Naples City Council
October 8, 2026
Minutes

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Naples City Council was held October 8, 2026, 7:30 p.m., at the Naples City Office, 1420 East 2850 South, Naples, Uintah County, Utah.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING

Council members attending were Brock Arnold, Nate Zilles, Dan Olsen, Ross Morton, and Jonathan Beede. Kenneth Reynolds was absent.

OTHERS ATTENDING

Others attending were Willis LaFevre, Dean Baker, Jolene Baker, Ryan Richens, Szeth Simmons, Micheal Davis and Nikki Kay.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Arnold welcomed everyone and asked Ross Morton to lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Dan Olsen offered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Arnold asked for approval of the agenda. Nate Zilles **moved** to approve the agenda. Dan Olsen **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the regular city council meeting for September 24, 2026 were presented for approval. Nikki Kay stated she received a request from Councilman Zilles to rephrase the wording on page two paragraph three to clarify that Ms. McRae was there to determine what Naples City's concerns are and not to seek Naples City's support for her candidacy. She asked if Council was okay with that change? Dan Olsen **moved** to approve the minutes with the correction stated. Jonathan Beede **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to open the public comment period. Nate Zilles **moved** to enter the public comment period. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

Nothing was brought forward from the public. Dan Olsen **moved** to close the public comment period. Jonathan Beede **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.

FINAL DESIGN APPROVAL FOR 2000 EAST PROJECT

Council members discussed what they would like for a final design on the 2000 East project. Micheal Davis said the options being discussed were a sidewalk on the west side of the road from the park parking lot to the corner of 2000 South and a full or partial sidewalk on the east side. He said they had left a gap in the sidewalk on the west side and UDOT asked them why they had the gap and that they prefer the City fill it in. Micheal said they have also heard from some residents that they would like a continuous sidewalk on the west side. Micheal said they also need to decide if they are extending the sidewalk on the east side, past the Erickson's. He said the Council also talked about not extending the sidewalk in front of Evan Baker's residence to try and save money and just refurbishing the sidewalk in front of the Erickson's.

Ryan Richens said they met with Evan Baker and talked about options in front of his home and tried to come up with costs for the different options. Councilman Zilles asked if they talked any about the recommendation from UDOT. Mr. Richens said UDOT does want to close things up and not have open ditches and make it a consistent project throughout. Councilman Olsen asked Mr. Richens if he had any drawings of the project. He said he doesn't have any updated ones. He said he brought the cost estimates and not any new pictures.

Mayor Arnold said they have had a few citizens that have come to them with concerns about breaking up the sidewalk on the west side, which is the same concern UDOT has with the project. He wanted to know if anyone had any other concerns or questions?

Councilman Olsen asked about the cost for the additional sidewalk. Mr. Richens said the budget for the project is about 1.8 million and that was without the section of sidewalk they have been discussing. He said the additional portion would be about $100,000. Mayor Arnold asked about the savings if they didn't do the sidewalk on the east. Mr. Richens said if they didn't touch the existing sidewalk on that side it would be a savings of about $61,000. They talked about how much it would be if they refurbished the existing sidewalk and if they could do a wider shoulder in front of Evan Baker's with no sidewalk. Mr. Richens said they would need to do something to control the runoff and could do curb and gutter and install an inlet box at the corner of the fence. Councilman Zilles wanted to make sure they don't

cause any more damage to the Evan Baker property. Councilman Olsen wanted to know if this would include raising the Baker driveway to get up and over the curb and gutter. Mr. Richens said they wouldn't have to do as much with curb and gutter because they wouldn't be going as far out as they would if they were installing a sidewalk. Mayor Arnold asked if they have factored in negotiations for right-of-way for construction in front of Dean Baker's residence. Mr. Richens said they did factor in cost for temporary access for right-of-way and UDOT would negotiate that. Mayor Arnold said he does understand that there are going to be some who want the sidewalk and some who don't. He said the City wants to do as much as they can and be as accommodating as they can in returning things to what they were. Councilman Olsen asked if the City has met with the Baker's. Mayor Arnold said they have tried to have a couple of conversations and were told they were not interested in sidewalks in front of their home and he said that was understandable and fair. Mayor Arnold said they would like to engage in a conversation and try and do what would make the most sense. He said the City is not unwilling to have a conversation and not unwilling to negotiate. He said they want it to be fair and equitable for everyone involved. Councilman Olsen wanted to know what needs to be done tonight? Mayor Arnold said they would need to make a final design decision, table the matter, or ask for further information. Councilman Zilles said he was still a little unclear on the price. Micheal said that is going to be a little hard until they make the decision of what they want done. He said if they do a sidewalk on the west side that will change the cost, if they don't do anything in front of the Erickson's that will also make a difference, and if they go back to Evan Baker and see what they can do there, the cost will be different. Micheal said they are in the preliminary design and won't have a solid number until Council makes a decision. Councilman Morton wanted to know if they were approving them putting that together. He said they can't approve a final design and then go to negotiations. Mayor Arnold said they are making a decision that would allow them to begin those negotiations. Nate Zilles **moved** to enter the final design period for the 2000 East project, with the understanding they will negotiate with the property owners. Micheal asked them what they want, do they want sidewalk on the west side all the way? Councilman Zilles said yes, with the understanding that the final design can be changed. Councilman Zilles restated his motion that they enter the final design phase with a sidewalk on the west side and

sidewalk on the east side, with the understanding that the City will be negotiating with those two families. Ross Morton **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting in the affirmative.

