

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING-WORK SESSION
CITY HALL-10 EAST CENTER STREET, NORTH SALT LAKE
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

FINAL

Mayor Horrocks welcomed those present at 6:12 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Horrocks
Councilmember Tammy Clayton
Councilmember Suzette Jackson
Councilmember Ted Knowlton
Councilmember Heidi Smoot
Councilmember Alisa Van Langeveld

STAFF PRESENT: Ken Leetham, City Manager; David Frandsen, Assistant City Manager; Heidi Voordeckers, Finance Director; Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; Sherrie Pace, Community Development Director; Craig Black, Police Chief; Todd Godfrey, City Attorney; Wendy Page, City Recorder; Ali Avery, Long Ranger Planner.

Karyn Baxter, City Engineer, was not present at this meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dee Lalliss, Carolyn Jacobson, Elexis Contreras, Chloe Scott, Julie Scott, Fernanda Almeida, Alanna Almeida, Sarah Jensen, Dallas Golden, Catherine Johnson, Stan Porter, residents; Jake Gordon, UVU student; Indra Meza, Gabriel Meza; Mark Morris, VODA; Marcia White, WFRC.

1. DISCUSSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S BUDGET PRIORITIES AND
OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Ken Leetham reported that this would be one of several work session meetings related to the upcoming fiscal year budget. He spoke on City Council priorities related to the retreat in August including action items. He noted that the five priority issues from those previous meetings included:

- 1) City Identity; City Motto; City Marketing Plan
- 2) Improve Quality of US89
- 3) Adoption of a Housing Strategy for Use of RDA Housing Funds
- 4) City app
- 5) Complete One Beautification Project Annually at Entrances or Major Corridors

Mayor Horrocks commented on scarcity and how with the Hatch Park remodel, his main concern was ensuring all other City obligations were covered. He shared his budget requests related to signage including the roundabouts, City entrances (Highway 89 and Redwood Road), trail markers, and monument signs. He estimated that replacing signage would be at least \$100,000. He said he was in favor of continuing to meet donation requests from the Utah Food Bank.

Councilmember Jackson commented that she was not prepared to discuss the priorities from last year which were listed in the packet and would need time to prepare a list of future priorities. She suggested that rather than providing a one time monetary contribution to the Food Bank that the City consider an ongoing program which the City could organize or provide volunteers. She gave the example of providing monthly packets to the Woods Cross Teen Center. She agreed that with the Hatch Park project the City Council should be fiscally conscious this year and focus on projects that would benefit the maximum number of taxpayers. She said in this high cost economy that the Council should look at each dollar and project.

Councilmember Smoot spoke on reviewing the prior goals and what had been accomplished. She mentioned the point made by Councilmember Van Langeveld that taxes had not been raised in several years and the juxtaposition between the listed priorities and the needs of the City (snow plow, police vehicles, etc.). She mentioned that the City was well run and prioritizing public safety and maintenance. She reviewed the priorities related to beautification including the entrances to the City and suggested focusing on the southern ends of the City including Redwood Road and Highway 89. She was appreciative that the City had hired a consultant firm to set design standards.

Mayor Horrocks said if there were priorities which were important to the Council that the City could find a way to accomplish them. He suggested that City staff provide associated costs with each priority.

Ken Leetham commented that these policy discussions were helpful for staff in guiding spending decisions. He noted that detailed Council priorities could be discussed during future meetings. He continued that there were various funding sources for each project and they did not all reside in the City's General Fund. He gave the example of the monument signage on Redwood Road and how funds could be utilized from Community Development Area (CDA) funds.

Councilmember Smoot mentioned the consulting firm and added that the City Council should think of cities with a design they preferred and having a consistent vision for the City. She spoke focusing on timeless design, including for lighting and signage, versus current design.

