

SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 26 May 2026

TIME COMMENCED: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: South Weber City Office at 1600 East South Weber Drive, South Weber, UT
Meeting streamed on YouTube on 26 May 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: MAYOR:	Rod Westbrook
COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Jeremy Davis Joel Dills Blair Halverson Angie Petty (excused) Wayne Winsor
CITY RECORDER:	Lisa Smith
CITY MANAGER:	David Larson
CITY ATTORNEY:	Jayme Blakesly
FINANCE DIRECTOR:	Brett Baltazar
FIRE CHIEF:	Derek Tolman
INTERN:	Celeste Wu

Minutes: Michelle Clark

ATTENDEES: Paul Sturm, Mark Anderson, Ren Strong, and Brandon Johnson.

OPEN

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Westbrook
- 2. Prayer:** Councilman Halverson

Mayor Westbrook welcomed those in attendance and excused Councilwoman Petty from tonight's meeting.

3. Public Comment: Mayor Westbrook opened the floor for public comment and reminded those in attendance of the following guidelines:

- Each speaker must go to the podium to comment.
- State your name and city of residence.
- Please address your comments to the entire City Council.
- Each speaker will have 3 minutes or less to speak.
- Note the City Council will not be entering into a dialogue during this portion of the meeting.
- Individuals not at the podium should refrain from speaking.

Paul Sturm of South Weber City commented on the formatting of the council packet.

Mayor Westbrook closed the floor for public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

4. April 28, 2026 Minutes

Councilman Halverson moved to approve the minutes of April 28, 2026 as written. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a voice vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Public Hearing for Executive Municipal Officers Salary Increases

Utah Code (UCA 10-3-818) requires a municipal governing body to hold a public hearing regarding potential compensation increases for specified positions. South Weber has the following positions that meet the requirements specified by state law: City Manager, Administrative Services Director, Public Works Director, Public Works Assistant Director, Recreation Director, and Fire Chief. The following maximum proposed salary increases were established based on a market study conducted in early 2026. The study data was discussed in the city’s budget committee meetings and included in the adopted Tentative Budget. The increases are anticipated to take effect on July 1, 2026.

Position	Proposed Increase
City Manager	11.5%
Administrative Services Director	3.9%
Public Works Director	4.5%
Public Works Assistant Director	6.8%
Recreation Director	5.7%
Fire Chief	5.3%

City Manager David Larson explained that the percentage increase listed for the Public Works Assistant Director position was incorrect in the packet. The packet showed a 3.4% increase, but the correct figure should be 6.8%. He said the discrepancy occurred because the 3.4% calculation did not include a proposed change to classify the position as exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), similar to the Public Works Director position. Since the position is currently hourly, the adjustment to exempt status should have been included, resulting in the higher 6.8% increase.

Councilman Winsor moved to open the public hearing for Executive Municipal Officers Salary Increases. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a voice vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

----- PUBLIC HEARING -----

Mayor Westbrook called for public comment. There was no public comment received.

Councilman Winsor moved to close the public hearing for Executive Municipal Officers Salary Increases. Councilman Dills seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a voice vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

----- PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED -----

6. Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget with Proposed Property Tax Increase

Councilman Halverson moved to open the public hearing for Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget with Proposed Property Tax Increase. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

----- PUBLIC HEARING -----

Mayor Westbrook called for public comment. There was no public comment received.

Councilman Davis moved to close the public hearing for Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget with Proposed Property Tax Increase. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a voice vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

----- PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED -----

7. Resolution 26-17: North End Dispatch Agreement

Davis County had four separate dispatch centers (Bountiful City, Davis County, Clearfield City, and Layton City). Over the last few years, county and city officials have been working to consolidate dispatch services into only two centers, one in the north portion of the county and in the south. Bountiful and Layton were selected. South Weber ended its contract with Davis Dispatch in July 2024 when the city began contracting directly with Layton. The new agreement brings additional entities into Layton dispatch to complete the consolidation, but more importantly, it creates a governance structure where all cities have input into operating decisions. It also defines the methodology for calculating fees for participating entities.

Councilman Davis moved to approve Resolution 26-17: North End Dispatch Agreement. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Resolution 26-18: Emergency Medical Service Director Contract with Summer Grace LLC

South Weber City contracts with a licensed physician to serve as Medical Director for its Fire Department/EMS operations, as required by Utah state regulations for EMS agencies. The current contract with Summer Grace, LLC, was most recently awarded/ renewed via Resolution 23-34 for a three-year term. Dr. Grace is a board-certified Emergency Medicine physician practicing in the Ogden area (affiliated with facilities such as Ogden Regional

Medical Center). She brings unique, relevant expertise: prior experience as a paramedic, including training through Utah Valley University's programs, which directly informs her understanding of prehospital care. Staff strongly recommended renewing the three-year contract with Dr. Summer Grace, DO, as the EMS Medical Director for the South Weber City Fire Department. Mayor Westbrook and the City Council agreed that Summer Grace has done an excellent job.

