

MINUTES
TOWN OF ALTA: COUNCIL MEETING, PUBLIC HEARINGS, WORK SESSION
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 3:00 PM
Post Office Building, 10351 E. Highway 210, Alta, Utah

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Bourke
Councilmember Carolyn Anttil
Councilmember Craig Heimark
Councilmember Elise Morgan (attended virtually)
Councilmember Dan Schilling

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Cawley, Town Manager
Mike Morey, Town Marshal
Jen Clancy, Town Clerk
Molly Austin, Assistant Town Manager
Brooke Boone, Deputy Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Polly McLean, Legal Counsel

NOT PRESENT: N/A

1. **Call the work session to order**

00:00:00

Mayor Bourke called the work session of April 8, 2026 to order.

2. **Discission about Capital Improvement Planning including a recap of the March Special Townhall meeting**

00:01:40

Chris Cawley provided the council with an update on facilities planning following the March 11 special townhall meeting. Cawley explained that the current planning process anticipates construction of a new building on the post office building site to replace essential facilities, including current town functions and the marshal's office, with optional components related to dispatch and administration still under consideration. Cawley stated that a feasibility and programming study, along with site condition analyses such as avalanche, survey, and geotechnical studies, would be needed to refine project scope, design, and budget, with a tentative goal of beginning construction in 2028. Cawley also reported that discussions had occurred with UDOT, which expressed continued interest in participating in project design and construction costs. Cawley reviewed a revised project timeline and noted that the recent townhall meeting had been well attended, with strong public engagement, and apparent community understanding of the need for new facilities and the likelihood of local funding participation.

Cawley then introduced the proposed citizen advisory committee intended to review capital improvement funding options and make recommendations to the council. Councilmembers discussed

the committee's structure, legal status, and whether meetings should comply with public meeting requirements (OPMA) while still allowing open and informal discussion among participants. Councilmembers expressed support for maintaining flexibility and grassroots participation. Cawley reviewed the pool of applicants, noting the strong and diverse responses representing residents, property owners, business interests, and various neighborhoods. Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the level of public interest and discussed making appointments through formal council action later in the meeting.

Cawley then presented preliminary information regarding the potential property tax impact of a general obligation bond to finance the project. Cawley explained that future costs would depend on total borrowing amount, interest rates, bond term, available reserves, outside contributions, and other funding sources. Illustrative examples were provided showing how different bond amounts could affect the combined tax rate and Alta's share of total property tax collections. Councilmembers discussed concerns about fairness in funding public safety facilities when many service demands were generated by visitors rather than residents. Cawley and Councilmembers noted that maintaining Alta's municipal government and local control over services necessarily carried associated costs, while alternative service models would also require taxation. Councilmembers further discussed the value of local governance, emergency management capabilities, and specialized mountain operations.

Finally, Cawley recommended engaging a municipal advisor early in the process to assist the Town with evaluating financing options and navigating the bond market. Cawley stated that retaining such expertise was common practice for municipalities considering debt financing and would help guide the Town as planning continued.

3. Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) update on resort bus stop planning, Devin Weder

00:32:55

Mayor Bourke announced he would move related public input on this subject to the beginning of the Council meeting and then invited Devin Weder, representing UDOT's Cottonwood Canyon transit program to address the council.

Weder stated that since prior discussions regarding the mine dump location for a transportation hub in Little Cottonwood Canyon, additional conversations had occurred with Alta Ski Area representatives about other potential sites for bus stops. Weder explained that before advancing final planning, UDOT wanted clearer direction from the Town regarding priorities for the Alta stop, including whether the focus should be town access, resort access, congestion reduction, or a combination of those goals. Mayor Bourke responded that the primary measure of success should be reduced traffic congestion, which would require making transit attractive and convenient to riders. Mayor Bourke outlined three different rider groups, including pedestrians and employees, skiers carrying equipment, and skiers using on-site storage, each with differing needs for access, convenience, and travel quality.

