

## EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2026

Unified Fire Authority Station 119  
5025 E Emigration Canyon Road  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

**Council Members Present:** Mayor David Brems, Council Member Robert Pinon, Council Member Nicholas Griffith (via Zoom), Council Member Jennifer Hawkes, Council Member Catherine Harris

**Staff Present:** Cameron Platt – City Attorney, Det. Dawn Larsen – UPD, Chief Roger Beckman – UFA, Diana Baun – City Recorder, Lea Kingsley – Grant Coordinator, Lizel Allen – Director of Engineering, Ian Hartman – Traffic Engineer (via Zoom), Julia Gaia – Long Range Planner (via Zoom)

**Others Present:** Paul Brown, Lyska Emerson, Herman Post, Jeff Crockett, Tim Harpst

### 1. Call to Order and Determine Quorum

Mayor Brems called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present with all council members in attendance.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Recognize Visiting Officials

### 4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Limited to 3 minutes per person)

Public Comments should be limited to no more than three (3) minutes per person unless additional time is authorized by the Governing Body.

**Paul Brown** urged the City Council to adopt the 2024 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code as contemplated by 2025 HB 48. He acknowledged that requirements applicable to existing construction could require action by property owners throughout Emigration Canyon but stated that the code would mitigate wildfire risk. He specifically noted requirements associated with new construction, including a 20-foot-wide all-weather fire access road, potentially 10 feet of brush clearance on each side of the road, and substantial water supplies for initial fire attack. He stated that required fire flows could range from 1,000 gallons per minute for 30 minutes for a small residence to 1,500 gallons per minute for two hours for certain nonresidential buildings, or approximately 180,000 gallons. He questioned whether adequate water would be available in all areas of the canyon.

**Lyska Emerson** commented regarding Council Business Item 10C concerning authorization for Mayor David Brems to execute a contract with Avenue Consultants for survey work on Emigration Canyon Road. She asked whether the work would amend or supplement the existing Avenue Consultants contract, how the additional work would be funded, and whether residents within the project area could provide existing survey information to Avenue Consultants and participate collaboratively in the survey process. Cameron Platt explained that the additional survey work was specific to the City and separate from the road project, although it involved the road corridor. Because Avenue Consultants was already conducting historical and on-site survey work, adding the City-specific work was considered more cost-effective. Approximately \$11,000 was identified for the additional work from remaining energy or franchise tax funds or remaining Municipal Services District funding. Mayor David Brems stated that obtaining additional factual information would benefit the City.

**Herman Post** asked about the motivation for the Ryan Leick conservation development agreement, although the matter had been removed from the agenda. Mayor David Brems stated that a conservation development agreement was one option under consideration and that the City needed to evaluate all available options before making a decision. He explained that the Planning Commission operated independently and that the Council would seriously consider its

eventual recommendation before conducting its own public hearing and review. Council Member Catherine Harris added that it would be inappropriate for the Council to publicly deliberate on a matter the Planning Commission had not completed its consideration of, noting that the Planning Commission had tabled the matter. Mayor David Brems emphasized that the review process needed to proceed properly and in accordance with law and stated that Council members had received substantial public correspondence regarding the issue.

**Jeff Crockett** a resident and emergency medicine physician, commented on Item 10D regarding the Wildland-Urban Interface Code and its relationship to any future conservation development agreement. He urged the Council to adopt the updated fire code before executing any development agreement and to expressly identify the code as applicable in any future agreement. He expressed concern that provisions in the draft agreement could vest the property under regulations existing on the agreement's effective date and potentially prevent subsequently adopted ordinances from applying. He also requested that, after adoption of the code, staff identify on the record the water-supply and fire-apparatus-access requirements applicable to structures shown on the concept plan, including a 3,200-square-foot barn and an 800-square-foot lumber mill. He stated that the draft agreement contemplated two 550-gallon tanks for permitted burns, which he believed would provide only a few minutes of water through a typical attack line, and noted concerns regarding the property's access and a proposed 12-foot-wide road. He further stated that multiple sections of the draft agreement concerning wildfire mitigation remained marked "verification pending" and urged the Council not to allow a separate agreement to exempt the approximately 40-acre property from wildfire protection requirements adopted by the City.

