

A Meeting of the Meridian City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2026, by Mayor Robert Simison.

Members Present: Robert Simison, Luke Cavener, Liz Strader, John Overton, Doug Taylor, Anne Little Roberts and Brian Whitlock.

Other Present: Chris Johnson, Bill Nary, Todd Lavoie, Jenny Fields, Ricardo Ortiz, Linda Ritter, Shawn Harper and Dean Willis.

ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

☒ Liz Strader	☒ Brian Whitlock
☒ Anne Little Roberts	☒ John Overton
☒ Doug Taylor	☒ Luke Cavener
☒ Mayor Robert E. Simison	

Simison: Council, we will call the meeting to order. For the record it is Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. We will begin tonight's regular City Council meeting with roll call attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Simison: Next is the Pledge of Allegiance. If you would all, please, rise and join us in the pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

COMMUNITY INVOCATION

Simison: Next item up is our community invocation, which tonight will be delivered by Kerry LaFramboise. If you would all, please, join us in the community invocation or take this as a moment of silence and reflection. Good evening.

LaFramboise: Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council. Thank you again for the honor to come and do this. It's a privilege every time I get to do it. I was reading Proverbs 4:5-9, and it was God challenged to us. It says: Get wisdom. Get understanding. Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her and she will preserve you. Love her and she will keep you. Wisdom is the principal thing. Therefore, get wisdom. He repeats it several times. It must be important. And in all your getting get understanding. Exalt her and she will promote you. She will bring you honor. When you embrace her she will place on your head an ornament of grace, a crown of glory she will deliver to you. I can't imagine in thinking what it must take to be on this Council and to run this great city, but I have to imagine that there is a lot of pressure and there is a lot of things going on and if anybody needs wisdom it's you

guys. So, let me pray. Father God, I thank you for these men and these women. I thank you for your hand upon them. You said wisdom is available. You provided understanding and said come and get it. So, tonight I pray that they would operate in wisdom and understanding. Maybe wisdom and understanding even beyond their own experience and their own history, Father. You give them wisdom. You give them understanding. Direct them in their discussions. Direct them in the business that is in front of them and give them grace and strength to do it. We ask it in Jesus' name, amen. Thank you again.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Simison: Thank you. Have a good evening. Next up is adoption of the agenda.

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: There is one change to tonight's agenda. We are going to vacate the Executive Session at the end and with that I move that we approve the agenda.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to adopt the agenda as amended. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay? The ayes have it and the agenda is agreed to as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

Simison: Council, anything under announcements and recognition?

PUBLIC FORUM

Simison: Okay. We will move on to Public Forum. Mr. Clerk, anybody signed up under Public Forum?

Johnson: Yes. We have two. First is Alex Eisenberg. Alex was on the line sign up, so it looks like he is not here and not on. So, Nancy Everard.

Simison: Good evening. You will be recognized for three minutes.

Everard: Good evening, Mayor and Council Members. My name is Nancy Everard. I live at 6935 North Exeter Place in Meridian. A comprehensive plan is more than a map. It is our community's agreement about how Meridian should grow and the infrastructure needed to support that future. My concern is not one amendment or development, but

the cumulative effect of repeated plan amendments and project level changes that depart from adopted land use designations. When exceptions become routine development rewrites the plan one application at a time. This week is transportation planning COMPASS models and traffic impact studies begin with land use and growth assumptions. If maps reflect one level of development while approvals produce another, the data falls behind reality. Even sound models are incomplete when their starting assumptions emit the cumulative development pipeline. Residents experience the results through congestion, delayed improvements, and pressure on roads never intended to carry so much regional traffic. These shortfalls affect safety, mobility and quality of life moving us away from the future the comprehensive plan was intended to achieve. Meridian faced this problem in 2001. Rapid applications were outpacing regional growth allocations and isolated traffic studies were missing surrounding projects. ACHD commissioned the Washington Group to perform the north Meridian study to evaluate cumulative demand. In 2003 public record COMPASS rejected 4,214 homes over 20 years, while Washington Group identified 15,912. This gap showed why regional allocations must be tested against actual local development proposals. Today history is repeating that condition. There are several large phased developments in this multi-jurisdictional area that are placing extreme pressure on our roadways. Each important piece of our north-south and east-west transportation network must function as one and we must be vigilant to preserve vital connectivity. This can be difficult to achieve when the approach is to view each project's transportation impact inside a bubble. I respectfully ask the city to work with ACHD and COMPASS, ITD and the City of Star to jointly commission a new region-wide cumulative transportation study. The north and northwest Meridian and the adjoining Star, State Highway 16 and Chinden influence area. It should use one currently in this inventory included premium under construction and reasonably foreseeable development. Test adopted, funded and unfunded networks and evaluate multiple horizon years in a higher growth sensitivity case. This would not assign every regional problem to one development. It would establish a shared factual baseline coordinate capital improvements, preserve critical corridors and provide a fair basis for assigning proportionate operations. The 2009 record shows why this work is needed before the next generation of north Meridian is platted one project at a time. Thank you.

RESOLUTIONS [Action Item]

- 1. Resolution No. 26-2598: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Meridian Appointing Robert Thompson to Seat 3 of the Meridian Transportation Commission; and Providing an Effective Date**

Simison: Thank you. That was it? Okay. With that, Council, we will move on to Item 1, which is Resolution No. 26-2598 appointing Robert Thompson to Seat 3 of the Meridian Transportation Commission. I'm sorry. Apologize. My camera's not on. I knew something was off in my head. We sat down with our good transportation commission chair Walter Steed and interviewed candidates for this position and we were lucky enough to find Mr. Thompson who was coming off a career at ITD here very shortly, if he hasn't already retired, is very close to that date, but he comes from a different

perspective at ITD. He is not coming from an engineer. He does have a community and regional planning certificate, but he comes with a financial background and is very interested in serving in this next phase of his career and life and we spent a good time talking about financial size of transportation and even as we look at our downtown and parking and, you know, who knows if we get a parking garage in the future, how that is funded and pay for having someone with a good financial sense be part of our transportation commission. He has also agreed to serve on our downtown commission -- or downtown subcommittee that we are putting together just to focus on our downtown parking efforts. So, I think he will bring a wide breadth of knowledge in a different way. He is an advocate for public transportation, so having someone with that perspective, even though our transportation commission doesn't necessarily deal with that topic, I think is an important component to bring to the -- to the conversation. So, it's my pleasure to bring him forward for your consideration. Be happy to answer any questions. If he is here if you want to ask him questions, but I'm happy to do so on his behalf.

