

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2025

Present: Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Kathie Johnson, Council Member Tamara Zander, Council Member Jason McGuire, City Manager Dustin Lewis, City Attorney Ryan Loose, CFO Sunil Naidu, Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Lessner, Director of Engineering & City Engineer Brad Klavano, Director of Recreation Janell Payne, Associate Director of Public Works Joey Collins, Director of Planning & Economic Development Brian Preece, Long-Range Planner Joe Moss, Director of Administrative Services Melinda Seager, Director of Human Resources Teresa Cook, CTO Matthew Davis, GIS Coordinator Matt Jarman, Communications Manager/PIO Rachael Van Cleave, Deputy City Recorder Ambra Holland, Recreation Program Supervisor Chet Wanlass

Absent:

Other (Electronic) Attendance: Adrian Montelongo, Brianna Bigelow

Other (In-Person) Attendance: Utah House Representative Tracy Miller, Billie Lawrence, Sheri Mattle, Susan Moore, Amanda Snow, Ty Rundle, Corey Fairholm, Gaylene Rose, Jeff Rose, Greg Wood, Serese Wood, Ryan Donahue, Rylee Donahue, Emma McCune, Evangeline Utley, Erin Barrow, Nico Suazo, Leslie Schow, Becca Lemmons, Peyton Gehvice, Lexi Clark, Eden Tate, Drew Harris, Amy Wood, Alaina McCarty, Tomas Langholtz, Bryan Gutierrez, Paula Gutierrez, Christy Layne

6:43 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

A. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introduction - *By Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey*

Mayor Ramsey welcomed everyone present and introduced the meeting.

B. Invocation – *By Council Member, Don Shelton*

Council Member Shelton offered the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance – *By Deputy Fire Chief, Ryan Lessner*

Deputy Fire Chief, Ryan Lessner led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ramsey announced that the meeting would begin with a few presentations and noted the attendance of Utah House Representative Tracy Miller, who represents South Jordan in the Utah State Legislature. She explained that it is customary to invite any elected official representing the city at any level of government to share remarks and extended the invitation to Representative Miller to speak if she wished.

Representative Tracy Miller expressed appreciation for the opportunity to address the Council and stated that it is an honor to represent South Jordan, which she is proud to call home. She commended the Mayor, Council, and staff for their effective leadership and strong collaboration with the legislature. She provided an update from the Utah Legislature, noting that a recent special session focused primarily on technical corrections to previous bills and on redistricting. She explained that the redistricting process is under court supervision following Proposition 4, and the legislature recently voted on a proposed map. A final decision is expected after additional court hearings on November 10. She concluded by welcoming questions from the Council or residents on redistricting or other legislative matters, emphasizing her commitment to listening to and representing the people.

Mayor Ramsey thanked Representative Miller for attending and for her remarks. She expressed appreciation for her service and acknowledged the challenges of being a legislator, noting that she likely receives both praise and criticism from constituents. She reiterated her gratitude for her work and ongoing support of the city.

D. Presentation Items:

- D.1. Proclamation of the City of South Jordan Honoring Mason Sauzo - April Play Ball Player of the Month. *(By Mayor, Dawn R. Ramsey)*

Mayor Ramsey read the proclamation (Attachment A) into the record and invited Mason Sauzo to the front to present him with the formal proclamation.

- D.2. Utah PTA Centennial Celebration Proclamation. *(By Mayor, Dawn R. Ramsey)*

Utah PTA President Corey Fairholm thanked Mayor Ramsey and the city council for allowing Utah PTA to be present to celebrate 100 years of advocacy for children in the state. She reviewed prepared presentation (Attachment B). She highlighted the PTA's mission, "to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children," noting that it guides decisions and priorities. She provided a brief history, explaining that Utah PTA officially joined the National PTA in 1925, sending three delegates to the national convention, and that by that time, Utah had 14 districts and 230 local units. She outlined key programs supported by Utah PTA, including Reflections, an arts program that started in 1969 allowing students to submit entries in various mediums, Battle of the Bands for high school students, Ribbon Week, School of Excellence, and Teacher Appreciation Week. She highlighted that in the current year, Utah PTA had over 17,000 Reflections entries, producing 20 National PTA winners, the highest number from any state. She also emphasized leadership training provided through workshops, mentoring, and resource sharing, enabling new leaders to understand their

roles and responsibilities. She concluded by noting that Utah PTA not only advocates for children but also develops leaders, citing local examples such as Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey and Representative Tracy Miller who began their involvement with PTA.

