



EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 6:00 PM
EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1650 E STAGECOACH RUN, EAGLE MOUNTAIN, UT 84005

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Jared R. Gray; Councilmembers Craig Whiting, Melissa Clark and Brett Wright.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councilmember Zachory Huish.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin Reeves, City Manager; Steve Mumford, Deputy City Manager; Marcus Draper, City Attorney; Lacie Messerly, City Recorder; Kimberly Ruesch, Director of Administrative Services; Brad Hickman, Public Works Director; Terrence Dela Peña, Budget Manager and Richard Lory, Management Analyst.

6:00 PM WORK SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. WELCOME

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. He noted that Councilmember Wood was excused from the meeting.

2. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

2.A. DISCUSSION/NO ACTION TAKEN – Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Planning Kickoff

[The recording of the discussion can be found online here at 00:04:05.](#)

Budget Manager Terrence Dela Peña presented the kickoff for the Fiscal Year 2028 budget process. He reviewed lessons learned from FY 2027, including the need for clearer performance and service-level metrics, earlier and more frequent Council touchpoints, and expanded resident engagement. He outlined the FY 2028 planning objectives and the roles of the City Council, Mayor and City Manager, Finance/Budget Team, and departments.

Mr. Dela Peña presented the budget timeline, which runs from the staff kickoff on October 22, 2026 through the public hearing and budget adoption on June 15, 2027. It includes a series of Council discussions, a Budget Congress for departments, and a City Budget Open House. He also discussed the importance of defining service levels and reviewed the budget communication plan. He provided a calendar for the Council's consideration and review.

The City Council discussed ways to improve how the budget is communicated to residents, including how to reach residents through the channels they use most and how to make budget information more accessible and transparent. Councilmembers also discussed priorities and expectations for the upcoming budget year and opportunities to strengthen the FY 2028 budget process.

MOTION: *Councilmember Wright moved to adjourn to a Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of pending or reasonably imminent litigation; the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; the purchase, lease, sale, or exchange of real property; a proposed development agreement, project proposal, or financing proposal related to the development of land owned by the state or a political subdivision; and/or the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems, pursuant to Section 52-4-205(1) of the Utah Code, Annotated. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.*

Melissa Clark	Yes
Zachory Huish	Yes
Craig Whiting	Yes
Rich Wood	Excused
Brett Wright	Yes

The motion passed with a 4:0 vote.

The Council returned to adjourn the meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Councilmember Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion.*

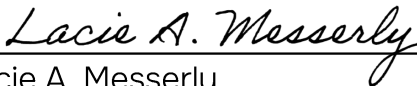
Melissa Clark	Yes
Zachory Huish	Excused
Craig Whiting	Yes
Rich Wood	Excused
Brett Wright	Yes

The motion passed with a 3:0 vote.

[The recording of the motion can be found online here at 01:48:45.](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Approved by the City Council on October 20, 2026.



Lacie A. Messerly
City Recorder