Weder described tradeoffs associated with the mine dump location and other possible stop locations. Weder stated that while the mine dump had previously been environmentally cleared, it would require significant investment and additional infrastructure to move riders efficiently to resort destinations, making it the most complicated of the canyon resort stop options under review. Weder noted that moving bus stops directly into resort parking areas could improve convenience for riders but might also create delays from buses navigating traffic and parking lots, reducing frequency and reliability. Weder emphasized that no final decision on location had been made and that available funding could potentially be redirected toward smaller operational improvements rather than a large transit hub

structure if that better met community needs. Councilmembers discussed the importance of focusing on practical rider behavior, congestion relief, and service to the majority of users while still accommodating smaller groups such as backcountry users and residents.

Craig Heimark stated that congestion reduction should remain the central priority, especially during peak powder-day demand periods. Heimark also asked about timing for Town feedback and whether variable tolling had been considered. Weder responded that UDOT hoped for guidance by late May or early June and confirmed that congestion-based variable tolling was already incorporated into planning concepts, allowing pricing to change depending on demand conditions. Dan Schilling supported congestion relief as the most stable and practical planning objective, noting that user behavior and recreation trends could change over time.

Mike Maughan reported that Alta Ski Area had reviewed alternative locations with UDOT and concluded that the previously proposed mine dump site would significantly disrupt ski area operations and was not workable. Maughan stated that other locations, including near the Alta Lodge tow and the Grizzly parking lot, were also evaluated but presented challenges due to property ownership, snow storage, terrain, or convenience. Alta Ski Area instead recommended continued service to the Wildcat and Albion base areas, with targeted improvements such as revised bus stop locations, widened access points, and better traffic flow to improve efficiency. Maughan stated that buses had successfully served those areas for 25 years and that operational issues had only come about since COVID after service changes to Alta's parking lots. Maughan added that improving lower canyon traffic flow and allowing buses to move more efficiently would be critical regardless of final stop locations.

Councilmembers also discussed rider demographics and parking strategies. Weder and Maughan stated that bus ridership historically consisted largely of locals, employees, passholders, students, and younger riders, though visitors also used the system, especially those uncomfortable driving the canyon road. Weder noted that severe delays at the canyon mouth remained a major barrier to successful transit service and that travel time savings there could significantly change behavior. Maughan raised the idea of structured parking near the canyon mouth to support bus ridership, but Weder explained that such a project would involve substantial costs, environmental review revisions, and potential legal opposition due to overlap with broader gondola-related planning.

4. Motion to adjourn

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MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to adjourn, and Craig Heimark seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor. The work session was unanimously adjourned.

RESULT: APPROVED

ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

1. Call the meeting to order

01:09:00

Mayor Bourke called the April 8, 2026 Alta Town Council meeting to order.

2. Citizen input related to the presentation by Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) on resort bus stop planning

01:10:00

Henry Sokolski stated that although they did not reside in Alta, they used the bus stop on Wasatch Boulevard and had previously advocated for reinstatement of bus service along that route. Sokolski said they no longer used the bus because the current service did not meet the standards of the prior system, particularly regarding convenience and travel times. They explained that users with lockers or equipment expected transportation to their destination without lengthy waits for connecting shuttles and reported current delays of 20 to 30 minutes. Sokolski also raised concerns about operations at the Snowbird lot, stating that public transit was being used in place of Snowbird's own shuttle service and that this created significant delays. Sokolski urged the Council to pursue practical operational improvements first, such as increasing service frequency and addressing stop management, before considering more expensive long-term infrastructure solutions.

Jack Stauss, Executive Director of Save Our Canyons, thanked the Council for holding the hearing and stated that although the organization had long opposed the proposed gondola, it supported exploring new transit opportunities in the canyon. Stauss said smaller operational improvements to bus service were needed immediately, but emphasized that broader planning was also important because of regional transit developments occurring in neighboring canyons. Stauss encouraged the Town and ski area to identify an appropriate location for a future bus stop or mobility hub that would integrate with the wider transit system and potentially connect to parking outside the canyon to reduce traffic. Stauss described the concept as more than a bus stop, envisioning a mobility hub with amenities such as lockers, shelter, and seating that would make transit more convenient and attractive to users. Stauss expressed support for a potential two-location approach serving both the Wildcat and Albion base areas and noted that bus transit offered flexibility to adapt service levels, routes, and seasonal uses over time. Stauss urged the Town to continue evaluating options collaboratively with community members and stakeholders to develop a solution that met local and regional needs.

