

**Riverton City, Utah
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
October 7, 2025**

**Riverton City Hall
12830 South 1700 West
Riverton, Utah 84065**

Attendance:

Mayor Trent Staggs

Councilmembers:

Councilmember Tish Buroker
Councilmember Spencer Haymond
Councilmember Tawnee McCay
Councilmember Troy McDougal
Councilmember Andy Pierucci

City Staff:

Kevin Hicks, City Manager
Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Cary Necaise, Public Works Director
Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director
Jamie Larsen, City Recorder
Chief Shane Taylor, Riverton Police Department
Josh Lee, Communications Director
Sheril Garn, Events and Operations Director
Stacie Olson, Assistant Public Works Director
Fire Marshal Wade Watkins, Unified Fire Authority

Mayor and Council Informal Meeting – 5:15 PM

WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Staggs called the Work Session to order at 6:01 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Buroker, Haymond, McCay, and McDougal were present. Councilmember Pierucci joined via Zoom.

Presentations

UFA Special Enforcement Bomb Squad, Arson Investigations and Tactical Paramedics

Fire Marshal Wade Watkins explained the purpose of the presentation was to help everyone better understand local fire services, particularly the Special Enforcement Division which handles arson investigations, including the use of accelerant-detecting canines; bomb and explosive response, coordinated closely with the Riverton Police Department; and paramedic support for South Valley SWAT operations. The Council was invited to a hands-on demonstration of the equipment and personnel involved.

Discussion Items

Speed Bumps Discussion

Kevin Hicks, City Manager, explained that Councilmembers Pierucci and McCay requested a discussion regarding the City's ordinance on speed bumps. The ordinance, adopted unanimously in 2018, required an inventory of all existing speed bumps and prohibited the installation of new ones after October 1 of that year. He said there was some confusion about whether speed bumps that existed before 2018 should remain after street overlays, stating his interpretation was that they should stay in place. However, he acknowledged that the previous public works director may have interpreted the ordinance differently. He requested Council direction on whether to consider revising or repealing the ordinance and recommended that, if changes are pursued, a clear policy be developed to determine when and where speed bumps could be installed.

Councilmember McDougal asked for clarification on what research shows about the effectiveness and impacts of speed bumps, noting conflicting claims about their effects on emergency vehicles and overall safety. In response, Cary Necaise, Public Works Director, said that research exists on both sides but stated that no surrounding cities currently allow permanent speed bumps. He explained that other cities avoid them due to issues such as noise complaints, slower emergency response times, snowplow damage, and wear on vehicles. Residents living nearby also tend to dislike them because of the noise from vehicles driving over them.

Fire Marshal Watkins explained that speed bumps perform their intended function by slowing emergency vehicles down, which can delay response times. While speed bumps can cause vehicle damage depending on the rate of speed, trained engineers know how to minimize that risk.

Councilmember McDougal explained that removing existing, grandfathered speed bumps would likely upset residents who rely on them, but he was not convinced that adding new ones would effectively solve speeding problems.

Councilmember McCay expressed a desire for more comprehensive data on the effectiveness of speed bumps. She suggested that the Transportation Committee could study this further, including conducting speed tests before and after installation, and examining the impact of removable bumps that are temporarily taken out during winter months.

Councilmember Haymond asked about the Lampton View speed dip, noting its V-shaped profile and resident complaints that it caused noticeable jostling. Staff explained the dip had been designed to follow the existing roadway and storm-drain geometry.

Councilmember Pierucci expressed support for reintroducing speed bumps as a tool for traffic calming. He emphasized that while speed bumps aren't a universal solution, they could address certain speeding issues effectively. He advocated removing the ordinance language that restricts speed bumps so the City could use them where appropriate, with a formalized process and community input.

Councilmember Buroker noted that the original speed bump ordinance was well-intentioned and based on research regarding vehicle safety, but acknowledged that removing existing speed bumps caused long-term dissatisfaction in neighborhoods that had them. She emphasized the

need to revisit the policy and explore alternatives, specifically highlighting a solution used in Salt Lake City, speed bumps with cutouts designed to allow fire truck axles to pass without slowing, while still calming general traffic. She recommended considering this option as part of future discussions.