Utah PTA Trust Lands Chair Sheri Mattle reviewed prepared presentation (Attachment B). She highlighted key historical contributions of the Utah PTA in advocating for children. She noted that in 1935, the PTA played a pivotal role in establishing school lunch programs. In 1964, they championed the Youth Employment Service and promoted the creation of a Suicide Prevention Center. In 1976, they launched the Safe Sidewalk Program. She also emphasized the PTA's role in school trust lands, referencing a 1990 resolution submitted by Sandra Skulls of Monticello, Utah, which aimed to make trust lands more productive for children; this initiative contributed to the growth of the permanent school fund to over \$4 billion. She underscored that the PTA's success is largely due to the dedication of its volunteers working quietly behind the scenes. She acknowledged several individuals with strong local ties; Corey Fairholm, the immediate past president of Utah PTA and resident of South Jordan; Ileen Mecham, a past president and long-time resident, who was unable to attend due to illness; and Representative Tracy Miller, who devoted years to education advocacy and formerly served as the PTA's trust lands representative. She continued by acknowledging Mayor Ramsey's contributions, noting that the mayor served as a regional director for Utah PTA and was a member of the state board. She emphasized the lasting impact of these leaders on the community and the organization. She shared two slides (Attachment B) showcasing various PTA events in South Jordan, noting that while the images appeared small in the presentation, they represented a range of activities such as Ribbon Weeks and the Senior Sunrise event at Bingham, illustrating the active engagement of the PTA within the local community.

Ms. Fairholm continued reviewing prepared presentation (Attachment B), highlighting the impact of Utah PTA's volunteer efforts. She noted that statewide, Utah PTA volunteers contributed nearly one million hours, and within South Jordan, 15 schools recorded over 11,000 volunteer hours, valued at \$390,309 in savings to the city. Statewide, these contributions totaled approximately \$23 million. She emphasized that these volunteers represent a century-long legacy of advocacy and dedication to children's education and well-being. She encouraged continued support of local schools through PTA membership, stressing that membership goes beyond attending meetings or volunteering, focusing on actively supporting children and their futures. She concluded by inviting PTA members present to stand, recognizing their contributions. She concluded by stating that the PTA has flyers (Attachment C) with QR codes for membership for all 15 South Jordan schools and invited anyone interested to request one. She noted that the PTA's goal for the year is to reach 100,000 members in recognition of the organization's 100th anniversary.

Mayor Ramsey read the proclamation (Attachment D) into the record and invited the PTA to the front to present them with the formal proclamation.

E. Mayor and Council Reports:

Council Member Shelton reported on several activities since the previous council meeting, including attending the Jordan River Commission's annual recognition dinner, where he conducted the meeting in his role as chair. He noted recent opportunities to meet with fire and police personnel

and expressed appreciation for their dedication. He also spoke at the ribbon cutting for the St. Jude Dream Home, where proceeds from the home's sale, minus approximately \$12,000, were donated to St. Jude to support pediatric cancer research and family services. He attended the ribbon cutting for the Kiddie Academy in Daybreak, met with members of the Senior Advisory Committee, and participated in various meetings during the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference.

