

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING-WORK SESSION
ANCHOR LOCATION: CITY HALL
10 EAST CENTER STREET, NORTH SALT LAKE
JULY 16, 2024

FINAL

Mayor Horrocks welcomed those present at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Horrocks
Councilmember Lisa Watts Baskin
Councilmember Tammy Clayton
Councilmember Suzette Jackson
Councilmember Ted Knowlton
Councilmember Alisa Van Langeveld

STAFF PRESENT: Ken Leetham, City Manager; David Frandsen, Assistant City Manager; Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; Craig Black, Police Chief; Karyn Baxter, City Engineer; Todd Godfrey, City Attorney; Tyler Abegglen, Golf Course Manager; Sherrie Pace, Community Development Director; Heidi Voordeckers, Finance Director; Wendy Page, City Recorder.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Scroger, Camille Thorpe, Peter Wirthlin, Dee Lalliss, Kyle Poulter, Stan Porter, Jon Marsh, residents.

1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2024

Heidi Voordeckers reported that this monthly financial report was for the period ending May 31, 2024. She noted that 92% of the fiscal year has elapsed with General Fund revenues at 79% and expenditures at 86.9%. She explained that the June financial report would be presented in September due to year end revenue recognition. She shared that the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) local sales tax study data was promising for fiscal year 2025. She shared projections from the study including that 30 year mortgages rates were anticipated to drop by the end of 2025 to 5.5%, taxable sales in Davis County would increase by 3.2% in 2024 and 4.8% in 2025.

Ms. Voordeckers mentioned that there was an update in the City's population from 22,537 to 23,560 which resulted in a larger statewide collection with an estimated \$120,000 increase in annual revenue. She said the monthly updated accounts payable detail reports would be available to view.

2. DISCUSSION OF CITIZEN COMMITTEES

Ken Leetham reported that this was a discussion on citizen committees. He reviewed the Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation Board and its purpose and bylaws which were to act as the City's advisory board to the City Council related to current and long range needs in parks, trails, arts, and recreation. He said the second purpose was that the City Council formed this Board for the purpose of advancing and improving the quality of life for all residents of the City to provide improved access and levels of service to the public and to meet the public's ongoing and changing needs for quality parks, trails, arts, and recreation services. He mentioned the Board's involvement in Legacy Park, Wild Rose Park, and Tunnel Springs Park. He noted that the City Council had responsibilities and duties and acknowledged that it was critical that an advisory board be created so a citizen committee could assist in the creation and implementation of plans, policies, proposals, events, and any other matters related to parks, trails, arts, and recreation in the City.

Mr. Leetham spoke on the different facets that the Parks and Arts Board was involved in including City events, the emphasis on trail building, active transportation, arts (murals, repurposing property for art), and park facilities plans. He noted that some of the barriers to maximizing the Board included having a broad focus, not using staff in strategic ways, inefficient use of meetings trying to cover all topics, and some Board members were more interested in specific areas (trails, arts, etc.). He then shared options for overcoming these barriers including creating new committees or sub groups, assigning City staff to those specific sub groups, increasing Citywide interest if new committees were formed, focus on grants and funding efforts with designated committees, and more focus on specific areas of expertise for committee members. His recommendation was to divide the Board into four sub groups: 1) community events, 2) trails and active transportation, 3) arts, and 4) parks and recreation as needed (designated members could review City plans for new parks and reinvestment in existing parks). He explained that if the Board was reorganized the next steps would be new or amended enabling ordinances, new bylaws, and efforts to increase citizen members.

Ken Leetham reviewed the issues with the Health and Wellness Committee including lack of engagement and inconsistent participation with some members.

Councilmember Van Langeveld commented on the engagement and resignation of the Health and Wellness Committee members. She did not agree that lack of engagement was a fair assessment for the overall Committee but said some individuals had not been engaged.

Ken Leetham said he was not recommending ending the Health and Wellness Committee but was suggesting a different way to perform the duties. He shared other issues including the need for participation from staff members (City Manager, Police Chief, Community Development Director, Communications Manager, etc.), designation for a Health Coalition per the Healthy Utah Communities, and how several of the achievements of the Committee could be done

through staff (CTC classes, social media outreach, events). He explained the requirements for the Health Coalition designation included: quarterly meetings, inclusion of local health department, hospital, school district, business leaders, and community members. He said expanding the Committee would allow for discussing broader health issues and needs as well as becoming more educated and focused on what issues to address. He suggested retaining the Committee but adding other representatives (as mentioned above) to create stronger partnerships with other agencies. He spoke on data related to mental health problems, physical health, criminal stats, youth, and family structures and expanding deeper into these social challenges.

