

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syracuse City Council, held on August 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in a hybrid in-person/electronic format via Zoom, meeting ID 891 8630 5952, in-person in the City Council Chambers at 1979 W. 1900 S., and streamed on the Syracuse City YouTube Channel in accordance with House Bill 5002, Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments, signed into law on June 25, 2020.

Present: Councilmembers: Andrea Brown
Brett Cragun
Abraham Pollard
Julie Robertson
Paul Watson

Mayor Dave Maughan
Administrative Services Director/City Recorder Cassie Brown

City Employees Present:
Assistant City Manager Stephen Marshall
City Attorney Colin Winchester

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Maughan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. as a special meeting, with notice of time, place, and agenda provided 24 hours in advance to the newspaper and each Councilmember. Councilmember Watson provided an invocation. Councilmember Brown led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Maughan asked those in attendance to observe a moment of silence in honor of two young members of the community who were recently lost in a tragedy.

COUNCILMEMBER CRAGUN MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTSON SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

2. Public comment

There were no public comments.

3. Public hearing: Authorize Administration to execute Real Estate Purchase Contract (REPC) for City-owned property located at 546 W. 2525 S.

Mayor Maughan provided a brief background on the subject property, noting it had originally been acquired for road expansion purposes, and following modifications to that plan, the property was being made available for sale. He opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.; no members of the public appeared to comment, and the public hearing was closed.

The Mayor invited discussion from the Council. Assistant City Manager Steve Marshall noted that, per Utah code, the Council was required to formally establish several findings on the record before approving the sale. Mr. Marshall identified the prospective purchasers as Jordan and Stephanie Abrams and disclosed the agreed purchase price of \$630,000. He further noted that the property had been appraised at \$603,000 as of April 15th, and that the offer therefore exceeded the appraised value. The Council raised no additional questions or concerns.

COUNCIL MEMBER POLLARD MOVED TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT (REPC) FOR CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 546 W. 2525 S. COUNCILMEMBER CRAGUN SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

4. Authorize Administration to execute Short Term Lease Agreement with Jordan and Stephanie Abrams for property located at 546 W. 2525 S.

Assistant City Manager Marshall explained that the Abrams family wished to enroll their children in the Davis School District, which requires a local address within the District. To accommodate this need while the sale proceeds to closing, the Abrams requested a short-term lease of the property beginning August 19 through September 4, with a possible extension to September 18 if needed to complete the closing. Mr. Marshall stated that the lease rate was established based on market comparables, with a base rate of \$1,462 for the initial period and a per-diem rate of \$86 per day should the extension be exercised. He acknowledged that renting a property prior to closing carries inherent risk but characterized the risk as minimal given the short duration and the fact that the lessees are the intended purchasers of the home. The Council offered no objections.

COUNCIL MEMBER POLLARD MOVED TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE SHORT TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN AND STEPHANIE ABRAMS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 546 W. 2525 S. COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTSON SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Following the vote, Councilmember Pollard extended a welcome to the Abrams family on behalf of the Council. Mr. Marshall noted for the record that the plan was to execute the lease and collect payment the following morning, August 19th, at which time the Abrams family would be permitted to take occupancy of the property.

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**COUNCILMEMBER POLLARD MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTSON
SECONDED THE MOTION ALL VOTED IN FAVOR TO ADJOURN.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Dave Maughan
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, MMC
City Recorder

Date approved: September 8, 2026