**Tim Harpst**, participating remotely, thanked Mayor David Brems and the City Council for their support of the Planning Commission and discussed anticipated appointments intended to assist the Commission. Regarding the Ryan Leick matter, he stated that the Planning Commission had tabled its recommendation while seeking additional information about the applicant's proposals and potential activities on the property. He explained that the Council could not act on the applicant's request until it received a Planning Commission recommendation, although the Council ultimately retained authority to agree or disagree with that recommendation. Council Member Catherine Harris identified Tim Harpst as Planning Commission Chair and emphasized that the Planning Commission was an independent body, noting that there had been some public confusion regarding the respective roles of the Planning Commission and City Council.

## **5. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS**

### **A. Unified Police Department (UPD)**

#### **1. Introduction of Lt. Melody Cutler**

Lt. Melody Cutler was unable to make it tonight, but will be at the next council meeting to introduce. Det. Dawn Larsen gave a short review of the UPD stats included in the published meeting packet. There was a short discussion regarding the progress on obtaining sound cameras for enforcement, with Council Member Robert Pinon noting that he had been in contact with Chief Christina Pettibrown with UPD on that topic and he will update the council when he has more information.

### **B. Unified Fire Authority (UFA)**

Chief Roger Beckman reported remotely on the erroneous evacuation notification associated with the Rocky Canyon Fire. He explained that human error during an update to an existing emergency message removed the geographic boundary intended to limit distribution, causing the alert to be transmitted broadly across northern Utah rather than only to the affected area. Summit County subsequently provided additional training and revised its procedures to prevent a recurrence. Chief Roger Beckman stated that he notified the Council within minutes that the alert did not apply to Emigration Canyon or require evacuation and coordinated with the local fire station, which had already received inquiries from concerned residents. He noted that emergency managers across northern Utah met shortly afterward to review the incident and its widespread effects.

Mayor David Brems encouraged Emigration Canyon residents to use Watch Duty to monitor active wildfires. He noted that the Rocky Canyon Fire had grown to approximately 16,500 acres, compared with approximately 18,000 acres within Emigration Canyon from rim to rim, illustrating the potential scale of wildfire impacts to the City. He referenced several recent fires near the canyon and emphasized that changing wind conditions could quickly create a serious threat. He stated

that the City continued working on emergency management and safety protocols in preparation for a potential wildfire emergency.

Chief Roger Beckman stated that Utah's wildland fire personnel had characterized fire growth during the current season as "explosive." He encouraged residents to enroll in multiple emergency notification services and maintain informal communication networks among neighbors and friends because cellular coverage within canyon areas could prevent emergency alerts from reaching everyone. He explained that IPAWS was a federal emergency alert system available to certified emergency management personnel for sending concise, geographically targeted emergency messages. He emphasized that wildfire evacuations could require residents to leave with very little notice.

Council Member Catherine Harris thanked the Unified Fire Authority for its rapid response to a recent report of a possible fire near Miners Trail, despite resources simultaneously responding to a significant structure fire elsewhere in the valley. She stated that multiple apparatus responded quickly and emphasized that the person who reported the suspected fire should not have been embarrassed when the report proved unfounded because residents needed to remain vigilant. Chief Roger Beckman agreed, noting that responding firefighters also initially believed the observation could indicate a fire and encouraged residents to report potential fires so personnel could investigate them.

#### C. Salt Lake County Animal Services

Gary Bowen reported that he attended the quarterly Animal Services Advisory Committee meeting in person, the first in-person meeting held in more than a quarter. He stated that there were no matters specifically affecting Emigration Canyon. He reported that Animal Services appeared to be nearing completion of its reorganization and that a tour of the Animal Services Center revealed no significant changes or concerns requiring City Council attention.

#### D. Land Use Updates

Claire Gillmor noted that her updates would be given later in the meeting.

#### 6. PROJECT UPDATES (Discussion Only) - None

#### 7. CONSENT AGENDA (Discussion/Motion)

##### A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

##### 1. July 21, 2026 City Council Meeting

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes noted that the name "Blaine" under the planning commissioner discussion should be "Elaine," and that change was noted on the minutes for approval.