Council Member Zander reported that she enjoyed attending the city's recent recognition event honoring firefighters and police officers and expressed appreciation to staff for organizing it. She participated in the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) conference and found value in connecting with officials from other municipalities, noting that many of her most meaningful conversations occurred outside the formal sessions. She also attended the groundbreaking for the St. Jude project, commending Oakwood Homes for their long-standing commitment and generosity. Additionally, she shared that she traveled to Salt Lake City to attend the funeral of Russell M. Nelson, describing it as an honor made possible through tickets provided by her daughter, who works for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Council Member Harris reported attending several of the same events mentioned by other council members, including the city's recognition event for police officers and firefighters and the ULCT Conference. He noted that South Jordan was well represented and commended the mayor for her breakout sessions. He also attended a South Valley Chamber event with Brian Preece. He provided an update on the Jordan Basin Sewer District, stating that operations are running smoothly and that, due to regional growth, planning has begun for a future sewer facility. The district is currently researching new technologies to prepare for that expansion.

Council Member Johnson reported that on October 16 at 7:00 p.m., Salt Lake County Council Representative Carlos Moreno will be speaking to the Youth Council in the council chamber and invited anyone interested to attend.

Council Member McGuire reported attending the South Jordan Quilt Show in conjunction with the Farmers Market, noting the talent of local quilters. He highlighted the upcoming Arts Council production of Forever Plaid in November, which will feature select dinner events with a 1950s theme. He attended the ULCT Conference, where speakers Rick Atkinson and Jenny Taylor emphasized national resilience and leadership development, respectively, and reflected on the strength and depth of city staff. He also attended the MLB Home Run Derby and noted the economic and community benefits of the Daybreak sports and entertainment district, developed without taxpayer dollars.

Mayor Ramsey reported on a variety of recent city and regional activities, emphasizing teamwork and collaborative efforts. She highlighted visiting the Senior Health and Wellness Fair, praising the event's informative offerings, and participating in a Utah Farm Bureau food distribution at the Bastion Center, which provided essential resources to families facing food insecurity. She noted her involvement with the ULCT annual conference, serving on the nominating committee to help select the board and executive committee, and acknowledged the success of a class led by the city's Public Information Officer, Rachel Van Cleave. She also reported on the Transit Fresh Look project, a year-long collaborative effort with local communities, legislators, school districts, business leaders, UTA, and UDOT to evaluate and plan for transit expansion, including extending

the Red Line and developing bus rapid transit routes. She emphasized the significance of coalescing multiple stakeholders around a shared vision for transit, highlighting that consensus among the communities had historically been a barrier to progress. The effort now provides a unified plan for advocacy, funding, land use, and long-term regional planning. She provided additional updates, emphasizing long-term regional planning and community engagement. She described the preferred transit route extending south from South Jordan along the Bangerter Highway corridor, connecting to the Point project, with supplemental bus rapid transit extending further north and south between Salt Lake County and Utah County. She noted that the plan is a long-term vision intended to be realized within residents' lifetimes. She also highlighted her participation in Constitution Month in September, reading the Constitution at a local school and at the state capitol through the "Why I Love America" program. She reported meetings with Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, a ribbon-cutting for her alma mater, Cypress High School, and discussions with the Salt Lake International Airport director and Utah Transit Authority executive director regarding infrastructure, growth, and the intersection of land use and economic development. Additionally, she shared attending the funeral of President Russell M. Nelson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, representing South Jordan alongside other city representatives and legislators.

F. Public Comment:

Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Susan Moore (Resident) - I just have a concern. My home is by Merit Medical. In fact, I border the empty lot that is just south of their main building, and the Holts are on the corner of Redwood and Reunion Avenue. Kay Holt is still alive, but her neighbor to the south passed away. Merit Medical has already bought that property, so you have the Holt property right in the middle there, which Merit Medical is just biding their time to buy. I'm concerned about what is going to go on that property. I've always known that a building will probably go there, but with that huge warehouse that is built on the corner of 98th and Redwood, I am scared to death about what they're going to put on the property right next to me. I don't know what it's zoned right now, but it's a big concern as far as traffic. That warehouse is huge, and if they put something there, it blocks the sun, it blots the mountains, and so I'm just kind of concerned about what's going to happen to that property. Thank you.

