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MIDVALE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA
December 10, 2024

Public Notice Is Hereby Given that the **Midvale City Council** will hold a special meeting on **December 10, 2024,** at Midvale City Hall, 7505 South Holden Street, Midvale, Utah as follows:

Electronic & In-Person City Council Meeting
This meeting will be held electronically and in-person. The meeting will be broadcast on **You Tube (Midvale.Utah.gov/YouTube)**

6:00 p.m. – SPECIAL MEETING

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
B. ROLL CALL

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Mayoral Candidate Interviews

B. Voting Process and Selection of Mayor

C. Consider **Resolution No. 2024-R-57** appointing _____ to serve as the Mayor= of Midvale City for the remaining term of office commencing December 10, 2024, and= concluding January 5, 2026 ***[Matt Dahl, City Manager]***

III. MAYOR SWEARING IN CEREMONY

IV. ACTION ITEM (ONLY if needed)

A. Setting the Schedule and Rules for the Selection of a City Council Member in the Case of a Vacancy – ***[Matt Dahl, City Manager]***

V. ADJOURN

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Midvale City will make reasonable accommodations for participation in the meeting. Request assistance by contacting the City Recorder at 801-567-7207, providing at least three working days advance notice of the meeting. TTY 711

The agenda was posted in the City Hall Lobby, on the City's website at Midvale.Utah.gov and the State Public Notice Website at pmn.utah.gov. Council Members may participate in the meeting via electronic communications. Council Members' participation via electronic communication will be broadcast and amplified so other Council Members and all other persons present in the Council Chambers will be able to hear or see the communication.

Date Posted: December 5, 2024

Rori L. Andreason, MMC
H.R. Director/City Recorder

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MIDVALE CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT
December 10, 2024

SUBJECT

Process for Filling the Midvale Mayoral Vacancy

SUBMITTED BY

Rori L. Andreason, HR Director/City Recorder

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW
On Thursday, November 14, 2024, Mayor Marcus Stevenson resigned, effective immediately, leaving the office of mayor vacant. Under Utah Code Ann. § 20A-1-510, the City Council must appoint a qualified candidate to serve the remainder of the mayor's term within 30 days of the resignation.

Following the resignation of the Mayor, the City Council met to set the schedule for filling the vacancy, and the vacancy notice and application were published. Applications were accepted from qualified candidates until Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

The following individuals have submitted their applications and letters of interest for the City Council's consideration:

- Dustin Gettel
- Brandy Boyer
- Christian Luke Maynes
- Paul Glover
- Carson Barlow
- David B. Fair
- Jake Mackay
- Cameron Noorda
- Kole Gallegos

1. Candidate Interviews

The City Council will evaluate the submitted applications and letters of interest from the candidates to determine their qualifications and suitability for the position.

- Each qualified candidate will be interviewed by the City Council.
- Candidates will speak in the order their applications were submitted.
- Since there are 11 candidates, each will have 2 minutes to speak.
- Up to an additional 5 minutes per candidate is allotted for questions from the Council. Any Council Member that is also a candidate for mayor cannot ask questions during those 5 minutes.

2. Voting Process for Mayoral Selection

- A candidate must be approved by the majority of the City Council to be selected.
- City Council members cannot vote for themselves.
- Voting will be conducted by ballot. In each round, council members will receive a personalized ballot to select their chosen candidate. The City Recorder and City Attorney will collect and count the ballots, announce the results, and place the ballots in an envelope labeled with the voting round. This process ensures that candidates do not vote for themselves, the vote count is verified by two officials, and the ballots from each round are kept separate for future reference.
- If the first round of voting does not result in a candidate receiving the majority vote of the Council, a second round of voting will be conducted between the two candidates with the most votes in the first round of voting.
- As provided for in State law, the City Recorder will conduct a coin toss to break a tie in the event of a tie between candidates. The City Recorder will assign each candidate a side of the coin before each coin toss. If, after the first round of voting, a tie occurs between three or more candidates, the City Recorder will conduct a round-robin coin process to determine which candidate(s) will advance to the second round of voting.

3. Resolution of Appointment

After selecting a candidate to fill the office of the mayor, the City Council will proceed with the formal approval of a resolution appointing the selected candidate to serve as Mayor of Midvale City for the remainder of the current term, commencing December 10, 2024, and concluding January 5, 2026.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

MOTION: I MOVE to approve Resolution No. 2024-R-57 appointing _____ to serve as Mayor of Midvale City for the remaining term of office commencing December 10, 2024 and concluding January 5, 2026.

4. Swearing-In Ceremony

The City Recorder will administer the oath of office to the newly appointed Mayor immediately following the resolution's approval. In the event that a Council Member is selected by the Council to fill the office of mayor, the Council Member will need to submit their resignation prior to being sworn in as mayor.