Overton: Mr. Mayor, would he like to come forward and share a few words of wisdom with us?

Simison: Yeah. We normally like make them accept the job first, but we are happy to have him speak.

Thompson: Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council, my name is Bob Thompson. I'm -- like you said I'm just about to be ready to retire. I have got a week and a half, but who is counting. I had 20 years at ITD. I was their economist, so I forecasted state revenues. I was involved with the distribution of local revenues. Have a good understanding of how COMPASS, ACHD, LHTAC, which I know you don't really do a lot with, but all the different local agencies work together to get all roads built and financed. So, if there is any questions I can answer?

Simison: Thank you. Thanks, Rob.

Thompson: Thank you.

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: I think you found a real winner for our transportation commission and that's an important role in our city. So, I look forward to making this recommendation that we approve resolution -- Resolution No. 26-2598, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Meridian appointing Robert Thompson to Seat 3 of the Meridian Transportation Commission and providing an effective date.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to approve Resolution No. 26-2598. Is there discussion on the motion? If not, all favors signify by saying aye. Opposed nay? The ayes have it and item is agreed to.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

Simison: Welcome. We look forward to having you on this new capacity during some of your downtime soon.

Thompson: Excellent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS [Action Item]

2. Public Hearing for City of Meridian Fiscal Year 2026 Amended Budget in the Amount of \$250,360,333

Simison: With that we move on to our public hearings for this evening. First item up is Item 2, which is a public hearing for City of Meridian Fiscal Year 2026 amended budget in the amount of 250,360,333 dollars. We will open this public hearing with comments from staff.

Fields: Good evening, Mayor, Members of the Council. I'm going to kick us off on one of the items on our agenda tonight is our fiscal year '26 amended budget. Our agenda tonight is very simple. I'm going to go over the high level overview of our three major reporting funds. The Governmental Fund, Capital Improvement Fund and our Enterprise Fund. And, then, I will sit for any questions and look for a motion to approve our final fiscal year '26 budget. So, at this time last year we announced our original budget of 264,498,131 dollars. We ended our fiscal year at 250,360,333 dollars. Our final budget is down by 5.35 percent from the original that we announced. The classifications of our changes in the three different categories, personnel -- personnel, operating capital and carry forward, is all displayed in the graphs in front of you. In our slides coming up I will go over the individual funds, but just remember that these all have been presented to you throughout the last ten months. This is more of a formal process that we announce to our citizens what our final fiscal year '26 budget is. So, this -- take that as a -- this is more of a year in review. So, we had a total of 21 budget amendments the last ten months and, then, we -- the Governmental Fund is our first major reporting fund. This went up about four percent and that's about 5.2 million dollars. In our Governmental Fund we had a total of 16 budget amendments that were approved and some of the major ones are our Rail With Trails grant, CDBG, and a variety of our ITD grants that equates to about 1.5 million. Health benefit trust had a couple of budget amendments that had impact of 711,000 dollars for our governmental fund and, then, we also had our Microsoft Office 365 subscription that had an impact of 313,000 dollars for our Governmental Fund. Our carry forward adjustment actually went down 3.5 million. We have no changes in our Capital Improvement Fund, so that stayed at two million dollars. In our Enterprise Fund we had an adjustment about -- a decrease about 14.82 percent and that's about 19.4 million dollars. What changed in

the Enterprise Fund -- we had a total of five budget amendments and those -- again, they -- what's on your screen is the Microsoft Office 365 impact for the Enterprise Fund, as well as the health benefit trust. The majority of the changes for our Enterprise Fund is within the carry forward adjustment of 19.9 million dollars. With that I will answer any questions.

Simison: Thank you. Council, any questions for staff?

Strader: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Council Woman Strader.

Strader: I guess -- I think I know the answer, but just to check and for people watching, is the carry forward adjustment mainly from large capital projects that haven't come to completion yet?

Fields: Correct. So, if you think about our timing-wise when we carry forward our original carried forward the year -- the fiscal year hasn't completed yet, so we had three months of execution, so when we come back during this time we will most likely adjust that budget down as expenditures are expended.

Taylor: Mr. Chair?

Simison: Councilman Taylor.

Taylor: A quick question, Jenny. Did you say 21 budget amendments this last year? Was that what you said?

Fields: Correct.

Taylor: You might not have this just off the top of your head, but do we sort of have an average number of budget amendments over the last three to five years that you have a sense? Is it ten, 12 or 20, kind of in the ballpark?

Fields: We do have that data, but I do not have the average calculation in my head right now. But I can follow up with you.

Taylor: That would be great. Mr. Mayor, just maybe a quick comment. I think it's -- you know, thinking back through the budget amendments we had, all justified, all good argument. Understandable. I think it's -- as much as we can as a collective team from the city, limit how many we have, because I think as we go through the budget process it's more understandable for the -- the public. When you have budget amendments throughout the year it seems a little bit less transparent. So, again, I had no problem. I think I voted for every budget amendment, because they seemed understandable. But I think it would be great if we could do what we can for our directors or different departments to -- to try to cut down on that, see if those budget amendments can be --

can't wait until the upcoming fiscal year or whatnot. So, I think that's an important thing I think we need to strive a little bit harder towards as a team.

Simison: And let's just touch on a couple -- we do have several -- several budget amendments we do every year, because of donations or -- had to come in. So, I understand your point. If we want to go to a -- if we want to project what we think we are going to get from certain types of reoccurring budget amendments, we -- we can have those conversations, but that -- some of that's going to be hard. I understand the point if we can, but I think we made -- we have made some budget decisions to explicitly not put stuff in the budget and bring it forward as a budget amendment, because we didn't want to put it in unless we knew we are going to get the revenue. So, that can be the challenge, but understood.

