

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HOLLADAY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, June 5, 2025  
6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
4580 South 2300 East  
Holladay, Utah**

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**Briefing Session – 5:30 pm**

***ATTENDANCE:***

Mayor Rob Dahle  
Paul Fotheringham  
Matt Durham  
Emily Gray  
Drew Quinn  
Ty Brewer

**City Staff:**

Gina Chamness, City Manager  
Stephanie Carlson, City Recorder  
Todd Godfrey, City Attorney

Mayor Dahle called the Briefing session to order at 5:30 pm. The Council reviewed the agenda. It was noted that the public hearing on the budget would be left open until the June 12 meeting to accept comments. The Council reviewed the proposed budget amendments.

Manager Chamness reported on the Hazard Mitigation Plan that will need to be adopted next week. It is part of the overall County Mitigation Plan and needs to be updated every five years and expired in May of this year.. It will be presented to the Salt Lake County Council for adoption on June 17, 2025, likely without any significant changes.

The Council discussed the Tree Committee and City Attorney's tentative budget. The Tree Committee gave away 250 trees this year. Tree talks and the voucher program will be the focus for 2025-26. The voucher program has increased to \$100. Council Member Durham feels that the \$2500 budget is a bit low and would like to increase it by \$1000. The Council was supportive of that increase.

The City Attorney's budget is the same as last year. Staff is working on a total review of the city code that will finish up next year.

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Christian Larsen, Finance Director

**I. Welcome – Mayor Dahle.**

Mayor Rob Dahle called the City Council Meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Dahle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Public Comments.**

*Trudy Jorgensen-Price* shared updates about the Library. She thanked those who attended the tree unveiling that took place earlier in the Monday Storytime is taking place in the gazebo, which will continue throughout June. In July, the location will switch to Knudsen Park. On June 11, 2025, there is a Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There is a new program starting on June 21, 2025, called Knots and Thoughts. This will take place on every first and third Saturday after the start date on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Jorgensen-Price reported that there is an art exhibit underway currently that is focused on Chinese American youth art that honors Chinese railroad workers. There will be a reception on June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. but the art will be on display throughout the month of June.

*Cheneil Hill- Taylorsville and the Founder and Senior Officer of Stand Against Fear and Exploitation.* It is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization that is based in Utah. Stand Against Fear and Exploitation is dedicated to creating stronger legal protections for communities, especially for children, survivors, and the most vulnerable. She is present at the City Council Meeting to introduce a Legislative initiative the organization has developed and respectfully asks for moral and civic support from the Council. Stand Against Fear and Exploitation is requesting a formal letter of support from the City Council in favor of the Sex Offender Violation Accountability Act. The proposed Legislation aims to do two things. The first is to strengthen penalties for registered sex offenders who violate the terms, with a reclassification of violations from misdemeanors to felonies. The second is to reduce recidivism in the State by focusing on trauma-informed reintegration support, including one-year transitional halfway housing programs to assist eligible

offenders, especially those who were victims before becoming offenders. She stressed the importance of offenders safely reentering society with structure, therapy, and oversight. Ms. Hill explained that there is no request for funding, but a request for a written statement from each Council Member expressing support.

There are over 8,000 registered sex offenders in Salt Lake County and 3,582 sex offenders in neighboring cities. That is one offender for every 55 residents. Ms. Hill explained that it is not appropriate to treat repeat violations lightly. The current penalty is 365 days in jail and up to a \$2,500 fine with no mandatory violation. That means if a judge determines the repeat offender should get 10 days in jail and no fine, that is what will happen. With support from the City Council, it will be possible to demonstrate that local leaders stand united behind reform and that cities demand better protections. Ms. Hill thanked the City Council for considering the request from the organization.

#### **IV. *Public Hearing on Proposed Budget Amendments for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025.***

Mayor Dahle reported that the proposed budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 were discussed during the Briefing Session.