Conclusion:
The outlined process ensures the timely and transparent selection of a qualified individual to serve as Mayor in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The City Council's deliberations will prioritize fairness, compliance, and the best interests of the Midvale City community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Applications and letters of interests submitted by each of the candidates.

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APPLICATION

Candidate for Office of: Mayor

Name: Dustin Gettel

Home Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted], State [redacted], Zip [redacted]

Cell Phone: 385-246-3574

E-Mail Address: dustingettel@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS

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Please initial:

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Signature of Candidate
(Must be notarized or be signed in the presence of the filing officer. A designated agent may not sign on behalf of the candidate.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Dustin Gettel, on this 20th day of November, 2024.

Notary Public (Clerk or other Officer Qualified to Administer Oath)

RORI L ANDREASON
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF UTAH
COMMISSION# 716843
COMM. EXP. 02-17-2025

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Name: Dustin Gettel

Please contact me using the alternate address or phone number:

Alternate Address: _____

OR

Alternative Phone Number: _____

Dustin Gettel
[redacted]
[redacted]
dustingettel@gmail.com
385-246-3574
November 26, 2024

Subject: Letter of Interest for Mayoral Vacancy

Dear Honorable Members of the Midvale City Council,

I am writing to formally express my interest in Midvale City's mayoral vacancy. As an active member of the community entering my seventh year on the city council, I am deeply passionate about Midvale's long-term growth, prosperity, and the well-being of every resident.

My two terms on the Midvale City Council have equipped me with the skills and insights necessary to address the complex challenges our city faces while uniquely positioning me to serve as an effective and forward-thinking mayor on day one. Since my first election in 2017, I have not missed a single council meeting, workshop, or roll-call vote. If chosen to serve, I will fulfill the remainder of our former mayor's term with diligence and faithfulness.

Key accomplishments from my tenure include:

- Partnering with Councilmember Brown to improve government transparency by introducing live broadcasts of all city council meetings (2018).
- Advocating for the continued revitalization of Midvale Main Street (2018–present).
- Crafting a paid parental and caregiver leave program for city employees (2018; expanded in 2022 and 2024).
- Collaborating with Councilmember Robinson to implement citywide curbside glass recycling (2021).
- Reestablishing our annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremony (2022–present).
- Working with council and staff to deliver essential services without significant property tax increases (2018–present).

Beyond my professional qualifications, my personal commitment to Midvale runs deep. Having lived in District 5 for the entire 9-and-a-half years I've been in Utah, I have actively contributed to initiatives and organizations that strengthen our community. This includes volunteering for the Harvest Days Committee, serving on the Midvale Community Council,

and holding leadership roles on the Jordan River Commission, Association of Municipal Governments, Air Quality Control Board, and the Animal Services Advisory Board. These experiences have provided me with valuable insight into the needs and aspirations of our community, and I am excited for the opportunities to build an even brighter future for Midvale.

As mayor, I would prioritize the ongoing economic revitalization of Main Street, empower a newly constituted community council, and actively support the initiatives of our city council, residents, and employees. I believe in fostering collaboration among residents, elected officials, and city staff while preserving the fiercely independent and charming character that makes Midvale such a wonderful place to live.

Despite the challenging circumstances surrounding this vacancy, I am ready to help heal our community over the next year and refocus on the work that has driven Midvale's resurgence as a thriving and inclusive destination. By building on our recent successes and addressing future challenges, I am committed to fostering a unified vision that benefits all who call Midvale home.

Thank you for your consideration. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my candidacy further and share my vision for Midvale's continued success.

Sincerely,

Dustin Gettel

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APPLICATION

Candidate for Office of: Mayor

Name: Brandy Boyer

Home Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted], State [redacted], Zip [redacted]

Cell Phone: 385-420-3666

E-Mail Address: purplecoffeetherapy@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS

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Brandy Boyer
_____
Signature of Candidate
(Must be notarized or be signed in the presence of the filing officer. A designated agent may not sign on behalf of the candidate.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Brandy Boyer, on this 21ST day of November, 2024.

Rori L Andreason
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Notary Public (Clerk or other Officer Qualified to Administer Oath)

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Name: Brandy Boyer

Please contact me using the alternate address or phone number:

Alternate Address: _____

OR

Alternative Phone Number: _____

Brandy Boyer, LCSW

[redacted]

(385) 420-3666

purplecoffeetherapy@gmail.com

November 20, 2024

Midvale City Recorder

City Recorders Office

Midvale City Hall

7505 S Holden Street

Midvale, UT

Dear Midvale City Recorder,

I am writing to formally express my intention to apply for the position of Mayor of Midvale City. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), small business owner, and dedicated member of this community, I am committed to fostering inclusivity, strengthening services, and ensuring the safety and well-being of all Midvale residents. My professional experience and personal passion equip me to lead Midvale into a future of growth, connection, and opportunity.