Jennifer Irwin, speaking on behalf of the Wasatch Backcountry Alliance, expressed support for establishing a bus terminal in Alta at either the Albion or Wildcat lot, with a regular stop at the other Alta lot and an additional stop near the summer road adjacent to the new public restrooms for future seasonal use. Irwin also supported direct bus routes serving Alta, Snowbird, and White Pine from the Gravel Pit mobility hub and a future southern mobility hub in Sandy, stating that direct service would improve efficiency for visitors and employees and help address capacity issues where buses arrived and departed full. Irwin added that affordable fares and frequent service were important to make transit more convenient and encourage greater public use.

Roger Kehr, a resident of Wasatch Pines Lane and former Snowbird employee, stated support for prior comments advocating convenient bus access near ski destinations. Kehr said that during earlier years of employment at Snowbird, the transit system had provided direct and efficient service from the park-and-ride lot to the resort center, making access simple for workers. Kehr contrasted that experience with current conditions, noting that many visitors now park farther away and walk long distances. Kehr emphasized that older adults and individuals with mobility limitations could face difficulty walking extended distances while carrying ski equipment, particularly at elevation. Kehr urged that bus stops in Alta be located as close as possible to Goldminer's and Albion, with shuttle connections if needed, rather than at more distant locations, in order to better accommodate senior riders and those with physical limitations.

Margaret Bourke stated that although affiliated with two Alta nonprofit organizations, they were speaking in an individual capacity. Bourke said many of their comments echoed earlier testimony, including opposition to locating a bus stop in the middle of town where buses would need to make U-

turns in traffic. Bourke stated that stops located closer to parking areas would be safer and more convenient because vehicles were already slowing and pedestrians were expected in those areas. Bourke also noted that transit demand occurred during peak periods in both winter and summer, with summer use driven by hikers traveling in the morning and late afternoon. Bourke supported multiple seasonal stops serving trail access points, including White Pine and Alta-area trails, and suggested a pullout stop near the new trailhead restroom. Bourke further noted that improved transit would benefit Alta businesses, including lodges and restaurants, by making it easier for visitors to travel to Alta without driving and by providing environmental benefits through reduced vehicle traffic.

Mark Haik stated that the discussion reminded them of the earlier Mountain Accord process, in which the Town, Planning Commission, and other parties had been active participants. Haik said that during that process there had not been the same level of substantive public discussion regarding transit options, despite the Town's previously stated preference for a bus-based solution. Haik questioned the focus on congestion mitigation without first identifying how frequently significant congestion occurred each year. Drawing on personal experience as a long-time commuter and locker holder, Haik expressed skepticism that shifting employees and locker users to transit alone would meaningfully resolve congestion concerns. Haik encouraged the Council and residents who had not previously participated to become more engaged in ongoing transportation planning discussions.

3. **Public Hearing: Receive public comment on updating references to the Utah Land Use, Development, and Management Act ("LUDMA") in the Town of Alta Code to Utah Code Annotated 10-20 via the adoption of Ordinance 2026-O-2**

01:27:15

No public comment.

4. **Public Hearing: Receive public comment on amendments to the Town of Alta Zoning Map to reflect Base Facilities Zones A, B, and C via the adoption of Ordinance 2026-O-3**

01:28:10

Margaret Bourke commented on the map associated with the ordinance and stated that the legend contained multiple typographical errors. Bourke also noted that their property was shown outside the applicable zone and labeled FR-50 rather than FR-1. While acknowledging the map's disclaimer that it was spatially inaccurate, Bourke questioned the usefulness of referencing a map with known inaccuracies and suggested it would be more appropriate to depict the property within the correct zone boundaries.

