

CITY OF OREM  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
56 North State Street Orem, Utah  
July 9, 2024

**4:00 P.M. WORK SESSION - CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**

CONDUCTING	Mayor David A. Young
ELECTED OFFICIALS	David Young, David Spencer, LaNae Millett, Chris Killpack, Jenn Gale and Tom Macdonald (absent Jeff Lambson)
APPOINTED STAFF	Ryan Clark, Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director; Steve Earl, City Attorney; Keri Rugg, Management Services Director; Brandon Nelson, Finance Director; Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief; Bryce Merrill, Library and Recreation Director; D. Jacob Summers, Deputy City Attorney; Scott Spieth, Police Captain; Carlo Okotowitz, IT Division Manager; Peter Wolfley, Communications Manager, PIO; Melanie Varela, Communications Specialist, Deputy PIO; Teresa McKittrick, City Recorder

**NOTE: The referenced report and presentation documents for each discussion may be viewed at [orem.org/meetings](http://orem.org/meetings) under “City Council Presentations”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYt1oPhzmQ&t=384s>

City Center Building Tour *Presenter: Lane Gray, Capital Projects Manager and Method Studio*  
Mr. Gray and Method Studio representatives led a tour of the new City Center Building for the City Council and Exec Staff.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYt1oPhzmQ&t=608s>

Temporary Judge Resolution for Justice Court *Presenter: D. Jacob Summers, Deputy City Attorney*

Mr. Summer discussed an upcoming resolution that addresses the appointment of temporary judges. The purpose is to have a temporary judge serve, when called upon, in cases where the regular Orem Justice Court Judge is absent, disqualified or otherwise unavailable. The last time the City passed this resolution was 2018. Many of the judges that were on the list have

now retired. This is in line with Utah Code 78A-7-208. The proposed resolution is to appoint all sitting justice court judges and approved senior judges with the Fourth Judicial District. Further recommendation is that the City Council appoint all sitting justice court judges and approved senior judges within the adjacent counties to serve as temporary justice court judges. The City Council asked questions about the temporary judge process.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYt1oPhzmQ&t=1145s>

**Communications Strategic Plan: Presenter: Pete Wolfley, Communications Division Manager, PIO**

Mr. Wolfley is presenting on the Strategic Communications plan developed by Koritz Communications and the Orem Communications Team. The purpose of the plan is to support the City mission, set the use of best practices, give structure and focus, and let everyone know how Orem communicates. When the plan was developed, the group looked at external and internal audiences. The first recommendation was to develop policy bases on the communications audit of best practices to provide a supported framework for all communications. The second recommendation is all communications and community relations strategies should be rooted in the cycle of research, planning, implementation and review. The third and fourth recommendation is to create a unified communications team from all city departments to serve as our communications champions. The fifth recommendation is to establish an organization-wide understanding that communication is critical to the overall success of the City.

Mr. Wolfley explained other parts of the communications plan. The plan is to have consistent messaging and branding. The plan includes a key communicator network. This will utilize the boards and commission members, create feedback loops and build relationships with the community. The plan includes communications and economic development. This will celebrate and promote Orem businesses, help achieve the objectives of the Economic Development Strategic Plan and build relationships with business owners. The plan includes media relations. This will build relationships through availability and helpfulness, it will curate media materials and send invitations to media for milestones and events. The plan will include crisis communications. The communications team will work directly with the emergency management team, it will create media response policy and it will create potential scenarios that the City may encounter in an emergency. The City Council asked questions concerning the communications strategic plan.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, NEW BUSINESS, ETC.)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYt1oPhzmQ&t=2109s>

Mr. Macdonald serves on the Public Works Advisory Commission, Orem Youth Council, and IHC Outreach. The Public Works Commission is a group of very committed people with

many skill sets. The Orem Youth Council is primarily run by the legal department involving youth in the community. The IHC Committee includes the community hospital who is actively involved in helping the community, with their gardens and other things.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYtloPhzmQ&t=2231s>

Ms. Millett serves on the Utah Lake Authority (ULA), Arts Council, the Orem Neighborhood Advisory Commission and the UCCU Center Board. The ULA has a new chair, Provo Mayor Kaufusi and new vice chair, Lindon Mayor Lundberg. Ms. Millett displayed the ULA website. She spoke about reestablishment of native plants along the shoreline and the grants that ULA has recently received. The Arts Council meets once a month and has a talented committee. The council will strive to support and advertise for the CARE grant recipients. Ms. Millett presented a video of the upcoming "Come Together Rock Festival" that is on August 16-17. Information on this event can be found at [utahliveconcerts.org](http://utahliveconcerts.org). The Neighborhood Commission has many wonderful things happening. The goals are to improve our community connections and communications with the neighborhoods. The big news is the partnership with the MyHometown program. The kickoff is Saturday, August 24th. The UCCU Center board has recently reviewed their financials and Ms. Millett reports they are well managed. She showed a video of UCCU center events for the past year.