Cavener: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Cavener.

Cavener: That's spot on and I guess my request would be for Jenny. When you are providing us kind of that average it would be good to break down as kind of what are probably what are department initiated versus department reaction, because we receive a grant or a donation or a sponsorship like that, because some of those, right, our departments can plan for, but others we are responding to and we are -- we are contacted. So, I think it would be good for us to be able to separate the two.

Fields: Okay. Will do.

Simison: Any other questions for staff on this item? Okay. Let's go to public hearing. Mr. Clerk, anyone signed up to provide testimony on this item? Mr. Mayor, there is no one signed up for this item.

Simison: Okay. Is there anybody present that would like to provide testimony on the FY-26 budget? You can either come forward or if you are online you can use the raise your hand feature. Seeing no one raising their hand and no one coming forward, do I motion to close the public hearing?

Cavener: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Cavener.

Cavener: I move we close the public hearing on Item 3.

Overton: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and second to close the public hearing. Is there any discussion?

Cavener: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Cavener.

Cavener: I said Item 3, but I meant Item 2.

Simison: Item 2. Item 2.

Overton: Second agrees.

Simison: Second agrees. Any discussion? If not, all favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay? The ayes have it and the public hearing is closed.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

Cavener: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Cavener.

Cavener: I move that we approve the fiscal year 2026 amended budget in the amount of 250,360,333 dollars.

Overton: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to approve Item 2 in the amount of 250,360,333 dollars. Is there discussion on the motion? If not, clerk call the roll.

Roll Call: Cavener, yea; Strader, yea; Overton, yea; Little Roberts, yea; Taylor, yea; Whitlock, yea.

Simison: All ayes. Motion carries and the item is agreed to.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

3. Public Hearing for City of Meridian Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget in the Amount of \$224,442,540

Simison: Next item is Item 3, which is a public hearing for City of Meridian Fiscal Year 2027 proposed budget in the amount of 224,442,540 dollars. We will open this public hearing with staff comments.

Ortiz: Good evening, Mayor and Council Members. I will be talking about our agenda for fiscal year '27 budget process. We will also talk about the fiscal year '27 proposed budget and our three major funds and hope to get approval on our fiscal year '27 proposed budget. Our budget development process is about nine months long. We start preparing in February and in March we meet with each department and Council

liaisons and Mayor to go line by line in examining the base budget nature lines. At the end of May we have the proposed budget and is submitted for Council and for public to review. We had our budget workshop here in June to gather feedback -- or if we had to refine budget or address any concerns and questions and that's where we are at today. Our annual budget is approved upon closure of tonight's public hearing. It's important to recognize the process. Overview -- this overview doesn't capture all the hard work that all the employees, department directors, council, mayor put in to get the budget at where it's at right now. There is a lot of internal discussions, meetings, so want to extend our thanks to all of you during this process. I will start on our left. We have a graph that shows the expenses categories. Currently personnel is still one of the largest items in the budget and is about 44 percent. Carry forward makes up an additional 33 percent of the total budget and these are projects that haven't been finished in the current fiscal year and are carried over to fiscal year '27 to get finalized. The distribution of the budget among different departments are -- are displayed on the graph on the right side and two of our biggest ones is wastewater and police, with wastewater having 21 percent and police having 19 percent. Now, I will start talking about our Governmental Funds, with majority being property taxes. We have some -- intergovernment property taxes is about 58 percent. Intergovernmental revenues. We have also state sales tax, liquor and rural fire. In this proposed revenue we are taking the three percent allowable property tax as an option, in which we calculate it will be an average of about 47 cents per 100,000 of taxable value -- of home value. As a reminder we are projected to increase our levy rate year over year. In other words, if a house value did not change year over year, then, the property tax should -- taxes paid would be higher. Then we will talk about our expenditures. Again, our biggest expenditure is personnel. It's about 61 percent of the budget. The distribution of the -- among different departments is displayed on the graph to the right. Police being -- or public safety being the biggest one. It's about 59 percent of our overall budget. On our Capital Improvement currently we have about 78 percent that is admin and we have 22 percent of this Fire. The admin project includes the downtown parking garage and the Fire is station remodels. For Enterprise Fund revenues our biggest is utility sales revenue is about 66 percent. The second biggest is the assessment revenue. It's about 21 percent of the overall revenue. For our total expenditures on the Enterprise Fund, unlike the Government Fund where personnel is the largest expense, in the Enterprise Fund our larger expense are capital projects -- between capital -- capital funding and prior year capital projects that are carried forward, it's about 60 percent of the Enterprise budget and the capital expenditure. The distribution of the budget among different departments are displayed on the graph on the right. We have wastewater, which is 58 percent and water at 29 percent and now I stand for any questions.

Simison: Thank you, Ricardo. Council, any questions for staff?

Cavener: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Cavener.

Cavener: First, you are very kind to thank us. We just sit and listen and read and read and, then, listen and read and ask questions and read. You guys put a significant amount of work into this process long before we ever see a draft. So, truly I think -- on behalf of the Council, our community, thank you and the Finance team for -- for great work in this year's budget. I just need a quick refresher, because it's been a minute since our last budget hearing, around the conversation around the reduction of FTEs for the prosecution team. I think we went from 12 to ten. I see it's reflected in the budget and it is the plan that as we need and grow that the legal department is going to come back with budget amendments for the amount of FTEs that we need to add. Is that what's intended?

Simison: Yeah. I think the budget only has two positions.

Cavener: Two, yeah. Our initial draft that we -- in our budget hearing was, what, I think 12 and, then, we reduced it to -- to two.

Simison: Yes, we are -- we are two for this upcoming year, where you may expect a budget amendment -- this next year or you may see it in next year's --

Cavener: Budget.

Simison: -- budget or where we go.

Cavener: Great. Thanks for that quick refresher. I appreciate it.

Simison: Any additional questions? Okay. Great. Good evening.

