



**MAGNA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2026**

Broadway Building
3151 S. Broadway Street (7700 W)
Magna, Utah 84044

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Megan Olsen, Council Member Steve Prokopis, Council Member Michael Jensen, Council Member Terry George (via Zoom)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Pierce

STAFF PRESENT: Nathan Bracken – City Attorney, Kelly Bush – City Manager, Lt. Chris Benedict – UPD, Chief Kelly Millard – UFA, Chad Anderson – Assistant City Engineer, Brian Tucker – Planning Manager, Diana Baun – City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT: Malinda Burrell, Doyle Jenkins, Lisa Henrie

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Vote to elect Mayor Pro Tempore to Chair Meeting

Council Member Jensen moved to appoint Council Member Prokopis as Mayor Pro Tempore for tonight's meeting due to the Mayor's absence and Council Member George's virtual attendance. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Pro Tempore Prokopis.

3. DETERMINE QUORUM

Mayor Pro Tempore Prokopis noted that Mayor Sudbury and Council Member Pierce were both excused from tonight's meeting and acknowledged that Council Member George was attending virtually as his network connection allowed.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Melinda Burrell from Little Valley Gateway, requested updates on promised school-area improvements, including road work on Port Arrow and 4100 South, lighting for crosswalks, and replacement of streetlights that had not yet occurred. She expressed concern that school begins the following day without the promised safety improvements completed.

She also reiterated long-standing concerns about the lack of a pedestrian skybridge over 8400 West, noting that several schools along 6200 South have skybridges, while Magna students must cross a high-traffic truck route at street level. She asked why Magna's schools were not being provided equal safety infrastructure.

Doyle Jenkins raised two questions. First, he asked whether action had been taken on an ongoing yard sale operation on 8000 West and whether the individual had a business license. Second, he sought clarification regarding gravel recently installed along 3500 South between Wing Point and approximately 7485 West. He noted that stamped concrete was expected and expressed concern that gravel stones might scatter into the roadway or private yards once school traffic resumed.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes
 - 1) July 14, 2026 City Council Meeting
- B. Acknowledgment of Receipt of Monthly Financial Report

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as published. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

7. PRESENTATION ITEMS - None

8. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - None

9. COUNCIL BUSINESS (Motion and Voting)

- A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding 9/11 Magna Remembers Options for Funding

Lisa Henrie, co-chair of the Magna 9/11 Remembers Event, provided an update on preparations for the upcoming 25th annual commemoration to be held September 11 at UFA Station 102. She requested clarity regarding repairs to a longstanding water feature associated with the memorial, noting uncertainty regarding needed pipe repairs and whether the water feature could be operational for the event. She also discussed plans for a new banner to replace the deteriorated longstanding banner and coordination efforts for honoring firefighters and officers statewide and locally. Ms. Henrie asked whether Veterans Park is under the council's purview for banner placement and confirmed she would coordinate with UFA and UPD contacts regarding honorees.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prokopolis thanked her for her long-standing dedication to the event and stated he would coordinate with UFA Chief Kelly Millard to assess the water feature pump for potential repair before the event.

- B. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Drainage Improvements Related to the 8000 West Improvement Project

Assistant City Engineer Chad Anderson presented a letter prepared for submission to Salt Lake County Flood Control, acknowledging the potential for temporary localized stormwater ponding during periods of high flow at culverts on 8000 West due to storm drain capacity and diversion functions. The letter was necessary for county approval of the road-widening project. City Attorney Nathan Bracken summarized legal aspects, emphasizing that temporary ponding can occur in any storm drain system

during significant weather events and that engineering analysis confirmed property risks would remain minimal.

Council Member Jensen moved to authorize the City's support on the letter discussed to be sent to the county. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

C. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Ordinance 2026-O-17** – Adopting the 2024 International Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code

City Attorney Nathan Bracken explained that the State Legislature requires cities to update WUI standards, replacing previously adopted code language with the 2024 edition. Magna had already adopted its WUI map and earlier code version; this ordinance simply updates the edition to comply with state law. Bracken also noted potential future legislative adjustments due to recent wildfire activity.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-17, Adopting the Updated WUI Code as discussed. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

D. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Ordinance 2026-O-19** – Updated Fee Schedule for FY2026-2027

City Attorney Nathan Bracken and Planning Manager Brian Tucker reviewed the proposed fee schedule updates, noting streamlined approaches for engineering fees and parking violation fees. Mr. Tucker explained that engineering fees were shifting from bond-based calculations to a more predictable base-plus-lot/acre structure to better reflect staff workload. Mr. Bracken emphasized that adjustments ensure fees reflect actual cost without burdening residents. A public hearing had been conducted at the Planning Commission level for applicable land-use fees.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-19, Updating the Fee Schedule for FY2027 as discussed. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

E. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Resolution 2026-41** – Ratifying the Selection of Chris Benedict as the Chief of the Unified Police Department's Magna Precinct and Recognizing Chief Del Craig for his Service to Magna City

City Attorney Nathan Bracken detailed the UPD hiring committee process used to select a new precinct chief following Chief Del Craig's retirement. A panel including three Magna Council Members and one Copperton Council Member interviewed six candidates and recommended Lt. Chris Benedict. UPD now prefers written resolutions memorializing ratification from participating entities. The resolution also expresses gratitude for Chief Craig's service.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Resolution R2026-41, Ratifying the Selection of Chris Benedict as the Magna UPD Precinct Chief. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

- F. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Approval of a Cooperative Wildfire System Agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands – Nathan Bracken, City Attorney

Nathan explained that the State requires municipalities to enter directly into the Cooperative Wildfire System Agreement, despite Magna receiving fire services through Unified Fire Authority (UFA). Because the required commitments cannot be fulfilled directly by Magna (e.g., fire personnel training, equipment), a companion interlocal agreement would be needed assigning Magna's responsibilities to UFA. This item covered approval of the state-mandated agreement itself.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the Cooperative Wildfire System Agreement. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

- G. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Resolution 2026-42** – Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Unified Fire Authority to Fulfill Magna's Cooperative Wildfire System Responsibilities

This resolution formalizes Magna's interlocal arrangement with UFA, assigning operational wildfire-related obligations to UFA in compliance with the state agreement described in Item F. UFA legal counsel had reviewed the agreement.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Resolution 2026-42. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS - None

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Jensen moved to recess the regular council meeting and move to closed session for Items 12B and 12C. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

Following the closed session the council came back in to the public area and motioned to move back into Closed Session to discuss Item 12A as motioned below.

Council Member Jensen moved to recess the City Council Meeting again and move to a closed session to discuss Item 12A below. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Pierce absent from the vote.

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

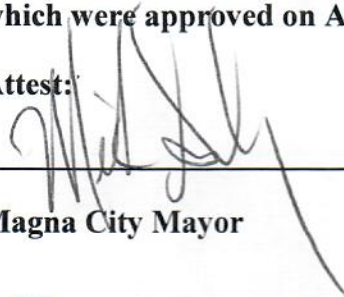
- A. Discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.
- B. Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
- C. Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.
- D. Discussion regarding deployment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

13. ADJOURN

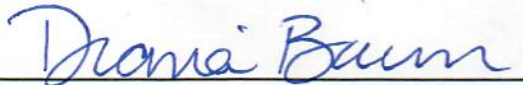
The August 11, 2026 Magna City Council Meeting adjourned immediately following the second closed session at 11:30 pm.

This is a true and correct copy of the August 11, 2026 Magna City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on August 25, 2026.

Attest:



Magna City Mayor



Magna City Recorder