Mayor Dahle opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

#### **V. *Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgets. (The Purpose of the Public Hearing is to Receive Public Comments on the Tentative Budgets for the General Fund, Capital Fund, Debt Service, Arts and Grants Funds for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.)***

*Christian Larsen, Finance Dir.* pointed out the property tax increase from new growth of \$29,141, which was based on the previous five years' average new growth. This is not a result of a property tax increase, but is based on new growth from improvements and new buildings within Holladay. The sales tax budgeted increase is listed as \$163,271, which is an increase over the prior year budget but a decrease over the prior year actual. There is a decrease shown in Franchise Fees - Gas of \$200,000, which is the result of a mild winter and a change in the billing structure when Dominion Energy was absorbed by Enbridge. That is something that will continue to be monitored as more data comes in. As for the expenditures, there is a 3% Cost-of-Living Adjustment ("COLA") Increase for Staff, which is \$72,559 City-wide. The Unified Police Department ("UPD") Increase is 5.62%, the Unified Fire Authority ("UFA") Increase is 4.1%, and the Salt Lake County Public Works Contract Increase is 2.7%. Some of these percentages will change when the final numbers are received, which means the increases might shift in the Final Budget.

Also in the General Fund Budget Highlights are some different parks-related items, such as the Parks Playground Resurface at \$45,000, Spring Lane Utilities at \$40,000, and the Granite School District Lease at \$36,000. Mr. Larsen noted that there is a Contribution to Fund Balance of \$412,362.

Mr. Larsen noted that in this section, there is \$450,000 for Interest listed, \$107,000 for Impact Fees, \$500,000 for Paving Projects, \$350,000 for the Murray Holladay Road Signal, \$120,000 for Vehicle Replacement, \$150,000 for the Knudsen Park Expansion, and \$175,000 for Unrestricted Capital Projects.

Mayor Dahle opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The hearing remained open.

Mayor Dahle noted that some changes will be made to the budget ahead of the vote. As a result, the public hearing will remain open to allow for additional public comment.

**VI. *Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to City's Compensation Schedule for the City's Elected, Appointed, and Statutory Officers, Including Executive Municipal Officers and all other Municipal Officers for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.***

This Legislative requirement has been passed down to the City, so the information included in the packet is based on the requirements.

Mayor Dahle opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

**VII. *Consent Agenda.***

**a. *Approval of Minutes – April 17, May 1, 8, and 15, 2025.***

Council Member Gray moved to APPROVE the Consent Agenda, as amended. Council Member Fotheringham seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

**VIII. *City Manager Report – Gina Chamness.***

**a. *Financial Report – Christian.***

Mr. Larsen shared the Financial Report for April 2025. The full details were included in the packet. He first reviewed the City-Wide Summary of Revenue information, which takes into account all of the funds in the City. He pointed out the General Fund – Taxes line item. 84% of the budget has been collected, but when compared to the column on the far right, it is at 107.9% of the prior year budget. That means it is ahead of last year, which is primarily due to the property tax increase. Mr. Larsen next discussed General Fund – Intergovernmental Revenue. 139.1% has been collected compared to the prior year to date. He explained that those are primarily road funds. Under the Total Revenues, there is 109.8% compared to the prior year and 69% of the total year budget. Things are trending well so far.

The General Fund Tax Revenue Detail table was shared. Mr. Larsen mentioned the General Sales and Use Tax line item. 98.6% has been collected compared to last year, which is slightly behind last year in sales tax. The Franchise Tax (Cable TV) line item is slightly down from the prior year at 89.5%. This line item has been trending downward in recent years. He next reviewed Franchise Tax – Dominion Gas. This is something that has been discussed before, especially with the change to Enbridge and the warm winter weather.

The Arts Fund table was shared. Mr. Larsen acknowledged that this page is difficult to use in its current form. Work is being done to restructure the chart of accounts to make it more user-friendly. The Grants Fund table was next reviewed. He pointed out the Highland Drive Utah Department of Transportation (“UDOT”) Project line item. Based on recent feedback, the design of that project is about 60% complete. It is a grant-funded item. There is also a UDOT project for the 5600 South Bridge, which is complete. In the Cottonwood Mall RDA Fund, he pointed out the Tax Increment Monies – Current line item. It is at 145.3% of last year and at \$347,517 total for the year. The final distribution for tax increment for this RDA has been received. It is trending up, which is good news.

***b. Hazard Mitigation Plan.***

Ms. Chamness reported that there were no additional updates to share about the Hazard Mitigation Plan since the previous discussion took place. However, she suggested the City Council take action on the Hazard Mitigation Plan item at the next City Council Meeting scheduled for June 12, 2025.