**Council Member Harris moved to approve the July 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes with the minor name change noted above. Council Member Pinon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

#### B. Acknowledgment of Receipt of Monthly Financial Report

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

#### 8. PRESENTATION ITEMS (Discussion Only) - None

#### 9. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS (Discussion/Motion) - None

#### 10. COUNCIL BUSINESS: (Discussion/Motion)

##### A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Non-Profit Organization to Assist Entities (including Emigration Canyon) with Expenses Related to Development

Council Member Catherine Harris reported that a group of Emigration Canyon residents was forming a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a broad mission to preserve and protect undeveloped land in the canyon, maintain quality of life, and preserve the area's landscape, culture, and history for current and future generations. She disclosed that she had declined invitations to participate in the organization or serve on its board to avoid potential conflicts of interest and would not participate in its decision-making. The organization had not yet been incorporated or publicly named. Its anticipated activities included providing financial assistance to organizations with similar conservation objectives, potentially including Utah Open Lands and The Nature Conservancy, and potentially supporting governmental entities for legitimate public purposes. Council Member Catherine Harris reported that the organization had received pledges exceeding \$75,000, although it was not yet able to accept funds. Council Member Robert Pinon asked about its relationship to Utah Open Lands, and Council Member Catherine Harris stated that its objectives appeared closely aligned, while also comparing its potential role historically to Friends of Alta. Mayor David Brems confirmed that the matter was informational and required no Council action.

#### B. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Emigration Canyon's Retention of a Lobbyist

Council Member Catherine Harris introduced the potential retention of a lobbyist as an informational matter to determine whether the Council wished to pursue the concept. She noted that governmental entities and private organizations routinely used lobbyists to advocate at the Utah Legislature and stated that the City's interests did not necessarily align in every instance with those of other governmental entities representing the area. She identified legislative advocacy, funding, and earlier involvement in proposed legislation as potential benefits. She cited the governmental restructuring affecting Emigration Canyon since 2017, the City's transition to independent municipal status, associated administrative and legal expenses, and the requirements imposed by HB 48 as examples of matters for which the City had received limited legislative assistance despite significant local costs and volunteer efforts. She stated that Emigration Canyon had often been forced to react to legislative developments and recommended becoming more proactive before the next legislative session.

Mayor David Brems asked about the potential cost of retaining a lobbyist. Council Member Catherine Harris stated that the cost would depend on the individual retained and the scope and structure of the engagement and suggested that the developing nonprofit organization discussed under the preceding item might potentially provide support. Mayor David Brems directed Council Member Catherine Harris to continue investigating potential lobbyists and costs. He also recommended first exploring advocacy resources available through the Utah League of Cities and Towns, noting that the City had not previously made significant use of those resources. He agreed that the City needed to monitor legislative developments closely and communicate its positions.

Council Member Robert Pinon supported a proactive approach and recommended contacting the Utah League of Cities and Towns to determine what assistance was available. He emphasized that important legislative work occurred outside the formal 45-day session and suggested engaging Senator Plumb and other legislative contacts before the session began. Council Member Catherine Harris supported involving Senator Plumb and noted that she was a canyon resident.

Council Member Nicholas Griffith expressed full support for investigating ways to improve Emigration Canyon's representation before the Legislature, whether through an individual lobbyist or in partnership with other organizations. He also recommended exploring cost-sharing opportunities with other communities or organizations and offered to assist other Council members with evaluating available options. No formal action was taken.

#### C. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Avenue Consultants for Survey Work on Emigration Canyon Road

Cameron Platt gave a brief overview of what would be in the agreement and amendments to the stock agreement he is working to get changed on the agreement before it would be ready for the mayor to sign. Council Member Harris raised questions regarding the ownership of the data based on the last draft she saw, and Cameron Platt noted that the city would own any data created and that is being updated in the agreement.

**Council Member Pinon moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement discussed above with the red-line changes being accepted and approved by the City Attorney prior to signing. Council Member Harris seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**D. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Ordinance 2026-O-09, Updating the Wildland-Urban Interface Code**

Cameron Platt explained that state law required Emigration Canyon to adopt the 2024 Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code, replacing the previously required version, by December 31. He stated that the City had no discretion regarding whether to adopt the required code and saw no reason to delay adoption. He noted that he represented four municipalities subject to the same requirement and had divided the legal drafting costs among them.

Council Member Catherine Harris expressed concern about the administrative and financial burden placed on municipalities when the Legislature mandated local action and asked how the WUI Code related to the state building code. Cameron Platt explained that the WUI Code was a separate fire-related code addressing matters such as defensible space and structures, while the state building code applied independently. The discussion clarified that the WUI requirements operated as an additional layer of wildfire protection rather than replacing the state building code.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes asked whether adoption addressed concerns raised during public comment regarding the potential effect of a development agreement on the WUI Code. Cameron Platt stated that it did. He explained that a development agreement would not become effective until fully executed and that state law could not be superseded by a contractual provision. Any contract provision conflicting with state or federal law would be unenforceable. He therefore stated that a land use application, development agreement, permitted use, or conditional use could not prevent the required WUI Code from applying.

