MINUTES OF A REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 27, 2026, at 6:10 PM

Present	**Absent**
Councilmember Parker McCumber	Mayor Zack Stratton
Councilmember Jacob Wood	
Councilmember Jacob Holdaway	
Councilmember David Lauret	
Councilmember Ezra Nair	

Staff Present: City Manager Eric Ellis, Chief Deputy Holden Rockwell with the Utah County Sheriff's Office, Communications Director Jenna Ahern, Parks and Rec Director Brian Vawdrey, Treasurer Zack Adams, Interim City Attorney Jesse Riddle and Deputy City Recorder Tony Lara

Others Speaking: Vineyard residents Wayne Holdaway, Darlene Price, Sara Cameron, Chip Price, Karen Cornelius, and Tim Blackburn

1. CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Deputy Recorder Tony Lara called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. He called for a motion to nominate one of the councilmembers to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

- **Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER MCCUMBER NOMINATED COUNCILMEMBER LAURET TO SERVE AS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE DURING MAYOR STRATTON'S ABSENCE. COUNCILMEMBER HOLDAWAY SECONDED. THE ROLL CALL WAS AS FOLLOWS: COUNCILMEMBERS MCCUMBER, HOLDAWAY, WOOD, LAURET, AND NAIR VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Lara turned time over to Mayor Pro Tempore Lauret to conduct the meeting.

- Vineyard resident Wayne Holdaway offered a prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

2.1. Presentation on closed sessions

At the request of City Council, Deputy City Recorder Tony Lara will present on the

current policy of noticing closed sessions on each agenda.

- Mr. Lara presented on the current practice of noticing closed sessions on each meeting agenda.

- The council, along with staff, discussed changing that policy. It was decided that moving forward closed sessions would only appear on the agenda on an as needed basis.

3. WORK SESSION

There were no work session items addressed in this meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Darlene Price, living in The Villas subdivision, asked that closed sessions in the future be done either before or after the meeting to avoid having the public wait for the public comment period.

- Sara Cameron, living in the Parkside subdivision, addressed changes in policy and loss of staff.

- Chip Price, living in the Providence subdivision, expressed support for the proposed policy changes.

- Karen Cornelius, living in The Villas subdivision, thanked the council for the work on increasing involvement from residents. She also wanted to remind the public about the importance of addressing issues and not individuals during public comment.

- Tim Blackburn, living in the Sleepy Ridge subdivision, asked the council to revisit the plan to place a cemetery in Vineyard. Additionally, he asked the council to look into the process of getting a post office within city limits.

- Councilmember Holdaway commented on recent staff changes.

- Mayor Pro Tempore Lauret responded to questions and statements made during public the public comment period.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS/DISCLOSURES/RECUSALS

- Councilmember McCumber’s report to the council.

- Councilmember Holdaway’s report to the council.

- Councilmember Nair's report to the council.

- Mayor Pro Tempore Lauret's report to the council.

6. STAFF, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor Pro Tempore Lauret reported on the work that had been done so far with the staffing subcommittee**.**

7. CONSENT ITEMS

7.1. Approval of the January 14, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER MCCUMBER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEM AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER WOOD SECONDED. MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LAURET AND COUNCILMEMBERS NAIR, WOOD, HOLDAWAY AND MCCUMBER VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. APPOINTMENTS/REMOVALS

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

9.1. Municipal Code Title 2 and 3 Amendments

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Interim City Attorney Jesse Riddle, with Deer Valley Law, will present proposed changes to municipal codes title 2 and 3. The City Council will act to approve (or Deny) these changes via Ordinance.

- Interim City Attorney Jesse Riddle presented the proposed changes and noted proposed amendments to the ordinance during the presentation. There was discussion amongst council, in conjunction with some staff, regarding changes to employment status, appointments and removal of appointed staff and other various changes that were in the proposed ordinance.

- **Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER MCCUMBER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2026-01 AS AMENDED. THE MOTION WAS TABLED TO ENTERTAIN AN AMENDED MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILMEMBER NAIR.

- **Counter Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER NAIR MOVED TO CONTINUE THE ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING.

- The council discussed the motions. It was decided that the council would vote on the motion but revisit both title 2 and 3 at a future meeting to see if further revisions were necessary.

- **Motion:** MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LAURET BROUGHT BACK THE ORIGINAL

MOTION PRESENTED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCUMBER. COUNCILMEMBER HOLDAWAY SECONDED. THE ROLL CALL WAS AS FOLLOWS: MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LAURET AND COUNCILMEMBERS NAIR, WOOD, HOLDAWAY AND MCCUMBER VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2. ARCH Commission RAP Tax Grant Awards (Resolution 2026-06)
Jarom Sidwell, VIneyard's ARCH Commission Chair, will present ARCH's recommendations to City Council for dispersing of the ARCH Grant.

- Staff recommended the council vote to continue this item so that the approval time frame aligned with the time frame in the by-laws of the ARCH Commission.

- Councilmember McCumber asked staff questions regarding the proposed grant awards. A short discussion ensued.

- **Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER HOLDAWAY MOVED TO CONTINUE THE ITEM TO A FUTURE MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER NAIR SECONDED. MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LAURET AND COUNCILMEMBERS NAIR, WOOD, HOLDAWAY AND MCCUMBER VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.3. PUBLIC HEARING - Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Working Budget after Amendment #3 (Resolution 2026-05)

- **Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER MCCUMBER MOVED TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC HEARING AT 10:16PM. COUNCILMEMBER HOLDAWAY SECONDED. MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LAURET AND COUNCILMEMBERS NAIR, WOOD, HOLDAWAY AND MCCUMBER VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- City Manager Eric Ellis reviewed the proposed changes in the budget amendment.

- **Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER MCCUMBER MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 10:25PM. COUNCILMEMBER WOOD SECONDED. MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LAURET AND COUNCILMEMBERS NAIR, WOOD, HOLDAWAY AND MCCUMBER VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- The council discussed the proposed changes.

- **Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER HOLDAWAY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-05 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER MCCUMBER SECONDED. THE ROLL CALL WAS AS

FOLLOWS: MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LAURET AND COUNCILMEMBERS MCCUMBER, HOLDAWAY AND WOOD VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBER NAIR VOTED NO. THE MOTION PASSED WITH A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ONE (1).

- Councilmember McCumber asked the council for support in adding a working session to the next meeting to discuss the budget process.

10. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session during this meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37pm

MINUTES APPROVED ON: 2/3/2026

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CERTIFIED CORRECT BY: _____

TONY LARA, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER