



CITY OF KEARNS
COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
August 10, 2026

Council Members Present: Mayor Jesse Valdez, Council Member Lyndsay Longtin, Council Member Patrick Schaeffer, Council Member Chrystal Butterfield, Council Member Lorrin P. Colby, Jr.

Staff Present: Diana Baun – City Recorder, Nathan Bracken - City Attorney, Chief Levi Hughes – UPD, Chief Tyler Lintz – UFA, Chief Jason Mazuran – UPD, Assistant Chief Justin Hoyle – UPD, Chief Luis Lovato – UPD, Richard Stephens – Assistant City Engineer

Others Present: Dan Sanchez, Darrin Nerdin, Daniel Kofford

PUBLIC MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Valdez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. DETERMINE QUORUM

Mayor Valdez noted a quorum was present with all council members in attendance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Valdez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. VISITING OFFICIALS

5. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT *(Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person)*

Dan Sanchez spoke first, expressing appreciation for the recent community event and complimenting the Council, staff, and public safety agencies for their work. He felt the event strengthened community connection and emphasized feeling safe thanks to local police.

Darin Nerdin commented next, acknowledging the same event and praising the drone fireworks show, festival activities, and the “running toilet 5K.” He mentioned communication with Tree Utah regarding a potential Eagle Scout project to plant trees near the soccer fields and welcomed feedback.

Daniel Kofford addressed concerns regarding neighborhood parking enforcement. He shared multiple frustrations, including abandoned vehicles, trailers, and enforcement delays. He urged the Council and Unified Police Department (UPD) to be more proactive in tagging and towing cars, expressed concerns about broken sidewalks and neighborhood maintenance, and encouraged Council Members to be more present across districts. He emphasized accountability and stated he would return next month.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. July 13, 2026 City Council Meeting
 - b. July 21, 2026 Special Meeting
 - c. July 27, 2026 Special Meeting

Council Member Butterfield moved to approve all meeting minutes as noted above and as published. Council Member Longtin seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

- B. Acknowledgement of Monthly Financial Reports

Council Member Butterfield requested monthly check register reports be included with future monthly finance reports.

Council Member Butterfield moved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly financial report. Council Member Colby seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS (Discussion/Motion)

- A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Ordinance 2026-O-14**, Adopting the 2024 International Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code

City Attorney Nathan Bracken presented background on the WUI Code update, explaining state legislative requirements mandating adoption of the newest version. He noted that Kearns has no mapped WUI areas, but the law still requires updating the referenced code version.

Council Member Schaeffer moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-14, Adopting the 2024 International WUI Code as discussed. Council Member Longtin seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

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

City Attorney Nathan Bracken explained that the state now requires each city—not fire districts—to execute cooperative wildfire agreements. Because Kearns receives fire services through Unified Fire Authority (UFA), an accompanying interlocal agreement would assign responsibilities to UFA.

Council Member Schaeffer moved to authorize the city to enter into an agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands as discussed. Council Member Butterfield seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

- C. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding **Resolution R2026-16**, Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Unified Fire Authority to Fulfill Magna's Cooperative Wildfire System Responsibilities – *Nathan Bracken, City Attorney*

Council Member Schaeffer moved to approve Resolution R2026-16, Approving an Interlocal Agreement with UFA as discussed. Council Member Colby seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.



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D. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Resolution R2026-17, Approving an Employment Contract for a City Administrator – Nathan Bracken, City Attorney

City Attorney Nathan Bracken announced that Charles Henderson had been offered the position of Kearns' first City Administrator. MSD completed background checks, but reference checks were still underway. He recommended approval contingent on completion of the final reference review.

Charles Henderson addressed the Council and community, expressing gratitude and outlining his dedication to serving Kearns, describing his long-standing roots in the community, commitment to public service, and vision for future improvements, including leveraging the Olympic Oval and improving neighborhood livability.

Council Member Schaeffer moved to approve Resolution R2026-17, Approving an Employment Agreement for City Administrator, pending clearance after the MSD's final background check. Council Member Longtin seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

E. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Ordinance 2026-O-15, Amending Title 11 Chapter 20 Section 135 of the Kearns Municipal Code

City Attorney Bracken explained the amendment adjusting the maximum time a vehicle may remain parked in the same location to 48 hours. He clarified that the term "vehicle" already encompasses trailers, motorhomes, and similar equipment.

Council Member Butterfield moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-15, Amending Title 11 Chapter 20 Section 135 of the Kearns Municipal Code as discussed. Council Member Schaeffer seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

F. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Ordinance 2026-O-16, Amending Chapter 11.26 of the Kearns Municipal Code, Provisions Related to Parking Enforcement

The Council held discussion only. Nathan Bracken stated further refinement and public engagement would be required before adoption, including community surveys regarding permit parking near event venues, visitor permit allocation, driveway parking restrictions, enforcement logistics, and financial impacts. Council Members expressed concerns over emergency access during events and agreed additional community input was needed.

No motion was taken. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

8. WORKSHOP (Discussion only) - None

9. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. City Code Restatement Project Updates – Nathan Bracken, City Attorney

City Attorney Nathan Bracken provided updates on the City Code Restatement Project, including upcoming revisions to the Engineering Manual and Title 14 relating to curb, gutter, and other engineering standards.

10. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

A. Unified Fire Authority – *Chief Tyler Lintz*

Chief Lintz reviewed July call volume and fire prevention activities. He noted no major fireworks incidents occurred and emphasized ongoing multifamily housing inspections for fire safety compliance. He thanked the community for adherence to fire maps and restrictions.

B. Unified Police Department – *Chief Levi Hughes*

Chief Jason Mazuran introduced UPD Assistant Chief Justin Hoyle and Division Chief Luis Lovato, both returning to serve in Kearns in expanded leadership roles. Both expressed appreciation and readiness to support the community.

Chief Hughes delivered an extensive report covering enforcement activity, particularly regarding traffic stops and parking violations. He presented data showing significant enforcement efforts within the last two weeks and discussed long-term staffing impacts, the need to track fiscal responsibility related to specialized enforcement during amphitheater events, and concerns about the Salt Lake County Council considering separation from the funding district. He urged the Council to consider unified advocacy.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Members noted items for upcoming meetings, including:

- Introduction of the City Administrator
- Continued discussion on parking enforcement (Ordinance 2026-O-16)
- Potential engineering manual ordinance, if reviewed first by the Planning Commission
- Council Member Schaeffer acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Kearns Historical Society, noting it was distributed to Council and the Recorder.

Mayor Valdez moved to recess the City Council Meeting and enter a Closed Session for the reasons indicated below. Council Member Schaeffer seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, 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/or

E. Other lawful purposes as listed in Utah Code §52-4-205



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13. ADJOURN

Council Member Schaeffer motioned to adjourn the City Council Meeting immediately following the adjournment of the Closed Session. Council Member Longtin seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.