



**MAGNA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2026**

Webster Center
8952 West Magna Main Street
Magna, Utah 84044

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mick Sudbury, Council Member Megan Olsen, Council Member Steve Prokopis, Council Member Michael Jensen, Council Member Terry George, Council Member Audrey Pierce

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer D’Haenens, Malinda Burrell, Jeff Larsen

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 ALLEGIENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Melinda Burrell addressed the Council regarding the pavement used as a sidewalk on 4100 South, expressing concern that asphalt was used instead of concrete. Ms. Burrell requested that the Council consider highlighting small businesses in the city newsletter and asked for clarification on the sidewalk issue. Staff responded that the asphalt was intentionally installed as a walking path, and Council Members confirmed that this was approved in the past as part of the development plan.

Jeff Larsen raised concerns about code enforcement, sharing his experience with a code enforcement officer who indicated limited capacity to address violations. Mr. Larsen expressed discomfort with residents being responsible for reporting neighbors and urged the Council to ensure code enforcement officers fulfill their duties.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

- 1) June 23, 2026 City Council Meeting
- B. Acknowledgment of Monthly Financial Report

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the Consent Items as published. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

6. PRESENTATION ITEMS - None

7. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - None

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

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

The item was rescheduled for the July 28, 2026 meeting, motion included under Agenda Item 8E.

- B. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Resolution R2026-40**, Appointing Ronnie Thompson as a Regular Member of the Planning Commission, Replacing Dan Cripps

Kelly Bush, City Manager, explained that Planning Commissioner Dan Cripps would be leaving for a mission and noted that Mayor Sudbury had recommended Ronnie Thompson, a current Alternate Member of the Planning Commission, be appointed as a regular commissioner as his replacement.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Resolution R2026-40, Appointing Ronnie Thompson as a Regular Member of the Planning Commission, Replacing Dan Cripps. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, with Council Member Pierce abstaining.

- C. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding RFP for an Impact Fees Study

Nathan Bracken, City Attorney, reviewed the purpose and process for issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an impact fees study. Mr. Bracken explained the legal requirements and timeline, emphasizing the need for a consultant to prepare an impact fees facilities plan.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the issuance of the RFP. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

- D. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Hiring of a Municipal Public Works Employee Including Wages and Purchasing of a Vehicle

Kelly Bush, City Manager, asked the Council whether to publish the job description for a municipal public works employee. Council Members discussed the scope of work, including maintenance of city buildings, Main Street, park strips, and cemetery duties. Concerns were raised about the adequacy of hiring a single employee versus multiple employees, the need for a budget adjustment, and the potential for the employee to assist with code enforcement and city clean-up. The Council requested a more defined plan and hypothetical schedule before proceeding.

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

Chad Anderson, Assistant City Engineer, provided an update on the 8000 West Improvement Project, including stormwater management and the need for additional review of related correspondence including a letter endorsed by the city related to the project.

Council Member Jensen moved to table items 8A and 8E to the next city council meeting. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

9. MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES

A. City Manager Updates – *Kelly Bush, Acting City Manager*

Ms. Bush informed the Council that construction at the Webster Center would begin the following week, specifically the removal and replacement of structural beams. She stated that because of this work, City Council meetings and other public meetings would need to temporarily relocate to the Broadway building. She emphasized that staff would make sure the relocation was communicated clearly to the public so residents would not miss meetings during this period. Ms. Bush estimated the construction would last slightly over a month, due to the fabrication timeline required for the new steel beams.

Ms. Bush next provided an update on the feasibility study, explaining that three individuals had been asked to respond to the consultant's initial request but only one response had been received. She stated that the consultant could not move forward until all three responses were submitted and asked the remaining members to check their email and reply so the contract could proceed. Council Member Jensen briefly asked Ms. Bush whether her statement meant he had not responded; Ms. Bush confirmed the outstanding responses and said she would double-check her inbox to ensure she had not overlooked anything.

Council Member Jensen then raised the naming of the Broadway building, stating that because the city now owned the building, he preferred that staff and the public refer to it as "The Broadway" rather than "the church," which might convey an inaccurate impression about the city's operations. Mayor Sudbury agreed, stating he already referred to it as the Broadway. Council Members discussed placing a sign on the building reading "Magna City" with "Broadway Center" beneath it, and asked Ms. Bush to bring back conceptual mock-ups. Ms. Bush confirmed she would do so.

B. City Attorney Updates – *Nathan Bracken, City Attorney*

Mr. Bracken indicated he would reserve one of his updates for closed session, given its sensitivity, but offered additional context on ongoing matters. He spoke about the legislative and procedural challenges facing the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) and Salt Lake County's notice that it intended to withdraw from certain service arrangements. He explained generally that SLVLESA must follow the same legal processes as any other entity and expressed confidence that the required feasibility study would not support withdrawal in the way the County anticipated. He assured Council Members he was not concerned about the long-term stability of service agreements and offered to discuss details privately during closed session or upcoming individual lunch meetings he hoped to schedule with each member.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Jensen reported on interviews conducted with Ms. Bush earlier that day for the MSD Strategic/Economic Development Director position. He described four applicants, two of whom were significantly stronger than the others, and explained that the first-ranked candidate would move on to a practical exercise before the subcommittee made a recommendation to the board. He also briefed the

Council on the County's announcement regarding its exit from the MSD district structure and noted that this had serious implications for smaller cities relying on MSD-funded services. He stated that justice court responsibilities were also in flux statewide and that the MSD would soon issue recommendations.²