5. **Public Hearing: Receive public comment on amendments to provisions of Title 10 regarding petitions to rezone via the adoption of Ordinance 2026-O-4**

01:29:15

No public comment.

6. **Public Hearing: Receive public comment on amendments to provisions of the Subdivision Chapter via the adoption of Ordinance 2026-O-5**

01:29:40

No public comment.

7. **Public Hearing: Receive public comment on the public benefit of donating the costs associated with plan check fees and building permit fees for a trailhead restroom**

01:29:45

No public comment.

8. **Public Hearing: Receive public comment on proposed amendments to the fiscal 2025-2026 budgets**

00:00:00

No public comment.

9. **Public Hearing: Receive public comment on proposed amendments to the Capital Projects Plan**

01:30:45

No public comment.

10. **Citizen input:**

01:31:10

Margaret Bourke raised two procedural comments. First, Bourke asked whether additional routine matters could be placed on future consent agendas to streamline meetings and reduce the length of agendas. Second, Bourke noted an apparent packet error involving the fireworks regulation amendment, stating that one page appeared to be attached to the bereavement leave resolution rather than the fireworks item.

Mark Haik commented on the March 11, 2026 townhall meeting and the proposed composition of a committee intended to develop ideas for future capital expenditures. Haik stated that the townhall had been well attended compared with similar events in recent decades but noted that many attendees had not regularly participated in prior in-person meetings. Haik expressed concern that committee recommendations could lead to substantially higher taxes and questioned whether the proposed membership adequately reflected those who would bear those impacts. Haik noted that some proposed members may reside in areas already served by utilities or in employer-provided housing and may have differing tax responsibilities. Haik requested that Margaret Bourke, Mike Maughan, and himself be added to the committee to provide balance and include individuals who had regularly participated in prior deliberations.

Ginnymarie Leines, a resident and voter, expressed appreciation for the townhall meeting and suggested holding similar community meetings two to four times per year to increase public engagement and participation in local decision-making. Leines commented on the proposed committee and supported inclusion of specific individuals referenced in prior public comment, while also emphasizing the importance of trust in committee members to research issues, learn, and collaborate effectively. Leines noted that there appeared to be significant interest in serving on the committee and encouraged allowing broad participation, stating that membership could naturally adjust over time as work progressed. Leines concluded that the committee's success should be measured by its ability to move forward on the project while considering taxpayer impacts and anticipated that funding solutions could be identified to address associated costs.

11. **Alta Ski Area update, Mike Maughan**

01:38:00

Mike Maughan provided a seasonal update on ski area operations, reporting that approximately two and a half weeks remained in the ski season. Maughan stated that overall skier visits were projected to be down roughly 10 to 12 percent for the year, with revenues expected to be down slightly less than 10 percent. Maughan noted that early-season losses had been followed by generally stable weekly performance, with one weaker week offset by improved visitation following new snowfall. Maughan also reported an increase in visitors from other ski areas that had closed for the season, contributing additional full-fare ticket revenue. Maughan stated that the anticipated closing date was still April 26, with construction activity on the Alta Day Lodge project expected to begin ramping up in early May. Maughan concluded by noting favorable spring skiing conditions and expressed overall satisfaction with the season's outcomes given conditions.

12. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Report (sewer)

01:40:45

Cawley stated that the item had been previously discussed at the March meeting but had not been noticed as an action item. Cawley explained that the Town was required to adopt the item under applicable state regulations and noted that Steve McIntosh was on the call if anyone had questions. Cawley indicated that, absent further discussion, the Council could proceed with adoption of the report unless they didn't want to.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to adopt the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Report. Craig Heimark seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor. The Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Report was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. Discussion and possible action to adopt 2026-R-4 regarding fireworks restrictions