Bryan Gutierrez (Taylorsville Resident) - Hello. My name is Bryan. Some of you know me. For those at home listening or watching who don't, I am here because my brother is not. I am here because my brother is dead, and he's six feet under the ground, and I have this police department to thank for that. Before I start, I want to remind you this is my time. Some of you like to interrupt me, and I just remind you, this is my time. I'm going to ask some rhetorical questions, and I ask that you please respect that. It was really nice to see the ceremony today about the young boy, the athlete. Baseball is a beautiful sport. As you can see, I'm wearing my Bees hat. I love the Bees. I love this sport. I grew up playing it. My family grew up playing it. My brother, who was killed by this police department, played it. In fact, he was an all-star player, a very talented young man. He went on trips, went to California, was an all-star player. He was our first baseman, and now he is our dead first baseman. Thank you to this police department. It's really hard to sit in this audience and listen to you speak. Some things that stood out to me, is you Dawn, you say you're proud of

the way you do things here. And as that rings through my head, I cannot not think about how you took down your website, hid your profiles, hid your phone numbers, and hid your emails from the entire community, not just me. It went down hours after I called you. You go on the news, or your attorney does, and say things like, "We're committed to transparency." Yet you take down your website and hide from the community. That is not transparency. This young man over here, Jason McGuire, will say, "We have great employees here." Do these great employees hang up on community members when they call for help? Are these elected community members great when they take down their website? Is this police department great, when they kill and shoot my brother, specifically 18 times, 14 bullets in him and through him? We're talking about funerals. I remember the last time I saw my brother. He was on a tray and being slid into a furnace. We kissed his dead body goodbye. You cannot be further from the truth if you say this is great service. These are not great employees. Zero empathy on your end. I cannot believe this. I just have to ask, what would you do if they shot your kid 14 times and killed him? Deputy Lessner, what would you do? I'm not trying to make this personal, but Joey, Ambra, what would you do if they put 14 bullets in your kids and they were dead? Sunil, Teresa, Melinda, what would you do if they killed your children, the man sitting next to you? Who would you call? And when you call the people for help, the leaders in this community, they hang up on you. They take down their contact information. That's the world we live in. Thank you.

Gaylene Rose (Resident) - Mayor Ramsey, members of the City Council, good evening. My name is Gayleen Rose. I do not usually attend these meetings, not because I am uninterested, but because my husband and I have a standing Tuesday night commitment volunteering with some of our elderly neighbors here in South Jordan. Service to others is something we value deeply and strive to practice consistently. Most often, my husband and I divide and conquer so that one of us can attend meetings while the other fulfills our volunteer responsibilities. However, over the past few weeks, my heart has felt heavy after hearing about events at the last meeting. That is why tonight, I have set aside my usual routine to attend alongside my husband, volunteering and giving back to our community. Our values, central to who we are as a family, include service, integrity, and accountability. We have worked hard to instill these values in our children and have watched them carry these lessons into their schools, friendships, and their own acts of community service. Integrity, to us, means doing the right thing, not only when it is easy or convenient, but especially when it is hard. We strive to live with honesty, integrity, and consistency, and to hold ourselves accountable in both word and action. Mayor Ramsey, although I have observed you primarily from afar, it is evident in the way you conduct yourself and represent our city that you value these principles. Your leadership is deeply appreciated. You lead with grace and strength, and integrity clearly guides your decisions. It is an honor to have you representing South Jordan. To the members of the City Council, while your work is often collective and less individually visible, I hope that you too uphold these values. The way our city functions reflects your commitment to serving with purpose and responsibility. I sincerely thank you for your efforts, your time, and your willingness to lead. I also want to acknowledge those whose roles may be less visible, city employees, staff, and others who serve behind the scenes. While your work may not always be in the public eye, I trust that you too are guided by the high standards of integrity set by this council and Mayor Ramsey. It is through consistent and principled service that we build trust within our community. Every person entrusted with a role in city government must be held to the highest standard of integrity. My time is almost up, but I want to offer my heartfelt thanks for your sacrifices, dedication, and commitment to making South Jordan a place of unity, peace, and

prosperity. My family and I are committed to these things as well and will continue to strive to uphold them in our home, neighborhood, and community. Thank you again for all that you do for our city.