Councilman Winsor moved to approve Resolution 26-18: Emergency Medical Service Director Contract with Summer Grace LLC. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Resolution 26-19: Authorizing the Issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds by the Local Building Authority

In 2023, South Weber City adopted a parameters resolution effectively choosing to bond specifically for the construction of a new public works facility and establishing a maximum amount, term, interest rate, and discount at which the bonds could be sold. On the same night, acting as the Local Building Authority Board of Directors, the LBA approved the issuance of bonds. In November 2023, the city bonded for \$9,000,000. The bonds have a 20-year term with a true interest cost (TIC) of 4.90%. Annual payments are approximately \$706,000 per year. The City Council ensured that the bonds were allowed to be refunded or "called" in bond terms so the city could refund them if/when interest went down and the city could save money.

In February 2026, the City Council reviewed options presented by the city's financial advisor, Mark Anderson, with Zions Public Finance (ZPF). The City Council asked the Admin/Finance Committee to work with Mark to watch the market and recommend the right time to refund the bonds. The Admin/Finance Committee met on Tuesday, May 12 to review options provided by ZPF. The options were similar to those provided in February simply with updated market numbers. Based on the general feeling of Councilmembers expressed in the February meeting that keeping the annual payment similar to reduce the length and gain the greatest savings was preferred to a reduced annual payment and similar length, the committee is recommending the highest cost savings option, which would pay off the bond in 2040 (4 years faster than the current repayment schedule).

Councilman Winsor moved to approve Resolution 26-19: Authorizing the Issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds by the Local Building Authority. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

BOARD MEETINGS (suspend Council meeting to convene board meetings)

Councilman Halverson moved to suspend council meeting to convene board meetings at 6:09 p.m. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

10. Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Board Meeting

11. Local Building Authority (LBA) Board Meeting

Councilman Davis moved to reconvene council meeting at 6:12 p.m. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

REPORTS

15. New Business (None)

16. Council & Staff

Councilman Winsor: provided an update on negotiations with the train club, noting that the club had recently contacted the city with questions about insurance requirements and staff responded within 24 hours. He clarified that the insurance issues are separate from the 60-day negotiation window for the contract, and that 30 days have now passed without the clubs initiating a negotiation meeting. Staff have been asked to send a reminder letter stating that an agreement must be reached by June 30 or the council may consider terminating the current agreement. Winsor emphasized that the city is ready to negotiate but is currently waiting for the train club to act. He also noted that the club president, Parker, has stepped down.

Councilman Davis: thanked the South Weber Fire Department for their quick response to recent fires. He then provided an overview from the Public Safety Committee meeting concerning discussions on e-bikes, scooters, golf carts, and ATVs. He explained that under state law, e-bikes and e-scooters are classified as bicycles and are allowed if they follow standard bicycle rules of the road, with additional restrictions only applying if they are modified. He noted that local governments have limited ability to regulate them further unless state law changes. For ATVs and four-wheelers, Councilman Davis said state rules are stricter. Operators must be at least 16 years old, vehicles must be street legal and licensed, and violations can result in citations.

The main discussion focused on golf carts. City Attorney Jayme Blakesley explained that under state law, the default rule is that golf carts are not allowed on public roads unless a city chooses to permit them. He noted that cities do have discretion to regulate their use and can impose restrictions such as minimum driver age, where golf carts may be driven, limits based on roadway speeds, and whether passengers are allowed. The committee was against broad allowances due to safety concerns and felt that heavy restrictions would limit meaningful use. One option discussed was following models like St. George, where golf carts are restricted to roads under 25 mph and may include limited designated areas or exceptions. However, most members were hesitant, especially regarding use on major roads like South Weber Drive or sidewalks, with strong opposition to sidewalk use. It was also noted that insurance is not required for golf carts which would leave all liability to the owner.

Although Council responses were mixed, the consensus was for staff to move forward with possible legislation. Mr. Larson discussed the next steps for drafting potential golf cart regulations. He noted the importance of clearly identifying which roads would allow golf cart use to help provide a visual understanding of the proposal. Mr. Larson also asked whether the

draft should go back to the full council or first to the committee, and the group agreed it should be returned to the committee for an initial review before moving forward.

City Manager David Larson: reported that the city has finalized plans for a Public Works Facility Open House, scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3. The event will feature a self-guided tour of the facility, with staff available throughout the building to answer questions and discuss the project with residents. Mr. Larson described it as an exciting opportunity for community members who have wanted to see the building firsthand. He also noted that the city will promote the event through email, social media, the digital sign, and other standard communication channels, and welcomed additional suggestions for public outreach.

Mr. Larson recognized the fire department for its response to several recent fires in the community. He praised firefighters for their quick and effective actions, noting that they have repeatedly demonstrated their professionalism and commitment to protecting residents. Larson said that while the fires had different causes, many involved intentional ignition, which may warrant broader community discussion. He emphasized that the fire department's rapid response significantly limited damage and prevented potentially much worse outcomes.

ADJOURN:

Councilman Winsor moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

APPROVED: 
Mayor: Rod Westbrook **Date 06-09-2026**


Transcriber: Michelle Clark


Attest: City Recorder: Lisa Smith