Part of my career was at the Midvale Family Resource Center, now the Connie Crosby Family Resource Center, where I worked as a Diversion Specialist assisting families experiencing homelessness and addressing mental health challenges. This transformative experience inspired me to pursue a Master's degree in Social Work and dedicate my career to helping others. Today, I am the owner of Purple Coffee Therapy, where I provide mental health services to those in need.

One of my primary goals as Mayor would be to enhance affordable housing and homelessness prevention initiatives. I aim to collaborate with local housing authorities, developers, and service providers to increase affordable housing options while strengthening support services for families in need. Ensuring that every family in Midvale has access to safe, stable housing is essential for building a thriving community.

In addition, I am deeply passionate about expanding access to mental health services. I would work to strengthen partnerships with local organizations to provide comprehensive mental health and crisis intervention resources for residents of all ages. A healthier community is a safer community, and I am committed to fostering a city where every individual has the support they need to thrive.

As a small business owner, I also understand the challenges and rewards of entrepreneurship. I would work to streamline processes and provide resources to make it easier for residents to achieve their dreams of starting small businesses. By empowering local entrepreneurs, we can create a robust economy that provides valuable services and opportunities for our community.

The incident of racial harassment in Midvale in December 2023, highlights the urgent need for leadership that fosters inclusivity and mutual respect. As Mayor, I would prioritize creating safe, welcoming spaces for all residents. This includes promoting civic engagement through initiatives like neighborhood forums, cultural competency workshops, and community-building events. By encouraging dialogue and collaboration, we can work together to create a Midvale where every resident feels valued and heard.

Throughout my career, I have also worked in finance, customer service, and as a therapist in a county jail and on a crisis line. These roles have honed my skills in leadership, communication, and problem-solving—qualities that are essential for effective governance.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve the city I call home and am committed to leading with integrity, compassion, and vision. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of working alongside the residents of Midvale to build a stronger, more connected community.

Sincerely,

Brandy Boyer, LCSW

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APPLICATION

Candidate for Office of: Mayor

Name: Christian Luke Maynes

Home Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted], State [redacted], Zip [redacted]

Cell Phone: 305-495-0488

E-Mail Address: lucamilion@gmail.com

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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Luke Maynes, on this 25th day of NOVEMBER, 2024.

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Name: C Luke Maynes

Please contact me using the alternate address or phone number:

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OR

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C. Luke Maynes
[redacted] · 385-495-0488 · lucamilion@gmail.com

November 21, 2024

Dear Midvale City Council,

As a Midvale resident who cares deeply about community, I have been very encouraged by the direction of our local government in recent years and impressed by the council's ability to prioritize and carry out valuable projects that make our city a great place to live. I am especially excited for the ongoing revitalization of our downtown area which will be a boon for locals and for local small businesses.

I have high confidence in the leadership of our city, so I was disappointed to hear of the situation which led to the Mayor stepping down. However, I trust that, with a qualified replacement, our city leadership will be able to move forward without losing any momentum. I believe I have the skills and dedication necessary to be a valuable member of that team, and I would like to submit myself for consideration to fill the vacancy.

I currently work as a remote Systems Analyst for Boostability, an SEO company based out of Lehi. My primary day-to-day responsibility is communicating with stakeholders throughout the company to identify issues to be fixed and opportunities for improvement and then coordinating with developers, operations teams, and executives to get things done. Over my two years in this position, I have assisted in or directly managed dozens of major and minor projects to improve the efficiency, profitability and quality of our product, as well as to improve the quality of life for our customers and frontline employees.

Prior to my current employment, I was a student at BYU, where I earned a Bachelor's degree in Middle East Studies and Arabic, as well as minors in Computer Science and Global Business. The interdisciplinary nature of my studies required me to be adaptable and pragmatic, and I learned to quickly internalize essential information and develop necessary skills to succeed. I also spent two years as a missionary doing community service in East Tennessee and Georgia, where I met and worked with people from all backgrounds and walks of life, and learned to appreciate people's diverse needs and experiences in order to meet them where they are at.

While I don't have any direct experience in government, I think my fresh perspective could be a benefit to the city. I believe I have the skills necessary to quickly adapt to the role, to continue the great work that is being done in our city and to collaborate with the community to tackle future challenges. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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APPLICATION

Candidate for Office of: Mayor

Name: Paul Glover

Home Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted], State [redacted], Zip [redacted]

Cell Phone: 801-561-5773

E-Mail Address: gloverpaul11@gmail.com

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I am writing to express my sincere interest in the position of Mayor of Midvale. Having spent my entire life in this community, it would be an honor to serve as Mayor and continue guiding Midvale through this transition. With 21 years of experience on the Midvale City Council, I have gained a deep understanding of local government and am committed to ensuring a smooth and effective transition while maintaining the positive momentum we've built. I take my civic responsibility seriously, and I firmly believe that my strong work ethic, deep passion for our city, and experience will help propel Midvale toward continued growth and prosperity for all of our residents.

