Minutes of the work session of the Ogden City Council held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Work Room, and via electronic meeting, located on the third floor of the Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Boulevard, Ogden City, Weber County, Utah.

Present:	Chair	Richard A. Hyer
	Vice Chair	Dave Graf
	Council members	Flor Lopez
		Kevin Lundell
		Jeremy Peterson
		Ken Richey

Council Executive Director Glenn Symes
Council Assistant Executive Steve Burton
Council Senior Policy Analyst Clint Yingling
Council Communications Director Brandon Garside
Council Communications Specialist Eric Davenport

Excused: Council member Washington

Also present: Community and Economic Development Assistant Executive Director David Sawyer
Deputy City Recorder Jason Gould

The purpose of the work session was to review the agenda for the City Council meeting scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.; discuss the Ogden Youth Council Bylaws; discuss Council business; and hear Council comments.

Agenda Review

Chair Hyer and members of Council staff reviewed the items listed on the agenda for the City Council meeting scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Ogden Youth Council Bylaws

Council Communications Director and Youth Council Advisor Garside introduced Youth Council Chair Jaime Lopez and Vice Chair Avery Jensen to present proposed changes to the Youth Council Bylaws.

- **Proposal 1: Change "Bylaws" to "Constitution"**: Jaime Lopez argued this would make the Youth Council's role as a youth government more official, akin to the nation's founding fathers establishing a constitution.
- **Proposal 2: Allow Youth Council Executive Committee Private Meetings**: Chair Lopez stated this would enable members to speak more freely and openly about important and sensitive topics among themselves. Mr. Garside clarified that this option has always been available but formalizing it in the constitution makes the avenue clear and present.
- **Proposal 3: Revise Attendance Requirements for Executive Committee**: Vice Chair Jensen explained that the previous percentage-based requirement was confusing. The new proposal sets a limit of no more than two unexcused absences and defines excused absences to include school activities, family events, or illnesses, requiring notice as soon as possible. Mr. Garside suggested adding "work" to the definition of excused absences for flexibility.

Mr. Garside then provided an overview of Youth Council activities:

- **Tours:** Recent tour of the Ogden Water Treatment Plant (attended by Council members Peterson and Hyer), planned tours of the Weber County Elections Office and Public Safety Building, and potential future tours of the Municipal Building and Fleet Facilities Division.
- **Local Officials Day:** An annual event in Salt Lake City during the Legislative Session, including breakfast, photos with other youth councils, mock debates, and opportunities to meet legislators, the Governor, or Lieutenant Governor.
- **Service Projects:** Collaboration with the Recreation Department for the Thanksgiving community dinner at the Lantern House and the Christmas community dinner (last year's "Santa's Splash" at the Marshall White Center).
- **Weber-Morgan Governing Youth Council (GYC) Initiative:** Collaboration with the Weber Morgan Health Department, including a legislative dinner (scheduled for November 5th) and training for Youth Council members on interacting with elected officials.

Council member Lundell inquired about the number of students and their school representation. Mr. Garside reported the Youth Council is comprised of 18 members: nine from Ogden High School, two from Mount Ogden Junior High, a few from DaVinci Academy, and three from St. Joseph Catholic High School. He discussed efforts to recruit more freshmen for retention

and program building. Chair Hyer suggested that aging-out members could help recruit peers. Council member Lundell asked about the attendance cycle for the two-absence limit. Mr. Garside confirmed it runs through the school year, starting after leadership is established, correcting the previous confusing percentage-based system.

Council member Peterson asked Chair Lopez about the water treatment facility tour. Mr. Lopez found the technology and purification methods interesting and appreciated Council member Hyer's engagement.

Mr. Garside concluded the discussion by acknowledging other Youth Council members present: Olivia, Alice (an exchange student from France), and Tori.

Council Business

Council Calendar: Council Executive Director Symes discussed upcoming events on the Council's calendar, with a focus on events related to the City's sister-city relationship with Hof, Germany.

Council Comments

Vice Chair Graf reported on a visit with Kenton Jepsen, Housing and Homeless Systems Coordinator at United Way of Northern Utah, along with Public Policy Advisor Bob Hunter and a member of Mr. Jepsen's "lived experience board." Mr. Jepsen is coordinating efforts among non-profits addressing homelessness in the City. He encouraged other Council members to meet with Mr. Jepsen, describing the experience as encouraging, eye-opening, and educational.

Council member Lopez raised a concern from a downtown resident near 21st Street about frequent loud vehicles and possible street racing on Washington Boulevard, especially on weekends. The resident reported this to Ogden Police Department's non-emergency line and was frustrated. Council member Lopez asked about increased police enforcement. Council member Richey acknowledged street racing as a long-standing challenge and noted previous coordinated efforts by multiple departments had some success but requested an update. Council member Peterson confirmed a family member was caught in one such operation, which seemed to dampen enthusiasm for street racing for a time. Chair Hyer agreed it was less prevalent but remained an issue, with new participants emerging annually.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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JASON GOULD
DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

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RICHARD A. HYER, CHAIR

APPROVED: October 20, 2026