Abby Gomez (Kearns Resident) - My name is Abby Gomez. I'm a friend of the Gutierrez family. This one is going to start off as a rhetorical question too. I wanted to start off by asking, do any of you have a family member with a disability, a mental health disability? Well, if you do, then maybe you have a little bit of an idea how scary it is, especially for a person of color, a brown person in Utah, to exist in Utah with a mental health disability, to navigate a state that often misunderstands, stigmatizes, or ignores mental health issues for people of color. It is dangerous. That is something that neither one of you up here, and some of you all looking down right now writing notes, I don't know for what, will never, ever go through, and the way the City Council of South Jordan has responded, or lack thereof, to the murder of Marcelo Gutierrez really shows that Marcelo needed help, but yet he was murdered by Officer Jace Tanaka and Officer Aaron Bass. And I repeat, he was murdered by Jace Tanaka and Aaron Bass. Marcelo Gutierrez was not just failed by the state, but he was executed. And although Sim Gill won't call it that, we will. This isn't just one incident. This isn't an isolated incident. This is a recurring pattern that has been happening in Utah and across the United States. The police are not social workers, they are not therapists, they are not healers. Marcelo was not a threat to anybody, and Marcelo would be alive today if the South Jordan Police Department hadn't escalated the situation. So shame on all of you, every single one of you. Shame on the South Jordan Police Department, and shame on Sim Gill. And although you probably won't remember me, you won't remember this comment period. I'll talk to the audience right now unless you want to share that blood on your hands with the police, especially in the case of a mental health crisis. I honestly recommend, don't call the police. Try other methods first. Thank you.

Paula Gutierrez (Riverton Resident) - Good evening. My name is Paola Gutierrez. I am the sister of Marcelo Gutierrez. After having seen the body cam footage of what happened, 13 months after it occurred, it has changed me. There are triggers, there are memories. I see somebody who is overweight, and I just start crying. I just want to hug my brother, but I can't. In South Jordan, since 2009, there have been five fatal shootings by law enforcement. In 2009, the suspect was shot twice after a police chase. In 2010, someone was acting erratically outside the LDS temple at Oquirrh Mountain. He pulled out a shotgun and started running toward a group of three people. Shots were fired once at him. In 2011, someone looked suspicious, swung around, and fired a gun. The police fired back and killed him. In 2014, a family called to report somebody trespassing, and that person shot at the police. The police shot back. The fifth one, my brother, Marcelo Gutierrez. His car was parked at the baseball field where he was. He suffered from schizophrenia. This is a selfie I got off his phone once we finally received the evidence back. He weighed 521 pounds and could not run because of a bad ankle and his weight. He wasn't a criminal. He didn't shoot at anybody. There were no other people around but the police. But for some reason, he was shot 14 times. I asked the police department about this because he had no criminal record, nothing. He was just a person at a park suffering from schizophrenia. He was sworn at, yelled at, and nobody talked to him. Nobody tried to understand why he was there or what he was doing. The situation escalated, and my brother was shot 14 times through and in him, 18 total shots fired, 14 of which hit him. What have you learned from this as the City of South Jordan? What will you change? Some of you are up for re-election. Don Shelton, this happened in your district. I've seen your re-election signs every time I go to that park. Upholding the law should not mean killing individuals who have no

criminal record and are suffering from mental health issues. This is not right. Unfortunately, it has happened here. My brother died on June 15, 2024. In Riverton, Ryan Ludeman died on July 4, 2024, 19 days after my brother, but his gunshot was to the back of the head. There is more to these stories, of course. You are in these positions to make a change, to serve the community. Great things happen here. You talk about some things, but don't leave out the things that need to be talked about, because you change a family's whole life. Eight siblings, two parents, we are all completely different. This will stay with us forever. This pain will be with us forever. Thank you.