As a lifelong resident, a business owner, and a community leader, I bring a wealth of experience and a diverse skill set to the role of Mayor. My family has called Midvale home for six generations, and I have raised my own children here with my wife. Over the past 50 years, I have owned two businesses in Midvale, where I've gained valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities facing local businesses. This business experience has helped me develop a strategic mindset that I would bring to the Mayor's office, one that balances fiscal responsibility with an understanding of the needs of our citizens and local businesses.

In addition to my business background, I have served as a religious leader in our community, working closely with hundreds of Midvale residents from all walks of life. These experiences have taught me the importance of listening—truly listening—to understand people's concerns and viewpoints, even when they differ from my own. I am committed to bringing this same approach to the Mayor's office, where I will seek to build consensus and foster collaboration across different sectors of our community. Whether the issue is political, economic, or social, I believe that thoughtful dialogue and mutual respect are key to finding solutions that benefit everyone.

I am also skilled at diffusing tense situations and helping people move forward together. In my leadership roles, I have had the opportunity to mediate difficult conversations and help diverse groups of people find common ground. These skills, I believe, are vital in the role of Mayor, especially in a city as dynamic as Midvale, where diverse perspectives and interests must be brought together for the common good.

It is my desire to complete the term of our previous Mayor and help ensure a smooth transition that benefits our residents and staff. I am committed to continuing the positive work already in progress while working toward new initiatives that reflect the evolving needs of Midvale. I would greatly appreciate your consideration for this position, and I am excited about the opportunity to serve and contribute to the future of our beloved city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Paul C. Glover

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APPLICATION

Candidate for Office of: Mayor

Name: Carson Barlow

Home Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted], State [redacted], Zip [redacted]

Cell Phone: 801-520-6425

E-Mail Address: carsonbarlow@gmail.com

QUALIFICATIONS

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CARSON

Signature of Candidate
(Must be notarized or be signed in the presence of the filing officer. A designated agent may not sign on behalf of the candidate.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Carson Farlow, on this 27th day of November, 2024.

Rori L. Andreason

Notary Public (Clerk or other Officer Qualified to Administer Oath)

RORI L ANDREASON
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF UTAH
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OR

Alternative Phone Number: 801-890-3770

November 27, 2024

Midvale City Council,

I would like to fill the vacancy and serve as Mayor of Midvale. I have an interest in public service and see this as an opportunity for fulfilling work in our community.

I have a bachelor's of science in Digital Entertainment and Game Design, 7+ years of software development experience, and 4+ years working in the grocery industry.

I am an avid learner with interests in government, political activism, environmental science, health science, construction, food production & distribution, and economic policies.

These are challenging times we live in, and I'm afraid many things will get worse before they get better. As Mayor, I intend to look out for the well being of our citizens and our local businesses through these hard times. This will be my priority.

If given this opportunity, I would like to work with other mayors in Salt Lake County to address the homeless crisis we are facing. This will involve reaching out to our unsheltered to see what their needs are beyond being unsheltered, and to find ways to include them in the solution. I would also reach out to the residents who live around areas that might be used for sheltering to address and resolve their concerns. Finally, I would work with other municipal, county, and state level stakeholders, to coordinate our efforts and devise dynamic solutions that play to the strengths of those involved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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APPLICATION

Candidate for Office of: MAYOR

Name: DAVID B. FAIR

Home Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted], State [redacted], Zip

Cell Phone: (801) 623-7502

E-Mail Address: DAVE165F@AOL.COM

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Subscribed and sworn to before me by David B Fair, on this 3rd day of December, 2024.

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Name: DAVID B FAIR

Please contact me using the alternate address or phone number:

Alternate Address: _____

OR

Alternative Phone Number: _____

DAVID
FAIR

[redacted]

Dave165f@aol.com

3 DECEMBER 2024

Dear Midvale City Council,

I would like to throw my hat in the ring to be Mayor. I have lived in Midvale since 1989, and have loved being a member of a growing community that has remade itself many times as the valley grew around it. Midvale deserves having people serve in leadership positions that love the city and want to see it grow in a balanced way. With 35 years of involvement here in Midvale, actively serving and caring for the community, I believe I have a lot of value to bring to this position, and that's reflected in my prior interest in the role. I have served on the school community council when my children were in school and participated in the process while the Sharon Mill tailings were remediated here in Midvale, I have also tried to weigh in as the city has pondered changing policies through public comment and open debate at city council meetings. I believe that serving as Mayor is about finding the path forward that the city should follow and explaining why, as a city, we need to move this direction. There are many complicated issues that we are facing including policing, homelessness and rapid growth within the community, all of which I have vested interest in and a willingness to listen to all sides to find solutions.

