

City of Washington Terrace

Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting

Held on July 7, 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 - Excused

Council Member Zunayid Z. Zishan

Council Member Cheryl Parkinson

Council Member Jeff West

Council Member Michael Thomas

Recreation Director Carlos Grava

Public Works Director Jake Meibos

City Recorder Amy Rodriguez

City Manager Tom Hanson

Lt. Sean Endsley, Weber County Sheriff

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Butler, Ullis Gardiner, Ashlee Cauley

1. ROLL CALL

6:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. WELCOME

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JUNE 16, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Item 4.1 was approved by general consent.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ken Butler stated that he attended West Haven Days recently and noticed that they have a long row of little markers designating handicap parking at large events. He stated that Washington Terrace does not have many parking spaces for handicap parking at Terrace Days or larger events and would like to see more handicapped parking spaces designated for larger events within the city.

He stated that the city should look at the gravel parking options for the City, noticing that street parking takes up a lot of space that may hinder Fire Truck Access.

Ashley Cauley with Republic Services stated that the Council will be reviewing and taking action on the Transfer Station Options. She stated that she wanted to give Council some information to take into consideration. Cauley stated that Republic Services acquired Ogden Transfer Services. She noted that

before Ogden, Weber County Transfer Station was the sole provider of services in the area and rates were increasing. She stated that the market has gotten competitive and the rates have evened out a bit. Cauley asked that the Council recognize that they are a privately owned company and do not rely on county or taxpayer subsidy. She stated that they rely on more tonnage, and they are asking their partners for continued partnership.

Cauley stated that they feel good about their proposal that they put forward, noting that their rates are a little lower for the residents and are very transparent.

Cauley stated that they are supportive of residents taking their individual tonnage to their transfer station or to the Weber County Transfer Station regardless of the outcome tonight. She stated that they remain partners with the city.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 DISCUSSION/MOTION: APPROVAL TO RATIFY THE QUANTITY AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2026 CRACK SEAL PROJECT

Meibos stated that the city is in the third year of a three-year contract with Asphalt Preservation. He stated that the contract is by tonnage. He stated that there were 11 ton of crack seal used this year. He stated that any expenditures over \$25,000 must come before Council. He stated that it is hard to determine how much tonnage will be used before the project begins. He stated that he has to keep his annual projects moving along. He stated that it is hard to estimate how many tons of crack seal will be needed. He stated that three years ago, they could not anticipate how many cracks would be in the road this year. Meibos stated that these projects are done as a three-year contract to lock in the price. This is the final year on this contract, and the project will go out to bid next year. Meibos stated that the difference in the cost is within the range budgeted for the project. Meibos stated that all the crack seal and chip seals have been completed. He stated that there will be striping completed soon and slurry seal applied in a few areas within a few weeks.

**Motion by Council Member Thomas
Seconded by Council Member West
To approve to ratify the quantity and expenditures for the
2026 Crack Seal Project
Approved unanimously (4-0)**

Council Member Parkinson stated that the flyer put out to residents for the chip seal on 5350 South did not have a timeframe as to when residents could begin to drive on the road. Meibos stated that he will let the contractors know of the suggestion to have timeframes added to their informational flyers.

6.2 DISCUSSION/MOTION: AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE ROHMER PARK HILLSIDE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PHASE 4)

Grava stated that MSCI Construction won the bidding process for the final phase of the Rohmer Park Project with a \$260,465 bid. He stated that they did a great job on Phase 3 and are great to work with. Grava stated that the project will begin once the contract is signed. Mayor Allen noted that much of the funding is through the R.A.M.P grant. Grava stated that the project is to be completed by November 1st at the latest.

**Motion by Council Member Parkinson
Seconded by Council Member Thomas
To award the contract for the construction for the
Rohmer Park Hillside Improvement Project
To the contractor MSCI
Approved unanimously (5-0)**

99 **6.3 DISCUSSION/MOTION: APPROVAL OF LEISURE SWING EXPENDITURE FOR**
100 **ROHMER PARK HILLSIDE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PHASE 4)**

101 Grava stated that per city purchasing policy, he is asking for formal approval of this purchase, noting that
102 the items were included in the total project that was approved by Council. Grava stated that staff followed
103 the city purchasing policy regarding sole source purchases and noted that there was no competitive
104 procurement procedure. Grava stated that the project has been approved through budget. Council Member
105 Parkinson stated that the swing benches look wonderful and asked if there is information as to how long
106 they last and how sturdy they are. She stated that the apparatus looks great but questioned durability.
107 Grava stated that the swings should last a long time, but they are replaceable if we have any issues with the
108 bearings. He stated that all the moving parts are replaceable. He stated that the awning cover is included.
109 He stated that the swings will be on the top side of the park, above the dog park. He stated that there will
110 be six regular benches, the two swing benches, tables with chess and cornhole games. He stated that we are
111 calling this area the "People Place". Council Member Thomas asked if there is anything we can do to make
112 them cooler to the touch as many older residents use this area as well. Grava stated that the paint will be
113 lighter and the awning hangs over offering shade, but as the sun changes position, heat may be hard to
114 avoid. He stated that he will speak to the vendors to see what could be done. Hanson stated that the
115 columns are stainless steel. He stated that they should be rust-proof in the environment. Hanson stated that
116 a third swing may be added if budget allows.