Councilmember Knowlton was in agreement on setting the stage with fiscal prudence, executing the Hatch Park improvements well, and looking at some projects as an investment in the City. He gave examples of these investments including the Town Center, Hatch Park, and Highway 89, which would entice and invite the private sector to invest in the City. He said this fiscal year was not the time to spend money on Highway 89 but to be opportunistic in looking at changes that would come with the Davis/SLC connector and the I-15 project.

Councilmember Knowlton reviewed the other priorities from the agenda and said it made sense to spend some funds on the City identity, motto, and marketing plan. He continued that it might make sense to utilize a consultant related to the adoption of a housing strategy for use of RDA Housing Funds. He said the City app should not be an expensive endeavor but should be done well. He said the priority to complete one beautification annually could be done through value engineering while ensuring that the area was actually beautified. He said the majority of the priorities could be done inexpensively, minus the Hatch Park project, and finding a good value for the money on the beautification of entrances/major corridors.

Councilmember Jackson mentioned metrics that businesses considered including rooftops or ratios. She asked how much consideration was given to a city's perception, rooftops, or a comparison of the success of existing businesses in that city. Ken Leetham replied that those decisions depended on the type of business, perception, number of residents, and placemaking. He spoke on placemaking and partnering with a development group particularly in the Hatch Park area. He suggested hiring a consultant for economic development expertise as well as continuing to utilize Placer AI (tracking trips in/out of the City).

Sherrie Pace commented that businesses considered rooftops, metrics, City culture, and fostering relationships. She also spoke on the consideration for a business to choose a charming location like Bountiful with high rents or a generic unit with low rents. She said creating a cohesive atmosphere was up to the City.

Councilmember Jackson also spoke on tax incentives and if the City offered strategic incentives. Ken Leetham replied that the City had offered incentives in the past and gave the example of a redevelopment success with Lee's Marketplace as a community development project area in the Redwood Road area.

Sherrie Pace commented that the developer for the Kimball property had been working with staff in the last month related to a potential gas station, hotel, and restaurants.

Councilmember Jackson clarified that the focus was purposeful incentives for Redwood Road, City entrances including US 89, and Hatch Park Phase 2. Ken Leetham replied affirmatively and

mentioned the remaining Eaglewood Village parcels as an area of focus. He spoke on the benefits that a consultant could provide in ensuring that any financial incentives are necessary in order to get a desired project.

Councilmember Van Langeveld mentioned the success of the Redwood Road CDA. She spoke on the proposed budget and watching every dollar while recognizing that costs increase over time. She praised the expertise and care of staff in using City funds. She reviewed the priorities and her interest in advancing the identity, motto, and marketing plan including creating placemaking and recognizing neighborhoods across the City. She also commented on the City app priority and potential of utilizing the company that provided the City's website.

Councilmember Van Langeveld shared additional priorities including the consideration of grants and funding to assist those in the annexation area in changing their address, a trail around the City (signage), and a City owned portable stage (for events).

Mayor Horrocks commented on a permanent stage at the golf course rather than renting one each year for Liberty Fest. He surmised a stage at the golf course could be utilized for other events there as well. He also mentioned the possibility of pavilions with a stage at Legacy, Hatch, or Tunnel Springs Parks.

Councilmember Jackson commented that Layton City hosted a summer concert series and their need to retrofit related to the lack of foresight related to future growth. She suggested the City consider future growth at Hatch Park related to events, outlets, concessions, etc. She asked what events would utilize a portable stage. Councilmember Van Langeveld said the City should have a permanent stage in the City and a portable stage for all City events including the Halloween event, Kite Festival, Unity in the Community events, Food Truck Night, etc.

Councilmember Clayton asked where the portable stage would be stored and who would be responsible for installation at each event. Councilmember Van Langeveld replied that the Public Works Department would manage this resource.

Councilmember Clayton commended staff on the budget and said it was well managed. She was in favor of a City motto, a City app (trains, weather related alerts), shopping local, electronic signage on north side of US 89, and a potential skate park.