As far as where I come from, I am originally from Atlanta Georgia, I spent six years in the Navy working on Nuclear powered submarines and I have worked mainly in the field of facilities maintenance. I currently work as the lead engineer in a twenty-two-story building in downtown Salt Lake City. I am married to my sweet wife of thirty-eight years, and have three wonderful daughters that make me proud every day.

I look forward to meeting with you and answering your questions, hopefully we will get to know each other a little better!

Sincerely,
David Fair

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Candidate for Office of: City of Midvale Mayor

Name: Jake Mackay

Home Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted], State [redacted], Zip [redacted]

Cell Phone: (801) 652 - 9523

E-Mail Address: jake.mackay2929@gmail.com

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Signature of Candidate
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Jake MacKay, on this 3rd day of December, 2024.

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To the esteemed members of the Midvale City Council,

The city of Midvale holds a special place in my heart. Growing up just over city limits in West Jordan, I spent a lot of my childhood exploring Midvale. From playing in countless Jr. Jazz games, riding my bike down Main Street to peek into Vincent's Drug Store, playing baseball at Dahl Field (and breaking my nose at home plate, fantastic story I'll share another time), and cruising around the shops in Fort Union. Midvale has always felt like home. Fortunately, now as a husband and father, my family and I are able to call Midvale home and my children are able to chart their own special memories.

We live in a tumultuous world where every day brings news of contention. Public safety is increasingly under the public microscope making their responsibilities more and more difficult to fulfill. Citizens are feeling the burdens of stretching every dollar to take care of their families, and people want to hold onto something that they can count on. My goal is to make the city of Midvale dependable and a place of security the residents of the community can look to. Not simply to keep the status quo, but create opportunities for the community to know that the city of Midvale is their ally.

The experience I have acquired throughout my life makes me equipped to take on this position and have the city thrive. Over the last decade I have been in sales roles and excelled at each company. One might ask how working in a sales position would make an individual equipped to be Mayor. Throughout my tenure I have called and worked with hundreds (if not thousands) of small businesses and restaurants in efforts to help them succeed and grow. I know how to talk with business owners, how to connect and dig deep into their concerns to understand how problems are impacting their lives. I've worked with hospitals and helped doctors take time out of their busy schedule to ensure patients are seen at other hospitals when vacancies occur. Most critically, being in sales has taught me how to listen and connect with people. How to understand concerns and create solutions. How to work with others and bring the best ideas together to get the task at hand done.

A life goal I've had since 6th grade was to be a teacher and help children in underserved communities experience the joy of learning. That dream may not have panned out, but my desire to serve communities and others has increased exponentially as I've experienced the trials of life. It will be my mission to work together with as many public entities, committees, councils and groups to ensure everyone in Midvale is as taken care of as possible. That those from all social economic walks of life are considered and everyone can benefit from their home city.

My goal is to be as active as possible with the schools, local businesses, public service, and everyone else that falls under the stewardship of Mayor. Working with Law Enforcement to ensure their team is taken care of while progressing their goals towards a safe community. Connecting with schools to create opportunities for kids to graduate and have ample

opportunities in the community with local businesses for career potential, internships and gaining experience. Ensuring budgets are balanced and the sacred taxpayer funds are allocated effectively. Listening to city organizations to uncover real issues and plan ways to create meaningful and lasting solutions. I will do all in my power to let the people of Midvale know that myself and city leadership is an active participant to positively impact the community.

In closing, I am a true patriot. I love the United States of America. I love our beautiful state of Utah, and I will do my part of tending to the stewardship of Midvale. In the words of Marcus Aurelius "Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one." It's my time to step up, do my part as an American citizen, and serve. Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for this position.

Jake Mackay

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APPLICATION

Candidate for Office of: Mayor

Name: Cameron Noorda

Home Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted], State [redacted], Zip [redacted]

Cell Phone: 702-752-7377

E-Mail Address: c.noorda55@gmail.com

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Cameron Noorda
Signature of Candidate
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Cameron Noorda, on this 3rd day of December, 2024.

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Name: Cameron Noorda

Please contact me using the alternate address or phone number:

Alternate Address: _____

OR

Alternative Phone Number: _____

To the distinguished members of the Midvale City Council:

My reason for applying to be Mayor is simple: I love Midvale, and I want to help make it the best city to live in in Utah by improving transportation options, increasing available housing, and investing in community spaces.

I was born and raised in Henderson, Nevada, a suburban desert town that would not feel out of place here in the Salt Lake Valley. I have lived in Utah since 2015 when I moved here to attend college. My beautiful wife Naomi and I met in 2021, married in 2022, moved to Midvale in 2023, and had our first child here in 2024. I work as a Public Involvement Coordinator for a civil engineering firm. I regularly interact with the public and address their concerns about the construction impacting the places they live and travel.