Dennington: Terry Dennington. I reside at 4581 West Big Creek Street in Meridian. Mayor Simison and Council, I appreciate the fact that I can come and address you guys and talk with you about just -- just in thinking about budget in general. I would like to thank Todd Lavoie and his team, Jenny and Ricardo, they are always very helpful in getting answers to me. If I have questions they respond so quickly and I really appreciate that. So, thank you, guys. I also would like to thank my Council Representative Luke Cavener, because he also is always very responsive to me and meets with me and answers a lot of questions for me. So, I appreciate that. Thank you so much. During the workshop when you guys were doing the budget I think as I saw the -- what you guys were experiencing as far as costs and I think part of the state legislature might have had issues and created issues for you, but it seemed like it was a lot in the employee benefits and that kind of thing that we -- that we are having issues in costs that because of those things that was your biggest concern you had to do those things and so, then, other parts of the budget might have had to suffer or had to look at or figure out what you guys are doing. So, I wanted to know if actually the -- how you guys look at the budget, the pieces that you can touch are -- are all the avenues out there are being looked at? I know that we have got the health trust. I was talking with Attorney Nary and I know he is on the trust and deals with the health benefits, but, then, there is other pieces on there. So, I was wondering how that was accessed and if all

the avenues were being looked at to look for reductions, that we are actually getting the best that we can for the least amount of money. Obviously, that's always an issue in today's time, but I just wanted to know if that was how we were addressing those kinds of things. So -- and I -- again, I don't know where we look for those. I know HR deals with a lot of that and I haven't really talked to them about how they go forward and look at those numbers and pull them together to be able to present to you. But that was I guess my biggest concern was trying to figure out how we can deal with the fact that our personnel is one of our highest pieces on the budget and so, then, the benefits are all a part of that. So, you know, that was my -- my question, kind of my input and I appreciate, again, so, hopefully, that all makes sense.

Simison: Thanks, Terry. I will take the first crack at that, just because last -- last week we did have a presentation by the trust on the process that they went through in evaluating different providers for the benefits, but you bring up the -- the point you bring up is I think the larger component and this is what this Council and myself have to wrestle with over this next year is if we cap the -- despite the ongoing costs that are facing all of healthcare, if we put a cap on how much we are going to fund we are saying that's going to push that into plan design changes, which either results in increased copays, increased deductibles, reduction in other types of benefits and I think that's going to be the question that we are going to have to -- as we look and see how this budget and this upcoming years look is will that cost be borne more by the employees moving forward. That's where -- that's where it comes from, because it comes from the -- the cost they pay one way or the other and I have now had a few conversations with a couple people up here and we understand that the -- the benefits -- there is only so far you can bend before it breaks us and that's -- we are probably at that point in time where those become part of the ongoing conversations. From my perspective.

Dennington: Thank you. That -- that makes perfect sense, because I think we do need to look at -- at all the avenues and that might affect the employees having to make decisions. You know, you guys presenting things. Hey, you are going to have to put something in here to try and help us with the overall budget to cover all the other parts of the city's needs. We have Fire and Police and, of course, everybody loves the parks and they are wonderful and they are kept up, but -- but they are all expenses, very big expenses within the city. So, I appreciate that. And those were actions we took back in '09 -- is that when -- when we made changes to the percentage the employees paid. So, it would be the first time we have looked at the benefit side to help in financial challenging times.

Strader: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Council Woman Strader.

Strader: From -- from my perspective we are going to have to look even harder at that next year if we see the same trend continue. To your point when the vast majority of our three percent allowable property tax increase just covers the increase in our benefits,

that is a huge mathematical challenge for us. You know, I -- I feel good about this budget. I -- I know last year Councilman Cavener and I did a very deep dive into the base budgets, even beyond -- you know, above and beyond what we normally do looking literally with our laptops at line by line through every single row in Microsoft Excel trying to find opportunities, no matter how big or small, even to the tune of some things like let's cut people traveling to this conference. Maybe we can save 8,000 here, you know, a thousand there. I do think your summary that state law changes have affected us negatively is -- is very accurate and, unfortunately, we have very few levers that we can pull and now we are in a position where -- as you can see from the agenda we are considering not only the three percent allowable increase, but also taking foregone, which is very frustrating and, then, you know, it is tough. It's gotten tougher, but I think we will have to look at that again next year and if we need to make changes to our benefits to -- to have a balanced budget that's just what we are going to have to do. You know, it feels like -- even looking at it -- having the employee benefit trust does appear to me financially at least to still be a benefit to us. I think that our model of -- of basically self insuring through that model is actually still putting us in the green. So, I wouldn't recommend that we change that. But we keep looking at providers. I know they -- they did the market. I don't know what they are calling it now -- market pulse check. I think we have to continue to do that. But, you know, you have -- you are very astute. You looked at it all and that really is the crux of where we are at is -- benefits are a huge factor for us for sure.

Whitlock: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Whitlock.

Whitlock: Terry, thank you for coming and -- and for your testimony. I -- you go through the budget book and you talk to the subject matter experts and you know this as well as anybody in the public. So, from your perspective our -- our priorities and what you just saw laid out by Ricardo, where 58 percent of what our expenditures are going toward public safety, I think 21 percent toward parks and recreation. The bulk of our expenses go toward personnel. Are our priorities in the right place from a member of the public's viewpoint?

Dennington: I do believe that we are -- that you guys are doing a really great job. I love living in the City of Meridian and I think you guys are doing a great job with the safety, the parks, of course funding the police being the safety piece. That's a piece that you want to have in place and I think if you went out to the general public and just went and -- and that's what they would say, yes, we want Fire, we want Police, but they have to be able to understand that to get those kinds of things it's going to take some money to do that. So, they -- everybody always wants everything, but they don't want to necessarily pay for it. So, I -- I do believe that you guys are doing a really great job and I -- and I appreciate -- and I appreciate Councilman Strader talking about the fact that we are just going to keep looking at those benefits and that piece that's so greatly affected and affects our budget so much. So, I believe that you guys are doing what you will need to do as I watch and as I read through the budget and do all this and ask

as many questions as I do, I can have a pretty good idea, but I learn more every year. Every year I learn another piece of the puzzle as it all comes together and how it works. So, I appreciate everything you guys are doing.

Whitlock: Thanks for staying with it.