01:42:00

Mayor Bourke introduced discussion regarding fireworks restrictions, noting that the measure effectively prohibited fireworks in the area and questioned why the restriction required annual renewal rather than a longer-term adoption. Polly McLean responded that the requirement was driven by state law and noted that the determination must be made annually despite recurring conditions.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve Resolution 2026-R-4. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-4 restricting fireworks was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. Discussion and possible action to adopt 2026-R-5 regarding bereavement leave

01:43:15

Mayor Bourke introduced discussion regarding bereavement leave, noting it as an unusual item for Council action. McLean explained that the resolution was required under state code and mandated bereavement leave in the event of a miscarriage, and that although such matters are typically handled

administratively, state requirements necessitated adoption by resolution. Clancy noted a prior packet formatting issue in which pages had been slightly misordered but indicated that footnotes identified the correct resolution pages.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve Resolution 2026-R-5. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-5 regarding bereavement leave was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Discussion and possible action to adopt 2026-R-6 amending the fiscal 2025-2026 budgets

01:45:00

Mayor Bourke introduced discussion of amending the fiscal year 2025–2026 budgets, noting that the amendment redistributed funding among internal line items. Clancy explained that the amendment was primarily driven for two items, to gain approval for the donation of the building and plan check fees for the trailhead restroom project, and adjustments in the sewer fund accounts related to a line extension which maintained the same total project costs. Cawley added that a municipality must conduct a public hearing prior to making a donation which would include covering the costs of permitting.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve Resolution 2026-R-6. Elise Morgan seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-6 amending the FY 2026 budgets was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. Discussion and possible action to adopt 2026-R-7 amending the Capital Projects Plan

01:47:50

Clancy noted this was to keep all budget documents consistent.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve Resolution 2026-R-7. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-7 amending the Capital Projects Plan was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. Discussion and possible action to adopt 2026-R-8 repealing and replacing dog license numbers

01:48:40

Mayor Bourke introduced discussion to repeal and replace provisions related to dog license allocations. Schilling noted that the item had been previously discussed, and Clancy explained that it was being presented again due to two additional licenses being forfeited. Clancy stated that rather than leaving the licenses unassigned for the remainder of the year, the resolution would increase the number of available Class B licenses by two.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve Resolution 2026-R-8. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-8 repealing and replacing dog license numbers was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. Discussion and possible action to adopt 2026-O-2 updating references to the Utah Land Use, Development, and Management Act ("LUDMA") in the Town of Alta Code to Utah Code Annotated 10-20

01:51:15

Mayor Bourke introduced discussion of Ordinance 2026-O-2, which would update references in the Town code to the Utah Land Use Development and Management Act (LUDMA). Mayor Bourke stated that the purpose of the ordinance was to align the Town's code with state law. McLean confirmed that the ordinance brought local regulations into conformance with applicable state statutory requirements.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-O-2. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, Ordinance 2026-O-2 was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. Discussion and possible action to adopt 2026-O-3 amending the Town of Alta Zoning Map to reflect Base Facilities Zones A, B, and C

01:52:15

Mayor Bourke introduced discussion of Ordinance 2026-O-3 to amend the Town of Alta zoning map to reflect Base Facilities Zones A, B, and C. Cawley presented the updated map and, with Margaret Bourke's help, identified typographical errors in the legend which were noted for correction. Margaret Bourke and councilmembers raised questions regarding property boundaries and how Margaret Bourke's parcel was depicted as straddling two zoning districts, FR-50 and FR-1 boundary lines.

Cawley explained that GIS mapping data indicated that certain properties straddled zoning boundaries, and that existing and historical zoning maps similarly reflected these overlaps. Cawley further noted that zoning maps are based on available survey and cadastral data, which can vary in precision, and that achieving fully precise boundary alignment would likely require additional field-level surveying and data verification.

Council members discussed limitations of GIS accuracy and the distinction between policy intent and spatial representation. Staff clarified that the ordinance's purpose was to formally distinguish Base Facilities subzones within the zoning map legend rather than to change underlying zoning policy. Additional discussion addressed the difficulty of aligning legacy survey data with modern GIS systems and the ongoing effort to improve mapping accuracy.

