



**MAGNA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2026**

****DRAFT MINUTES – UNAPPROVED****

Council Members Present: Mayor Mick Sudbury, Council Member Steve Prokopis, Council Member Megan Olsen, Council Member Michael Jensen, Council Member Terry George

Staff Present: Kelly Bush – City Manager, Diana Baun – City Recorder, Chad Anderson – Assistant City Engineer, Joel Grant – HR Director, Matt Starley – Long Range Planner, Clayton Preece – Deputy City Attorney, Chief Kelly Millard – UFA, Lt. Paul Barker - UPD

PUBLIC MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Mick Sudbury.

2. Determine Quorum

Mayor Sudbury confirmed that a quorum of the City Council was present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 2 minutes per person)

Melinda Burrell addressed several concerns regarding parking enforcement throughout the community, noting that “No Parking” zones are being widely ignored. She described ongoing challenges in receiving timely responses from UPD when using the online reporting form, often requiring residents to call dispatch, which has long wait times. She raised specific safety concerns with vehicles parking illegally along Cordero near Cloud Peak during student pickup times, causing sightline hazards and multiple near-collisions. She additionally requested clarification about the upcoming Cypress High School homecoming parade scheduled for September 2, noting that residents had been notified without any details on road closures, times, or traffic impacts. She expressed concern about Cordero potentially being closed during peak traffic hours. Ms. Burrell also revisited the longstanding issue of the Bastian Bridge over 8400 West. She shared that she had contacted UDOT but had not received updates and disagreed with previous feedback suggesting that a skybridge was not needed. She cited comparisons with other cities that provide students crossing bridges on busy roads. Her remaining concerns included questions about relocation plans for the “runway ramp,” noting its occasional necessity in past years; and the continuation of the south sidewalk near the storage area on 8400 West, which she believed was

intended to be concrete rather than asphalt.

Mayor Sudbury thanked Burrell for her comments and proceeded with the agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

1) August 11, 2026 City Council Meeting

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the August 11, 2026 City Council Minutes as published. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor.

6. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

A. Unified Fire Authority – *Chief Kelly Millard*

Chief Kelly Millard reviewed the UFA's second-quarter run statistics for Magna, reporting 695 total calls. He explained recent changes in the reporting system that may have affected emergent vs. non-emergent categorization, which staff are currently evaluating. He described backfill units from neighboring agencies during training periods, and gave an overview of common call types, including outside fires, rubbish fires, medical falls, sick-person calls, motor vehicle collisions, and accidental medical alarm activations. Council Member Jensen asked about call prioritization categories, and Chief Millard noted UFA plans to return to the Alpha/Bravo/Charlie/Delta system early next year.

B. Unified Police Department – *Lt. Paul Barker*

Lt. Paul Barker introduced himself as newly transferred to the Magna/Copperton Precinct and briefly reviewed July call statistics, noting a slight year-over-year reduction. He reported 360 civil citations and eight EUIs issued in July. He then turned time over to UPD leadership for introductions.

Chief Chris Benedict introduced newly appointed Assistant Chief Justin Hoyle, emphasizing Hoyle's exemplary work ethic and the department's growth necessitating the assistant chief role. Chief Benedict also introduced Chief Luis Lovato, now responsible for investigations and special operations.

Assistant Chief Hoyle expressed appreciation for the council and community, noting his long-standing ties to Magna through 17 years of work at Cypress High School and committed service in his new role.

Chief Luis Lovato shared his history serving Magna through multiple assignments in his policing career and voiced enthusiasm for continuing service in his current shared services division role.

The Council expressed appreciation for the introductions.

7. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. Councilmember Audrey Pierce Resignation – Notice of Vacancy and Appointment Process Overview (Discussion Only) – *Clayton Preece, Deputy City Attorney*

Deputy City Attorney Clayton Preece explained the statutory process for filling the District Five council vacancy following Council Member Audrey Pierce's resignation. He outlined requirements for candidate eligibility, including residency, voter registration, and ability to assume office on September

8, 2026. Preece detailed the application window (August 26–September 2), the required declaration of candidacy, and fee submission through an appointment with the City Recorder.