Tomas Langholtz (Resident) - Hi. My name is Thomas Langholtz. I would like to start out by saying I was able to see your time in the study session, and I really appreciated how you guys wanted to step up and provide access to childcare facilities for mothers. I think that's a great value to uphold. But I've been kind of moved by the speeches of the Gutierrez family, and I think that's a major issue, especially knowing how little training goes into our police officers, and how many of them are entrusted with weapons of ultimate violence. I think that's something that weighs not only on my conscience, but also on the officers who serve us. If they're supposed to serve, why is one out of every ten SWAT raids at the wrong house? Who's going to hold the ultimate force of violence responsible for the damage they do, for the houses they destroy, or in this case, for the people they murder? In reality, I know that probably the death weighs on the officer's mind and head as well. At least, I hope so. In my heart, I hope at least he has the empathy to feel that guilt, and if so, I hope that he finds a sort of salvation in the future. But until then, what justice is there for the families who suffer from violence when the state is supposed to represent the people, and yet the state becomes an arbiter of death? What are we supposed to do with ourselves? I understand that each one of you is in a very tough position, but we have to start thinking about why we are giving our officers guns at every traffic stop, at every spot along the road, and every call. Why are they always armed? People talk about self-defense, but a lot of times holding a weapon is the ultimate cause for violence. It's calling for violence. It's not defending yourself; it's wishing for death. I imagine many of you are very tired of hearing the same story from people, but it's true. When the voice of people who are not in power has to die, who is going to answer? I really hope that at the very least, maybe guns are restricted for our officers, or at the very, very least, that we have additional training, really, anything. It's really sad that people have to beg their cities for so long just to get any sort of change. But I do want to thank you guys for your work with the community, and I hope that you're able to move forward and produce less death and casualty. Thank you.

Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

G. Public Hearing Items:

- G.1. Resolution R2025-52, Adopting the City of South Jordan 2025 Water Conservation Plan. (By Associate Director of Public Works, Joey Collins)

Associate Director of Public Works Joey Collins reviewed prepared presentation (Attachment E). He provided an update on the city's water conservation plan. He noted that the plan, last reviewed in 2020, is submitted to the Division of Water Resources and updated every five years to meet regulatory requirements. The update includes water conservation goals, supply information, billing systems, water loss tracking, usage measurement, and ongoing conservation programs. He

highlighted that the plan is continuously monitored beyond the five-year cycle to account for population growth, climate considerations, new technologies, and regulatory requirements. Key updates in the plan include corrected population figures in one table, an updated, more user-friendly water bill format showing residents' current usage compared to the prior year, and letters sent to metered connections reflecting their usage. The city's lead-to-taste program and leak detection program have seen significant improvements; over the past four months, more than 700 residents were notified of leaks, compared to 500 over the previous 12 months. Collaboration with other departments was emphasized as a factor in these improvements. The city is also working with homeowners associations to manage large irrigation areas and also advancing the Pure SoJo project. He concluded by noting that further details would be presented by the water conservation coordinator later in the year and invited questions from the council.

Mayor Ramsey opened the public hearing for Resolution R2025-52.

Ryan Donahue (Resident) - Expressed appreciation for the city's water conservation plan, noting that he has taken advantage of it and thanked the city for the program.

Mayor Ramsey closed the public hearing.

Mayor Ramsey emphasized that the city's water conservation plan is an ongoing, living document that is updated annually to comply with state requirements. She noted that South Jordan exceeds the minimum standards, implementing some of the most comprehensive conservation measures in the state, surpassing even other cities in Washington County.

Council Member Johnson asked how many HOAs have joined the city's water conservation program. Associate Director Collins responded that he did not have the exact number of HOAs participating in the program at that time but offered to provide the information. Council Member Johnson noted her curiosity about the program's growth and acknowledged that she was aware of a few participating HOAs, but suspected there were more.

Council Member McGuire inquired about the appropriate contact for HOAs seeking assistance with the water conservation program. Associate Director Collins responded that inquiries should be directed to Water Conservation Coordinator, Connor Oswald.