Cameron Platt further clarified that the WUI Code would become effective after Council adoption and publication of the ordinance by City Recorder Diana Baun, typically within a few days. State legislation itself had not made the local code immediately effective; rather, it required municipalities to adopt the code by December 31.

Council Member Catherine Harris sought clarification regarding whether Utah had adopted the entire 2024 International WUI Code or excluded particular provisions. Council Member Robert Pinon explained that the WUI requirements functioned as an overlay imposing additional wildfire-related protections appropriate to local fire risk. An audience member clarified that the Utah Legislature had removed the 2024 International WUI Code requirement for internal sprinkler systems in new buildings within the wildland-urban interface. Council Member Catherine Harris stated that this clarification addressed her concern regarding modifications made by the Legislature.

**Council Member Pinon moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-09, Updating the Wildland-Urban Interface Code. Council Member Griffith seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**E. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Ordinance 2026-O-10, Adopting the FY2027 City Fee Schedule**

Diana Baun reported that the fee schedule included in the Council packet did not contain all revisions previously presented to and recommended by the Planning Commission. She explained that multiple versions had circulated through Municipal Services District staff and that some previously incorporated changes were inadvertently omitted from the packet version. The outstanding revisions included establishing a 60-day limit for seasonal business operations; updated penalties for building or grading without a permit or violating a stop-work order; removal of a stormwater/SWPPP oversight inspection fee; adjustments to certain engineering plan-check fees; removal of a civil-penalties section for zoning violations; and addition of a \$50 fee for failure to file a required financial disclosure. She stated that the final document would incorporate the appropriate revisions before publication.

Cameron Platt explained that the proposed stop-work-order penalties addressed a gap identified in another Municipal Services District community. The proposed schedule established escalating penalties for repeated violations. He also explained that a \$500 expedited special-event permit fee had been added to cover additional administrative and staff costs

associated with late applications and to encourage applicants, particularly larger event organizers, to submit applications on time. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes confirmed that the fee schedule also contained penalties for conducting activities without required permits.

Council Member Catherine Harris expressed concern that the Council had not received the same version reviewed by the Planning Commission despite the substantial work performed during that process. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes also requested an explanation for removal of the stormwater/SWPPP oversight inspection provision and asked whether the requirement or fee had been addressed elsewhere. Diana Baun stated that the available staff report did not explain the removal and agreed to obtain clarification. Claire Gillmor suggested that the confusion might result from differences between revisions proposed by Municipal Services District staff and subsequent changes made by the Planning Commission and recommended that staff provide a report clearly distinguishing those changes.

The Council also identified references to "Magna City Council" remaining in the proposed ordinance and related tables. Diana Baun agreed to correct those references, consolidate all revisions into a single document, obtain a more detailed staff report explaining the changes, and request that appropriate planning staff attend or participate remotely at the next Council meeting to answer questions directly. Mayor David Brems stated that when an agenda item required a presentation from planning staff, the Council expected the responsible staff to attend in person or remotely. The Council agreed to postpone consideration and bring the item back the following month with a complete and corrected version and additional staff explanation.

**Council Member Brems moved to table a decision on Ordinance 2026-O-10, Adopting the FY2027 Fee Schedule to the next council meeting. Council Member Hawkes seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**F. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Ordinance 2026-O-05, Adopting a Franchise Agreement Ordinance and Code Language**

Cameron Platt presented the proposed franchise ordinance as a continuation of the Council's May discussion regarding use of public rights-of-way by utilities, energy providers, and infrastructure operators. In response to the Council's earlier request for stronger environmental and watershed protections, he reviewed provisions used by other jurisdictions, including Summit County, and expanded the proposed ordinance. He explained that the ordinance established a framework requiring consideration of matters including location and siting, spill protection, trenching and roadway restoration, revegetation, environmental impacts, traffic impacts, and notification of neighboring properties. He recommended prompt adoption because potential franchise applications were anticipated and stated that having an ordinance in place would provide the City with a clear framework for evaluating and negotiating those applications.