Ken Leetham reviewed budget information that the Council would consider in upcoming budget meetings including a review of revenues, Western Region CPI number, a better understanding of the upcoming fiscal year, and individual department budgets.

Councilmember Knowlton added potentially executing some improvements from the hillside mountain bike trails plan during the fiscal year.

2. ADJOURN

Mayor Horrocks adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m. to begin the regular session.

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1. CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

2. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Todd Godfrey had nothing to report.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Horrocks reported that Greg White had replaced Gary Hatch as the Director at Mosquito Abatement District – Davis. He continued that Gary Hatch had been collaborating with leaders in Ghana on mosquito abatement. He shared that Kate Bradshaw with the Utah League of Cities and Towns did not think the proposed homeless shelter would move forward this year. He mentioned the One Kind Act a Day event at Rice Eccles Stadium on April 10th and asked for any interested Councilmembers to contact him since he will not be able to attend this year. He added that the street signage in the Plumb Court area still needed to be updated with the new City logo. Jon Rueckert replied that those entire signs are scheduled for replacement soon and that is why the logos have not been replaced.

Mayor Horrocks reported on the visitors from Ukraine. He spoke on a better appreciation for freedom and rights after spending time with these individuals who did not currently have these liberties. He said it was a great but humbling experience.

Mayor Horrocks provided an update on mosquito abatement methods including bats which were not an effective method. He said there were two species of mosquito in the Foxboro area which meant they had to be killed at the source.

Councilmember Van Langeveld spoke on adding fish to the retention ponds (1100 North in Foxboro and along Legacy Highway) for mosquito abatement. Mayor Horrocks commented that the Mosquito Abatement District targeted ornamental ponds on residential properties.

Councilmember Van Langeveld asked if the City or Mosquito Abatement District targeted those retention ponds. Mayor Horrocks replied that the District treated storm drains, marshes, etc.

Councilmember Van Langeveld requested staff reach out to the Mosquito Abatement District related to additional abatement by the City or the District including related to the aforementioned retention ponds.

Councilmember Jackson commented on the potential overuse of chemicals and shared some home remedies including sugar water trap, certain plants, and electric zapper. She spoke on addressing the problem and not just the symptoms. She expressed her support of an incentive program for residents.

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ken Leetham reported on a letter to be sent to Utah Department of Transportation Region 1 thanking them for the US 89 corridor agreement and encouraging them to record the deed. He then noted that Legislative updates could be found through emails from the Utah League of Cities and Towns and on their website including videos of the Legislative Policy Committee meetings. He then provided some Legislative updates including:

- Three bills related to the homeless campus (Senator Escimilla) community member as part of the governing board for the campus.
- HB 236 tax bill related to how a community would propose raising property tax. The bill would require us to publish a proposed tax increase earlier in the adopting process and must include a report or document for the public detailing what the tax increase would be spent on in the upcoming budget year.
- Economic development/tax increment financing bills related to incentivize economic development projects. Creating tools that cities/counties could use to incentivize development.
- HB41 related to Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) requiring municipalities to adopt a WUI map that includes structures in areas with a risk level of five or above.

Mr. Leetham shared the Utah Wildfire Risk explorer map of the City showing the various risk levels. He said there were some homes above Eaglewood Loop and Parkway Drive which would fall into the risk level five category. He explained that if the Bill passed the City would adopt a map including those properties where the WUI Code would apply. He noted that if the City wanted to include properties that may be at risk below a level five (in a canyon or with overgrown vegetation) staff would need to appeal to the State for an exception to expand the map.

Councilmember Smoot asked for clarification on the WUI map. Ken Leetham stated that all cities are still required to adopt a wildland interface map regardless of whether or not this bill passed. Further, if this bill passed, it would require the City to include areas identified as a five or higher on the State's risk assessment in the City's local WUI map.