Mayor Horrocks spoke on events and said while they all had merit and value that some of those events were not well attended. He spoke on the difficulty of finding a balance for cultural and inclusive events, overall attendance, and support and attendance by the committees and Council. He suggested reviewing each event to ensure that participation met the level of time and funds spent.

Staff shared a list of community events including NSL Reads, Kite Festival, Golden Spoke, Photo Contest, Halloween Spooktacular, Winter Lights Fest, Summer Recreation Classes, Spring and Fall Soccer, Food Trucks/Vendor Fair, Arbor Day, Liberty Fest, Night Out Against Crime, 9/11 Day of Service, Spring/Fall Cleanup, Get to the River, Unity in the Community (Pride, Juneteenth, Hispanic Heritage), Health and Wellness Fair, Summer Trails Series, and golf course events (Family Golf Scramble, Oktoberfest, Breakfast with Santa).

Councilmember Jackson mentioned celebrating events that would appeal to a broader audience like Flag Day, Utah Constitution Month, or health related fundraisers and suggested picking unifying events for the entire City.

Councilmember Knowlton commented that due to the level of work and planning to execute events he felt there should be a standalone event committee. He suggested establishing an event committee, a trails committee, an arts committee, and a health and wellness committee. He was in favor of the health and wellness committee coordinating with other groups (health department, school district, etc.) and improving health outcomes on a quarterly basis.

Councilmember Van Langeveld stated that the Health and Wellness Committee had coordinated with the Health Department on multiple events and in utilizing City Hall for WIC services as well as with Communities That Care (Davis County). She spoke on several difficulties the Committee faced which halted progress including disproportionate staff input and quorum requirements that resulted in canceled meetings. She was in favor of creating an umbrella structure with the Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation Board as the main committee with smaller subcommittees such as Health and Wellness, or Trails.

Councilmember Knowlton expressed that the City Council was already the umbrella committee over Parks, Arts, and Recreation. He said the breadth of what was covered by these committees was difficult with latent inefficiencies.

Councilmember Van Langeveld stated that the smaller subcommittees (events, trails, arts, health and wellness) could have one member attend the Parks and Arts Board meetings each quarter. She said the collective group could provide parks planning and an oversight for all the different areas.

The City Council discussed the level of staff support, meeting frequency, and combining arts with health and wellness.

Ken Leetham suggested that by having smaller subcommittees, one staff member would be sufficient for most committee meetings.

Councilmember Van Langeveld asked for clarity of the duties and responsibilities of the Chair and Councilmember on these committees.

Councilmember Clayton commented that she was an advocate of quality meetings and making the most of staff time. She also mentioned that residents wanted events that fostered community and inclusion with a focus on quality and not quantity.

Councilmember Baskin spoke on the vision for the function of the committees and ways to improve. She felt it was important to have events as its own committee, continued focus on senior citizens, and a subcommittee that answered to the City Council.

Councilmember Van Langeveld commented on barriers to citizen involvement including only allowing officially appointed members on the committees. She expressed support for having citizens be part of committees without official appointment by the City Council.

3. ADJOURN

Mayor Horrocks adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. to begin the regular session.

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Mayor Horrocks welcomed those present at 7:15 p.m. Krish Thota offered an invocation and Councilmember Jackson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Scroger, Camille Thorpe, Peter Wirthlin, Dee Lalliss, Kyle Poulter, Stan Porter, Jon Marsh, Amber Thota, Krish Thota, Chris Smith, Alina Smith, Meighan Smith, Audrey Beebe, Enos Beebe, residents; Michael Lambert, Layton resident.

1. CITIZEN COMMENT

Michael Lambert, Layton resident, commented that he was running for Davis County Commission. He spoke on concerns in politics and finding common ground. He shared that he was a licensed social worker who served on the school community council in Layton. He mentioned he was focused on mental health, aging, conservation, and air quality.

Peter Wirthlin, Parks and Arts Board, said that when he and Kyle Poulter had reported to the City Council in June that their message had been hurtful and implied that the Chair was not running the Board well. He apologized to Jeff Scroger and said the comments made were related to the broadness of items that needed to be covered for the whole of the Parks, Trails, Art, and Recreation Board.