Council Member Shelton asked about Table 2 on page 12 of the water conservation plan, noting that both the supply and demand numbers appeared to exceed South Jordan's allocated shares. He requested clarification on how it is possible for the city to have access to more water than its officially allocated shares. Associate Director Collins explained that the shares listed in Table 2 specifically refer to the city's secondary water shares, while Jordan Valley supplies the city's regular culinary water. He confirmed that the overall supply figures include culinary water. Additionally, he clarified that the correction on page 22 concerns the gallons per capita per day graph, which previously used outdated population data and has now been updated.

Council Member Shelton noted that his understanding of the gallons per capita per day graph shows a recent increase following a period of decline, and he asked for any insights into what might be driving that uptick. Associate Director Collins responded that the recent increase may be

due to a shift in public behavior; with water availability less constrained for a period, residents may have been less stringent about conservation, even though the city continued to promote water-saving practices. Council Member Shelton confirmed that the city has not experienced an intensive drought recently, though there has been slightly higher water usage. He added that initiatives like flipping your strip would contribute to conservation efforts. Associate Director Collins added that the city aims to reach a target of 187 gallons per capita per day, but the current usage is approximately 251 gallons per capita per day. He noted that methods for calculating this metric vary between cities and states, and efforts are underway to standardize the calculation.

Mayor Ramsey noted that the recent increase in water usage is part of a statewide trend. She explained that after a period of water scarcity, a season with slightly higher water availability led residents to relax their conservation efforts, contributing to the uptick in usage.

Council Member Zander motioned to approve Resolution R2025-52, Adopting the City of South Jordan 2025 Water Conservation Plan. Council Member Harris seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Zander- Yes

Council Member Harris - Yes

Council Member Johnson - Yes

Council Member Shelton - Yes

Council Member McGuire - Yes

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

- G.2. Resolution R2025-49, Amending Chapter 7 of the South Jordan General Plan to comply with new requirements of State Law. (By Long-Range Planner, Joe Moss)

Long-Range Planner Joe Moss reviewed prepared presentation (Attachment F). He reported that South Jordan has conducted extensive proactive water planning. Recent state legislation, adopted after the city's general plan, required adjustments to ensure compliance. The general plan now incorporates elements from the Drinking Water Supply Master Plan and the Water Conservation Plan, addressing permitted development patterns, methods to reduce per capita water demand, and opportunities to eliminate waste and consumption. These updates are included in Chapter Seven, "How We Grow," which covers natural resources, water conservation, and water ordinances. He highlighted that the city is ahead of state requirements in many areas, such as reducing turf grass in certain locations, and that updates to the plan clarify links between land use and future water demand models. Recommendations from the Division of Natural Resources and a favorable review from the Planning Commission support the proposed updates. Staff requested that the council approve the resolution.

Mayor Ramsey opened the public hearing for Resolution R2025-49. There were no comments. Mayor Ramsey closed the public hearing.

Council Member McGuire motioned to approve Resolution R2025-49, Amending Chapter 7 of the South Jordan General Plan to comply with new requirements of State Law. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member McGuire - Yes

Council Member Johnson - Yes

Council Member Harris - Yes

Council Member Shelton - Yes

Council Member Zander - Yes

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

- G.3. Ordinance 2025-16, Amending Chapters 17.18 (Uses), 17.30 (Agricultural Zones), 17.40 (Residential Zones), 17.54 (Redwood Road Mixed Use Zones), 17.72 (Planned Community Zone) of the South Jordan City Municipal Code to comply with changes in State Legislation. (By Long-Range Planner, Joe Moss)

Long-Range Planner Joe Moss reviewed prepared presentation (Attachment G). He explained that the proposed updates address compliance with recent state legislation. Under SB 181, the city removed the garage requirement for owner-occupied, affordable single-family housing and modified garage size and parking space standards in agricultural, residential, and the Redwood Road Mixed-Use zones. Additionally, the minimum dwelling size in the Redwood Road Mixed-Use zone was updated to align with prior legislation affecting agricultural and residential zones. He also discussed changes related to SB 179, which establishes a formal process for classifying uses not clearly listed in the city's zoning chart. This allows applicants to request a zoning compliance letter to determine whether a use aligns with existing categories or qualifies as a new, unlisted use, including defined timelines and requirements. He noted that the Redwood Road Mixed-Use zone's uses have now been integrated into the unified uses chapter to ensure consistent terminology and definitions across all zones, including the Planned Community zone. He stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of these updates, and staff also supports the ordinance.

