

City of Washington Terrace

Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting

Held on August 18, 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
Parks and Recreation Director Carlos Grava
City Recorder Amy Rodriguez
City Manager Tom Hanson

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

1. WORK SESSION

5:00 P.M.

•Recreational Programs review and outlook

T.H. Bell. Grava stated that we have used the gym at T.H.Bell for our basketball program for the last 25 years. He stated that he was contacted at the end of July that the City does not have an official agreement to use the gym. He stated that the city historically paid around \$2,400 for gym use. He stated that the Weber School District has told him that the prices are based on the hiring of a school district employee to open and close the gym. Grava estimated that the maximum amount of hours used will cost \$8,433 per year for gym use for the programs. Grava stated that the minimum number of hours for the girls and boys programs will cost \$6133.68. Grava stated that he could have limited the hours if he had known this prior to registration. Grava stated that the City hosts many of the games. He stated that he does not know how many teams there will be per night. He stated that some years there are 4 games per night, and some years 2 games per night. Grava stated that he will not know the number of teams until registration closes in September and he gets the team numbers from other cities.

Grava stated that there are no plans to change the fee schedule for this year. He stated that we could use funds from recreation programs and general funds this year to keep the program running. He stated that it may be too late to cancel the program this year because other cities may not take the kids from Washington Terrace. Grava stated that this is a yearly contract. Grava stated that there may be a possibility that other cities could host games this year to keep our costs down. He stated that he has not heard back from cities that he has contacted. Council Member Parkinson stated that she suggests keeping the program going this year but encourages Grava to see if other cities could host the games. Grava stated that there would have to be a substantial increase to registration fees to cover the costs of this increase. Hanson suggested that he and Grava will speak with the United Methodist Church to see if they would be willing to rent their gym space and time for the basketball

program. Mayor Allen stated that we need to be careful to beg other communities for their gym, as they have spent millions building the facilities. Council Member Thomas stated that there is a Zions Bank Community Grant for up to \$5,000 and that might help pay for gym use. Council Member Davidson stated that the Larry H. Miller foundation also has grants available. Grava stated that he will need to let Weber County School District know by this upcoming Monday. Hanson stated that if we are able to secure a gym rental contract another way before then, we would not have to enter into an agreement with Weber County School District. Grava stated that some options moving forward include using surplus from other programs or raising fees for participants. Grava stated that we are in the middle of the range for fees in comparison to the other neighboring programs.

Grava spoke of Expansion Proposals that have been suggested to him by Council Members. He stated that he is bringing the information to Council because the program suggestions have been brought to him by several Council Members over the years and he wanted to give an expectation of what is possible and what the cost would be. Council Member Zishan asked if all the work Grava would put into this would be worth it if we don't have enough participants to put in the programs. Grava stated that he spoke with other cities who do have summer camp programs and they were unable to tell him how many of their students are from Washington Terrace. Council Member Zishan suggested using our survey capability to determine how many residents are interested in these programs.

Youth Summer Camps

Grava stated that the budget required would be based on program types. He stated that they would run 4-5 weeks and the budget would be \$1500-5500. He stated that the camp programs would run a weeklong and could contain Pickleball, arts and craft, basketball, theater, Lego S.T.E.M, softball and archery programs.

Youth Flag Football

Grava stated that tackle football numbers have declined for the Terrace as well as surrounding cities. He stated that this may be an option to replace tackle-football. He stated that the budget is estimated at \$3500-4500, depending on number of teams. Grava stated that we would combine Riverdale, South Ogden, South Weber and Ogden cities. Grava stated that we would have to keep our program for at least one more year because of deadlines with the league. Grava stated that the current budget for tackle-football is \$12,000. He stated that there is only one team this year, costing \$7000 to the city. He stated that the revenue from football was under \$3000, noting that the city is subsidizing the rest. Grava stated that he has spoken to the other cities about this option. He stated that the other cities would need to know by January so that they can plan for this move as well.

Pickleball Tournaments

Grava stated that several Council Members have suggested tournaments to him this year. He stated that it would be Adults-Only tournaments with a division of 8 teams maximum. He stated that the first year would have a budget of \$850-1500, but once it is started, the registration fees should cover the cost of the tournaments. He stated that there could be 3 tournaments a year. He stated that he is confident that the registration costs of \$20-\$40 will cover the costs of the program (after the first year). Council Member West stated that we would need to find out if there is interest within the city for these programs.

