

City Council Business Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tooele City Hall Council Chambers
90 North Main Street, Tooele City, Utah

Council Members Present

Jon Gossett
Justin Brady
Ed Hansen
Melodi Gochis
Dave McCall

Staff Present:

Maresa Manzione, Mayor
Matthew Johnson, City Attorney
Darwin Cook, Parks and Recreation Director
Chris Nielson, IT Director
Adrian Day, Police Chief
Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director
Paul Hansen, City Engineer
Shilo Baker, City Recorder
Clarissa Pankratz, Deputy City Recorder
Teresa Young, Clerk/Minute Composition

Minutes Prepared by Teresa Young

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Jon Gossett, Present
Melodi Gochis, Present
Ed Hansen, Present
Dave McCall, Present
Justin Brady, Present

3. Presentation of the Proposed Property Tax Increase

- Tooele City's proposed tax rate increase will generate an additional \$238,092 in property tax revenue per year as a result of this increase.
- The additional property tax revenue will be used to fund \$138,092 towards the Judgement Levy Bond payment increase, and \$100,000 for the fire department to fund stipends for volunteers as well as an administrative assistant for the department.

Presented by Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director

Ms. Wimmer explained that the purpose of the item was to inform the public of the purpose of the Truth-in-Taxation meeting and to explain how the additional revenue from the proposed increase to the certified property tax rate would be used.

4. **Property Tax Impact Schedule Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Presented by Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director

Ms. Wimmer presented the Property Tax Impact Schedule, which is available to the public in hard copy and on the City's website. She explained that the purpose of the schedule is to provide information on the proposed property tax increase, including the tax rate, anticipated revenue, taxpayer impact, and how the additional funds will be used.

The City's certified tax rate was calculated at 0.002527, while the proposed tax rate is 0.002590, resulting in an estimated \$238,092 increase in property tax revenue. For a residential property with the City's median value of \$382,162, the increase would be approximately \$13.24 per year, or \$1.10 per month, representing a 2.49% increase. For a commercial property with a median value of \$513,900, the estimated increase would be approximately \$132.38 per year.

Ms. Wimmer explained that approximately \$138,092 of the additional revenue will be used toward the increased payment on the judgment levy associated with the City's bond. The remaining \$100,000 will be allocated to the Fire Department to help fund volunteer stipends and an administrative assistant position to address the department's increased workload and needs.

5. **Public Hearing & Motion on Resolution 2026-61* A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Adopting the Final Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Presented by Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director

Ms. Wimmer explained that the resolution formally adopts a property tax rate of 0.002590, which represents a 2.49% increase over the certified tax rate.

Chairman Brady opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Seeing no members of the public coming forward in the audience, Chairman Brady opened the public hearing to members of the public participating via Microsoft Teams at 7:05 p.m. Seeing no one raise their hand to comment on Teams, Chairman Brady closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Hansen moved to approve Resolution 2026-61* A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Adopting the Final Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Council McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

6. **Public Hearing & Motion on Resolution 2026-62* A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Adopting the Final Budget for Tooele City for Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Presented by Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director

Ms. Wimmer provided an overview of the proposed budget and highlighted key priorities and changes for the upcoming fiscal year. She noted that the tentative budget was presented on May 6, followed by a more detailed budget presentation on June 17. Copies of the budget and the Combined Tax Notice were made available to the public and on the City's website.

Ms. Wimmer explained that the budget emphasizes fiscal responsibility, careful evaluation of expenditures, maintaining service levels, and economic development. Key priorities include addressing inflationary costs, funding the volunteer Fire Department and Police Department, maintaining critical infrastructure, and supporting community projects.

The budget includes funding for increased service demands, including an additional Police Officer, a Fire Department Administrative Assistant, and an IT position. It also provides for Fire Department volunteer stipends, salary and benefit increases, and higher operating costs related to fuel and inflation.

Ms. Wimmer also highlighted several capital projects and equipment purchases, including lighting improvements at the Pratt Aquatic Center, golf course repairs, museum and park upgrades, a library chiller replacement, Police Department digital forensics and Taser software, an aerial lift for public buildings, and the routine replacement of vehicles and equipment.

She also explained how property tax revenue and the certified tax rate are calculated, noting that the City does not receive additional property tax revenue from inflation or increases in existing property values. Additional revenue, other than new growth, requires the Truth-in-Taxation process. The proposed increase would provide approximately \$238,092 in additional revenue.

Chairman Brady opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Seeing no members of the public coming forward in the audience, Chairman Brady opened the public hearing to members of the public participating via Microsoft Teams at 7:13 p.m.

Lynn via Microsoft Teams stated that he was unable to hear the presentation clearly through Microsoft Teams due to the audio fading in and out and becoming distorted. He stated that he could hear the other speakers and the voting, but not the presentation. Staff advised that the presentation was also available on YouTube and that the meeting was being streamed there.

Seeing no others raise their hand on Teams, Chairman Brady noticed someone in the back of the room raise their hand.

Bella Martinez came up to the podium and asked for clarification regarding the proposed budget, specifically why employee benefit costs for the Police Department and several other departments decreased from the previous fiscal year. She noted that Fire Department benefits increased from approximately \$181,000 in the 2026 budget to approximately \$301,000 in the proposed 2027 budget, while benefits for most other departments decreased. She requested an explanation for the differences.

Chairman Brady closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Ms. Wimmer explained that employee benefit costs can fluctuate significantly, primarily due to employees' choices regarding health insurance coverage. The largest factor is whether employees elect family or single medical coverage. As employees leave and new employees are hired, the City budgets for

family coverage, but actual costs may be lower if new employees select single coverage. She noted that retirement and other benefit costs were not decreasing; the primary reason for the decrease was changes in employees' health insurance elections.

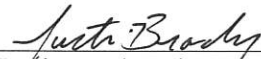
Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moved to approve Resolution 2026-62* A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Adopting the Final Budget for Tooele City for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Councilman Gossett seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye" and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

7. **Adjourn**

Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

Approved this 2nd day of September, 2026


Justin Brady, City Council Chair

