



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

WORK SESSION – 5 PM IN EOC ROOM

COUNCIL MEETING – 6 PM IN COUNCIL ROOM

WORK SESSION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Russ Porter, Council Members, Jeannette Smyth, Doug Stephens, Jeremy Howe and Clayton Peterson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Matt Dixon, City Attorney Amy Hughie, Police Chief Darin Parke, Public Works Director Jon Andersen, City Planner Alikea Murphy, Code Compliance Official Guillermo Garcia, Assistant City Manager Summer Palmer, and City Recorder/Communications Manager Danielle Bendinelli

OTHERS PRESENT

No others present

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- At 5:00pm, Mayor Porter called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to begin.
00:00:00

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Peterson. All Council Members present were in favor to begin.

II. REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- No review of items needed

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review of Resident Survey Questions

- City Manager, Matt Dixon gave an overview of the 2025 Survey Questions and the process.

00:00:24

Council recommended staff make the addition of a Communications section for awareness of city happenings and update the forms of communication listed. Staff will also add an Event specific list to gauge attendance.

00:11:46

B. Overview of Mid-Term Vacancy Procedures

- City Attorney Amy Hugie presented an overview of Resolution 26-28 and the Mid-Term Vacancy Procedures. It was recognized that the Resolution needs to be updated to reflect the correct name of Michael Howard.

00:16:29

- Council discussed ballot procedures, candidate expectations, zoom options and interview questions as well as procedures for breaking ties.

00:22:01

- City Attorney Hugie also discussed the ordinance needed to change Council Vacancy Procedures to match the Utah State Code.

00:39:27

IV. ADJOURN

- At 5:42pm, Mayor Porter called for a motion to end the work session

00:41:29

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Peterson. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Russ Porter, Council Members Jeannette Smyth, Jeremy Howe and Clayton Peterson

EXCUSED

Council Member Doug Stephens

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Matt Dixon, Police Chief Darin Parke, Public Works Director Jon Andersen, City Planner Alike Murphy, Code Compliance Official Guillermo Garcia, Assistant City Manager Summer Palmer, City Attorney Amy Hugie, Fire Chief Cameron West and City Recorder/Communications Manager Danielle Bendinelli

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Karin Petrovich, CJ Hernandez, Dallin DeGroot, Ray Davis, Jacob V. and Manny Cyprus and youth from the South Hights Ward

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I. OPENING CEREMONY

A. Call To Order

- Mayor Porter called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and called for a motion to begin
00:00:33

Council Member Howe so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth. In a voice vote Council Members Peterson, Smyth, and Howe all voted aye.

B. Prayer/Moment of Silence

- The Mayor led those present in a moment of silence

C. Pledge Of Allegiance

- Council Member Peterson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mayor Porter invited anyone who wished to make a comment to come forward
 - Karen Petrovich 00:01:43 Chimes View Construction Project, Resident PSA
 - CJ Hernandez 00:04:53 Candidate for House District 5
 - Dallen DeGroot 00:08:05 South Hights Ward brought a group of youth for education day.

III. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

No response was given

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of September 15, 2026 Council Minutes and Proclamation Declaring October 11-17, 2026 as WSU Homecoming Week in South Ogden City

- The Mayor read the Weber State University Homecoming Week proclamation
00:09:10
- The Mayor asked if any corrections needed to be made to the minutes, hearing none he called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.
00:10:22

**Council Member Smyth so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Howe.
Followed by a voice vote for all in favor, approving the consent agenda.**

V. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Resolution 26-28 - City Council Mid-Term Vacancy Procedure

- City Attorney Amy Hugie provided an overview of the circumstances and procedures and the option of allowing in person only or a zoom interview option.
00:10:37
- Council Member Smyth mentioned the resolution needed to be updated with the correct name for Michale Howard. 00:17:14
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve **Resolution 26-28** with the amended name change and allowance of the interview by Zoom opportunity for candidates if circumstances are approved by the Mayor in advance.
00:17:44

Council Member Howe so moved to approve Resolution 26-28, followed by a second from Council Member Peterson . The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion, and seeing none, he called the vote:

Council Member Smyth-	Yes
Council Member Howe-	Yes
Council Member Peterson-	Yes

Resolution 26-28 was adopted.

B. Consideration of Ordinance 26-08 - Amending City Code for Vacancies

- City Attorney Amy Hugie provided an overview of the changes
00:18:15
- Comments by Council, and Attorney Hugie pointed out an error in the packet attachment where the word “Resolution” needs to be changed to “Ordinance.”
00:19:30
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve **Ordinance 26-08**
00:20:17

Council Member Smyth moved to approve Ordinance 26-08 followed by a second from Council Member Howe.

The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion, and seeing none, he called the vote:

Council Member Peterson-	Yes
Council Member Howe-	Yes
Council Member Smyth-	Yes

Ordinance 26-08 was adopted.

Section VI was accidentally skipped and returned a few moments later.

VI. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

- Mayor Porter opened the floor for nominations
- Council Member Peterson nominated Council Member Howe with a second from Council Member Smyth.
- Council member Howe accepted the nomination.
Hearing no other nominations the Mayor asked for a vote of approval.

00:21:57

All were in favor and vote passed. Council Member Howe was elected Mayor Pro Tem

VII. REPORTS/DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

A. City Council Members

Council Member Smyth - 00:20:43
Council Member Howe - 00:22:50
Council Member Peterson - No report

B. City Manager 00:24:05

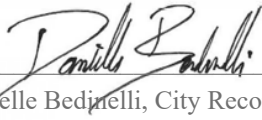
C. Mayor 00:27:41

VIII. ADJOURN

- At 6:29pm, Mayor Porter called for a motion to adjourn
00:28:53

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Smyth . The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the South Ogden City Work Session and Council Meeting held Tuesday, October 6, 2026.



Danielle Bedinelli, City Recorder

October 20, 2026

Date Approved by the City Council