Grava stated that there is a change order for the Rohmer Park Project that will be brought to Council at the next meeting. He stated that the amount is within budget. He stated that it is a change of quantity, not budget.

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91 **MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

92 Mayor Mark C. Allen
93 Council Member Anna Davidson
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97 Council Member Michael Thomas
98 Finance Director Shari' Garrett
99 Fire Chief Clay Peterson
100 Parks and Recreation Director Carlos Grava
101 City Recorder Amy Rodriguez
102 City Manager Tom Hanson
103 Lt. Sean Endsley, Weber County Sheriff
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105 **OTHERS PRESENT:**

106 Kathleen Craynor, Jarron Kennedy, CJ Hernandez, David Patterson, Wathern Guymon, Andron Harper,
107 Travis Kearl, Audrey Kearl, Maddie Smith, Sachs, Ulis Gardiner, Fara Bitter, Stacey South, ACO, Judd
108 Sampson
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110 **2. ROLL CALL**

6:00 P.M.

112 **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

114 **4. WELCOME**

116 **5. CONSENT ITEMS**

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118 **5.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA, JULY 7, 2026, AND AUGUST 4, 2026, COUNCIL**
119 **MEETING MINUTES**

120 There was a suggestion to switch the order of agenda items 6 and 7.
121 Item 5.1 was approved by general consent.
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123 **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

124 CJ Hernandez introduced herself, stating that she is running for Senate District 5. Hernandez explained her
125 background, stating that she was a diplomat for the Department of State for 8 countries and then returned
126 to Utah. She stated that she focused on immigration, human rights, and national security. She stated that
127 she is focused on saving the Great Salt Lake, affordability, and Public Safety. She stated that the
128 legislature should be a partner of local government. She stated that she is at the meeting to learn what is
129 working. She stated that she hopes to be a good advocate for the community.
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131 Farrah Bitter stated that she learned that the Council has approved the temporary trial of Flock Cameras.
132 She stated that she came to state her disapproval of the use of Flock Cameras. Bitter stated that she wanted
133 to let Council know that as a woman and mother of daughters that she does not approve of the use of the
134 cameras within the community. She stated that news reports have stated that 50 policeman have been
135 convicted of using the cameras to stalk women and does not feel that it is the best use of our resources to
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136 keep women safe.

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138 Casey Sanders stated that he does not want Council to use Flock Cameras. He stated that Flock wanted to
139 partner with the dashcams of Amazon delivery trucks, adding 350,000 cameras to their camera systems.
140 He stated that the information goes to Data Centers and asked if Council thought of that. Sanders stated
141 that Flock has been given a billion dollars and asked if investors really care about amber alerts. He stated
142 that Flock is based on subscriptions. He stated that the data that Flock has will become a valuable
143 commodity to be sold to data brokers. He stated that this is a lot bigger picture than anyone realizes.
144 Sanders stated that he hopes that Council looks at this as more than an amber alert because there is a lot
145 more going on.

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147 Jerrod Kennedy stated that he opposes the acquisition of Flock Cameras, stating that it is another company
148 used to sideline transparency as well as other laws that can be looked into to investigate abuses. He noted
149 that there have been reports of abuses and other agencies using the data.
150 He stated that cameras are an issue about privacy (government and private industry). He stated that this is
151 an issue of not protecting the citizen's privacy.

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153 Judd Sampson stated that the trial operation has already been approved and he stated that if we get beyond
154 the initial phase of three cameras, he does not want the cost to be reflected in another property tax increase.
155 He stated that he does not agree with the use of Flock Cameras. He stated that if we are slave to a national
156 subscription, it will lead to a bigger problem. He stated that the right to access the data has been abused
157 many times. He stated that he would like access limited and justifiable. He stated that he does not feel that
158 anyone is implying our police will be misusing the data, but there are things to consider when the city is
159 allowing access to the data. Sampson stated that there have been vigilantes who destroy the cameras and
160 asked who would pay for the repairs and replacements. He asked that the disclosure of the camera
161 locations be in a public notice.

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163 Hanson stated that the trial has been set up to see if the three cameras at our exits work for the city.
164 Hanson stated that the funding and future of Flock Cameras has not been approved at this time.
165 He stated that Flock representatives will be here on the second meeting in September to speak with
166 Council about their concerns and have a clear understanding of their product.