As a new husband and father, I can't stress how important it is to live in a place where my family feels welcome and safe. Midvale provides that for us. I want to ensure that it can provide that for anyone who wants to live here.

I am grateful for the City's dedication to preserving and enhancing the Midvale Main Arts & Culture District. This emphasis should continue. A healthy main street is the beating heart of a thriving community. More can be done to draw businesses, families and visitors to this area.

More can also be done to improve travel in Midvale. When transportation options beyond private cars are not given proper infrastructure, traffic congested roads do more to separate neighborhoods than bring them together. City leadership should work closely with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to ensure that bike and pedestrian friendly infrastructure are woven into the fabric of city planning.

The Midvale Canal Trail Feasibility Study is an example of an idea that should be implemented. It would have an immediate and positive impact on Midvale residents' mental and physical health by providing a way for residents to more easily and safely get across the city by biking or walking.

The Down Payment Assistance Program is a wonderful initiative and something my own family has considered as we search for a permanent home here. Midvale can also successfully tackle the Utah housing crisis by pursuing high density housing and infill projects. More young families would move here if an abundance of housing was constructed, but that's only possible if we shift our focus away from primarily building single-family housing and apartments to building duplexes, triplexes, and other "missing

middle" home options as well. Midvale can and should take advantage of other cities failing to meet this demand.

I have not lived in Midvale for long, but I feel confident that this is where I want to raise my family. I believe the people of this city want someone youthful, energetic, and forward-thinking to lead. I humbly submit myself for consideration.

Thank you for your time. And thank you for everything you do to serve our city!

Sincerely,

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Candidate for Office of: MAYOR OF MIDVALE

Name: KOLE J GALLEGOS

Home Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted], State [redacted], Zip [redacted]

Cell Phone: 801-628-9536

E-Mail Address: KOLEJGALLEGOS@OUTLOOK.COM

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Signature of Candidate
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Kate Gallegos, on this 5th day of December, 2024.

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Kole Gallegos
Biography

Kole Gallegos is a dedicated community member and aspiring public servant who brings a wealth of experience and a unique perspective to the community. Raised in the vibrant city of Layton, Utah, Kole graduated from Northridge High School in 2008, where he cultivated a strong foundation in STEM fields and athletic activities. Pursuing his passion for music, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Production from Full Sail University.

Kole's journey has taken him across several states, including Montana, Colorado, Arizona, Texas, and back to Utah. Through these experiences, he has gained invaluable knowledge in managerial roles, contributing to the establishment of grocery stores in Telluride, CO, and Big Sky, MT, while simultaneously advancing his music career. As a skilled DJ, he performs at private events and public venues, always prioritizing his audience and striving to create memorable experiences.

Born in Lubbock, TX, but deeply rooted in UT, Kole hails from a family with a rich fabric of backgrounds. His father, (COL RET) Kurt Gallegos, served valiantly in the United States Air Force for 32 years. This military upbringing instilled in Kole a profound understanding of military/government structures and fiscal responsibility, particularly during his time observing his father's leadership as Wing Commander at Luke Air Force Base in AZ. Additionally, his uncle, Rich Gallegos, is a seasoned trial attorney with over two decades of experience in criminal law, further enhancing Kole's understanding of legal frameworks and civic duty. Many of his family members continue to serve at Hill Air Force Base, contributing to the support of our military community.

Kole has always been passionate about politics and dedicated to serving his family and community, often placing their needs above his own. He recognizes the challenges posed by career politicians who may lose sight of their constituents in pursuit of personal gain. As a committed citizen of Midvale since 2023, Kole is determined to bring change and foster a community that prioritizes the voices of its residents.

Kole is married to Tiffany and proud to be the father of a newborn son, Kolter. Kole is deeply invested in ensuring a bright future for his family and all families in Midvale and throughout UT. With a heartfelt commitment to service, Kole Gallegos is ready to advocate for the community he loves and to contribute to a prosperous future for all.

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Candidate for Office of: MAYOR

Name: RAINER LILBOK

Home Address: [redacted]

City: MIDVALE, State UTAH, Zip 84047

Cell Phone: 801-809-8353

E-Mail Address: lilbokr@gmail.com

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_____
Signature of Candidate
(Must be notarized or be signed in the presence of the filing officer. A designated agent may not sign on behalf of the candidate.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Rainer Lilbok, on this 5th day of December, 2024.

Rori L. Andreason
Notary Public (Clerk or other Officer Qualified to Administer Oath)

RORI L ANDREASON
NOTARY PUBLIC·STATE OF UTAH
COMMISSION# 716843
COMM. EXP. 02-17-2025

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☒ Yes, I would like to make my residential and mailing address on my application a protected record.