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118 **Motion by Council Member West**
119 **Seconded by Council Member Parkinson**
120 **To approve the Expenditure for the Leisure Swings**
121 **For Rohmer Park Hillside Improvement Project- Rohmer Park**
122 **Approved unanimously (4-0)**
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124 **6.4 MOTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR TRANSFER STATION SERVICES**

125 Hanson read the summary recommendation from his staff report.

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127 Hanson stated that there have been significant changes in the ownership and operation of transfer station
128 facilities serving Weber County, noting that the changes created a competitive marketplace.
129 Hanson stated that two proposals were received for Transfer Station Services: Waste Management
130 operating through the Weber County Transfer Station and Republic Services, operating through the Ogden
131 Transfer Station.

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133 Hanson stated that Waste Management has played an important role in partnering with Weber County to
134 ensure that continued operation of the Weber County Transfer Station, preserving an important public
135 asset while maintaining uninterrupted access for residents who rely on the facility for self-haul disposal,
136 green waste, and other services. He stated that the agreement generates revenue for Weber County that
137 can be reinvested into capital maintenance, facility improvements, and the long -term sustainability of the
138 Transfer Station.

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140 Hanson stated that Republic Services has made a substantial investment in the local waste management
141 market through its acquisition of the Ogden Transfer Station, stating that it helped provide stability during
142 a period of transition and reduced concerns that an unknown or unproven operator might enter the market.
143 Hanson noted that Republic Services has served the city for many years as our residential solid waste and
144 recycling collection contractor and has consistently demonstrated reliability, responsiveness, and a
145 commitment to quality customer service.

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147 Hanson stated that while cost is an important consideration, staff noted that there is value to Waste

Management as they have provided an environment for residents to bring their various waste products to the transfer station. Hanson stated that the .51 cents per ton higher is not insurmountable. He noted that there is a discount rate for self-haul for residents. Hanson stated that the proposals have Republic Services cost per ton at \$49.14 and Waste Management cost per ton at \$49.65.

Mayor Allen stated that he appreciates Hanson's professional manner on this project by putting it out to bid. He stated that we will continue with Republic Services for curbside pick-up.

Mayor Allen stated that Waste Management is leasing the property from Weber County. Mayor Allen stated that things change quickly and it is a complicated issue. Mayor Allen stated that he feels like he would like to keep supporting the Weber County property to make sure it stays in Weber County. He stated that he feels that the Weber County Transfer Station is a little more reliable for our residents. Mayor Allen stated that we still have a two-year contract with Republic Services for curbside management and this decision makes no changes to our curbside service. He stated that waste can be taken to either Transfer Station.

Council Member West stated that there is very little to no impact to the residents.

Council Member Parkinson clarified that either transfer station will accept a resident's self-haul load. She stated that both proposals are well written. She stated that she is very grateful that we will still use the services of Republic Services. Council Member Parkinson stated that there is a need to support our county. She stated that we have trust in them and maintain a great relationship. Council Member Parkinson noted that she wondered if the \$1600 overall difference between the two will not be worth a \$3.00 a load difference to us. She stated that she reviewed the difference between the locations and that she found that it comes out sixes. She stated that she is still not convinced on which way to go on the contract.

Mayor Allen stated that he has been involved in this issue throughout the long process. He stated that it would have been two to three dollars more for a ton if Weber County Transfer Station remained in the hands of Weber County. He stated that the competition coming in has helped all residents in Weber County.

Hanson stated that there will be an out clause in the five-year contract.

Mayor Allen stated that Waste Management is a huge recycling company and hopes that they push a little more for recycling in the county. Mayor Allen stated that he feels that they can help out in that regard. He stated that his heart is with Weber County Transfer Station. He stated that he has done a lot of work on this issue. He stated that Hanson has helped him work through issues that we have had and has agreed with him to keep Weber County Transfer Station in Weber County. He stated that it is hard to anticipate what will happen in the future.

Motion by Council Member West
Seconded by Council Member Zishan
To follow recommendations based on the discussions to keep
The direction of our waste stream with Weber Transfer Station
Based on the agreement that is before Council
Approved unanimously (4-0)

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

Council Member Thomas thanked Meibos and Public Works for the center lanes and people are hoping that we get the fog lanes and bike lanes put in soon so that people are more aware of the little kids who have been riding. Council Member Thomas stated that residents feel that a bike lane and fog lane would be nice on 5000 South as well. Hanson stated that they are working on fog lanes on Ridgeline and on 5750 South but is unsure if 5000 South is on the list. Hanson verified with Meibos that a center lane and fog lane will be coming to 5000 South. He stated that the team is also installing handicapped accessibility ramps on Ridgeline.

Council Member West stated that a resident on 74 East Ridgeline has had to replace his sewer line several times. He stated that there is an area on the curb and gutter that does not support storm water flow and just sits there. The resident asked Council Member West if that area can be looked at when we are repairing that area. He stated that there is standing water there when it rains and the sewer line is right below and the water pools and damages his sewer line. Council Member West stated that he is not looking for restitution, only for the area to be looked at so that the damage does not occur again.