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168 Council Member Zishan stated that his belief is that Flock is dystopian violation of our rights, changing
169 the very nature of how policing is supposed to function. He stated that in a traditional investigation, a
170 crime is to happen first, then the detectives are to identify a list of plausible suspects, who are then placed
171 under investigation. He stated that under Flock, we are all under investigation at all times for all crimes,
172 everyday and every time we get into our cars. He stated that when a crime does occur, the police have a list
173 of pre-investigated suspects, noting that it is everyone in the room and everyone in the city who gets into a
174 car. Council Member Zishan stated that our Constitutional Rights, specifically our fourth amendment
175 rights are blatantly violated every day as a matter of regular government policy.
176 He stated that that this is the position of an overwhelming majority of the people of the city. Council
177 Member Zishan stated that because we are all under investigation every time we go in and out of the city,
178 he feels that it is unjustified that just the five Council Members make this decision for nearly 10,000
179 residents.

180 Council Member Zishan proposes sending out a survey to citizens with two questions:

1. Do you support Washington Terrace to enter into a three year contract with Flock costing us a total of \$30,000 plus fees.

2. Do you support the removal of all existing Flock Cameras in the city that were placed without our consent to keep us safe.

He stated that the people should decide and he will support their decision.

Castellano stated that the cameras remind him of the internment camps during WWII. He stated that it is a big invasion of privacy. He stated that the data centers use so much water that turns brown. He stated that others need the water as we are in a drought. He stated that the Flock information is sent to the Data Centers.

Kathleen Craynor stated that it is unfortunate that all these people were not here when Council discussed Flock. She stated that Council voted to spend \$30,000 on Flock and wonders why they are acting as if this is a temporary situation.

Ulis Gardiner stated that he is against the Flock Cameras. He stated that we don't need more cameras watching everyone. He stated that the Data Centers are taking up land that could be used for ranchers and housing.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

7.1 PRESENTATION: PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL AND CITIZEN AWARD FOR COURAGE

Fire Chief Clayton Peterson June 23rd structure fire. He stated that three young gentlemen noticed smoke from a nearby house and jumped the fence to help try to put it out with hoses while the Fire Department was in route. Chief stated that without them stepping in to help, the fire would have been worse than it was. They are recognized with the Civilian Award for Courage. Chief Peterson presented the awards to: Desmond Dayton, Kai Wilson and Link Wilson.

Chief Peterson stated that there was a 75 acre grass fire three days later on July 27th. He stated that during that time there was one gentleman who was trapped on the deck of his home and 8 officers went into his home and got him off of the deck while the fire was still in progress. They brought him to the hospital and unfortunately, he succumbed to his injuries that day. Mayor Allen offered his condolences to the family for their loss. He stated his appreciation for all the firefighters and officers that helped the city that day.

Chief stated that the officers will receive the Public Safety Personnel Award for Courage.

Fire Chief Clayton Peterson presented awards for courage to:

Riverdale PD:

Chief Casey Warren

Officer Christopher Morreale

Officer Eddie List

Officer Jeffrey Edminster

227 Roy City PD
228 Sergeant Travis Kearl
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230 WCSO:
231 Deputy Austin Hoyt
232 Deputy Benjamin Morley
233 Deputy Jacob Gottlieb
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235 Mayor Allen stated that there were 15 fire agencies and 8 police agencies helping that afternoon. He stated
236 that we could not have done this alone. He thanked all the communities that helped. Mayor Allen stated
237 that our Department was in Hennifer last week helping that community fight their wildfire.
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240 **8. RECURRING BUSINESS**
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242 **8.1 PRESENTATION: PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX IMPACT SCHEDULE** (REVISED JUNE 2026)
243 The Impact Schedule was projected on the wall, printed out and available on the sign in table, and
244 is presented on several places on our city website. Hanson presented the Property Tax Impact
245 Schedule:
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247 Washington Terrace City will consider an increase to its property tax rate from 0.001590 to
248 0.0016997 to generate an additional \$98,100. The following information is intended to provide
249 decision makers and the public with an explanation of how the City's operations would be
250 affected if the proposed property tax increase is adopted.