Name: RAINER LILBOK

Please contact me using the alternate address or phone number:

Alternate Address: _____

OR

Alternative Phone Number: _____

Letter of Interest

My name is Rainer Lilbok. I have lived majority of my life in the USA. In 2011, I became a naturalized citizen of the USA. I have lived in the city of Midvale since 2008 and enjoyed my residency here very much. I feel that I fit in and can relate to the citizens of Midvale really well. I believe that we live "in the middle of everything" as the motto of Midvale states.

My more than 20-year professional background has been mostly in various business roles such as customer service, sales, and management. Currently, I work for doTERRA International, LLC. I have Bachelor of Arts degree (International Studies) from Brigham Young University and MPA degree (Government Management) from Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University.

The reasons why I am applying for the position of Mayor are following:

1. The city of Midvale needs a Mayor who restores the confidence of its citizens and upholds the office with the highest degree of integrity and professionalism. The elected office comes with certain degree of sacredness and public trust cannot be violated.
2. The city of Midvale needs a Mayor who already has the trust of its voters. I ran for The Canyons School District Board of Education, District 1 (Midvale) position this year and gained 2074 votes. While I am very humbled by the outcome and grateful for the support that I found among the citizens of Midvale, I campaigned without any kind of endorsements, donations, contributions, websites, yard signs, door hangers, text messages, digital advertising, etc.
3. The city of Midvale needs a Mayor who is as diverse as its population. I can speak four different languages (English, Estonian, Finnish, and Russian) and enjoy interacting with the diverse people. I believe that the strength lies in the differences not in the similarities.
4. The city of Midvale needs a Mayor who keeps its neighborhoods safe and protected. There should not be any kind of violence in our community. The connection is the key and it all starts from the home.
5. The city of Midvale needs a Mayor who has a growth mindset. As a tax payer, I have always tried to do my business here in our community and will intend to attract more people to come to live here and businesses to come here to serve them.

MIDVALE CITY
PUBLIC NOTICE TO FILL MAYORAL VACANCY
TERM ENDING JANUARY 5, 2026

Residents of Midvale City who may be interested in filling the Mayoral vacancy must meet the statutory requirements of an elected official. Candidates must submit this application and are encouraged to submit a letter of interest in the position providing a description of their background and why they are interested in the position. The application and letter of interest will be included in the materials for the City Council meeting. Please note the remaining term of office for the Mayor will be December 10, 2024, through January 5, 2026. All qualified individuals who submit their interest in filling the mayoral vacancy will be interviewed by the City Council in a public meeting at Midvale City Hall,7505 S Holden Street, on December 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The City Council will appoint a replacement at the same meeting.

The deadline for submittal of interest is Thursday, December 5, 2024, by 6:00 p.m.

Applications are available online at Midvale.Utah.gov/Mayor-Application and at the Midvale City Offices. Applications must be submitted in person to the Midvale City Recorder located on the second floor of City Hall in Administration.

APPLICATION

Candidate for Office of: Mayor

Name: Amelia Paulson

Home Address [redacted]

City: Midvale, State UT, Zip 84047

Cell Phone: 801-673-5328

E-Mail Address: ameliavpaulson@gmail.com

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December 1, 2024

Amelia Paulson
[redacted]
Middle, UT 84047

Dear Middle City,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Mayor for Midvale City. As a business owner in our community with a strong background in organizing local events, I am passionate about fostering economic growth and supporting our vibrant local businesses. I believe that Midvale Main Street has incredible potential, and I am dedicated to working collaboratively with residents and business owners to create a thriving environment and community for all.

My goal is to be an approachable voice for the community, ensuring that everyone feels heard and valued. Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the continued growth and prosperity of Midvale.

Sincerely,
Amelia Paulson

MIDVALE CITY, UTAH

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIDVALE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING _____ TO SERVE AS MAYOR OF MIDVALE CITY FOR THE REMAINING TERM OF OFFICE COMMENCING DECEMBER 10, 2024, AND CONCLUDING JANUARY 5, 2026

WHEREAS, Marcus Stevenson, who served as Mayor of Midvale City, tendered his resignation effective November 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, under Utah Code Ann. § 20A-1-510, the City Council is required to appoint a qualified individual to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the mayor's office within 30 days of the resignation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council followed the statutory process to fill a midterm vacancy as provided under Utah Code Ann. § 20A-1-510; and

WHEREAS, to fill the vacancy, the City Council invited qualified candidates to submit applications and letters of interest, with a deadline for submissions set on December 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, each qualified candidate was interviewed by the City Council in a public meeting, after which the City Council voted to select the individual it deemed most capable of serving as mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that _____ meets the qualifications for office described in Utah Code Ann. § 10-3-301; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of the candidates' qualifications, experience, and vision for Midvale City, the City Council has selected _____to be the Mayor of Midvale City and fulfill the responsibilities of the office for the remainder of the term of office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIDVALE CITY COUNCIL:

1. _____ is hereby appointed as Mayor of Midvale City to serve the remaining term of office, commencing December 10, 2024, and concluding January 5, 2026.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2024.