Councilmember Knowlton asked if the ULCT had taken a stance on this bill and the likelihood of this bill passing. Ken Leetham replied that there was a high likelihood of passage. He said this bill would also require the State to adopt the 2024 WUI Code and cities would be required as

well. He noted the City had recently adopted the 2006 WUI Code. He also thought the ULCT position was pending on the bill.

Councilmember Jackson asked for clarification on the proposed bill and if funding, penalties and the committee formation were addressed. Ken Leetham clarified that the proposed bill offered clarity to cities on how to draw the WUI map and included a requirement to adopt the 2024 WUI Code. Sherrie clarified that no assessments or penalties would be assessed on properties in the level 5 or higher risk categories.

Mayor Horrocks commented on a potential scenario of a canyon area with vegetation in a level four area. He said it may be beneficial to contact the homeowners on a high risk area but not including it in the map. He asked if there was motivation to do so. Ken Leetham replied that Bountiful City performed an extensive study and adopted a map with areas below the State's level five risk area.

Sherrie Pace commented that the bill specified that any areas under a level five would need to be approved by the State. She clarified that the City could include areas under level five but only areas above a certain level would be subject to the annual fee.

Councilmember Smoot asked about the purpose of specifying level five properties as there was no fee attached. Sherrie Pace said areas at a level five or above should be part of the WUI Code that included creating a defensible space.

Ken Leetham added that the City would adopt the State's WUI Code. He said the City already adopted the 2006 building code related to Wildland Urban Interface. He noted that City staff would have to create its own outreach program to notify those in a level five or higher risk category and also for those outside the WUI boundary, but still near high fire risk canyon areas to help prepare and protect residents.

Mr. Leetham reported on the Ukraine visit including a gift exchange, staff presentations on the budget, communications, outreach, as well as discussions related to free speech, and the review of landslide site. He shared photos of the visit and said the visitors were from a rural hamlet with a population of 10,000 known as Novovorontsovka. He commented on the privilege and humbling nature of this opportunity.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Clayton had nothing to report as Dallas Golden would provide a Civic Events Committee update later in the meeting.

Councilmember Van Langeveld shared one of the ten elements of dignity from the Dignity Index. She spoke on inclusion which comprised of making others feel like they belong whether they were in your family, community, organization, or nation. She reported on the Health and Wellness Committee meeting and the shift away from hosting events to promoting other committee's events. She mentioned creating swag (button, sticker, pin) that residents could collect for participating.

Councilmember Van Langeveld also spoke on potentially expanding the recreation program in the City including providing more activities for the senior resident population (exercise or dance programs). She also suggested a skateboarding class. She continued that the Wellness Survey would commence on March 1st and encouraged residents to respond. She mentioned holding offsite City Council meetings in the future to encourage resident engagement.

Councilmember Knowlton reported on the potential development of the South Davis Greenway and explained that it was reflected on UDOT's Utah Trail Network Map and was part of improvements from Farmington to Salt Lake City. He spoke on the value that would be created across multiple cities.

Councilmember Smoot had nothing to report.

Councilmember Jackson reported on the South Davis Recreation Board meeting and said the longstanding 20 year bond had concluded. She said there would be a \$27 reduction in property tax related to the Rec. District. She continued that there were discussions in obtaining a new bond to expand the swimming pool to competition size. She mentioned the idea to build a new competition size pool versus expanding the existing pool as well as other recreation facilities that could potentially be built in the City.

Ken Leetham suggested staff could prepare a written briefing related to the history of satellite locations for recreation facilities in the City.

Councilmember Jackson thanked staff for their time in meeting with representatives from Ukraine as well as those from Ghana related to the sister city program. She spoke on sharing knowledge including mosquito abatement, etc.