251 Washington Terrace City's current property tax rate: 0.001590
252 Washington Terrace City's current property tax revenue: \$1,458,777
253 Proposed revenue with tax change: \$1,556,877
254 New Property Tax Revenue to Washington Terrace City \$98,100
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256 Estimated increase to Washington Terrace City Property Tax Rate 6.7%
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258 Estimated increase to a primary residence of \$409,000 \$25.33
259 Estimated increase to a business valued at \$409,000 \$46.05
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261 Affected Department : Police Proposed Budget: \$1,300,314 Budget without Tax Change:
262 \$1,202,214 Budget Change:\$98,100
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264 Impact of Tax Increase – To fund contractual increases for law enforcement services entered into
265 with the Weber County Sheriff's Office.
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268 **9. NEW BUSINESS**
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270 **9.1 MOTION/RESOLUTION 26-11: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR**
271 **2026-2027 BUDGET AND SETTING THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE**
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Hanson stated that the budget is presented to you with the tax increase as previously described. Council Member Parkinson clarified that the budget includes the tax increase that is to maintain the law enforcement services that we have within the city and that this is charged to us from the Sheriff's Office. She stated that she appreciates the sacrifices that the great men and women do for us and we will support them in their efforts within the city. She stated that this is a value that is important and we appreciate that the slight increase will help make a slight difference in the coverage that we have. Mayor Allen thanked Garrett, Hanson and Department Heads for all the work that went into composing the budget.

**Motion by Council Member Parkinson
Seconded by Council Member Thomas
To approve Resolution 26-11
Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and setting
The certified tax rate
Approved unanimously (5-0)
Roll Call Vote**

**9.2 DISCUSSION/MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE USER AGREEMENT WITH WEBER
COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AT T.H.BELL**

Grava stated that the School District would like the City to enter into a user agreement to use the gym at T.H.Bell for our basketball program. Grava stated that the agreement will increase our fees that we need to pay to the school. Grava stated that the agreement would allow us to continue our Basketball Program this year. Mayor Allen stated that there will not be a fee increase for the kids. He stated that Council had a few suggestions for other options. Hanson stated that we will use the funding for the best agreement.

**Motion by Council Member Thomas
Seconded by Council Member West
Approval of the gym rental funds so that we can be flexible on where the location will be
if we find a suitable replacement location, with details to be determined.
Approved unanimously (5-0)**

**9.3 DISCUSSION/MOTION: APPROVAL OF FUNDING AND AGREEMENT WITH
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR THE STREETLIGHT CONVERSION PROJECT**

Garrett stated that a cost analysis was sent to Council to support the staff report. Garrett stated that this project dates back to November 2025 during our Council Retreat. She stated that the policy was set to provide lighting for a walkable, safe community. Garrett stated that the scope of the project entails changing all of the Rocky Mountain Streetlights to LED lights. Garrett stated that there would be \$51,000 onetime cost for the project. She stated that the anticipated power savings will be included in future budget adjustments. She stated that it will take RMP ten weeks to order the lighting and a week to install. There is an estimated \$17,000 in annual savings for at least 17 years to come. Council Member Parkinson stated that the initial investment will be paid back within 3 years and we will continue to receive the benefits for the life of the project which is estimated at 17 years.

**Motion by Council Member West
Seconded by Council Member Davidson**

**To approve the funding and agreement with
Rocky Mountain Power
for the Streetlight Conversion Project
Approved unanimously (5-0)**

9.4 PRESENTATION: ANIMAL CONTROL QUARTERLY REPORT

South Ogden Animal Control Officer, Stacey Nixon presented the report to Council. She stated that they were able to bring 11 animals' home before they had to bring them to the county. She stated that they try to bring them home to cause less trauma on the animals and families. Nixon stated that her partner likes patrolling the parks. Council Member Davidson stated that she loves that Nixon is keeping track of the animals that they bring home.

Hanson stated that Rohmer Park Dog Park is moving forward.

9.5 PRESENTATION: FIRE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Chief Peterson presented the report to Council, stating that total calls were 499 for the second quarter, noting that there were 425 medical calls. Peterson stated that there is a significant jump in calls for service from prior years. He stated that he estimates 1700 calls for the year.

Peterson stated that he appreciates Council allowing him to recognize the teenagers who helped with a house fire.

Peterson spoke about another house fire that was caused by teens disposing of weeds through fire.

Chief Peterson spoke about the fire. He stated that 45 law enforcement officers showed up to help with the traffic and other responses. He stated that 47 types of apparatus were used.

Chief Peterson went through the timeline of the Fire on the Bench. He stated that the fire started at the train tracks and was fast moving. He stated that 75 acres were burned within 15 minutes. Chief stated that there was damage to one trailer. He stated that there unfortunately was one fatality.

Chief Peterson stated that the Department was the first-arriving apparatus at the Roy Grass Fire that occurred a week before the Terrace Fire.