Council Member West stated that there is a missing tree at lower Rohmer Park and asked if it is slated to be replaced. Hanson stated that it will be replaced with several other trees.

Council Member West noted that even with the water restrictions, the parks and grass still look good.

Hanson stated that we have been monitoring our water use and have been well within the allotment for City usage. He stated that we use a lot of fertilizer and grub control to keep the grass looking good.

Council Member Parkinson stated that she would like an update on the crosswalk lights by Stonehenge, noting that she has not heard if the issue has been resolved. Hanson will check with Meibos.

Council Member Parkinson stated that she appreciates the work on the lighting ordinance in regard to the lighting issues with the Hospital. She asked if we are still looking into feedback from other cities as to ordinances that they have dealing with residential homes next to commercial property with lighting.

Hanson stated that they have looked into other city ordinances and noted that the footcandle lighting along the fenceline shows a reading below the standards. He stated that the measurements show a range of moonlighting to .07 and it is very reasonable for that area.

Council Member Parkinson is pleased with the results but suggested looking at the ordinance to make it more clear for new development coming into the city so that developers and residents understand what is to be expected.

Hanson stated that Meibos is working with Rocky Mountain Power on replacing all the lights in the city with LED lights. He stated that there will be an upfront cost of \$50,000. There will be yearly savings of \$17,000. He stated that we want to update all our lights to give a consistent lighting approach and give us a better understanding of areas that may need more lighting.

Council Member Parkinson asked if there is a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled at the new building next to the library, as it looks close to completion. Hanson stated that there is more work to be done on the building and will inform Council of any ribbon cutting.

Mayor Allen wanted to give a huge thank you to the residents for their support of the Governor's statewide fireworks ban. He stated that he, Hanson, and the Fire Chief decided that a total ban would be the best thing to do in terms of fire and fire suppression with water that we don't have. He stated that he only saw around 3-5 citations from residents who thought fireworks were still legal. Hanson stated that some

teenagers lit fireworks at Rohmer Park and they were cited as it is always illegal to light fireworks at Rohmer Park regardless of the ban. Hanson stated that the Sheriff's Office writes the citations. Hanson stated that several people were warned. Mayor Allen stated that most of the feedback received regarding the ban has been positive. He thanked residents for abiding by law and keeping Terrace safe. Hanson stated that the Fire Chief put out a notice of gratitude to residents. Council Member Parkinson stated that half the city was on the Rohmer Park hillside watching Riverdale fireworks.

Mayor Allen stated that there have been reports of many racoons in the Terrace. He stated that a resident told him that the DWR-Rehabilitate for Small Animals website has information and will come out and pick up racoons. He would like Hanson to research and put the information out to residents if it is true.

Mayor Allen stated that Meibos can look up every address and see the video of the sewer line and storm drain attached to the home. He stated that it is very interesting to see. He recommended that Council Member West ask Meibos about that for the resident who is experiencing problems.

Mayor Allen stated that he agrees with Mr. Butler 100 percent on getting vehicles off the street. He stated that we prohibit parking on gravel because many gravel parking spaces turn to weed patches. He stated that he understands that it is expensive to put concrete or asphalt in, however, he has seen too many spaces turn into weed patches which is another nuisance issue. Mayor Allen stated that times have changed and more homes have more cars than they used to and he feels that Council can look into the issue again if they choose.

8. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Hanson stated that DWR does not handle the racoons themselves, however, the website has phone numbers for providers who will take care of the racoons. Council Member West stated that we should make a note of the website in our newsletter or facebook page.

Hanson stated that we are preparing the information for the Town Hall Meeting on July 28th. He stated that he will provide education at the Town Hall Meeting. He stated that the Sheriff will also be at the meeting to help people understand the need for the tax increase. Hanson stated that he appreciates the support of Rodriguez and Garrett on the compliance portion of the Truth-in-Taxation process.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21st: City Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

July 24th: City Offices closed for Pioneer Day Holiday

July 28th: Town Hall Meeting to discuss Truth-in-Taxation 6:00 p.m.

July 30th: Planning Commission Meeting (Tentative) 6:00 p.m.

August 4th: City Council Meeting (Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing) 6:00 p.m.

August 18th: City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

August 27th: Planning Commission (Tentative) 6:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURN INTO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING (the RDA will adjourn into their meeting immediately following the regular meeting)

**Motion by Council Member Parkinson
Seconded by Council Member Thomas
To adjourn into an RDA Meeting**

Approved unanimously (4-0)
Time: 7:20 p.m.

11. **MOTION: ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Council Member Thomas
Seconded by Council Member West
To adjourn into a closed session
Approved unanimously (4-0)
Roll Call Vote
Time: 7:22 p.m.

The Council adjourned into closed session to discuss;

- To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

12. **ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion by Council Member Thomas
Seconded by Council Member West
To adjourn the closed session and regular meeting
Approved unanimously (4-0)
Time: 8:21 p.m.

Date Approved

City Recorder