He noted that once applications are received, the council will publicly interview all candidates using a uniform set of questions to ensure fairness, and then vote by majority to fill the seat. He also clarified that the council has 30 days from the date of resignation to make an appointment, after which they may request an additional 30-day extension from the Lieutenant Governor’s Office if needed.

Council Members asked clarifying questions about timeline and residency requirements.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Department of Alcohol and Beverage Services (DABS) Proximity Authorization
Variance for The GEM Pizzeria and Bearded Brothers Brewing

Council Member Jensen motioned to open the public hearing. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor.

Council Member Jensen moved to open the public hearing. Council Member Megan Olsen seconded the motion; vote was unanimous. Mayor Sudbury invited comments.

Jeff Larson asked how many existing alcohol licenses were located near the proposed site and whether the city had any limit on licenses in that area. Council Member Olsen requested he state his name for the record.

City Manager Kelly Bush explained that two licenses are currently nearby. She clarified that this application involves a brewery operation, requiring the business to sell alcohol produced on site to DABS and subsequently purchase it back for service. She emphasized that the request pertains only to a Class C beer license. Bush also explained that state law requires 250 feet separation, whereas the proposed operation is 136 feet from the library, necessitating a variance.

Council Members and staff reiterate that the establishment will operate as a family-friendly pizzeria with limited beer service consistent with Class C licensing.

Council Member Jensen moved to close the public hearing. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor.

9. COUNCIL BUSINESS (Motion and Voting)

- A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Resolution R2026-43**, Appointing a Member of the Council to Represent Magna City on the Mosquito Abatement Board

The council discussed whether to wait until the District Five vacancy is filled or proceed immediately with an appointment.

Council Member Jensen moved to appoint Council Member Megan Olsen as Magna City’s representative to the Mosquito Abatement Board and to approve Resolution R2026-43. Council Member Steve Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member George reported on the recent Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) meeting, where the board unanimously approved Herriman City's departure. Herriman will receive approximately \$825,000 in equity in the form of equipment rather than cash. Up to six trucks may be allocated based on appraisals of the 56-truck fleet, though they will likely receive around three trucks. The departure becomes official October 31, 2026. George emphasized that future city departures would be evaluated individually and not necessarily receive the same terms.

Council Member Jensen reported that an emergency appropriation was approved for repair work following significant washout damage in Butterfield Canyon. He noted that tomorrow's MSD meeting has been canceled.

Council Member Olsen reported that the Magna 250 Celebration and Night Out Against Crime event was highly successful, with 37 vendors, two food trucks, 500 hot dogs served, and 487 ice creams distributed. She commended staff and volunteers for their efforts and acknowledged UFA and UPD participation.

Council Member Prokopis provided an update from the recent UPD meeting, noting organizational changes including promotions and the new assistant chief role. He reported on Salt Lake County's announced intent to leave SLVLESA, describing the legislative process underway, including selection of a third-party firm to conduct a feasibility study.

Mayor Sudbury indicated he had no additional updates and thanked the council and staff for their reports.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

Council Member Jensen moved that the council enter a closed session at 6:29 PM to discuss personnel matters and adjourn immediately following the closed session. Council Member Terry George seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor.

12. CLOSED SESSIONS IF NEEDED AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE §52-4-205

- A. **Discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.**
- B. Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
- C. Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.
- D. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; and
- E. Other lawful purposes as listed in Utah Code §52-4-205

13. ADJOURN

The August 25, 2026 Magna City Council Meeting adjourned immediately following the adjournment of the Closed Session.

This is a true and correct copy of the August 25, 2026 Magna City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on September 8, 2026.

Attest:

Magna City Mayor

Magna City Recorder