#### AGENDA REVIEW & PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

#### 6:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CONDUCTING

Mayor David A. Young

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYtloPhzmQ&t=3605s>

## CALL TO ORDER

**INVOCATION / INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT** – Jane Shallenberger  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Kate Shallenberger

## MAYOR'S REPORT/ ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYt1oPhzmQ&t=3723s>

**Naturalization Ceremony Video** *Presenter: Pete Wolfley, Communications Division Manager, PIO*

Mr. Wolfley played a video that showed the Naturalization Ceremony that was held at the SCERA on July 4, 2024. This year there were 20 individuals from 15 different countries who took the oath to become citizens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYt1oPhzmQ&t=3826s>

**SCERA Splash Pad Opening and SCERA Shell New Exterior Wall Presentaion** *Presenter: Pete Wolfley, Communications Division Manager, PIO, Bryce Merrill, Library and Recreation Director, and Chris Tschirki, Public Works Director*

Mr. Wolfley invited Mr. Merrill and Mr. Tschirki to join him at the table since their teams work on the splash pad and shell wall. Mr. Wolfley showed a video of the new splash pad, which interviewed happy patrons who are enjoying the new splash pad. Mr. Merrill explained that his team is excited and proud of this new addition to the SCERA pool. He reminded the Council that this splash pad is part of the CARE tax.

Mr. Wolfley informed the Council that the SCERA Shell is celebrating its 40th anniversary. He showed a video of the new wall that has been installed around the exterior of the Shell Theater. This project was paid for with the CARE tax. The video highlighted Adam Robertson, with the SCERA. He expresses his gratitude to the City of Orem for this beautiful wall. Mr. Tschirki explained that this project started in January of this year. This new wall replaced a chain link fence. Mr. Tschirki highlighted a couple of other enhancements are the installation of a flashing beacon at the crossing at 600 South and 4th East and the City is looking to install two new monument signs. One on Fourth East at the parking lot and another at the access on the west side off State Street.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYt1oPhzmQ&t=4423s>

## PERSONAL APPEARANCES

**Opened at 6:18 PM**

Aaron Orullian lives in Orem on Palisade Drive. He is here concerned about the public safety of the people in Orem. He read an article that said Utah ranks 5th in traffic accidents and traffic violations. He has observed many unsafe drivers in Orem. He is also concerned about the E-Bikes that speed over the speed bumps on Palisade Drive. He expressed gratitude for the council.

Donna Boyd lives in Deerfield Park. She came previously with a petition concerning a hazardous area in Orem. She has noticed that the Orem side of the area has been worked on but the other area has not been touched yet. She is concerned about the danger of fire for this area.

Greg Carlisle has attended Oremfest, the Bluegrass Festival and the Colonial Heritage Festival and enjoyed each of the events. He is here to invite the City Council to the “Come Together Rock Festival.” He has been involved in the event for a few years. This festival is on August 16 and 17th in the City Center Park. It will include the farmer’s market, a car show and a fireworks show.

**Closed at 6:30 PM**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYt1oPhzmQ&t=5140s>

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes - June 18, 2024**

**Approval of Mayor Pro Tem for July 2024-December 2024**

Tom Macdonald

**Arts Council Appointment**

Stephanie Goodman

**Neighborhood Advisory Commission Appointment**

Sydney Dameron

**Planning Commission Appointment**

Britton Runolfson

**Mr. Macdonald moved** to approve consent items. **Seconded by** Ms. Gale. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Tom Macdonald, and Chris Killpack. The motion **passed**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYt1oPhzmQ&t=5227s>

## **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**Public Hearing - To receive input from the public with respect to (a) the issuance of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$11,000,000 and (b) any potential economic impact that the project to be financed with the proceeds of the Series 2024 Bonds may have on the private sector.** *Presenter: Brandon Nelson, CPA, Finance Director*

Mr. Nelson reminded the City Council that the bond issuance process was begun on May 28, 2024 when the Council authorized the issuance of a sales tax revenue bond. The purpose of the bond is to finance the construction of the fire training facility and improvements to the public safety complex. As part of the resolution there needs to be at least a 30-day public comment period and a public hearing set for tonight.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED 6:34 PM**

No Comments

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtYt1oPhzmQ&t=5367s>

## **CITY MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Clark reported that the City has been upgraded to a AAA rating in credit status. This is the highest credit rating that Cities can receive. Of 20,000 cities and towns in the US only 42 have AAA status which means only 2% of the cities have the highest credit rating. The reasons for this change are Orem's ample level of budgetary flexibility, healthy reserves, strong fiscal management capabilities and policies, and steady demographic economic and long term liability metrics.

Mr. Clark updated the Council on some milestones on the water tank project. First, the pouring of the concrete for the tank has been completed. They will be testing the tank for leaks in the upcoming weeks. Second, the 24 inch water line that is in 400 South that connects the tank to the Springwater zone has been installed. There is one pipeline left to install and the plan is to open the westbound lane in September.

## **ADJOURN**

**Mr. Macdonald moved** to adjourn. **seconded** by Ms. Millett. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Tom Macdonald, Jenn Gale and Chris Killpack. The motion **passed**.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of August 2024.



David A. Young, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa McKittrick, City Recorder

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor David A. Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Killpack	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Spencer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Lambson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jenn Gale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LaNae Millett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Macdonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>