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE

Dallas Golden introduced the other members of the Civic Events Committee including Councilmember Clayton, Jon Rueckert, Elexis Contreras, Sarah Jensen, Catherine Johnson, and Frances Marcus. He reported on the events the Committee hosted including the Kite Festival,

Unity in the Community/food truck Monday (Pride, America250, Back to School, Juneteenth, Latino Heritage, Bolder Way Forward), Liberty Fest, photography contest, Spooktacular, Veteran's Day Lunch (in conjunction with the Senior Lunch Bunch), and Winter Lights Fest. He spoke on incorporating the America250 theme into City events this year. Mr. Golden then reviewed the Committee's budget requests for the upcoming year including:

- Kite Festival \$4,100
- Photo contest \$1,500
- Spooktacular \$2,800
- Unity in the Community \$4,500
- Events Committee \$600

7. PRESENTATION OF CONSULTANT DRAFT OF TOWN CENTER DESIGN STANDARDS

Ali Avery introduced Mark Morris with VODA as the consultant for the Town Center Urban Design Standards project. She said the City received a grant from Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) to establish design standards for the Town Center. She continued that Mr. Morris had provided a survey and results to the Planning Commission and mentioned that the City Council would have the opportunity to participate in the survey as well.

Mark Morris, VODA, shared that they provided landscaping architecture and urban planning including for town centers and city centers across the Wasatch Front. He noted they were preparing draft code for urban design standards. He shared an image from the 2016 Town Center master plan and said these standards were based on work that had been compiled over multiple years. He explained the need to create easy to use code for staff, City Council, Planning Commission, and property owners. He shared the format of the Town Center Urban Design Standards.

Mr. Morris explained that these standards would create a coherent structure with a focus on urban design more than architectural standards. He said these fundamental elements would help to create a walkable destination town center. He presented different prototypes in graph representation that could be utilized for sites in the Town Center. He then reviewed the subdistricts map which dictated height, setbacks, building height, façade articulation, and pedestrian space.

Mr. Morris reviewed setbacks and said there would be a table related to the subdistrict. He said several non-negotiables for design to create walkable pedestrian spaces included the building height, façade articulation, and BTZ pedestrian space (ground floor space). He shared an image

of façade articulation (high and low) and architectural detail. He continued with imagery showing pedestrian area improvements, general and residential building examples that would be communicated through the design standards.

Mark Morris then reviewed ground floor activation which could be high activation with public facing ground floor uses and frequent window and doors versus low activation with blank walls, no active entry, and private ground floor uses. He noted the 2024 market study the City had performed and explained the study showed that retail should not be required in all areas as it may not be appropriate. He said the goal would be to establish a list of acceptable uses for ground floor spaces. Mr. Morris presented examples of building streetscapes and the things which were difficult to change including height and massing. He reviewed other requirements including landscaping, parking (adequate but not overparked), lighting, and signage.

Councilmember Smoot commented that she had completed the survey as a member of the Arts Committee and asked about the questions related to architectural standards. Mark Morris replied that the survey was related to gauging opinion on certain topics including building height and materials.

Councilmember Van Langeveld spoke on maintaining a focus on safe walkability and pedestrian experience. She spoke on not having a buffer on Highway 89 and the sidewalk. Sherrie Pace replied that there would be a multi use trail (pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, etc.) as part of the 16 foot pedestrian zone behind the curb. She clarified that parking would be behind the buildings.

Councilmember Knowlton commented that the Highway 89 agreement included areas of on-street parking as well. Sherrie Pace said there were sections where UDOT required a shoulder which may allow opportunities for parking.

Councilmember Jackson asked if the multi use trail would only be located on the east side of Highway 89. Sherrie Pace replied that there would be sidewalk on the east side and a multi use path on the west side which would tie into the greenway. She spoke on the timeline for the UDOT project and said improvements would be built as funding became available.

Mark Morris said the survey would be sent to the City Council to gauge support for different topics and had been completed by the Planning Commission, Arts, and Trails and Active Transportation Committees. He spoke on the importance of subdistricts and determining appropriate projects. He said the responses to the survey including most important elements (ground floor activation) and building heights.