Mayor David Brems asked how franchise fees would be determined and how the ordinance would apply to a potential petroleum pipeline through Emigration Canyon. Cameron Platt explained that fees could compensate the City for administration and use of public rights-of-way but had to be applied equitably among comparable users. He stated that the Utah Legislature had adopted a joint resolution encouraging municipalities to establish clear standards for fossil-fuel pipelines. The proposed ordinance was intended to provide Emigration Canyon with a framework for protecting the City, community, and environment while retaining local flexibility to negotiate franchise agreements rather than risk additional state restrictions on municipal authority. Pipeline fees could not be based on royalties for the volume of petroleum transported but could account for administration, monitoring, the amount of right-of-way occupied, duration of use, and limitations imposed on other public uses. Cameron Platt agreed to research appropriate valuation methods.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes reviewed several provisions and requested clarification regarding application deadlines, environmental protections, project phasing, construction controls, and watershed protection. Cameron Platt explained that determining an application to be complete did not constitute substantive approval and that material changes to an application could require a new or amended application and corresponding review. He confirmed that no work could begin until the applicable franchise agreement was executed and that the City would retain final approval over location, alignment, depth, and construction methods, subject to controlling state and federal safety requirements. He also confirmed that the ordinance could allow the City to control the placement of above-ground utility equipment through individual franchise agreements.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes requested a specific definition of watershed that included streams, drainage areas, springs, groundwater, tributaries, and other resources supplying or protecting culinary water in Emigration Canyon. She also raised concerns about pipeline construction on steep slopes. After discussion, Cameron Platt proposed adding language under the location and construction-control provisions prohibiting development activities, including clearing, excavation, grading, and construction, on slopes greater than 30% unless otherwise agreed by the parties. This approach preserved the City's ability to negotiate exceptions when circumstances warranted. He also confirmed that roadway and right-of-way restoration provisions required disturbed areas to be restored to an equal or better condition using appropriate environmental practices.

Council Member Catherine Harris asked whether the environmental review provisions should be more specific and whether public hearings could be held for significant projects. Cameron Platt explained that the ordinance intentionally used broad standards to preserve flexibility and prevent applicants from structuring proposals to avoid narrowly drafted requirements. He confirmed that public hearings could be conducted when required by state or federal law or when scheduled by the Mayor or Council. The discussion also clarified that the franchise ordinance primarily governed City-owned property and public rights-of-way. Projects crossing private property would instead need to comply with applicable zoning requirements or proceed through a development agreement.

Council Member Nicholas Griffith asked whether the ordinance would apply to existing utility rights-of-way and franchise agreements. Cameron Platt stated that existing agreements would remain in effect until expiration or renewal, at which point the new requirements would apply. Replacement or substantial alteration of existing infrastructure, such as replacing an existing pipeline with a new pipeline, would require a new agreement and trigger review under the new framework.

Council Member Catherine Harris moved to adopt Ordinance Number 2026-0-05, adopting a franchise ordinance and code language. Council Member Robert Pinon seconded the motion. During discussion on the motion, Council Member Jennifer Hawkes requested information regarding the City's existing franchise agreements and their expiration dates. Municipal Services District engineering staff stated that records of the City's franchise agreements were available and could be provided. Council members also requested historical information regarding franchise fees and valuations. Cameron Platt agreed to research appropriate methods for valuing future franchise agreements.

**Council Member Harris moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-05, Adopting a Franchise Agreement Ordinance and Code Language. Council Member Pinon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**G. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Resolution R2026-12, Appointing Members of the Emigration Canyon Planning Commission**

Mayor David Brems clarified that Joe Smolka was proposed for appointment as a regular Planning Commission member and David Nimkin as the first alternate. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes asked whether the City could appoint two alternates because three applications had been received. Claire Gillmor and Cameron Platt confirmed that City code allowed two alternates and that a second alternate position remained available. Mayor David Brems stated that he was willing to consider the additional applicant for that position after meeting with the applicant.

During discussion, Council Member Jennifer Hawkes stated that she opposed the appointments as presented. She expressed a desire for greater participation by women on the Planning Commission and broader geographic representation within the canyon, noting that a female applicant from the Pinecrest area had expressed an interest in serving. She believed residents who volunteered should have opportunities to participate in City service. Mayor David Brems stated that he wanted to meet with the additional applicant and discuss the potential appointment further.