Stan Porter, resident, mentioned the Get to the River Festival that would be held in September and encouraged the City to continue to promote this event. Sherrie Pace commented that staff was currently reviewing the ability to pre-register boat reservations for this event.

Camille Thorpe, Parks and Arts Board, spoke on public art particularly in the Town Center as well as the redevelopment of Hatch Park and preserving trees. She also mentioned the increasing speed of traffic on Main Street and traffic calming options.

Ken Leetham commented that staff would implement speed enforcement and electronic speed signs as these seemed to be effective.

Jeff Scroger, Parks and Arts Board, commented on community involvement and viewing residents as assets. He said that this was important to keep in mind when planning events and planning for who those events would attract. He was in favor of less formal committee structures to encourage participation in accordance with public meeting laws.

2. PRESENTATION OF YOUTH CITY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO ALINA SMITH, MAYOR; KIERSTINA STANGER, CITY MANAGER; PEYTON OTIS, ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR; AND KRISH THOTA, CITY RECORDER

Councilmember Clayton spoke on Youth City Council (YCC) activities (including the monthly food pantry event) and the inclusion and kindness of the youth.

Audrey Beebe, YCC Advisor, spoke on how the YCC was run by the executive committee (youth mayor, city manager, recorder, and four committee chairs) who organized all of the activities.

Audrey and Enos Beebe shared some information about each of the four scholarship award winners for 2023-2024 including Krish Thota; City Recorder, Peyton Otis; Activities Committee Chair, Kierstina Stanger; City Manager, and Alina Smith, Mayor.

Mayor Horrocks presented certificates to the YCC members who were present.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR'S PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Horrocks introduced Jonathan Marsh as the Planning Commission appointment.

Jonathan Marsh said he was excited to work with staff and the Commission. He mentioned working as a computer engineer for a defense contractor and a real estate investor. He said his wife was a city planner for Holladay City which had helped to give him some familiarity with planning.

Councilmember Van Langeveld moved that the City Council approve Mayor Horrocks' appointment of Jon Marsh to the Planning Commission for the remainder of the term for Seat 4 which expires on January 1, 2025. Councilmember Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR'S GOLF COURSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Horrocks recommended the appointment of Corey Markisich to fill seat 2 and the reappointments of Lisa Watts Baskin for seat 1 and Court Huish to fill seat 4 on the Golf Course Oversight Committee.

Councilmember Clayton moved that the City Council approve Mayor Horrocks' appointment to the Golf Course Oversight Committee of Corey Markisich to fill Seat 2 and the reappointments of Lisa Watts Baskin to fill seat 1 and Court Huish to fill seat 4 all expiring on March 1, 2028. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-26R: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO DISCOVER DAVIS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MURAL UTILIZING THE 2024 MURAL GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING MATCHING FUNDS

Sherrie Pace reported on the application for the Discover Davis grant program and the need for the authorization of matching funds. She said the grant request would be \$10,000 with a requested City match of \$10,000. She spoke on the process of identifying a building owner to participate, choosing a theme, and obtaining an artist. She mentioned that the Parks and Arts Board had discussed the possibility of an orchard-themed mural or a mural with a kindness theme to go along with the kindness initiative passed by the City Council, but there was no official recommendation at this time.

Councilmember Baskin moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2024-26R authorizing the submittal of a Discover Davis Mural grant application for the installation of a mural in the City and authorizing matching funds. Councilmember Van Langeveld seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

6. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO DONATE TO THE BOUNTIFUL HIGH AND WOODS CROSS HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAMS

Tyler Abegglen spoke on building a relationship with the youth and Eaglewood Golf Course. He said they currently utilized courses throughout the County and hoped this would build a relationship between the high school teams and the course. He requested authorization to make a donation from Eaglewood Golf Course to each these schools' golf teams for \$2,000 in rounds of golf, \$1,000 in range balls, and ordering of team gear at cost plus 10%. He explained that there would be restrictions for use limited to certain days and times. He reviewed the benefits for Eaglewood in exchange for the donation which included purchased golf items from the pro shop, advertising at the schools (football, baseball/softball fields, and basketball games), and a four hour service project from each team.

Councilmember Baskin asked how many rounds this would equal. Tyler Abegglen replied that it would be approximately 80 rounds per team.