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: Terry, I would have been disappointed if I didn't see you in the audience tonight and I appreciate you coming back every year. This is one of those years that became a lot more tough than any budget year I have seen. When you are looking at a budget that we are approving -- I mean anyone -- when you heard those numbers you heard that our budget for this next year is substantially less than last year's. For all the years when we were doing all our growth we always saw those budget numbers going up every year as we were growing and expanding and seeing new things and that's not happening this next year and although we sit up here and we make a lot of recommendations and have the final say and approval over the city's budget, you have to put the congratulations of where we are at tonight on our department directors and their command folks in each one of those departments within the city, because we task them with going back and finding ways to save money and I will give you an incredible example of one that's -- that's near and dear to my heart. Our police department wanted to get a first responder drone program for our city and we have it. It's up and running. It's responding to calls quicker than officers can get to them. It's providing real-world data to protect people, so we know what we are walking into before we get there. It's -- it's doing more than we ever could have imagined and we are just getting started. But they didn't walk up to us and say, hey, we need another three million dollars for this program. The police department stepped up, understood that we didn't have the money to say we need this and offered up three officer positions and a civilian position to help pay for that. It was worth that much in efficiencies that that program can create to do that. We have it. It's up and running. I mean that's a significant shift to the personnel. I mean you talk about personnel costs. I mean that's four bodies right there that we did away with to get this program up and running and it's -- it's a tremendous asset, not just for our police department, but it's going to be for our fire department and eventually it will also go over to our Public Works Department. We are always tasked with having all of our subject matter experts look for cost savings throughout their departments and this was probably the toughest year that I have ever seen for them to go back and find it. Now, when we did the early budget hearings we could have done it in 15 minutes. I'm not kidding. The reason why we could have done it in 15 minutes is they didn't come in and pitch 20 projects at us, they knew the money wasn't there. We kept the budget almost the same as what we had before. They understood it. They agreed to it and we made it work and that's how we are going to go through this next year. There is not a lot of added stuff to our budget this next year. Many of those revenue streams that we are used to seeing increase, decrease. The State's working to correct some of that. I wish them luck. I very much wish them luck. We are also

hoping some of the things turn around when it comes to our permit activity in the city as we see things get approved and we see those come together, but it's -- it's a team effort on a scale of over 600 employees and all the departments we work in that -- this is when we give them the thanks for the hard work, because we can't take that credit that we sit up here and say this is -- this is a wonderful job by six members of City Council and the Mayor, when we couldn't do it without all of their hard work and understanding for how they make this happen, the hard work they put in, the fact that they know we care about them and they continue to make us proud every day. So, I'm -- I'm so happy that we have a budget here to approve tonight. I'm amazed that we are able to do it for 20 million dollars less than what we did last year and we are going to continue to see tough years and I know we have got a pretty amazing crew up here to try to make sure that where we find those cost savings and those cuts to be efficient, we have to do what's best for you providing for you and also what's best for you in how that budget looks as well. So, we have to strike that balance wherever we can to make it right and appreciate you standing up here and being our fact checker. Thank you, Terry.

Dennington: Mayor Simison and Councilman Overton, thank you so much. I -- I agree. I think during that workshop there weren't a lot of people up here saying, hey, give me ten million dollars for this and two million dollars for that, they were presenting a pretty straightforward budget. There wasn't -- like you were saying, it could have gone quickly. But, then, the other questions that came in I know that the new levy created some issues with having to look at that and those monies -- the fact that you went down from ten from 12 to two for the legal team, because of the issues and all the money, so I -- I understand all of that you have had to go through and I -- I really do appreciate all of the department and directors, the heads of all of those, because I think they work very hard to try and, like you said, you know, finding every customer service going through the budget, you know, little by little, can they save a little bit here, a little bit there? So, I think it's -- I really appreciate that and it's time -- really time consuming. So, I get to read the budget after it's already done. But thank you so much.

Simison: Thank you, Terry. Okay. Great.

Johnson: Mr. Mayor, there is nobody else signed up.

Simison: Okay. Is there anybody else present that would like to provide testimony I would invite -- come on up. And if you are online you can use the raise your hand feature. Good evening.

LaFever: Hello. My name is Denise LaFever. 6706 Salvia Way. And I just want to commend the staff over here, because those presentations and those graphs are really easy to follow and I really really liked them. I also appreciate the Council diving in and taking a hard look at things. I did my own quick look at the budget and compared it to Nampa and compared it to two other similar states and cities that have approximately the same population and the same economics and the budget's within reality. So, it's commendable. I do see there is an issue with staffing; it's, you know, eight point something percent above over -- higher and so with that the only question I have --

because I really do think they did a stellar job. The only question I have is like the police over here that is looking at technology and looking at personnel costs, are we doing that across the board all the way across administration functions, looking at how to leverage technology to help control the cost of personnel? So, thank you for the chance to --

Simison: Short answer is yes. What we find is that technology costs almost as much as the personnel. I mean that's -- that is the reality of the situation and I look over to Finance and, you know, when we -- we went to Workday as a way to do our time cards for the city. How many employees did we get rid of? What do I say? How many positions did we avoid by implementing Workday? Basically that's how we funded Workday. Was planned increases based on the growth of our employee base. We went there. How long is that good for? We never know. And will the costs go up and be more than had we just went with people to do the work instead of technology? But we are looking at it in all parts of the city of where we can apply technology to help offset personnel costs. The challenge is we don't -- we can't control those costs when they are sent our direction. I think Microsoft is a great example of that. When they change -- how often we want to buy it to the fact that we want to use it we have to pay for it every year compared to being able to buy it once and maybe make it last an extra year because we didn't want to do it anymore, so -- but we are -- we are looking at that in all sides of the city.

LaFever: Well, thank you. I really appreciate it.

Simison: Okay. Thank you. Is there anyone else present that would like to provide testimony on FY-27 city budget? See no one coming up or not raising their hand online --

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: I move we close the public hearing on Item No. 3.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to close the public hearing. Any discussion? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay? The ayes have it and the public hearing is closed.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: I move that we approve the City of Meridian Fiscal Year 2027 proposed budget in the amount of 224,442,540 dollars.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to approve Item 3 in the amount of 224,442,540 dollars. Is there discussion on the motion?

