

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
May 26, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Official notice of the City Council Meeting was given by posting an Agenda at City Hall and on the Bountiful City Website and the Utah Public Notice Websi.26.2026te and by providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: The City Journal and Standard Examiner.

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present:	Mayor	Kate Bradshaw
	Councilmembers	Mille Segura Bahr, Dan Bell, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst. City Manager	Tyson Beck
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY – MR. GARY HILL

Mr. Gary Hill went over the new draft of the Economic Development Strategy with the Council, noting that he tried to best reflect the feedback they gave him during their last discussion. The Council and Mayor Bradshaw all expressed that the purpose statement and the guiding principles expressed their opinions very well.

Mr. Hill reviewed the results of a survey he sent to the Council and Mayor Bradshaw on how to prioritize the strategies. He said the goal is to identify eight to ten strategies to highlight and presented the current rankings. He asked whether the rankings accurately reflected their priorities or if they wanted to make adjustments. The Council discussed strategy #20, “Return on Public Investment,” and how it compared with strategy #6, “Broad Public Benefit.” Mr. Hill said the discussion was helpful and clarified that the Council wants to prioritize strategies that are measurable, quantifiable, and broadly beneficial to the public.

Overall, the Council and Mayor Bradshaw agreed that the current rankings looked good to them. Mr. Hill then explained that he would be sending them another survey about the top 11 strategies, and that staff were preparing a discussion about the top sales tax revenue sources in the city.

SOUTH DAVIS RECREATION DISTRICT UPDATES – MR. TIF MILLER

Mr. Tif Miller gave a presentation about the South Davis Recreation Center, showcasing their most recent financial and program enrollment data and the history of the partnership they have with Bountiful City, talking about upcoming events, maintenance needs, and future expansion plans, and thanking the City for their support as they enter their 19th year of operations in Bountiful.

1 The Council and Mayor thanked him for the helpful information and for coming to present to
2 them that evening. Councilmember Bell thanked Mr. Miller and his staff for all the time and effort
3 they put in and expressed how appreciated they are.
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5 The work session ended at 6:57 pm.
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8 **Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**
9 **City Council Chambers**

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14	City Manager	Tyson Beck
15	Asst. City Manager	Lloyd Cheney
16	City Engineer	Allen Johnson
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20	Planning Director	

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22 **WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER**

23 Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and welcomed those in attendance.
24 Councilmember Higginson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Bell offered a prayer.
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26 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

27 The time for public comment was opened at 7:04 pm.

28 Ms. Kinsley Fronk (resident) expressed her doubt that the fine schedule associated with
29 excessive outdoor culinary water use would be effectual at reducing water usage, due to her belief
30 that the homes under the restriction are very capable of paying those fines. She suggested adding an
31 additional \$2.50 per square acre of land should be added to the fines to help deter outdoor culinary
32 water usage. She also proposed that churches and businesses on the East bench should be subjected to
33 fines as well, and that the fines be directly used toward developing environmentally friendly
34 landscaping.

35 Ms. Julia Ortega (resident) expressed her hope that more native, climate-adapted plants will
36 be used to replace water-needy lawns in Bountiful. She also expressed her concerns about the
37 proposed data center in Box Elder County, and said Bountiful should be proposing and enforcing
38 more water-wise policies to help our residents combat the growing issue of dwindling water
39 resources state-wide.

40 The time for public comment was closed at 7:08 pm.
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42 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF:**

43 **A. THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
44 **HELD ON APRIL 27TH, 28TH, MAY 5TH, AND 6TH, 2026**

45 **B. THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 28TH**
46 **AND MAY 12TH, 2026**

1 Councilmember Bahr stated that she had some corrections for the minutes; she said she was
2 listed as present at the Finance and Administrative Budget Committee Meeting, but she ended up not
3 being able to attend; and Councilmember Murri was incorrectly listed as the Chair of the Water
4 Budget Committee, instead of herself. Staff made a note of those changes.

5 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the minutes of the budgetary committee
6 meetings, including the changes proposed by Councilmember Bahr, and Councilmember Murri
7 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and
8 Murri voting “aye.”

9 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous City
10 Council meetings, and Councilmember Bahr seconded the motion. The motion passed with
11 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

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13 **BCYC REPORT**

14 No one was present to report.

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16 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

17 Councilmember Higginson did not have a report.

18 Councilmember Murri did not have a report.

19 Councilmember Child reported that the Service Council is very busy getting festival season
20 underway. She advised everyone to watch the City’s social media channels to make sure they do not
21 miss any of the fun events this summer. She also announced that the BCYC is looking for an advisor.