Councilmember Van Langeveld moved that the City Council authorize City staff to donate golf services and offer a discount on team gear to the Bountiful High School and Woods Cross High School golf teams which includes up to \$2,000 in rounds of golf, \$1,000 in range balls and a 10% discount on team apparel. Councilmember Clayton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 2024-04: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FORM OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR USE BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS AS DEFINED BY TITLE 7, CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE

Ken Leetham reported that several different franchise agreements or forms have been used for operators to construct, operate, and maintain telecommunications infrastructure within the public right of way. He explained that it was important for the City to adopt a standard form of agreement that could provide consistency among all operators in the City. He mentioned that the City Attorney had prepared the subject draft which established the terms and conditions under which franchisees would operate including established use of public rights of way, clear reference to the City's Telecommunications Use of Rights of Way Ordinance, clear definition of all pertinent terms needed to manage a franchise agreement, terms of the franchise fees and taxes to be collected and remitted, the 10 year term and 5 year renewal provisions, use of public rights of way including being subordinate to the City, complying with City codes, undergrounding poles and lines under specific conditions, and repairs and legal protections through insurance and indemnification. He shared that the new form would provide consistent agreement for all franchisees with the following provisions: right to use City right of way for telecommunications, commitment to follow all City ordinances related to telecom and construction, indemnify the

City and provide the City as additional insured, relocation at franchisees expense, quarterly meetings with the City, and no new utility poles.

Mr. Leetham spoke on some minor corrections to the draft franchise agreement which included the need to reference the correct Code on pages four and eleven and strike references to “Municipal Telecommunications Tax Laws” and replace these with “Title 7, Chapter 8 of the City Code” as necessary. He noted that any franchise agreement with specific operators must be reviewed and approved by the City Council prior to being executed.

Councilmember Van Langeveld moved that the City Council approve Ordinance No. 2024-04: An Ordinance Adopting the Form of a Telecommunications Franchise Agreement for Use Between the City of North Salt Lake and Telecommunications Operators as Defined by Title 7, Chapter 8 of the City Code, as amended. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

8. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A SECOND BOILER AT CITY HALL FROM FIRST SERVICE MECHANICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,653.32

Ken Leetham spoke on the HVAC system in the City Hall building and said that the original boilers installed in the building were twice the size needed. He explained how this oversizing has caused difficulty in heating and cooling the building. He mentioned that one of the boilers failed and the building has been running on only one new boiler since that time. He spoke on the need to install the second boiler, which was included in the fiscal year 2025 Budget. He said the price of the boiler was based upon a bid from First Service Mechanical for \$53,653.32.

Councilmember Clayton moved that the City Council authorize City staff to purchase a second boiler for the City Hall building from First Service Mechanical in the amount of \$53, 653.32. Councilmember Baskin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

9. CONSIDERATION OF GOLF EQUIPMENT PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,676.82

Tyler Abegglen reported that this would be the replacement for an existing mower. He explained that two Toro mowers were non-operational and the previously approved Toro replacements (which were ordered three years ago) still had no imminent delivery date. He mentioned the original price of the Toro Groundmaster mower was \$104,051.13. He said staff was impressed with the John Deere rough unit and recommended replacement from John Deere/Stotz Equipment for \$99,676.82. He shared that this would come from the Golf Fund and proposed retaining one of the original Toro mowers on order.

Councilmember Baskin moved that the City Council approve the purchase of a John Deere Tractor and a Trimax pull behind mower attachment from John Deere / Stotz Equipment for \$99,676.82. Councilmember Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

10. CONSIDERATION OF POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,591.86

Chief Black reported that as part of the fiscal year 2025 Budget the police department had requested and was approved to purchase six vehicles. He explained that two of these vehicles would be used in the investigations division and would be unmarked. He requested two Toyota Highlanders through Young Automotive Group, a State contract pricing authorized dealer. He said this price did not include equipping the vehicles with the standard emergency equipment. He shared that the price of each Highlander was \$36,295.93 for a total purchase cost of \$72,591.86.

Councilmember Van Langeveld moved that the City Council approve the purchase of two (2) Toyota Highlanders for use in the police department investigations division. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

11. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT VEHICLE PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,987

Jon Rueckert reported on the request to purchase a 2024 Toyota RAV4 hybrid from Young Automotive Group for \$30,987. He said the primary use of the vehicle would be for the Public Works Operations Manager to replace a 2005 RAV4, which met the 15 point replacement policy.