Councilmember Smoot encouraged the City Council to complete the survey before any additional survey results were shared.

Mark Morris spoke on the Millcreek Town Center which had been recently renovated. He spoke on creating a town center area which meant taller buildings to drive activation in certain areas.

Mayor Horrocks asked about how cities could afford to create these town center areas. Mark Morris replied that Millcreek created a Redevelopment Agency (RDA) area for the city center and then used the funds for real estate acquisition, public space, and partnerships with developers. He mentioned Murray City utilized public/private partnerships for their city center.

Mark Morris concluded that he would return with draft language and to share progress at a later date.

Councilmember Knowlton spoke on development intensity and parking. He asked how this would be addressed in the process. Mark Morris replied that this was addressed in the survey. He also mentioned shared parking, parking structures, parking by subdistrict, and reducing parking requirements (bus routes, biking, etc.).

8. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-08R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ZIONS BANKCORPORATION FOR ACQUISITION OF A SNOW PLOW

Heidi Voordeckers reported that this vehicle purchase was originally approved in the fiscal year 2024 budget and had been delayed for two years. She said staff was preparing a lease purchase package which was put out for bid. She noted that Zions Bank Corporation proposed a 4.50% interest rate. She continued that the total amount of the lease purchase was \$344,910 for a five year term with the City owning the equipment at the end of the lease. She added that the annual payment would be \$78,567.62 with a total principal and interest of \$392,838.

Ms. Voordeckers continued by reviewing the amortization schedule and said the lease would be completed in February of 2031. She said the last snowplow purchase was in 2017 which was for \$250,000 with an interest rate of 2.6%. She concluded that this would be a replacement for a snowplow that had a trade in value of \$15,000.

Councilmember Jackson asked if the City could refinance the lease if interest rates dropped. Heidi Voordeckers replied that the City could refinance or pay off the lease early.

Councilmember Jackson moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-08R: a resolution approving the form of the lease/purchase agreement with ZIONS BANKCORPORATION, N.A. Salt Lake City, Utah and authorizing the execution and delivery thereof. Councilmember Clayton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, Smoot, and Van Langeveld.

9. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-09R: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FLEET FUND BUDGET

Heidi Voordeckers reported on rolling the funds from the previous fiscal period. She added that in 2024 the City budgeted a purchase cost of \$375,000 and with the equipment outfitted the final purchase price would be \$344,910. She noted that the amendment recognized the purchase cost of the plow, the proceeds from borrowing for the equipment lease, and the removal of the first lease payment, which would now be due in fiscal year 2027.

Mayor Horrocks opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

Dee Lalliss, resident, commented on the length of the form for the lease. He also mentioned the significant price increase from 2024 to 2026.

Mayor Horrocks closed the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Councilmember Smoot moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-09R: A resolution approving and adopting amendments to the fiscal year 2025-2026 Fleet Fund Budget. Councilmember Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, Smoot, and Van Langeveld.

10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-10R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LANTIS PRODUCTIONS, INC. AND THE CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE FOR THE 2026 LIBERTY FEST FIREWORK DISPLAY

Ken Leetham reported that while he typically approved this contract each year that costs had increased over time. He spoke on donation activity and sponsorship with a confirmed \$50,000 from Big West Oil as well as potential donations from other businesses. He shared that the proposed cost for the firework show was \$60,000 while Liberty Fest was over \$100,000.

Mr. Leetham continued that due to prior year complaints based on the ground displays that this year the proposed display would include more aerials than previous years. He added that the City also had an approximate \$10,000 credit for aerials that did not work properly last year.

Mayor Horrocks asked if the credit would be cash or more fireworks. Ken Leetham replied that he would check with Lantis Productions.

Councilmember Jackson asked how difficult it would be to broadcast the corresponding music on a radio station during the firework show.

Councilmember Clayton asked if the aerial fireworks would cost more money than ground fireworks. Ken Leetham replied that he thought they were the same price.