_____
Paul Glover, Mayor Pro-Tempore

Attest:

_____
Rori L. Andreason, MMC
Midvale City Recorder

Voting by Council	Aye	Nay
Bonnie Billings	____	____
Paul Glover	____	____
Heidi Robinson	____	____
Bryant Brown	____	____
Dustin Gettel	____	____

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MIDVALE CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT
12/10/24

SUBJECT

** If Required ** Setting the Schedule and Rules for the Selection of a City Council Member in the Case of a Vacancy

SUBMITTED BY

Matt Dahl, City Manager

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

On Tuesday, December 10, 2024, the Midvale City Council will select a new mayor to fill the vacancy that was created when Mayor Marcus Stevenson resigned. If a City Council member is selected to fill the mayoral vacancy, the City Council must appoint a qualified candidate to fill the vacated city council seat within 30 days. If a City Council member is not selected to fill the mayoral vacancy, no action will be required and this item may be ignored.

Staff proposes the following schedule to fill a city council vacancy, if required:

- December 11, 2024 – Issue Notice of Vacancy and Application
- December 30, 2024 – Deadline for Submitting Applications to Fill Vacancy
- January 7, 2024 – Meeting for Selection of New City Council Member

Proposed Motion: I move that we set December 30, 2024, at 5:00pm as the deadline for individuals to submit their names for consideration to fill the city council vacancy.

Proposed Motion: I move that we hold candidate interviews and appoint the new city council member January 7, 2024, at 6:00pm.

If filling a city council vacancy is required, the City Council must consider and act on the following:

1. Approving the interview process for candidates.
2. Approving the procedure for structuring coin tosses to resolve tie votes.
3. Approving the process for casting, recording, and reporting votes.

- **<u>Approve the interview process for city council candidates.</u>**

State law requires that every qualified applicant for a city council vacancy receive an interview before the City Council. This typically involves candidates speaking to the City Council and the public during a City Council meeting. The city council must determine the process for candidate hearings, including the speaking order and time limits for each candidate.

Staff recommends allowing candidates to speak in the order their applications were submitted. If there are 10 or fewer candidates, each would have 3 minutes to speak; if there are 11 or more, each would have 2 minutes.

Proposed Motion: I move that the city council candidates be interviewed in the order that they submit their applications.

Proposed Motion: I move that the city council candidates be given 3 minutes to speak during their interviews if there are 10 candidates or less, and 2 minutes to speak if there are 11 candidates or more.

Proposed Motion: I move that the City Council be given up to 5 minutes per candidate to ask questions.

- **<u>Approve the process for addressing tie votes.</u>**

State law allows for up to two rounds of voting by the City Council to select a candidate to fill the city council vacancy. If no candidate receives a majority in the initial vote, a coin toss may be required to narrow the field to two candidates. The second vote then selects the new city council member from the two remaining candidates.

State law requires that the municipal clerk to use a coin toss to reduce the field of candidates to two candidates in the event of an initial vote which generates two or more tied candidates (e.g., vote distributions like 2-1-1 or 1-1-1-1). Staff suggests that each of the tied candidates be paired off with another tied candidate. The City Recorder will assign each a side of the coin prior to each coin toss. The City Recorder will then flip a coin. The candidate whose assigned side of the coin is facing up will advance while the other candidate will be eliminated.

If there is a tie after the second round of voting by the Council, the Mayor will vote to break the tie, as provided under Utah Code Ann. §§ 10-3b-302(1)(b)(i) and 20A-1-510(6).

Proposed Motion: I move that, in the event of an initial vote resulting in three or more candidates receiving votes, the City Recorder will pair off each of the tied candidates with another tied candidate. The City Recorder will assign each candidate a side of the coin prior to each coin toss. The City Recorder will flip a coin, and the candidate whose assigned side is facing up will advance while the other candidate is eliminated.

- **<u>Approve the process for which votes are cast, counted, and recorded.</u>**

The City Council approved a secret ballot format for the selection of the mayor on December 10, 2024. Staff proposes using a similar process to fill a city council vacancy. For each voting round, Council members would receive a ballot with their name and a slate of candidates. The City Recorder and City Attorney would collect and count the ballots, announce the vote count, and place the ballots in an envelope labeled with the voting round. This process will ensure that the vote count is confirmed by two people and the votes in each round are kept separate for future review.

Proposed Motion: I move that, for each round of voting, Council members receive a ballot with their name on it and a list of city council candidates. After each vote, the City Recorder and City Attorney will collect and count the ballots. The City Recorder will announce the vote count and place the ballots in an envelope for that round.

ATTACHMENTS

None