

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2026, 5:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

Councilmember Dannielle Larkin

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

**City Manager John Willis
Assistant City Manager Robert Myers
City Attorney Ryan Dooley
City Recorder Christina Fernandez
Public Works Director Cameron Cutler
Planner Dan Boles
Assistant Budget Manager Chad Moultrie**

OTHERS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The invocation was offered by Father Joel Garavaglia-Maiorano, the Intermountain Health Chaplain 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:

There were no recognitions, proclamations, or updates.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Consider approval to award bid to Interstate Rock for the Bloomington Country Club Water Tank.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This item is to award a bid for the replacement and upsizing of the current Bloomington Country Club water tank. The Bloomington Country Club water tank serves Bloomington, Sun River, the East Bloomington pump station, and Desert Color. The current tank has been in service since the 1970s, is in need of repair and is undersized for the growth in the area. The city requested bids and 7 bids were received back. Interstate Rock was the low bid with a total bid of \$3,100,696.49. Staff recommends award of the bid to Interstate Rock.

- b. Consider approval of purchasing playground equipment through state contract with PlaySpace Designs for the Curly Hollow Adventure Park.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This item is for the purchase of playground equipment from PlaySpace Designs through a state contract for the Curly Hollow Park. Curly Hollow Adventure Park is a new community park that will be located on Tonaquint Drive across from Dixie Intermediate. PlaySpace worked with the city to design the playground on the central hill, rock features in the splash pad and adjacent to the playground, and an obstacle course. The playground will incorporate multiple features including concrete slides, faux rock climbing features tie in the climbing wall theme, a rope swing, cliff rider, multiple climbing obstacles and sand play area for younger users. PlaySpace Designs quoted \$1,233,072.77 for all of these features. The Curly Hollow Park project is a 2023 General Obligation Bond project and is included in the Parks Master Plan. Staff recommends approval.

c. Consider approval of the purchase of Novotx LLC asset and work management software through a cooperative contract.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: Novotx LLC is an asset and work management software utilized to track assets and work orders across the city. The city's current asset management software was recently purchased by another company and is undergoing significant changes and a substantial price increase. Staff evaluated alternative software solutions and determined that Novotx offered a more cost effective option. The purchase of Novotx is available through a cooperative contract in the amount of \$176,300. Staff recommends approval.

d. Consider approving the acceptance of a \$167,132.00 grant award from the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The St. George Police Department serves as the fiduciary for the Washington County Drug Task Force (WCDTF). Partnering with both the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (RMHIDTA) and the WCDTF, we collectively address the challenge of illicit drug distribution in Washington County, including St. George City. A long-standing partnership exists among St. George City, WCDTF, and RMHIDTA, reflecting a history of grant funding used for various investigative and personnel costs critical to their mission.

e. Consider approval of the continued sponsorship of the Lions' Club 92nd annual Dixie Round Up Rodeo and the approval to have a Beer Garden for the 6th year at the event being held September 17- 19, 2026 at the Dixie Sun Bowl.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This annual event, held at the Dixie Sun Bowl, includes evening rodeos Thursday-Saturday from 6:00pm-11:00pm, with a Beer Garden during that time, and a parade on Saturday at 9:00am. The sponsorship request includes permitting a Beer Garden, and the fee waivers of the following: 1) Special Event Permit Application fee (\$150); 2) Sublicense fee (\$5 per vendor); 3) Annual Alcohol Permit fee (\$500); 4) Local Consent Application fee (\$50); 5) Security fee; 6) Encroachment fees (\$650); and 7) Water hydrant meter fee; and deposit application fee (\$2,000). (Encroachment

& Water Fees are based on 2025 estimates.) Staff recommends approval with the condition that the applicant obtain insurance with the correct endorsements and all permit applications are approved prior to the event.

f. Consider approval of the minutes from the meetings held on June 18, 2026 (work meeting); June 18, 2026 (regular meeting); and July 2, 2026.

Link to presentation from City Manager John Willis: [00:03:00](#)

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Link to motion: [00:03:20](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to approve the consent calendar items as listed in the agenda packet.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – absent

Councilmember Larsen – aye

Councilmember Tanner – aye

Councilmember Kemp – aye

Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING/VACATE PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY/ORDINANCE:

Public hearing and consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-051 to vacate approximately 613 feet of platted right-of-way at the south end of Desert Color Parkway.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: A roadway dedication plat for Desert Color Parkway and Lagoon Parkway Roadway was recorded in 2019. Intermountain Health is building a clinic in the Desert Color development and as part of the construction design they are relocating the roadway to fit their layout. The road will continue in a southerly direction and eventually connect to Desert Sage Parkway. The Joint Utilities Commission recommended approval.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Public Works Director Cameron Cutler, including discussion between City Manager John Willis, the City Council and Mr. Jenkins: [00:03:38](#)

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Link to public hearing; no comments were provided: [00:06:13](#)

Link to motion: [00:06:27](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 2026-051 to vacate approximately 613 feet of platted right-of-way at the south end of Desert Color Parkway, with the condition that the rest of the road being dedicated.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – absent
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PD AMENDMENT/ORDINANCE:

Consider approval of Ordinance No. 2026-052 amending the Desert Color Planned Development Commercial zone on approximately 1.28 acres located east of Desert Color Parkway, between Southern Parkway and Black Mountain Drive. (Case No. 2026-PDA-016 - McDonald's Desert Color)

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The proposal is for a fast food restaurant (McDonald's) in the Desert Color PD-C (Planned Development Commercial) zone. At their meeting held on June 23, 2026, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommend approval with two conditions, with a vote of 7-0; there were no public comments.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Planner Dan Boles: [00:07:18](#)

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MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Larsen to approve Ordinance No. 2026-052 amending the Desert Color Planned Development Commercial zone on approximately 1.28 acres located east of Desert Color Parkway, between Southern Parkway and Black Mountain Drive.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tanner.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – absent
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

AMEND MASTER FEE SCHEDULE/RESOLUTION:

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-016R amending and adopting fees for various services.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This item proposes amendments to the City's Master Fee Schedule to correct certain water rates and establish fees for the FY 2027 Dixie Days Golf Tournament. The Master Fee Schedule was originally adopted on June 18, 2026. The proposed amendment updates water rates for the Outside City, Qualified PUD, and Exempt customer classifications to align with the water rate adjustments adopted this year for all other customer classifications. The adjustments vary by meter size and usage tier, as detailed in the attached exhibit. In addition, staff proposes establishing a fee for the Dixie Days Golf Tournament to be held during FY 2027. The proposed fee is \$125 per player or \$500 per four-person team. Staff recommends approval.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Assistant Budget Manager Chad Moultrie: [00:12:07](#)

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Link to motion: [00:13:23](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to approve Resolution No. 2026-016R amending and adopting fees for various services.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tanner.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – absent
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: [00:14:09](#)

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: [00:16:00](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to adjourn.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – absent
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

/s/Christina Fernandez

Christina Fernandez, City Recorder