Mayor Ramsey opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2025-16. There were no comments. Mayor Ramsey closed the public hearing.

Council Member Harris motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-16, Amending Chapters 17.18 (Uses), 17.30 (Agricultural Zones), 17.40 (Residential Zones), 17.54 (Redwood Road Mixed Use Zones), 17.72 (Planned Community Zone) of the South Jordan City Municipal Code to comply with changes in State Legislation. Council Member Shelton seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Harris - Yes

Council Member Shelton - Yes

Council Member Johnson - Yes

Council Member Zander - Yes
Council Member McGuire - Yes

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

H. Minute Approval:

- H.1. September 2, 2025 City Council Study Meeting
- H.2. September 2, 2025 City Council Meeting

Council Member Shelton motioned to approve the September 2, 2025 City Council Study Meeting and the September 2, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes as published. Council Member Harris seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

I. Staff Reports and Calendaring Items:

Director of Engineering & City Engineer Brad Klavano provided updates on three ongoing projects. First, the Enbridge gas project at the 1300 West/Temple Drive and 9800 South intersection, which involves full repaving, has been delayed due to expected rain. The closure originally planned for this Sunday will likely occur the following Sunday, November 19th. Second, the contractor is overlaying the two roundabouts on South Jordan Parkway. The pavement was milled down to two inches last Sunday, and weather permitting, paving is scheduled for this Sunday. One lane will remain open east and west, while north and south lanes will be closed. If weather prevents work, it will be postponed to the following Sunday. Finally, he reported on the Bangerter Highway/9800 South interchange. UDOT anticipates opening the ramps and main lanes for east-west traffic next weekend, October 18–19, though some landscaping and finishing work will continue, with substantial completion expected by November 17th. He added that once these projects are completed, 13400 and 2700 South will have near-freeway flow. He noted that traffic may still back up significantly at 4100 South, but the improvements will facilitate better access to the freeways. Council Member Zander asked for clarification on the South Jordan Parkway roundabouts, confirming that they are the two located in Daybreak. She also noted that while other projects were being delayed due to rain, the roundabout work was proceeding as scheduled. City Engineer Klavano explained that the Enbridge project requires preparatory work on Friday to be ready for a full paving operation on Sunday. Due to the forecasted rain, this prep work may not be possible, necessitating a delay. In contrast, the South Jordan Parkway roundabout work is ready for a one-day overlay since the milling has already been completed. He noted that if the milled surface cannot properly drain or dry, the overlay may be postponed to the following Sunday.

Director of Recreation Janell Payne reported upcoming community events, including the Halloween Fun Run on October 18 at 10:00 a.m. at Bingham Creek Regional Park starting at 10:00 a.m. She also highlighted the Pumpkin Promenade scheduled for October 24 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and October 25 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Information regarding free pumpkin pickup and participation is available on the city's website. Council members were invited to participate or volunteer as judges for the event. Council Member Zander asked if the Halloween Fun Run on October 18 conflicts with the BYU vs. Utah football game, noting that the city typically hosts a separate fun run around that time. Director Payne responded that the city has hosted a Rivalry Run

in the past, but it has not been held in the last few years due to lower attendance, making it impractical to continue.

Mayor Ramsey shared that a young South Jordan resident won second place in the state “Why I Love My City” essay contest through the Utah League of Cities and Towns. She highlighted that the student particularly enjoys participating in the city’s Pumpkin Promenade each year and noted that the city will have an opportunity to formally recognize her.

Council Member Johnson motioned to adjourn the October 7, 2025 City Council Meeting. Council Member Harris seconded the motion; vote was 5-0 unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

The October 7, 2025 City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.