Chief Peterson stated that the Department also helped with the Hennifer Fires.

Chief Peterson stated that the Department has had training since the fires occurred.

Chief Peterson stated that there have been a lot of gas calls. He stated that the boring company has caused 6 gas leaks. Hanson stated that some of the lines are correctly located, and some are not located at all which has caused some of the issues. Hanson stated that he and Peterson have been working with the boring company to encourage a better outcome regarding the gas lines.

Chief Peterson stated that he and Hanson held a Cold Wash of the response of the Fires and received good feedback as to what is needed in the future.

Chief Peterson stated that the Emergency Fair will be held on September 17th at the Fire House.

Chief Peterson stated that August is usually the biggest fire season and it is not over yet. Council Member Parkinson stated that we need caution residents to be wise with fire and with watering.

9.6 PRESENTATION: SHERIFF OFFICE QUARTERLY REPORT

Lt. Endsley presented the report to Council, stating that the report covers April-June. He stated that the adult arrests have increased significantly. He stated that more warning citations have been issued. He stated that the staffing levels have increased, which allows deputies to be proactive within the city.

Lt. Endsley stated that the calls and types of calls are neither drastically up or down from last year.

He stated that there were no major issues during Terrace Days. He stated that he may add a shift for the Movie in the Park night for added safety. Lt. Endsley recapped the changes in the Office, noting that there was a split between general fund operations and contract cities funding. He stated that they have only lost one officer this year. He stated that retention has been great this year with the new wage scale. He stated that their wage scale has boosted their recruiting and retention. Lt. Endsley stated that the case numbers with CS is from General Funds and CM is for contract cities. He stated that calls for service in each city are tracked separately.

Lt. Endsley wanted to thank Council and Chief Peterson for recognizing the deputies who helped during the fire and he appreciates the support.

9.7 MOTION/RESOLUTION 26-12: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WASTE TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF UTAH, INC

Hanson stated that the city received the proposals for Waste Transfer and disposal agreement. Staff recommendation is to use Waste Management as our Transfer Station. Hanson stated that curbside service will still be provided through Republic Services.

**Motion by Council Member West
Seconded by Council Member Davidson
To approve Resolution 26-12
Approving Waste Transfer and Disposal Agreement with
Waste Management of Utah
Approved Unanimously (5-0)
Roll Call Vote**

10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

Council Member Thomas thanked Chief Peterson and the Sheriffs for their response to the fire. He stated that he received a lot of requests from residents to share their appreciation. Council Member Thomas thanked Meibos and the Public Works Crew stating that residents feel that there is a safer path to school with the extra crosswalks on Ridgeline.

Council Member West stated that he spoke with a resident who was upset about that boring company damage and stated that he wanted to thank Hanson for being so helpful to him.

Council Member Parkinson asked the name of the company putting in the new fiber optic. Hanson stated that the company is CenturyLink however they have contracted the installment of the fiber to another company. Hanson stated that there are door hangars that have gone out. He advised residents to call city hall and speak with Meibos on specific challenges.

Council Member Parkinson stated that she has heard many complaints about the gas company hitting power lines. She stated that the flags are being left up and also leaving spray paint over sidewalks and rocks. She stated that they are upset because their yards are being torn up every year. Hanson stated that there are challenges every year with legislation prohibiting us from stopping them from coming to the city. Hanson stated that we can charge the boring fees, however, we cannot restrict them from working. Council Member Parkinson suggested putting information in the newsletter explaining why this evasive behavior

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continues every year. She stated that Meibos is very good to work with and appreciates him taking these calls.

Hanson asked if Council is opposed to having Flock come out to speak to Council in September. Council Member Zishan stated that he doesn't care, as he does not see the point and doesn't want to waste his time with them. He stated that he feels that Flock is the enemy of the State. Council Member Parkinson, Davison, and Thomas stated that they are open to hearing from them. Council Member Zishan stated that he would still like to see a citizen survey be put out with a balanced approach.

11. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administration reports.

12. UPCOMING EVENTS

August 27th: Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.
September 1st: City Council Meeting 6:00p.m.
September 7th: City Offices closed for observance of Labor Day
September 15th : City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURN THE MEETING

**Motion by Council Member Parkinson
Seconded by Council Member Thomas
To adjourn the meeting
Approved unanimously (5-0)
Time: 7:53 p.m.**

Date Approved

City Recorder