Councilmember Jackson moved that the City Council authorize City staff to purchase a 2024 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid from Young Automotive Group for \$30,987. Councilmember Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

12. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,048

Jon Rueckert reported on the recommendation to purchase Varitech skid mounted anti-ice snow removal equipment. He explained the anti-icing technique of placing salt brine on the roadway prior to the storm and how this helped to prevent snow or ice from bonding to the pavement surface. He said this equipment would provide for a proactive road treatment before storms and allow plows to more easily remove ice and snow. He mentioned this equipment could be used on the existing hook lift truck and would be purchased from Owen Equipment for \$36,048.

Councilmember Knowlton moved that the City Council authorize City staff to purchase Varitech skid mounted anti-ice snow removal equipment from Owen Equipment Company for \$36,048. Councilmember Van Langeveld seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

**13. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS EXCAVATOR TRAILER
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,675**

Jon Rueckert reported that the requested Versamax tilt deck trailer would be used to haul a large excavator for the Water Department. He mentioned that it would replace the current trailer which had two broken axles. He shared that the new trailer had the capacity to haul the largest equipment and was in stock now. He said the trailer would be purchased from Reading Truck Equipment for \$57,675, which was a State of Utah contract price. He shared several experiences where they had a need for this trailer including Liberty Fest and moving an excavator.

Councilmember Baskin moved that the City Council authorize City staff to purchase a 2023 Versamax 60,000 lb. rated tilt deck trailer from Reading Truck Equipment, LLC for \$57,675. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

**14. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS FORKLIFT AND SKID
LOADER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,883**

Jon Rueckert reported on the request to purchase a 2023 CAT GP25N5 Forklift for \$45,903 and 2024 CAT 255 C3H2 Tracked Skid Loader for \$79,980 from Wheeler Machinery for a total of \$125,883. He said the 2023 CAT forklift would replace a used refurbished 1990s forklift and would be utilized at Public Works. He continued that the 2024 CAT skid loader would be used for water construction projects.

Councilmember Baskin asked for clarification on the State purchasing contract. Jon Rueckert replied that the State of Utah collected bids for different equipment items and the City could purchase those for the same price that the State had negotiated. He said the State contract price was generally the best price.

Councilmember Jackson asked if these vehicle and equipment requests were already approved as part of the budget. Jon Rueckert replied affirmatively.

Councilmember Jackson moved that the City Council authorize City staff to purchase a 2023 CAT GP25N5 Forklift and 2024 CAT 255 C3H2 Tracked Skid Loader from Wheeler Machinery for \$125,883. Councilmember Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

15. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-27R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SURPLUS OF PROPERTY

Tyler Abegglen shared the items which had exceeded their lifespan and were available for surplus including: one 2003 SandPro Bunker Rake, two 2007 GreensMasters Greens Mower2, two 2009 ReelMaster Fairway Mowers, and two 2014 GroundMaster Rough Mowers. He said the replacements for these items had already been approved and received or scheduled for delivery within this fiscal year.

Jon Rueckert said the following vehicles/equipment were proposed to be declared as surplus property including: one 2005 Toyota RAV4, one 2013 PJ Trailer, and one 1990 CAT forklift.

Councilmember Clayton moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2024-27R: a resolution declaring surplus property and authorizing its disposal. Councilmember Baskin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

16. DISCUSSION OF LIBERTY FEST 2024

Ken Leetham reported on some of the negative aspects of Liberty Fest in the last several years including injuries in the last two fireworks events which required treatment at a local hospital. He spoke on how the event has changed over the years and that even though the City was well intentioned in providing a wonderful celebration that dangerous behavior had occurred and seemed to be increasing.

Chief Black spoke on the expansion of Liberty Fest and a criminal element that had arisen in the last several years. He said from a public safety standpoint this had created a carnival like atmosphere for those that came and behaved immaturely and dangerously. He spoke on an incident that occurred during Liberty Fest where an individual was hospitalized. He said it took 15 minutes to reach the victim and the ambulance could not leave the site until after the event was over.

Chief Black said there was also several individuals selling drugs, drinking alcohol, driving while intoxicated, and setting off fireworks in the crowd. He discussed what was occurring at similar events in other cities. He commented that Liberty Fest was a great event that unified residents but spoke on how the growth of these events resulted in increased traffic, restricted emergency service access, and other issues.

17. ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 8:51 p.m. Councilmember Baskin moved to go into closed session to discuss the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems. Councilmember Van Langeveld

seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

18. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

At 9:14 p.m. Councilmember Baskin moved to go out of closed session and into the regular session. Councilmember Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

19. DISCUSSION OF LIBERTY FEST 2024 (CONTINUED)

Chief Black spoke on the change in dynamics and how Bountiful managed their events. He said one of the issues was the fireworks started when it was dark and potentially separating events with fireworks at the golf course and bounce houses and food trucks at a different location.

Councilmember Knowlton suggested a work session item to discuss the options for this event. Ken Leetham indicated that it may be difficult to change the culture of the event without taking a year off in 2025 and then providing a firework show in 2026 either at a new location or with a much smaller event that wouldn't have all of the features of the current fireworks show.

Tyler Abegglen shared that there was damage done to the golf course including firework debris and the cleanup required by staff.

The Council discussed controlling the crowd, spacing out the events at different locations, mitigating the risk, downsizing, love for the event, and reviewing how other cities celebrated.

Mayor Horrocks expressed discouragement and questioned if the fireworks event should be canceled permanently. Chief Black commented that he was not advocating canceling the event but spoke on the need to determine how to better manage this event.

20. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The City Council minutes of June 18, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Councilmember Van Langeveld moved that the City Council approve the minutes of June 18, 2024, as written. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

21. ACTION ITEMS

The action items list was reviewed. Completed items were removed from the list.

Councilmember Knowlton asked about the Davis/Salt Lake County connector and if the City would be required to help support the project financially and participation in the design. Sherrie Pace replied that the City would be involved in the design.

Ken Leetham commented that every public agency would be required to pay for a share of the project but was unsure of the cost at this time.

Councilmember Van Langeveld asked about a review of allowing aerial fireworks in the west side of the City. She requested connecting with South Davis Fire and asking them to review this area. Ken Leetham commented that staff could request a written response from the Fire Chief.

22. COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Clayton reminded the City Council of their participation in the Bountiful parade on Saturday.

Councilmember Van Langeveld reported on the South Davis Sewer truth in taxation meeting. She said there were still multiple complaints about odor issues in the Foxboro area. She spoke on City events and prioritizing purchasing a stage.

Councilmember Baskin reported on the Golf Committee meeting and how much work had been completed at the course, current revenues, and ideas for increasing revenues.

Councilmember Jackson spoke on significant tax increases from several entities including the sewer district. Mayor Horrocks mentioned an unfunded EPA mandate for the sewer district including building a new plant.

Councilmember Jackson spoke on how her relative helped to establish the school lunch program during the Great Depression. She mentioned the teen center at Woods Cross High School and how there were 35 homeless students and 72 food insufficient students at that center. She spoke on collecting food for those students to utilize during the weekends.

Councilmember Knowlton reported on the trails meeting with NSL, Bountiful, and Centerville cities. He said it was mainly focused on what Bountiful had established including a trails committee, meeting regulatory requirements, finding funding sources, and maintenance. He suggested that the City could have an even better trail system and that Bountiful was willing to help.

Councilmember Knowlton also spoke on the annexation of Chevron and discussing this with the Davis County Commission. Mayor Horrocks commented that Chevron was part of the City and petitioned to annex into the County.

23. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Todd Godfrey had nothing to report.

24. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Horrocks spoke on potentially partnering with Bountiful on the cost for their cemetery and providing resident rates to City residents.

Councilmember Van Langeveld commented that burial spaces in Bountiful were \$750 for residents and \$2750 for non-residents.

Ken Leetham mentioned that there were ten acres available at Tunnel Springs Park and the potential to discuss a cemetery site in the City.

Mayor Horrocks also mentioned some City owned land that a developer had expressed interest in purchasing.

Mayor Horrocks commented that Fire Chief Stone was retiring. He mentioned a meeting with the South Davis Recreation Center and the school district related to swimming facilities.

25. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ken Leetham commented that a stage with room for gathering was part of the Hatch Park redesign.

26. ADJOURN

Mayor Horrocks adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the City Council of the City of North Salt Lake on Tuesday August 6, 2024 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Brian J. Horrocks, Mayor



Wendy Page, City Recorder