***IX. City Council Reports and District Issues.***

Council Member Gray reported on the following:

- The job posting for the General Manager of Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling has been posted. She hoped there would be some strong applicants. Council Member Gray thanked Assistant City Manager, Holly Smith, and City Engineer, Jared Bunch, for their efforts in organizing members of the City Council so everyone could visit the parks in the City. She was impressed by the work done by the Parks Department and how well everything is maintained.
- She visited Spring Lane to see that demolition has begun there. She hoped the Lease Agreement would come before the City Council soon, but knows that work is being done on that.

Council Member Quinn reported on the following:

- She was excited to see sidewalk construction on 4500 South. She expressed appreciation to everyone involved in that work and noted that it will be nice to see the sidewalk there completed.
- She commented on the Granite School District situation with the Boundary Study. A committee was formed with representatives from all of the schools and cities within the Boundary Study Area, which includes the City of Holladay. Council Members Quinn and Brewer have attended the committee meetings. At the last meeting, a representative from each school spoke about what makes their school special. Initially, the Granite School District stated that a list of schools that are not under consideration for closing would be released in June, but the latest update is that the list will not be released until September.

Council Member Fotheringham reported on the following:

- He asked about the current status of the Lease Agreement. Ms. Chamness reported that it is still in the works. There has been significant progress made in the last two weeks and the last negotiation went very well. She expects there will be a document before the City Council by August or September.
- Council Member Fotheringham reported that his district has seen a lot of stormwater work, which residents in his district are pleased about.
- One of his friends blew out a tire on pothole on Highland Drive. Council Member Fotheringham informed Mr. Bunch and the issue was addressed within a few hours. The Holladay Arts Page to Stage production will take place tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. and those interested were welcome to attend.

Council Member Durham reported on the following:

- The Tree Giveaway took place on May 17, 2025, and 250 trees were given away. It was a successful event. He thanked the Tree Committee for their hard work on that event.
- Happy Healthy Holladay recently had a Mental Health Night that was attended by 20 or 30 people. There will be a meeting of the key leaders for the group and an orientation on June 24, 2025. That will be the final step in putting together this Community That Cares model. There is potential for collaboration between Happy Healthy Holladay and the Arts Council in the future.
- Council Member Durham referenced an email he received related to fireworks. He tried to point out the challenges with enforcement but would speak to Police Chief, Justin Hoyal about the issue. The resident identified an area where she believes there has been firework activity happening illegally, so he will be sure to reach out to Chief Hoyal.

Council Member Brewer reported on the following:

- He discussed fireworks and the issue of enforcement. He noted that there was a previous City Council discussion about electric vehicles, such as scooters and electric motorcycles, on sidewalks and the enforcement issues there. He believes there needs to be additional discussion to determine how enforcement can be improved, as well as education.
- He expressed surprise at the number of calls he has received recently about zoning changes. He took a moment to thank City Planner, Carrie Marsh, and Community and Economic Development Director, Jonathan Teerlink, for their efforts.
- Council Member Brewer next discussed the Rooted Together Project. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was scheduled to take place on October 20, 2025.

Mayor Dahle reported on the following:

- He echoed the comments made by Council Member Brewer about enforcement. He stated that it might be worthwhile to speak to Chief Hoyal to brainstorm some ideas for educational materials. The materials could tell residents what is legal, what is not legal, and what the liability and safety issues are. The use seems to be expanding rapidly, so it is important to educate residents about this matter.

Ms. Chamness reported that social media and other City communication channels will be used to provide as much information as possible in advance of the implementation of the ordinance. That will be a combined effort between the City and UPD. There was additional discussion about education. Council Member Gray asked if it would be possible to partner with the schools. It might be useful to send information out through the school channels as well. Most schools send out weekly emails to parents, so that could be an effective way to communicate with parents in the City.

**X. *Recess City Council Meeting and Convene in an RDA Meeting.***

Council Member Fotheringham moved to RECESS the City Council Meeting and RECONVENE in an RDA Meeting. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

**XI. *Closed Session for the Purposes Described in UCA 52-4-205 and 205 to Discuss the Physical or Mental Health or Professional Competence of an Individual, Potential Litigation, Property Acquisition, and Disposal.***

**XII. *Adjourn.***

Council Member Fotheringham moved to ADJOURN. Council Member Durham seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Holladay City Council Meeting held on Thursday, June 5, 2025.*

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Stephanie N. Carlson, MMC  
Holladay City Recorder

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Robert Dahle, Mayor

Minutes approved: **August 7, 2025**