors to the reservoir were often forced

to park on the dirt shoulder of the narrow roadway creating an unsafe situation to both pedestrians and vehicular traffic. During the discussion with County representatives, the City mentioned it had identified some water line and sewer line improvements which needed to be completed. The City expressed its willingness to accelerate those improvements and the County had agreed to fund a large portion of the roadway project.

He reviewed the scope of the project and referenced the illustration which reflected some on street parking. Additionally, the infrastructure would accommodate for future growth in the area.

He reviewed the costs associated with the project and identified the County's contribution, as well as costs to the City.

A discussion took place regarding Oak Hills Drive and Mr. Jackson stated UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) owned that roadway. He continued to review how the infrastructure project would be completed.

Mr. Jackson continued to explain how the sidewalk would be accommodated with the Gentile Street road improvements and mentioned JoEllen Grandy, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, would be working closely to determine how it could best be accommodated. A discussion took place regarding the proposed timeline followed.

REZONE REQUEST – APPROXIMATELY 2382 EAST 1200 NORTH (PARCEL ID 09-088-0161) – REZONE FROM A (AGRICULTURE) TO R-1-10 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) – ORDINANCE 26-22

Weston Applonie, Community and Economic Development Director, shared a visual illustration which identified the location of the parcel proposed to be rezoned. He explained the small parcel was originally part of a larger parcel owned by Davis Schools and the City had purchased some of the property using CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds. The small remnant parcel became encompassed with the adjacent residential lot. The intent of the rezone would be to match the zoning of the adjacent residential property to facilitate future purchase and combination of the parcel with the existing lot to increase the backyard area for personal uses. Following approval of the rezone, the Applicant planned to submit a subdivision amendment to incorporate the parcel into the existing lot. He also indicated the other adjacent parcel would also be cleaned up by the Applicant/adjacent property owner.

Councilmember Thomas pointed out the additional triangular small parcel next to the City's parcel proposed for rezone. Mr. Applonie responded that parcel was owned by the applicant; however, the smaller parcels would be cleaned up and included in one parcel with the plat amendment following this rezone.

24TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISCUSSION

Scott Maughan, Fire Chief, and Gavin Moffat, Fire Marshal, shared Police and Fire Department's statistics and activities which occurred over the Fourth of July holiday. He reported four citations were issued and informed the Council regarding citizen interactions during that time.

He reminded the Council of the Governor's Executive Order prior to the Fourth of July and explained it had set aside a statute regarding the discharge of fireworks in municipalities by the State Forester. The State Forester's order eliminated the discharge of fireworks from July 2 to July 5, 2026. He clarified that unless additional direction was received the City's fireworks map would revert to the City's current ordinance and referenced map. He oriented the Council and reviewed the restrictions applicable to the map.

He distributed the map implemented in conjunction with the Governor's Executive Order and reviewed those restrictions. He explained if the Governor didn't implement an Executive Order applicable to the 24th of July, the City's current ordinance would therefore be in place. Based upon the current drought, dry conditions, and high temperatures; it would be his recommendation to keep the July 4th restrictions in place

within Layton City. He stated language in the City's current ordinance allowed the Fire Chief authority to implement restrictions. He pointed out signage was already in place, Police Staff were familiar with the new restrictions, and an educational campaign had taken place with the July 4 restrictions and suggested the public would be familiar with these restrictions. He reiterated his recommendation that regardless whether the State issued any Declaration or Executive Order, the City continue with the same restrictions as were in place over the Fourth of July and a discussion followed.

Concluding the discussion, the Council expressed agreement with Chief Maughan's recommendation and indicated the City should implement this new map moving forward regarding firework restrictions within the City. Chief Maughan commented this would require the City to update its ordinance and map prior to June 1, 2027.

Chief Maughan pointed out firework vendors within the City would want to be made aware of the City's decision regarding the restrictions sooner, rather than later. Chief Maughan stated without any guidance or direction from the State of Utah, the City would be prepared to make an announcement to continue the restrictions on Monday, July 20, 2026.

Mayor Petro inquired about the City's fireworks display and mentioned other entities had presented a more significant display due to the America250 recognition and celebration. Chief Maughan pointed out the City was limited on space for a larger fireworks display and mentioned the City's current location prohibited the discharge of more and larger shells, as those needed a larger fall-out safety zone. A discussion followed.

The Mayor and City Council expressed appreciation to the Fire Department Staff for their efforts in keeping the community safe over the July 4th Holiday.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Thomas shared a resident's personal observation regarding the City's Fourth of July parade and complimented City Staff.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson informed the Council she had been approached some time ago by the Northridge High School Principal, Tyler Poll, had inquired about the process to receive permission for banners/flags supporting the high schools on light poles along major corridors within the City in an effort to reflect school pride within the community.

She also mentioned Wasatch Front Regional Council's public open house regarding transportation needs and/or projects. She reported the upcoming open house was scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2026, from 4:30-7:00 PM at the Ogden Raptor's ballpark. A discussion followed regarding how the City informed residents of local road projects.

Alex Jensen, City Manager, responded to Councilmember Smith Edmondson's question regarding the banners and indicated UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) would need to grant permission if the banners were placed along a UDOT roadway and added the City didn't have any ordinance restricting this type of use.

Mayor Petro mentioned the National BMX tour taking place in Syracuse City scheduled for August 6-9, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Kimberly S Read, City Recorder