MAGNA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2026

Broadway Building
3151 S. Broadway St., Magna UT 84044

Council Members Present: Mayor Mick Sudbury, Council Member Terry George, Council Member Michael Jensen, Council Member Megan Olsen, Council Member Steve Prokopis

Staff Present: Kelly Bush – City Manager, Diana Baun – City Recorder, Nathan Bracken -City Attorney

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 Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. **COUNCIL VACANCY (Motion and Voting)**
   A. Interview of Candidates for Mid-Term Vacancy for District 5

To determine the order of interviews for the District 5 vacancy, a coin flip was conducted. Jeff Larson permitted Ronnie Thompson to make the call of "heads" or "tails." Mayor Sudbury flipped the coin, and Council Member Steve Prokopis confirmed that it landed on heads. Following the result, Mr. Larson voluntarily stepped into the foyer while Mr. Thompson remained to complete his interview.

Questions asked:
1 – What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Magna, and how would you address them?
2 – How would you handle a decision that is unpopular with your neighbors but is in the city's long-term best interest?
3 – How do you think the city should balance growth, affordability, and sustainability?
4 – What are three things that the city is doing especially well that you would champion to continue?
5 – What are three things that the city could do better that you would encourage to be done differently?

Council Members Steve Prokopis, Michael Jensen, Megan Olsen, and Terry George asked a series of predetermined questions (listed above). Ronnie Thompson responded with comments regarding zoning issues, handling unpopular decisions, balancing growth and sustainability, strengths of the city, opportunities for improvement, and provided a personal background. After his interview concluded, Jeff Larson was invited in and asked the same series of questions. He addressed issues involving code

enforcement, long-term decision-making, growth planning, strengths and challenges for the city, and shared his personal background and experience as a general contractor.

B. Council Action to Fill Mid-Term Vacancy for District 5

After both interviews were completed, Council Members submitted their votes to the City Recorder, Diana Baun. The initial tally resulted in a tie, triggering statutory procedures allowing the Mayor to break a tie after a second vote. A second vote was held, which again resulted in a tie, leading to Mayor Sudbury casting the deciding vote. Jeff Larson received the most votes and was selected to fill the District 5 vacancy.

C. Swearing in of Newly Appointed Council Member

City Recorder Diana Baun administered the oath of office to Jeff Larson, who repeated each portion of the oath as directed. After completion, she congratulated him. Council Members welcomed Council Member Larson to the body.

5. TRAINING

A. Municipal Authority, Council Roles and Responsibilities, Personnel Policy, Rules of Order and Procedure, Code of Conduct, Ethics, and Other City Procedures

City Attorney Nathan Bracken began mandatory council training for Council Member Larson (Attachments A and B), with the rest of the Council receiving the scheduled refresher. He provided an extensive review of the six-member form of government, statutory powers, roles of the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager, delegation of authority, ethics laws, conflicts of interest, records requirements under GRAMA, social media guidelines, open meetings laws, and personnel/harassment policies. Mayor Sudbury and Council Members participated with questions throughout the presentation.

Partway through the training, a member of the public objected to the training taking place before public comment.

Council Member Jensen made a motion to table the remainder of the training until after public comment. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

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

Anyone who wants to speak on an item that is not on the public hearing agenda must sign up and will be called in order. Please state your name. Council Members will not respond during public comments, but city staff will follow up if needed. ***Comments are limited to two (2) minutes.***

Clint Dillian spoke at length in support of Mayor Sudbury, describing the Mayor's work with Magna Water District and his responsiveness to the public. Mayor Sudbury reminded him of the two-minute limit, and Dillian concluded his comments.

Will Briggs also spoke in support of the Mayor, describing positive personal interactions and appreciation for his commitment to the community.

Susan Luhan commented on the importance of training and understanding roles, expressed concern regarding the recent investigative report, and urged the Council to work collaboratively.

Melinda Burrell raised issues related to ongoing illegal parking in her neighborhood, describing repeated calls to UPD with slow response times and safety hazards caused by vehicles parked in no-parking zones near crosswalks. She requested stronger enforcement and possible adjustment of parking restrictions.

Carla Johnson described severe traffic congestion and safety problems associated with two childcare facilities operating at 7212 Majestic Way, including unlicensed operations, inadequate parking, and dangerous pickup routines. She asked the City to investigate the matter urgently.

Following completion of all comments, Mayor Sudbury asked whether anyone else wished to speak. No additional comments were offered, and public comment was closed.

Council Member Megan Olsen requested permission to read a statement into the record. She presented a prepared statement regarding her role in the recent independent investigation into Mayor Sudbury, emphasizing her duties under law and her commitment to transparency and seriousness in evaluating the findings.

Following the completion of Public Comment Council member Jensen moved to take a 5 minutes recess before continuing with the training portion of the meeting. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

After returning from the short recess, Mayor Sudbury invited City Attorney Nathan Bracken to return and complete the remainder of the training presentation. The training continued, covering retaliation laws, reporting obligations, personnel policy guidelines, and workplace protections. Council Members asked questions throughout.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes
      1) August 25, 2026 City Council Meeting

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2026 City Council Meeting as published. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

8. **PRESENTATION ITEMS**
   A. Code Restatement and Standard Operating Procedures – ***Nathan Bracken***

City Attorney Nathan Bracken presented an update on the ongoing code restatement project. He explained forthcoming revisions to Title 14 regarding engineering standards, clarified newly adopted state requirements, and described the process needed to align the City's code with the new engineering manual. He reviewed proposed updates to Titles 1 and 2 and additional future sections involving business licensing. Mr. Bracken stated he hoped to have draft documents ready for Council review within two weeks. Council Members engaged with questions about consistency with recent investigative recommendations.

9. **PUBILC HEARING ITEMS** - *None*

10. **COUNCIL BUSINESS (Motion and Voting)** - *None*

11. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

A. Unified Fire Authority – ***Chief Kelly Millard***

Chief Kelly Millard provided a brief report, noting new resource information available to residents and reminding attendees of the September 11 ceremony at Station 102. No questions were asked.

B. Unified Police Department – ***Chief Christopher Benedict***

Chief Chris Benedict delivered a detailed update on fentanyl-related enforcement efforts, describing the restructuring of the investigations division and significant recent seizures, including 6,000 fentanyl pills recovered from a Magna storage unit. He reported ongoing efforts to close drug houses using a combination of law enforcement and code enforcement tools, stating that 10 drug-related houses had been shut down in recent months. He addressed the availability of Narcan and encouraged community members to obtain doses where needed. Council Members asked questions about enforcement areas and procedures.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Prokopis stated he had nothing to report.

Mayor Sudbury noted his next UFA meeting was scheduled for the following Tuesday.

Council Member Jensen reported that his next MSD meeting would occur the next day.

Council Member Olsen reported on her attendance at her first mosquito abatement board meeting, noting updates about treatment areas, trap results, and recent aerial spraying of 5,000 acres. She informed the Council that no St. Louis encephalitis virus had been detected in the state and that residents could request field inspections from the district.

Council Member George reported no updates.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Olsen requested that the Council revisit the Traffic and Safety Committee, noting the need to confirm appointments now that UPD leadership had changed. Diana Baun stated she would coordinate with the appropriate individuals to facilitate the discussion.

Council Member Jensen moved to recess the City Council meeting and moved to a Closed Session for the reason(s) highlighted below. Council Member George 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

Immediately following the completion of the Closed Session at 10:45 pm, Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the September 8, 2026 City Council Meeting. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

This is a true and correct copy of the September 8, 2026 Magna City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on September 22, 2026.

Attest:

Magna City Mayor

Magna City Recorder