Due to concerns about clarity and mapping precision, McLean and others recommended continuing the item.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to continue the agenda item at the June Town Council meeting. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor. Ordinance 2026-O-3 was continued until the June 17, 2026 town council meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. Discussion and possible action to adopt 2026-O-4 amending provisions of Title 10 regarding petitions to rezone

02:05:10

Cawley explained that the proposed ordinance update was not intended to be a substantive policy change, but rather an administrative and organizational update to improve clarity and functionality of the Town's land use code for staff and public reference. Cawley stated that the amendment would relocate certain provisions related to rezoning petitions within the code structure so they apply more broadly across the land use regulations, rather than being embedded within individual zoning districts. Cawley noted that this approach was consistent with staff interpretation and had been reviewed favorably by legal counsel. Schilling indicated familiarity with the proposal from prior discussions. Cawley also confirmed that the related amendments had been previously introduced to the Council and received a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-O-4. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, Ordinance 2026-O-4 was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. Discussion and possible action to adopt 2026-O-5 amending provisions of the Subdivision Chapter

02:07:30

Mayor Bourke introduced discussion of amending provisions of the Town's subdivision chapter. Cawley explained that the ordinance represented a policy change that had been reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommended for approval, though it had not been previously presented to the council in detail. Cawley stated that the ordinance would require that signatures on final plats submitted for Town approval be no more than six months old to ensure that approvals remain current and reflect up-to-date regulatory conditions.

Schilling sought clarification on whether the requirement applied only to Town signatures, and Cawley confirmed that it applied to all required signatures associated with the plat process, with the Town typically being the final approving authority. McLean further explained that the intent of the ordinance was to ensure timely progression from preliminary approval to final recording, preventing approved plats from remaining unrecorded for extended periods and maintaining procedural consistency in subdivision processing.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-O-5. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, Ordinance 2026-O-5 was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. Discussion and possible action to adopt 2026-O-6 to establish the FY26 town council meeting schedule

02:10:30

Mayor Bourke introduced discussion of the upcoming Town Council meeting schedule. Anctil raised a concern about referring to two different town facilities as community centers. Anctil noted that the Town had recently acquired Our Lady of the Snows (OLS) to be its community center and that it was confusing to also be referring to the post office building as its community center. After further discussion and feedback from the council, Clancy indicated that staff would use Post Office Building as the name of the facility where council meetings are held above the post office, and OLS community center would be the only facility referred to as a community center.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-O-6 with the location being edited to Post Office Building. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, Ordinance 2026-O-6 was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

Clancy announced a scheduled date for a potential future Truth in Taxation meeting on August 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., noting coordination requirements with the county and state.

23. Mayor's report

02:14:30

Mayor Bourke noted that the council's previous discussion of OLS fed right into his report. Mayor Bourke reported that one year ago the Town had acquired the facility, which had been approved by a four-to-one council vote following extensive public comment and debate. Mayor Bourke stated that in honor of the one-year anniversary that ACE's Executive Director, Sara, had been invited to the June council meeting to provide an update on the facility's operations.

Mayor Bourke also noted that the current low snow year could have broader regional implications for water supply and suggested seeking an update from an authoritative source on potential impacts to Alta. Bourke previewed a future agenda item involving participation in a Utah renewable energy program, stating that a decision would be required by the end of May and indicating anticipated benefits and minimal costs.

24. Approval of the March 11, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2026 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes, and the April Staff and Finance Reports

02:17:00

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to approve the March 11, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2026 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes, and the April Staff and Finance Reports. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor. The March 11, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2026 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes, and the April Staff and Finance Reports were unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

25. Questions regarding Department Reports

02:17:45

Mayor Bourke raised concerns about the upcoming fire season across the western United States and invited Jay Torgersen to provide an update. Torgersen confirmed that conditions were expected to be challenging and outlined preparedness measures, including coordination with partner agencies, deployment of wildland crews, and readiness of fire apparatus previously used for winter operations and now converted for summer use. Torgersen also described plans to increase staffing and stage additional fire engines on high-risk "red flag" days to improve initial response capacity during extreme weather conditions.