**Council Member Pinon moved to approve Resolution R2026-12, Appointing Members of the Emigration Canyon Planning Commission. Council Member Harris seconded the motion; vote was 4-1 with Council Member Hawkes voting "no."**

**H. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Approval of Code Red Policy Amendment**

Cameron Platt recommended postponing amendments to the City's Code Red notification policy until the following month because the Council had not held the anticipated work session and had not provided specific direction regarding proposed changes. He explained that the existing policy remained in effect and distinguished between emergency and non-emergency notifications. Trained and authorized Mayor and Council members could issue emergency notifications involving law enforcement, fire, public services, or emergency medical services without the 48-hour requirement. Non-emergency public announcements were required to be submitted in writing in advance and receive the approvals required under the policy. He stated that emails and text messages would qualify as written communication.

Council Member Robert Pinon stated that the erroneous evacuation alert originating in Summit County demonstrated a broader need for an emergency communication protocol among the Mayor and Council. He recommended establishing a rapid roll-call process so Council members could confirm their locations, availability, and who would serve as the City's primary contact or on-the-ground representative during an emergency. He emphasized that his concern was not with the response to the recent alert but with ensuring that the Council had a coordinated emergency communication structure.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes described the process she followed during the recent erroneous alert, including contacting Mayor David Brems, verifying the situation with Unified Fire Authority, preparing a Code Red message, obtaining approval, and distributing the notification. She agreed that the City needed a more formal emergency management process and noted that Council members did not have a consolidated list of emergency contacts. She supported combining Code Red preparedness with broader emergency communication planning while maintaining a formal review process for public messages.

Council Member Catherine Harris questioned the 48-hour requirement for non-emergency communications and stated that some important community notices were time-sensitive even when they did not constitute emergencies. She suggested reducing the notice period to 24 hours and cited communications regarding the City's chipping program as an example. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes supported maintaining written submissions and approval requirements to ensure accuracy and expressed concern that frequent non-emergency use of Code Red could reduce the effectiveness of emergency alerts. She suggested establishing clearer categories or a tiered process governing the types and frequency of messages distributed through the system.

Diana Baun reported that the anticipated replacement for the City's previous emergency management contact had been reassigned and that another individual was being identified. She agreed to provide the Council with updated contact information once the new representative was designated. The Council determined that Code Red training and policy amendments were separate matters. Council members would complete Code Red/Crisis24 training independently, with Council Member Jennifer Hawkes providing information on accessing the training. The Council agreed to return the notification policy for further discussion at the next regular meeting rather than hold a separate work session, with members expected to bring proposed policy changes for consideration.

#### I. Discussion and Potential Approval of Mailing Cost for Community Clean Energy Program

Mayor David Brems presented the required mailing costs for the Community Clean Energy Program. He explained that participating municipalities were responsible for the initial opt-out mailing to residents and estimated Emigration Canyon's cost at approximately \$400. The mailing would inform residents that they were automatically enrolled in the program and explain their opportunity and timeline to opt out. He stated that the program was expected to begin around the first of the year and that power purchase and transmission agreements were in place.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes requested that the same information be posted on the City's website to supplement the required mailing and reduce confusion. Mayor David Brems agreed that multiple forms of communication would be beneficial.

Council Member Catherine Harris requested that the Council receive the program timeline and emphasized the importance of clearly communicating opt-out deadlines. Mayor David Brems stated that the mailing would provide the required information and that the Public Service Commission had required participating communities to clearly explain residents'

options. Council Member Catherine Harris supported additional reminders because changes to the program could create confusion among residents.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes confirmed that the mailing expense had already been included in the City's adopted budget.

**Council Member Harris moved to approve the mailing costs for the Community Clean Energy Program as discussed. Council Member Griffith seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**J. Healthy Utah Designation Updates**

No current updates

**K. City Design Standards and Design Guidelines**

Currently under review by Engineering, Public Works and council members.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES**

No current updates

**12. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**A. Mayor Brems**

1. Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)
2. Emigration Canyon Planning Commission

Mayor Brems gave a brief review of the past MSD Board meeting and emergency meeting to budget money to cover Butterfield Canyon road after extensive damage. No additional updates on the planning commission at this time.

**B. Council Member Griffith**

1. Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

Council Member Griffith had no updates at this time. Council Member Pinon noted that Emigration Canyon place was having road work and he appreciated WFWRD's willingness to move trash pickup to further out so trash service was not missed.

