# IVINS CITY COUNCIL AND SANTA CLARA CITY COUNCIL
# JOINT WORK MEETING MINUTES
# OCTOBER 22, 2026

**NOTICE: This meeting was held electronically and in person. The Ivins City Fire Station located at 90 West Center Street in Ivins, Utah was the anchor location for the electronic meeting. You may watch the audio and video feed by going to www.ivinsutah.gov under "City Council" on the right of the home page and selecting "Audio".**

## 1) WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and announced there was a quorum present.

All present included Ivins City Council Member Mike Scott, City of Santa Clara Council Member Christa Hinton, Ivins City Council Member Sharon Gillespie, City of Santa Clara Council Member Mark Hendrickson, Ivins City Council Member Sharon Barton, City of Santa Clara Council Member Janene Burton, Ivins City Council Member Dillon Hurt, City of Santa Clara Council Member Dave Pond, Ivins City Council Member Wayne Pennington, and City of Santa Clara Council Member Justin Caplin.

**STAFF:** Ivins City Mayor Kevin Smith, City of Santa Clara Mayor Jarett Waite, Ivins City Manager Chuck Gillette, City of Santa Clara City Manager Brock Jacobsen, Ivins City Chief of Police Jaron Studley, Santa Clara Ivins Fire Chief Dan Cazier, Ivins City Attorney Bryan Pack, Ivins City Recorder Kari D. Jimenez, a number of City of Santa Clara employees, and a number of Ivins City employees.

**EXCUSED:** None.

### A. Acknowledgement of Quorum

**Mayor Kevin Smith** acknowledged that a quorum of both City Councils was present. Ivins City Recorder was in attendance via the Zoom application.

### B. Disclosures

There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest with items on this meeting's agenda.

## 2) WORK MEETING

### A. Annual Report by Santa Clara Ivins Police

**Ivins City Police Chief Jaron Studley** presented an overview of the Department's operations, personnel, public safety trends, specialized services and future priorities. The Department operates with an approximately $4.5 million budget and serves a combined population of approximately 20,000 residents. The five-year review reflected population growth of approximately 23 percent, increasing calls for service and mental health incidents, fewer crimes against persons, and an anticipated increase in property crimes. The Chief reported 4,887 citations and 6,144 criminal offenses submitted to the courts during 2026 to date, with calls per patrol officer per shift expected to exceed five.

The report described round-the-clock patrol coverage, school resource officers, animal control, investigations, canine units, SWAT and regional task force participation, drone capabilities, accident reconstruction and bomb squad support. Future priorities include additional Internet Crimes Against Children investigative capacity, dispatch and other interagency agreements, accreditation, staffing sustainability, equipment and technology, and community engagement. The Chief reported anticipated dispatch cost savings of approximately $20,000 shared between the two cities in fiscal year 2027–2028 and described efficiencies from report-writing technology.

Questions addressed increases in mental health and property-related incidents, crisis intervention training, use of the Washington County Receiving Center, online crimes against children and patrol workload. The Chief explained that officers are required to complete a 40-hour crisis intervention course and continuing training. The report and discussion may be accessed beginning at time stamp 00:05:12 and a copy of the presentation is available as an attachment to this agenda.

**B. <u>Annual Report by Santa Clara Ivins Fire and Rescue</u>**

**Santa Clara Ivins Fire Chief Dan Cazier** reviewed call volumes, service areas, wildland fire deployments, training, staffing, equipment and future priorities. Medical incidents account for approximately 80 percent of calls, with the balance consisting of fire and other responses. Year-to-date incidents were approaching the prior year's total despite more than two months remaining. The Department currently operates one ambulance, with additional positions approved to support a second ambulance. The report addressed responses in the two cities and surrounding Washington County areas, including Highway 91.

Wildland deployments occurred in several states, with projected billable activity approaching $900,000 for the current budget year and exceeding $1 million for the calendar year. The Chief reviewed wildfire risk mapping for the two cities under wildland-urban interface requirements and reported receipt of a new ambulance in January 2026.

Training and professional development included fire operations, hazardous materials, medical simulation, canine casualty care, mental health support and paramedic certification. A program is being implemented to provide CPR, AED and first aid training to employees of both cities, with additional AED placement in municipal buildings. The Chief reported notification of an award under a rural health transformation grant, although the amount and details had not yet been confirmed.

The Fire Station remodel and expansion remains a priority to accommodate long-term operational needs and a ladder truck on order, with delivery anticipated in December 2027.

Funding and staffing discussions included three approved firefighter positions, a pending SAFER grant application that could support additional hiring, other grant opportunities and paramedic training scholarships. The Chief reported favorable employee retention and emphasized recruitment, professional development and a supportive workplace. The Fire/EMS report and discussion may be accessed beginning at time stamp 00:30:38 and a copy of the presentation is available as an attachment to this agenda.

Both Mayors expressed appreciation for the shared public safety services and the cooperation between the two cities. Closing comments may be accessed beginning at time stamp 00:57:04.

**3) <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>**

**MOTION: Ivins City Council Member Sharon Gillespie moved to adjourn**
**SECOND: City of Santa Clara Council Member Janene Burton**
**VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.**

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| Ivins City Council Member Mike Scott | AYE |
| City of Santa Clara Council Member Christa Hinton | AYE |
| Ivins City Council Member Sharon Gillespie | AYE |
| City of Santa Clara Council Member Mark Hendrickson | AYE |
| Ivins City Council Member Sharon Barton | AYE |
| City of Santa Clara Council Member Janene Burton | AYE |
| Ivins City Council Member Dillon Hurt | AYE |
| City of Santa Clara Council Member Dave Pond | AYE |

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| Ivins City Council Member Wayne Pennington | AYE |
| City of Santa Clara Council Member Justin Caplin | AYE |

The Motion may be accessed at time stamp 01:00:34.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Kari D. Jimenez, MPA, MMC
Ivins City Recorder