Anctil asked whether additional restrictions or operational changes would be implemented locally, and Torgersen confirmed that existing restrictions such as fireworks prohibitions in the Town of Alta would remain in place, with additional fire restriction levels determined by land management agencies and applied as conditions warranted. Torgersen noted that restrictions may vary across jurisdictions and that coordinated maps of fire restrictions would be submitted regionally.

Schilling inquired about whether the fire season was being extended operationally and whether staffing and budget resources were sufficient. Torgersen responded that seasonal staffing periods have expanded over time but are managed flexibly, and that the agency operates within a cooperative state and federal framework that supports overtime, resource sharing, and reimbursement for emergency deployments. Torgersen further explained that an on-call duty officer system would be activated to coordinate rapid response and resource mobilization during wildfire events.

Mayor Bourke referenced a recent meeting regarding service levels for the Town and asked Torgersen to elaborate on the agency's standards of cover process. Torgersen described the standards of cover document as a comprehensive, regularly updated assessment of community risk, response performance, and service delivery metrics. Torgersen noted that the document included detailed data on call volume, response times, and hazard profiles for service areas including Alta, and that the updated version would be presented for board approval following minor adjustments.

26. New business

02:28:30

No new business.

Mayor Bourke expressed appreciation to members of the public who had attended and remained through the duration of the meeting, acknowledging multiple individuals by name for their participation and interest in Town proceedings.

(Elise Morgan left the meeting.)

27. Discussion and possible action to commence a closed meeting to discuss a matter authorized by Utah Code section 52-4-205(1)(a)

02:30:30

Clancy read the statutory authorization, noting the code section permitted discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to commence a closed meeting to discuss a matter authorized by Utah Code section 52-4-205(1)(a). Carolyn Anctil seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, a closed meeting was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. Discussion and possible action to commence a closed meeting to discuss a matter authorized by Utah Code section 52-4-205(1)(c)

02:31:45

Clancy noted that a second closed session under Utah Code §52-4-205(1)(c) to discuss a strategy session regarding pending or reasonably imminent litigation was also up for a vote.

MOTION: Dan Schilling motioned to commence a closed meeting to discuss a matter authorized by Utah Code section 52-4-205(1)(c). Carolyn Anctil seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, Mayor Bourke – yes, a closed meeting was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

*****CLOSED SESSIONS COMMENCED*****

(Craig Heimark left the meeting.)

The Council (Mayor Bourke, and Councilmembers' Anctil and Schilling) reconvened the April 8, 2026 meeting following a closed session, with Bourke reopening the public meeting and confirming the time.

29. Discussion and possible action to appoint CAPITAL Committee Members

Clancy introduced the remaining item of business regarding appointment of CAPITAL committee members. Bourke explained that the appointments were intended to reflect a balance of representation across different sectors of the community, areas of expertise, and geographic distribution within the Town. Schilling expressed appreciation for all applicants and noted that additional discussion regarding committee structure and organization would occur at a future Council meeting, emphasizing the importance of broad community engagement in the process.

MOTION: Mayor Bourke motioned to appoint Scott Briggs, James Crosby, Murray Danforth, Lindsey DeOllos, Steven Levy, Paul Maeder, Rosie O'Grady, and Liz Rocco to the CAPITAL Committee. Carolyn Anctil seconded.

VOTE: All were in favor. Scott Briggs, James Crosby, Murray Danforth, Lindsey DeOllos, Steven Levy, Paul Maeder, Rosie O'Grady, and Liz Rocco were appointed to the CAPITAL Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED


30. **Motion to adjourn**

MOTION: Mayor Bourke motioned to adjourn, and Dan Schilling seconded.

VOTE: All in favor. The meeting was unanimously adjourned.

RESULT: APPROVED

Passed this 13th day of May, 2026



Jen Clancy, Town Clerk