Cavener: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Cavener.

Cavener: Appreciate the good work again of staff and I don't want to belabor tonight with a lengthy discussion. I -- I'm really always struggling when it comes to the taking of foregone. I think especially after last year's support of our citizens when it comes to the levy. I think I have identified a small handful of items that could easily reduce our budget by about 536,000 dollars that would forego the need to collect the foregone, so I get a good sense that the Council wants to support the budget tonight. Totally understand that. Support the team. But I won't be voting in favor of the budget for that very reason.

Simison: Are there any other comments on the motion? I just want to send my -- my thanks to the team. I guess and congratulations. I don't want to jinx the vote, but appreciate Finance leading the -- leading the city employees and all the city employees and the directors through this process. It's Herculean each year, so appreciate it. With that ask the clerk to call the roll.

Roll Call: Cavener, nay; Strader, yea; Overton, yea; Little Roberts, yea; Taylor, yea; Whitlock, yea.

Simison: Five ayes. One nay. And the item is agreed to.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE NAY.

4. Public Hearing to Collect Foregone Revenue Associated with Fiscal Year 2027 Budget in the Amount of \$536,339

Simison: Next item up is Item 4, which is public hearing to collect foregone associated with fiscal year 2027 budget in the amount of 536,339 dollars. Open this public hearing with staff comments.

Fields: We have one slide and that is right in front of you. The foregone amount to be collected as proposed is 536,339 dollars. I stand for any questions.

Simison: Thank you. Council, any questions for staff? Okay. Mr. Clerk, do we have anyone signed up on this item?

Johnson: Mr. Mayor, no one has signed up on this item.

Simison: Okay. There is anybody present that would like to come forward and speak on this item? Go ahead. And if you are online use the raise your hand feature.

LaFever: My name is Denise LaFever. 6706 North Salvia Way. I'm like Luke Cavener, I'm not really fond of the foregone, especially because it's going towards operating costs, which sets your base and it is compounded year over year and I do think you could take another look at some other way to adjust things to not use it. I do realize you just approved the budget and it's kind of in there, but I -- I -- I don't -- I don't approve of -- of this. I think you can push costs out like the Linder project, the parking garage you can push out, you can do something. You can take another look. It's only like a quarter percent of your operating and personnel costs. A quarter of one percent. You can do something to look at it, because, once again, this is not 536,000, this is a compounded issue year over year. That's my only comment. So, I don't -- I don't approve of it. Thank you.

Simison: Thank you. Is there anybody else that would like to provide comments on this item? If not, do we have a motion to close the public hearing?

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: I move that we close the public hearing on Item 4.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to close the public hearing. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay? The aye have it and the public hearing is closed.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

Whitlock: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Whitlock.

Whitlock: I appreciate the -- the comments that we have heard and the discussion and we went through this in our budget workshop and we have talked a lot about the past. We have talked a lot about the current -- what -- what the legislature has done and the future is -- is unknown. But if we base the future on what we know today, it's -- it's not very bright in terms of the revenues that we will see coming into the -- into the -- our city's coffers. So, for Councilman Overton's prior comments about the difficulty of this budget year, looking forward I'm concerned of what those years will look like if we don't take advantage of what the state has given us the ability to do and that is to collect this

foregone. It wasn't collected when it was available and -- and we didn't collect it because it wasn't needed, but I think with the budget that we just passed -- well, let me back up even another step. Prior to just passing -- or approving the budget for fiscal year '27, we approved the final budget for the current fiscal year that we are in at 250 million and the budget for next year is projected to be 224 million. So, I think we have done our job in terms of trying to right size our expenditures, match them with the revenues that we have coming in, but it is a tough budget year and I don't see any other way that we are going to be able to balance even the 224 million that we are expected to expend this year if we don't take advantage of what the legislature has given to us as an opportunity. So, I'm -- I'm in support of this -- of taking foregone this year and -- and ensuring that we have that 536,000 dollars to support our city employees.

Taylor: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Taylor.

Taylor: Maybe a bit of a question and maybe the Finance team can just clarify it. I know in your budget that you presented to Council you presented the foregone to help pay for ongoing costs and, then, we had a fairly robust discussion about the prosecution team. I did review and went back and watched the workshop and I remember asking the question: Can we earmark or designate the foregone to help build the base for the prosecution team, because we wildly missed the mark on the levy with what we thought we would have, plus the 800,000 of the contract from Boise, we were still needing quite a bit of money. My recollection from Mr. Lavoie, too, was -- he can't really reflect in the budget the numbers that the foreground would go to pay for -- or to help build the budget for the prosecution team, but my recollection was the discussion from Council was sufficient enough to indicate how this money would be budgeted towards. So, I'm sitting here tonight not operating under the assumption like was brought up that this program is for ongoing, but that we are going to use this to build the budget towards a prosecution team, because we need another six or seven hundred thousand dollars just to hit go and have the team up and running. So, am I misremembering or am I remembering correctly how we left this discussion?

Simison: I have got my answer, but, Todd, I'm going to let you go from your perspective.

Lavoie: Appreciate it, Mr. Mayor, Councilman Taylor. I do recall us having the discussion that if we took the foregone could we, quote, unquote, earmark it for future funding needs for the prosecution team? Hence why we went from 12 to -- down to two. And you are correct, even though I can't put it on a notice, but the great thing is we are -- you are in charge of the budget every year, so when we build the budget for 2028 you will be able to direct to me that 536 that we are talking about here, please make sure that funding is available for X. That can only occur during that budget year. But you do have that authority to direct me as your finance officer. Make sure the funding that -- if this gets approved make sure that funding is available to fund X project -- in this case called prosecution. So, you do have the authority. The six of you have the authority to direct me as your finance officer to make sure the funding, if this gets approved, goes to

a specific purpose. But from a documenting in ordinances not, that we -- we don't go to that level, but, yes, you as a legislative branch every year have the authority to ask me to allocate funds in -- in your direction.