22 Councilmember Bahr did not have a report.

23 Councilmember Bell announced that a tragic traffic accident took place on Main Street this
24 past week, and he asked for the Traffic and Safety Committee to be reconvened to discuss the safety
25 issues of an ever-changing Main Street.

26 Mayor Bradshaw reported that several summer-wide events for the America250 celebration
27 kicked off on Memorial Day including; “Read, White and Blue,” a reading challenge featuring books
28 about the founding of America, and “Red, White and Move,” a series of physical, mental and
29 community wellness challenges, with the chance to win big prizes for participants in each. Mayor
30 Bradshaw also announced the appointment of Jeff Larsen as the new South Davis Metro Fire Chief,
31 adding that he will attend the next City Council meeting.

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33 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

34 **A. EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID ON MAY 6TH AND 13TH, 2026**

35 **B. MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT**

36 Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the expenditures and the March financial
37 report and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
38 Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

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40 **RECOGNITION OF THE BOUNTIFUL HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING**
41 **THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – MAYOR KATE BRADSHAW**

42 Mayor Bradshaw welcomed the Bountiful High boys’ soccer team and congratulated them on
43 their recent State Championship win. She noted the unfortunate timing of the championship game
44 during the high school graduation ceremony and thanked the boys for their effort and dedication.

1 Coach Gabe Johnson introduced the team members present and spoke about their resiliency
2 throughout a challenging season and their dedication to both their athleticism and their educational
3 achievements.

4 The mayor and Council all expressed their pride in the team's big win and thanked the boys
5 for the example they are and how well they represented Bountiful both on and off the field.
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7 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PRUCHASE OF ECHO TRANSMISSION LINE WOOD**
8 **CROSSARMS FROM IRBY UTILITIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$27,640 – MR.**
9 **ALLEN JOHNSON**

10 Mr. Allen Johnson explained that after the Echo line failure and subsequent fire, his
11 department has been working to meticulously rebuild that line, especially the crossarms and
12 insulators. He added that they will probably begin work in September because the line will shut down
13 early this year due to drought conditions.

14 Councilmember Bell asked which budget year this item is in. Mr. Johnson apologized for
15 misspeaking; this item is in the FY2026-2027 budget.

16 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the purchase of wood crossarms from
17 Irby Utilities and Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed with
18 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting "aye."
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20 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10 APPROVING THE**
21 **INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR ADMINSTRATIVE SERVICES**
22 **PROVIDED FOR SOUTH DAVIS RECREATION DISTRICT – MR. TYSON BECK**

23 Mr. Tyson Beck explained that it was time to renew the interlocal agreement between the City
24 and the Recreation District for services provided to the district. He added that because there were
25 questions about the 10% discount historically given to the district, he prepared two options for the
26 Council to review; 1. Offering no discount to the district for the services rendered, or 2. Offering the
27 standard 10% discount.

28 Councilmember Bahr asked when and why the City began offering a 10% discount to the
29 district for services. Mr. Hill answered that it has been in place for about ten years and was the result
30 of some criticism received from the Recreation District Board at that time. Some board members felt
31 the City was taking advantage of the district by charging too much for these services.

32 Mr. Beck elaborated on how the cost for services is calculated each year and said that because
33 none of the employees are required to track their time, the cost for services is an estimate and not a
34 firm amount. Because of this, he has felt that taking 10% off and erring on the side of not accidentally
35 overcharging the district for services has been a good faith practice to adopt. However, he added, that
36 the City provides these services for less than the district could obtain them elsewhere.

37 Mayor Bradshaw and Councilmember Bell both expressed that they felt the value the City
38 provides to the district is far beyond what any other financial services business could provide even
39 without the discount, and suggested the City had an obligation to take into account taxpayer dollars in
40 this equation.

41 Councilmember Bell suggested the City offer a 5% discount instead, and due to the
42 advantageous changes to the staff salaries this year, it seems a good time to fix this issue. Mr. Beck
43 said that a 5% discount would come to a total cost of \$238,077; \$11,000 less than the district paid last
44 year.

45 Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-10, changing the
46 percentage of the discount for services from 10% to 5% (total contract amount of \$238,077) and

1 Councilmember Child seconded the motion. Councilmember Higginson asked if Councilmember Bell
2 would amend his motion to make the total contract amount come to \$238,000 and Councilmember
3 Bell agreed. Councilmember Child seconded the amended motion. The motion passed with
4 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

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6 **ADJOURN**

7 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Murri
8 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and
9 Murri voting “aye.”

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11 The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Mayor Kate Bradshaw

City Recorder