Council Member Prokopis expanded on the County's withdrawal from SLVLESA, expressing frustration at historical decisions that left Magna with limited tax base options and significant dependence on regional service districts. He reminded the Council that the County originally encouraged incorporation with the assurance that police, fire, and public works could be contracted at sustainable rates. He expressed concern that removing MSD-based services or SLVLESA participation could leave Magna and similarly small municipalities in financially difficult positions.²

Council Member Pierce noted that before the Legislature forced township-to-city conversion, Magna had been preparing a feasibility study to evaluate independent city functions. She stated that many of the issues currently being navigated—public works, policing, fire services, code enforcement—would have been identified during that study, allowing the city to plan in advance rather than react now.²

Council Member George stated he had no updates, explaining his next Wasatch Front meeting was scheduled for Monday. Council Member Olsen added brief context regarding mosquito monitoring and noted that samples had tested positive in the region, although confirmed human cases had not yet been established in Magna.²

Mayor Sudbury offered no additional updates at this time.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Jensen requested that previously discussed items—including the sample scheduling for a potential municipal worker position and the drainage project correspondence—be added to the list of future agenda topics. Diana Baun, City Recorder confirmed that both items had been noted, along with the 9/11 Magna Remembers presentation scheduled for July 28.

12. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

- A. Unified Police Department – Lt. Christopher Benedict presented June statistics for the Magna Precinct, reporting 1,660 calls for service, including 589 long-form investigations, 387 civil citations, and 205 criminal citations. He noted a continued rise in public order issues such as loud parties and nuisance complaints. He reported two arson investigations for the month, explaining that such cases were uncommon for Magna. He described activity during the Fourth of July period, stating officers handled 144 calls in 24 hours, including 25 fireworks-related calls and several domestic disturbances. Lt. Benedict emphasized the community's cooperation and praised the event planning efforts of Council Member Olsen and Ms. D'Haenens.

Lt. Benedict also informed the Council about several recent critical fentanyl-related incidents and explained that the department was working with investigators to address the issue. He thanked Mayor Sudbury for supporting officers on scene during one of those incidents and said that distribution of Narcan kits to the community was underway.

- B. Unified Fire Authority – Chief Kelly Millard thanked the Council for its prompt action implementing the Fourth of July firework restrictions. He noted that only one possible

fireworks-related incident required UFA response, which was unusually low for the holiday. He explained that crews remained busy with grass fires and recreational fire incidents elsewhere in the valley. He informed the Council that UFA was awaiting state guidance for July 24th activities and would update them soon. Chief Millard then read a letter of appreciation from Lake Ridge Elementary School thanking UFA for participating in Career Week and contributing to educational outreach. Mayor Sudbury stated he appreciated hearing positive community feedback.

- C. Magna 4th of July Updates – Jennifer D’Haenens delivered a detailed closing report on Fourth of July activities. She shared that the parade, historically limited to about fifty entries, reached eighty-eight this year, including floats, dance groups, schools, businesses, sports organizations, and families. She emphasized the strong involvement from regional cities and noted that sponsorship turnout exceeded expectations, with sixteen total sponsors contributing monetary or in-kind support. She reported that the event operated under budget even before sponsorship totals were finalized. She also detailed high social-media engagement, with tens of thousands of views on posts related to the Grand Marshal and the parade.

Ms. D’Haenens thanked various community partners, volunteers, MSD staff, and Council Members, noting strong intercity participation and that several cities had already asked to coordinate float exchanges for future events. She confirmed she intended to continue leading the committee and had already submitted next year’s reservation request. Council Members praised her work and described community reactions ranging from pride to nostalgic emotion. Mayor Sudbury expressed interest in holding a volunteer appreciation gathering and stated that the parade success made him “want to cry,” reflecting the community’s overwhelming positive feedback.

- D. Engineering Updates – Chad Anderson provided updates on several MSD engineering projects. He reported progress on the 9100 West sidewalk reconstruction, describing issues that required contractors to remove and rebuild sections due to improper grading. He stated momentum had improved and the project was nearing completion. Mr. Anderson also reviewed remaining items on the Main Street project and confirmed plans to fog-seal and restripe the roadway. He discussed ongoing coordination with Flood Control regarding stormwater capacity on 8000 West and reiterated that additional time was needed for legal review of the acknowledgment letter related to stormwater flow.

Council Member Jensen moved to recess the City Council Meeting and move to a Closed Session to discuss Item 13B related to litigation. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor

Following the adjournment of the first Closed Session noted above, the Council re-opened the meeting to the public and Council Member Jensen immediately moved to recess the public portion of the City Council Meeting to move to another Closed Session to discussion Item 13A below for Personnel reasons. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

**13. 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

14. ADJOURN

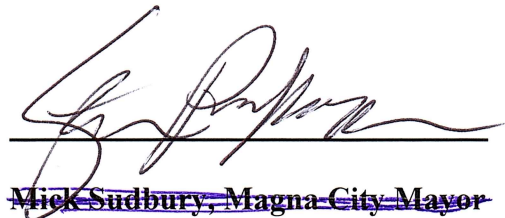
Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the July 14, 2026 Magna City Council Meeting immediately following the adjournment of the second Closed Session at 10:02pm. Council Member Prokapis seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

This is a true and correct copy of the July 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on August 11, 2026.

Attest:

Diana Baun

Diana Baun, Magna City Recorder



~~Mick Sudbury, Magna City Mayor~~

Steve Prokapis, Mayor
Pro Tempore