Simison: My answer is in -- in theory, yes, that that's -- that's where these dollars can be directed towards all of the others that are in the current budget, along with the contract from Boise, which gets us very close to the number that we have been discussing.

Taylor: Yeah. Mr. Mayor, quick follow-up.

Simison: Yes.

Taylor: And, yes, thank you for kind of clarifying that. To me that's important. We have -- we have long touted the save before you spend philosophy on capital projects and otherwise. I see this as the same thing. When we -- as we went down this road and got more information from the -- the courts about the staffing needs and we became to realize that we were looking north of two million dollars just to start, because we couldn't ease into it, we needed to have a full team capable of running and in handling all that. It became apparent that we needed to -- the prudent thing was to slow down and deliver on what we said we wanted to deliver on when we were asking for the public levy last year and so I'm working under this understanding that, yes, we -- we agreed to direct that money towards -- I understand it goes into a big pot and that big pot kind of gets swelled up, but I would -- it would be my -- also my request as we look forward to next year if we are needing some additional funds for the -- the prosecution unit that we would look to use the foregone for those in -- in the out years as needed until we get to the point where we are ready to go. You know, I have come to the conclusion that the city of Boise and the City of Meridian's values are not the same. I think if a family first city -- which I -- I'm proud to promote that we are -- I think it requires us to have a sense of safety, security and law and order. I think crimes coming in Meridian need to be prosecuted professionally and properly by our own team of legal experts. I have made it clear my feelings about foregone, but this year considering the circumstances and the importance I think of being transparent with our -- the levy process last year where we went out and asked for this money, I was a fierce proponent that we should have our own legal prosecution team. In good faith working towards that outcome I'm going to support the foregone inasmuch as it's directed towards building the budget for that. It's -- as we go into next year we are going to have to take a really hard look at some of these other expenses. Obviously, the healthcare cost is probably the big opportunity for us to do that, but this year I'm going to support the -- the foregone, because I think it is a public safety need that we have indicated is a priority and this is the only way I think we can deliver on this promise in a reasonable time frame that's fiscally appropriate, so --

Simison: I will just add to the conversation. I hate to be a broken drum, but, you know, two million is what 389 has cost us so far. That's money that, frankly, under normal operating procedures would have been added to our budget over the last five years, because of 389. I think it was 200,000 just this last year, if I'm not mistaken, so I -- I put

this program as much as a makeup for the legislative challenges that they have put on the cost of growth and -- and we don't really get into the whole values versus levy rate versus other things, but to arbitrarily cap a number in your growth dollars to pay for your ongoing operational expenses -- this is just, frankly, we are in a position where not all cities are. Not all cities have this foregone. You know, this has been saved up for many years. This has been years where the city didn't take the full three percent, because it wasn't needed, because we had other revenue sources, because we were being prudent and setting this aside for when the time came where it might be needed and this is the time where it is needed and this is much a reflection on the changes in law that the legislature has established as to how they want our state to operate, but this is still a tool that allows us to recover some of those costs. So, nobody -- nobody likes to do the ask, but, frankly, it's -- most of this should have been available to us in the first place just from the natural growth of the city that made this -- term was not appropriate, so --

Strader: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Council Woman Strader.

Strader: Yeah. I mean because cash is fungible, all of these things can be true. We have tremendous pressure on our operating costs and I do echo, though, Councilman Taylor's intent to at least in concept that the -- a big driver of the foregone revenue can be for that purpose. I think that's important. I know we can't earmark it under our policies. It's just to say I know it works, we can't bind future councils to any decision that we make, but that is at least my intention as well going into this and I think very reasonable approach for it. I think next year a discussion around foregone will be very different for me. Maybe looking at structural changes to our healthcare benefits before I would likely consider it and I just think it's good to flag that for everybody because of where we are at financially. Thank you.

Simison: Further discussion?

Whitlock: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Whitlock.

Whitlock: Hearing no further discussion, I would move that we approve agenda Item No. 4 to collect foregone revenue associated with fiscal year 2027 budget in the amount of 536,339.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and second to approve Item 4 in the amount of 536,303 dollars. Is there discussion? If not, Clerk call the roll.

Roll Call: Cavener, nay; Strader, yea; Overton, yea; Little Roberts, yea; Taylor, yea; Whitlock, yea.

Simison: Five ayes. One nay. The item is agreed to. Thank you all, Finance and directors who are out there you have relieved for the evening, but we will see you back with the actual ordinances in -- next week? On the agenda? So -- okay.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE NAY.

5. Public Hearing for Solara Estates (H-2026-0042) by Jason Schneider, Bronze Bow Land, located at 1695 E. Amity Rd, and 4940 and 5060 S. Locust Grove Rd.

- A. Request: Modified Development Agreement to extend the time period to record the Development Agreement approved with the Solara Subdivision (H-2025-0013).

Simison: With that we will move on to Item 5, which is a public hearing for Solara Estates, H-2026-0042. We will open this public hearing with staff comments.

Ritter: Good evening, Mayor and Council. So, this is going to be a quick one. This project came before you last year around October and you guys approved it. It was for a annexation, alternative compliance and a preliminary plat. So, basically, the applicant is requesting approval of a development agreement modification to allow the development agreement process to proceed after expiration of the original six month time frame, so that the agreements can be prepared, reviewed, approved, signed and recorded in accordance with the city requirements. So, under UDC the applicant has up to six months to complete the process of submit and obtain approval of the subsequent development agreement modification application to extend the time frame. Unfortunately, the development agreement fee was not paid within the original six months period following the City Council approval perpetuating the need for the subject application by allowing adequate time for the necessary documents to be prepared and approved. So, to date they have paid their DA fee so legal documents can be prepared and recorded and their annexation process concluded. Staff has no objection to the applicant's request for the modification to the development agreement process to proceed after the expiration of the original six month time frame, because there is no modification to the previously approved preliminary plat, alternative compliance approval, project layout, density use or conditions of approval for Solara Estates Subdivision. And with that I will stand for any questions that you may have.

Simison: Thank you, Linda. Council, any questions for staff? Okay. Would the applicant like to come forward? Good evening.