**C. Council Member Harris**

1. Unified Fire Authority (UFA) & Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA)
2. HB 48 – Wildland Risks
3. Watershed Plan
4. Planned Fire Mitigation Along Emigration Road

Council Member Harris noted discussions regarding UFA/UFSA negotiation for Eagle Mountain withdrawal still going. Planned Fire Mitigation has been partially completed and she gave some of those details.

**D. Council Member Hawkes**

1. Website ([www.emigration.utah.gov](http://www.emigration.utah.gov))
2. CodeRED
3. Association of Municipal Governments – remove from agenda
4. Utah League of Cities and Towns

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes reported that the Public Works employee previously responsible for the roadside vegetation and fire-mitigation project was no longer with the department and that a replacement had contacted her. She

stated that Public Works intended to complete the project. She explained that crews had initially focused on vegetation growing vertically around signs, guardrails, and other roadside features and had delayed some mowing and mitigation work because of concerns that equipment could create sparks and start a fire during hot conditions. She anticipated that cooler weather could allow the remaining work to proceed and stated that she would follow up regarding scheduling. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes stated that she would update the City website with information from the Community Clean Energy Program opt-out mailing and provide a link or other resource where residents could obtain additional program information. She requested that other website updates be forwarded to her as needed. Council Member Catherine Harris reported difficulty accessing the Code Red link on the City website from a laptop and noted that another resident had also reported a problem. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes stated that she and others had tested the link successfully. The Council agreed to check the link further, including whether access differed between mobile devices and computers.

**E. Council Member Pinon**

1. Unified Police Department (UPD) & Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA)
1. Utah Broadband
2. Update on Possible High-Density Development

Council Member Robert Pinon reported on recent Unified Police Department activities, including attending an open house recognizing leadership promotions within the department. He stated that much of the related board meeting focused on introducing the newly appointed chiefs and their responsibilities. He also reported that Salt Lake County's planned departure from the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area had prompted significant discussion regarding the future of the district. The Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area Board authorized a comprehensive feasibility study to evaluate the potential effects of the County's departure. He stated that the process was ongoing, could have ramifications for participating communities, and was approximately 18 months from implementation.

Council Member Robert Pinon reported that he continued discussions with Chief Pettibrown regarding cameras and that additional information was being gathered regarding a potential coordinated purchase involving several communities. He had no updates regarding Utah Broadband or possible high-density development.

Mayor David Brems reported experiencing repeated Utah Broadband outages during morning hours over several days. Council Member Robert Pinon stated that he had not experienced similar outages in his area and offered to help determine whether future outages were localized and to elevate the issue with Utah Broadband as necessary.

Council Member Jennifer Hawkes additionally reported that a cycling event had recently traveled through Emigration Canyon without applying for a City special-event permit or, to the City's knowledge, providing notice. She noted that a similar issue had occurred the previous year and that the uncoordinated event coincided with another permitted event, creating access concerns and leaving residents without advance notification. She stated that the organizing group would be notified that a City permit would be required for future events.

Tyler Tippits stated that, based on his involvement with the event, permits in prior years had been approved through another authority for multiple communities and suggested confirming what authorization had been issued. Council Member Robert Pinon reported that he had received advance notice of the event through his Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area role but had not realized other Council members had not received the same information. Council Member Jennifer Hawkes maintained that events traveling through Emigration Canyon should coordinate with the City so permitting requirements could be addressed and residents could receive appropriate notice.

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Ordinance 2026-O-10 – tabled to next meeting
- Action on amending CodeRed policy for council members (same item as this month), council members will do the training online before the next meeting – Council Member Hawkes will send that information

**Council Member Pinon moved to recess the council meeting and moved to a Closed Meeting. Council Member**

Harris seconded the motion; vote was 5-0 unanimous in favor.

**14. 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

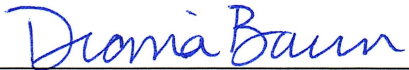
**15. ADJOURN**

Council Member Pinon moved to adjourn the August 18, 2026 City Council meeting at 12:00 am, and Council Member Hawkes seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

This is a true and correct copy of the August 18, 2026 Emigration Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes, approved by the Emigration Canyon City Council on September 15, 2026.

ATTEST:

  
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David Brems, Mayor

  
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Diana Baun, City Recorder