Mayor Staggs reflected on his previous support for removing speed bumps in 2018 but acknowledged that having the option available in the “toolkit” for traffic calming, as stated by Councilmember Pierucci, is valuable. He expressed support for revisiting the ordinance to allow speed bumps through a formal process and recommended preparing a budget to review the inventory of removed speed bumps and estimate costs to reinstall them, specifically noting Lampton View and Shaggy Peak Drive as priorities.

UDOT Triangle Piece

Mr. Hicks clarified that the “triangle piece” of land is now officially in the City’s name but is physically within Herriman City’s boundary. In discussions with Herriman, they were comfortable with the land being used as open space or park space, as long as it wasn’t developed for other purposes. The Council’s intention has generally been to extend Mountain View Park onto this parcel. He also mentioned past considerations for a BMX or mountain bike-style park, though the current zoning designation in Herriman needs to be confirmed.

Councilmember Pierucci shared enthusiasm for developing a BMX park on the triangle parcel. He noted that the timing aligns well with broader discussions about skate parks and similar recreational facilities.

Adjournment of Work Session

Councilmember McCay **MOVED to adjourn the Work Session.** Councilmember Buroker **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Buroker-Yes, Haymond-Yes, McCay-Yes, McDougal-Yes, and Pierucci-Yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 6:54 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Staggs called the Riverton City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Buroker, Haymond, McCay, and McDougal were present. Councilmember Pierucci joined via Zoom.

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Haymond offered the invocation and Fire Marshal Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment

Mayor Staggs called for public comments; there being none, he closed the Citizen Comment period.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember McDougal announced that, as of October 1, the Trans-Jordan facility on the east side transfer station is now fully open and operational for all residents. He reminded residents that fees at this location are slightly higher than at the Herriman facility due to the additional compaction and transport costs.

Councilmember McCay said she attended the VW Car Show and the animal shelter ribbon cutting. She also attended the Wasatch Front Regional Council meeting to discuss a long-term plan for connecting the Daybreak TRAX station to Draper, as well as several TRCC meetings and the Jordan River Commission's wrap-up of the "Get To the River" event.

Councilmember Buroker said she attended the Jordan River Commission meeting because the discussion focused on homelessness and safety along the trail. She highlighted a new initiative to install uniform signage at quarter-mile intervals along the trail, which would help emergency responders locate incidents more quickly.

Councilmember Pierucci reported that last week he led a panel discussion with leaders from across the country on the use of AI in local government. He noted there was significant interest in Riverton's approach and suggested that other city attorneys might reach out to Mr. Carter for more information. He emphasized that the discussion provided ideas for improving efficiencies, reducing costs, and making government more responsive to residents.

Councilmember Haymond thanked UDOT for quickly completing the overpasses on Bangerter Highway. He noted that residents throughout Riverton greatly appreciate having the overpasses reopened.

Mayor Staggs provided updates on City projects, noting that full lanes on Bangerter Highway are expected by October 24, improving East-West traffic flow. Trail development continues, with a segment opening between 12600 South and 13200 South. Progress on the development across from City Hall was highlighted, including City-contributed property and a detention pond, with the project expected to generate about \$100,000 in City sales tax, \$42,000 in property tax for police and fire, and additional tax increment revenue over 25 years.

Presentations

Riverton Choice Awards for Excellence in Education – Rose Creek Elementary

Councilmember McCay presented the Choice Awards to Katie Probert (teacher), Wyatt Kotter (student) and Maddi Christensen (student) from Rose Creek Elementary.

Consent Items

Mayor Staggs presented the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minute Approval: September 16, 2025; and
- b. **Resolution No. 25-49** – Approving a Betterment Agreement between the Utah Department of Transportation and Riverton City for Improvement of an Intersection at the Location of Bangerter Highway and 13400 South.

Councilmember Haymond **MOVED that the City Council approve the Consent Agenda.**

Councilmember McDougal **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for discussion on the motion. Mayor Staggs called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Buroker-yes, Haymond-yes, McCay-yes, McDougal-yes, and Pierucci-yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items – N/A

Public Hearing(s)/Action Items – N/A

Upcoming Meetings

- a. October 21, 2025 – Work Session & City Council Meeting
- b. November 18, 2025 – Work Session & City Council Meeting
- c. December 2, 2025 – Work Session & City Council Meeting
- d. December 16, 2025 – Work Session & City Council Meeting

Adjournment

Councilmember McDougal **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council meeting at the conclusion of the Closed Session. Councilmember Buroker **SECONDED** the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Approved: CCM 10.21.25