MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING **AUGUST 6, 2026; 7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: **MAYOR JOY PETRO, ZACH BLOXHAM, MIKE KOLENDRIANOS, CLINT MORRIS, AND BETTINA SMITH EDMONDSON**

EXCUSED: **DAVE THOMAS**

STAFF PRESENT: **ALEX JENSEN, CLINT DRAKE, WESTON APPLONIE, STEPHEN JACKSON, DAVID PRICE, JOELLEN GRANDY, SCOTT MAUGHAN, AND KIM READ**

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Layton City Center.

Mayor Petro opened the meeting and welcomed the public. Councilmember Morris offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor acknowledged Lyra Gutierrez, Youth City Council, on the dais and participating in the meeting.

MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilmember Bloxham moved to **amend the minutes of the March 19, 2026 Work Meeting** to reflect he was 'excused' and not 'absent', and approve all other minutes as written.

Layton City Council Work Meeting – March 19, 2026, as amended;
Layton City Council Work Meeting – April 2, 2026;
Layton City Council Meeting – May 7, 2026;
Layton City Council Meeting – July 2, 2026;
Layton City Council Work Meeting – July 16, 2026; and
Layton City Council Meeting – July 16, 2026.

Councilmember Kolendrianos seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as written and amended. **Councilmember Thomas was not present for the vote.**

Mayor Petro announced Councilmember Thomas was excused.

MUNICIPAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lyra Gutierrez, Youth Council Mayor, shared her personal experience of participating in Layton Youth Council for the past three years.

Ms. Gutierrez announced the following Municipal Events:

- Layton F.E.S.T. (Fun, Entertainment, Shopping, Trucks) would continue on Friday evenings until the end of August from 5:30 PM to Dusk
- Surf 'n Swim winter hours would begin Thursday, August 20, 2026
- 'Bubble' week at Surf 'n Swim was scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2026, through Sunday, September 20, 2026
- Summer Bash was scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2026
- Heritage Museum's 250 years patriotic quilt exhibit would be displayed until Saturday, August 22, 2026
- Layton Heritage Museum and Davis Arts Council (DAC) would jointly be hosting a cultural festival on Saturday, August 29, 2026

Councilmember Smith Edmondson recognized the participation from parents and families from within the community that participated in the Teen Brain Workshop last Wednesday, July 29, 2026. She mentioned other similar workshop events would be scheduled in the future.

Mayor Petro acknowledged all City Staff associated with the various activities which took place this past July and commented she had only received positive comments regarding these City events.

PRESENTATIONS:

YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Alex Jensen, City Manager, stated it was always a privilege to recognize some of the employees for significant years of service to Layton City. He expressed his opinion those being recognized during the meeting were some of the very best and the City was blessed to have quality employees. He announced five individuals would be recognized during the meeting and reviewed the City's recognition program. The following were recognized:

Brent McFarland	25 years	Fire Department
Josh Wheatley	20 years	Police Department
Ryan Adams	20 years	Public Works
Jason Mott	20 years	Public Works
Brett Perkins	30 years	Public Works

Mr. Jensen acknowledged the employees' families in attendance and expressed appreciation to them for their efforts in supporting each employee. He mentioned many of these employees were 'on-call' employees who had been asked to serve the City at a moment's notice, which illustrated the significant support.

The employees were recognized and received by the Mayor and Councilmembers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Rachel Cosgriff, resident, expressed appreciation at the opportunity to address the Council. She mentioned she had sent an email identifying her concern about the unfenced playground at Adams Elementary and its proximity to a public park and walking path. She informed the Council of a lock-down situation during the last school year in January and suggested a fenced playground would provide an additional layer of protection with controlling access to the school property. She recognized the playground shared space with the City's public park; however, she believed practical solutions could be implemented such as controlled access points or gates. She informed the Council that Davis School District's Risk Management Department supported the installation of the fence but that progress had stalled due to an existing Interlocal Agreement. She requested the safety of the school children take presence over the Agreement. She expressed her opinion there would be community support for the fencing and would be willing to meet to discuss possible solutions.

Mandy Davis, resident, also had a child attending Adams Elementary and agreed with the comments shared by Ms. Cosgriff. She informed the Council about her child's behaviors and expressed concern for the lack of a physical barrier around the school playground.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING:

REZONE REQUEST – AMBER LANE – A (AGRICULTURE) TO R-2 (RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN) – ORDINANCE 26-24 – APPROXIMATELY 75 NORTH 1550 WEST

Weston Applonie, Community Development Director, shared a visual illustration which identified the location of the parcel proposed for rezone and introduced the agenda item. He explained the applicant, Tom Day, was requesting a rezone of 1.73 acres for the purpose of developing a two-lot single-family residential subdivision and pointed out it would be comparable to the single-family residential subdivision to the west and north. He reviewed the site plan and pointed out the street connections to 75 North and Amber Lane (1550 West). He indicated each lot would just be over one-half acre.

He reported the Planning Commission reviewed this item during its meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, and recommended approval.

Staff supported the request and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mayor Petro opened the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor Petro called for public comment.

There were no public comments.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith Edmondson moved to close the public hearing at 7:31 PM and approve the Rezone Request from A (Agriculture) to R-S (Residential Suburban), approximately 75 North 1550 West as presented, Ordinance 26-24. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote: **Voting AYE – Councilmembers Bloxham, Smith Edmondson and appreciated the thoroughness of the information included in the packet, Kolendrianos, and Morris. Voting NO – None.** Councilmember Thomas was not present for the vote.

Mayor Petro commented the approved rezone and subsequent development aligned with the City's General Plan and provided single-family building lots desired by the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Kimberly S Read, City Recorder