Bills: Good evening, Mayor, Members of the Council. Thank you for seeing us again. My name is Codi Bills and I reside at 5060 South Locust Grove, which is actually part of the project. We are grateful for your previous support and are looking forward to your

current support on this small, but beautiful project. And like Councilman Taylor said, the City of Meridian does not operate the same as Boise and we are grateful to be citizens and reside in the City of Meridian and we are looking forward to giving this opportunity for a handful of families to be able to enjoy Meridian as well, especially south Meridian where we absolutely live and love and reside.

Simison: Councilman, any questions from the applicant? Perfect. Thank you very much. Mr. Clerk, anyone signed up on this item?

Johnson: Mr. Mayor, there is nobody signed up.

Simison: Is there anybody present that would like provide testimony on this item? If you are online you can use the raise your hand feature. Seeing no one raising their hand, no one coming forward, does the app can waive any final comments? Applicant waives. No more comments?

Bills: Sorry. I just want to say it was a missignature -- miscommunication with our partners and developers and stuff and so that's the reason why we are here with you today and we are going to keep a better eye on things.

Simison: Okay. Thank you. Council, what's your pleasure?

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: I move that we close the public hearing on H-2026-0042.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to close the public hearing. All in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay? The ayes have it and the public hearing is closed.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: This is extremely straightforward and with that I would like to move that we approve the approval for Solara Estates, H-2026-0042 after considering all staff, applicant, and public testimony as presented in the staff report for the hearing date of August 11th, 2026.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to approve Item 5. Is there discussion? If not, clerk call the roll.

Roll Call: Cavener, yea; Strader, yea; Overton, yea; Little Roberts, yea; Taylor, yea; Whitlock, yea.

Simison: All ayes. Motion carries and the item is agreed to. Thank you for sticking with us tonight.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

ORDINANCES [Action Item]

- 6. Ordinance No. 26-2131: An ordinance (VanTrust – H-2025-0052) annexing land located in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, as depicted in the map exhibit; rezoning 23.13 acres of such real property from RUT (Rural Urban Transition) to the I-L (Light Industrial) zoning district; directing city staff to alter all applicable use and area maps as well as the official zoning maps and all official maps depicting the boundaries and the zoning districts of the City of Meridian in accordance with this ordinance; providing that copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the Ada County Assessor, the Ada County Treasurer, the Ada County Recorder, and the Idaho State Tax Commission, as required by law; repealing conflicting ordinances; and providing an effective date.**

Simison: With that we move on to Item 6, which is Ordinance No. 26-2131. Ask the clerk to read this ordinance by title.

Johnson: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. It's an ordinance annexing land located in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, as depicted in the map exhibit; rezoning 23.13 acres of such real property from RUT to the I-L zoning district; directing city staff to alter all applicable use and area maps as well as the official zoning maps and all official maps depicting the boundaries and the zoning districts of the City of Meridian in accordance with this ordinance; providing that copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the Ada County Assessor, the Ada County Treasurer, the Ada County Recorder, and the Idaho State Tax Commission, as required by law; repealing conflicting ordinances; and providing an effective date.

Simison: Thank you. Council, you have heard this ordinance read by title. Is there anybody that would like it read in its entirety? If not, do I have a motion?

Taylor: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Taylor.

Taylor: I move that we approve Ordinance No. 26-2131.

Overton: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to approve Ordinance No. 26-2131. Is there discussion? If not, clerk call the roll.

Roll Call: Cavener, yea; Strader, yea; Overton, yea; Little Roberts, yea; Taylor, yea; Whitlock, yea.

Simison: All ayes. Motion carries and the item is agreed to.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

- 7. Ordinance No. 26-2132: An ordinance (Ustick Commercial & McUstick Subdivision – H-2026-0007) annexing land located in a portion of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, as depicted in the map exhibit; rezoning 4.31 acres of such real property from RUT (Rural Urban Transition) to C-C (Community Business) zoning district; directing city staff to alter all applicable use and area maps as well as the official zoning maps and all official maps depicting the boundaries and the zoning districts of the City of Meridian in accordance with this ordinance; providing that copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the Ada County Assessor, the Ada County Treasurer, the Ada County Recorder, and the Idaho State Tax Commission, as required by law; repealing conflicting ordinances; and providing an effective date.**

Simison: Next up is Item 7, which is Ordination No. 26-2132. Ask the clerk to read this ordinance by title.

Johnson: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. It's an ordinance annexing land located in a portion of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, as depicted in the map exhibit; rezoning 4.31 acres of such real property from RUT to C-C zoning district; directing city staff to alter all applicable use and area maps as well as the official zoning maps and all official maps depicting the boundaries and the zoning districts of the City of Meridian in accordance with this ordinance; providing that copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the Ada County Assessor, the Ada County Treasurer, the Ada County Recorder, and the Idaho State Tax Commission, as required by law; repealing conflicting ordinances; and providing an effective date.

Simison: Thank you. Council, you have heard this ordinance read by title. Is there anybody that would like to read in its entirety? If not, do I have a motion?

Taylor: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Taylor.

Taylor: Move that we approve Ordinance No. 26-2132.

Overton: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to approve Ordinance No. 26-2132. Is there discussion? If not, clerk call the roll.

Roll Call: Cavener, yea; Strader, yea; Overton, yea; Little Roberts, yea; Taylor, yea; Whitlock, yea.

Simison: All ayes. Motion carries and the item is agreed to.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Simison: Council, anything under future meeting topics?

Cavener: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Cavener.

Cavener: A number of weeks ago we had a workshop session with the police department talking about our license plate reader program, cameras or camera program. There were some -- I guess some recommendations or some options that the police department was exploring. Just would like to get an update either in a memo or in an update from them. I know all of us continue to receive lots of questions from the community and just want to make sure that we are proactively communicating the steps that we are taking forward in response.

Simison: Okay. Anything else? If not, entertainment a motion to adjourn.

Overton: Mr. Mayor, I move we adjourn.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Motion and second to adjourn. All in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay? The ayes have it, we are adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:11 P.M.

(AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS)

MAYOR ROBERT SIMISON

_____/_____/_____
DATE APPROVED

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON - CITY CLERK