UPDATE ON FISHING POND AT NATURE PARK

Councilman Zilles said, in an effort to look into the DNR proposal at the Naples City Park for ponds, he met with Micheal, Szeth and George Sommers of the Division of Water Rights. Councilman Zilles said Mr. Sommers is a property rights specialist for the State of Utah and works directly with the State Engineer. He said they had discussion on how to make this a plausible project. Councilman Zilles referred to the Utah Water Right Application map showing the arrow with the number one, he said that is a spring. He indicated on the map where they could potentially have two ponds. Councilman Zilles stated this could be possible because of the continuous runoff of the spring. Szeth said the spring does come up about where the first pond would be located and once the pond is full they shouldn't have to add any more to it, because of the spring. Councilman Zilles said the City actually applied for water back in 1998 and the original application shows the appropriation of water for ten shares of Steinaker and one share of Ashley Irrigation would be provided or allocated to a pond. He said, in speaking with Mr. Sommers, he told him where the DNR talked about having the pond and gave him the measurements of the pond. Councilman Zilles said he also mentioned the spring. He said, according to Mr. Sommers, the spring does not belong to anyone, but if the City would like to apply, they could utilize that water source for the evaporation portion of the pond. The City can apply for 4.73 acre feet and the evaporation for the two ponds would require 4.06 acre feet per year. Councilman Zilles said, if the spring produced that, it would take care of the evaporation needs of the two ponds. He said the application before them would be to apply for the use of the spring for that source. Councilman Zilles said a "beneficial use" has more leverage on an application for water but the spring is right where the pond would be and the amount above the 4.06 acre feet could be used for irrigation. He said, if the City decides to do this, they will send the application to the State for approval. He said if it is approved they can use the 4.06 acre feet for the pond and the additional amount for irrigation. Councilman Zilles stated to fill the ponds initially it will take 9.3 acre feet for pond one and 9.93 acre feet for pond two. He said with the shares they are applying for they should have enough to cover it and then the spring should be able to maintain it.

Councilman Zilles said, even if this does not work the City would only be out the $150 application fee. He said they could use some of the shares of water the City currently has to maintain the ponds and, until this year, the City hasn't been utilizing those water shares. Councilman Zilles said this is a very possible project, the infrastructure is there, some of the area will need to be cleared, but the DNR brings in the service people to help do that. Councilman Zilles asked if the Council was interested in applying for the water for this project? Mayor Arnold said it's a $150, which is within the scope of admin approval. Councilman Morton said there is a land manager for this park and they've talked about making this more of a team project. He just wants to make sure they let the Rec Board know they are moving forward with this. Councilman Morton stated he has a meeting with them and would like to let them know what the City is looking into. He said this could be an awesome project and he asked about costs. Mayor Arnold said the DWR wanted to see how the water availability went and then they would talk about people that can come in and help. Councilman Zilles stated the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant would be something to look at for additional help. Commissioner LeFevre was in attendance at the meeting and wanted to ask a question. He asked if there were any other springs above this one that could be filed on? Councilman Zilles said they will research that when they receive this application and decide whether or not to approve it. Commissioner LeFevre asked if the initial fill was a one time thing? He wanted to know if someone could lease the City enough water for a one-time fill? Councilman Zilles asked if he was saying he would like to do something like that. Commissioner LeFevre said he might can work something out. Councilman Zilles said that would be wonderful. Mayor Arnold said it would be wonderful because anything they do they would like the community involved. Commission LeFevre wanted to make sure it could be filled off of the service canal? Councilman Zilles said yes and thanked Commission LeFevre for offering his help.

OTHER MATTERS OR FUTURE COUNCIL MATTERS

Mayor Arnold asked that they have the DWR come back to a meeting and to have Councilman Morton bring back to Council a report on the response from the Recreation District. Councilman Zilles said he would love to see them put together a committee to help.

Micheal reported that he visited with Vernal Winnelson and they are interested in making improvements to their parking lot with the Redevelopment funds. He said they would like to

make a better entrance along that road and make it look nice.

Micheal told the Council the work on the empty lot next to the school will begin next week. Mayor Arnold asked if he would contact someone at the school to let them know the project will be starting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no other business before the Council, Dan Olsen **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15. Nate Zilles **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with all voting aye.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

BY: _____ ATTEST: _____