Councilmember Knowlton was in favor of receiving a reduction in cost for this year related to the credit as opposed to more fireworks. Councilmember Jackson was in agreement with receiving a cost reduction. She expressed her support for the same show length as prior years and to increase the aerial fireworks.

Councilmember Jackson moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-10R: A resolution approving an agreement between Lantis Productions, Inc. and the City of North Salt Lake for the 2026 Liberty Fest fireworks display. Councilmember Clayton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, Smoot, and Van Langeveld.

11. PRESENTATION OF SEMI-ANNUAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Black reported that he would provide a semi-annual as well as an annual report. He reviewed administration for the police department, including his command and administrative staffs.

Chief Black explained that there were two shifts (day, night) for patrol officers with each officer working 80 hours in a two week period. He spoke on identifying peak times for service and ensuring coverage during those times. He reviewed the annual statistics in the patrol division for 2025. He also noted that calls for service in 2024 (10,944) and 2025 (11,983).

Chief Black shared a map of the City divided into four areas with the calls for service per area. He noted that the number of calls for service per area were similar across the City. He then reviewed the Investigations Division noting that in 2025, 288 cases were assigned to investigations resulting in 43 arrests.

Councilmember Knowlton asked if Chief Black was exploring better efficiency in staffing, reporting, etc. Chief Black replied that the department focused on this including having non-sworn staff assisting in fingerprinting, verification, AI assistance, and utilizing technology.

Councilmember Van Langeveld requested future information related to perpetration of crime by youth (drugs, burglary) and overall drug crimes.

Chief Black concluded by requesting that a future work session meeting with the County Attorney and Sheriff to discuss challenges in criminal justice system. He spoke on the potential reduction in services from the jail and prosecutors.

12. DISCUSSION RELATED TO ACTION ITEM #25-27 ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A CITY CITIZEN ACADEMY

Ken Leetham reported on the potential to create a City Citizen Academy per a request from the Health and Wellness Committee and Councilmember Van Langeveld.

Councilmember Van Langeveld commented that she was in favor of this Academy and shared ideas including an introduction by each department head, creation of a document with an overview of the City. She added that this document could be shared at the neighborhood potluck and other events. She also mentioned a one night event, in correlation with a City Council meeting, where department heads could share information.

Ken Leetham suggested hosting a specific evening outside of a City Council meeting with an open house setup to allow attendees to ask questions and learn about each department.

Councilmember Jackson asked about the level of interest and target demographic.

Councilmember Van Langeveld replied that this idea was the result of a discussion during the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference. She said other cities hosted citizen academies and spoke on the goal of increasing citizen involvement.

Councilmember Jackson was in support of creating a written document and then creating a sign-up sheet to gauge involvement. She also asked about the neighborhood potluck event.

Councilmember Clayton responded that there would be a National Potluck event as part of the America250 celebration. She continued that the City would then provide dessert for future neighborhood potlucks per the Health and Wellness Committee.

Councilmember Smoot was also in favor of a one page document. She was skeptical of residents attending an open house or meeting related to a Citizen Academy and gave the example that only

30% of the population voted in elections. Councilmember Van Langeveld said that this was a good reason to host this event to educate and provide resources for residents.

Councilmember Knowlton commented that if the soul purpose of the event was to provide training that residents may not attend. He suggested sharing this information at an event where the City knew residents would already be. Councilmember Clayton shared that there would be a booth at the NSL Reads event related to volunteer information and suggested something similar.

Councilmember Smoot spoke on gauging the level of interaction and the value of employee time. She spoke on the lack of interaction at City Council meetings and said while this was a good idea that she did not want to have staff put forth a large amount of effort that may be underappreciated.

Councilmember Van Langeveld asked if this was a large request for City staff. Ken Leetham replied that there were two areas for improvement including educating the public and suggested mailing a two page informational sheet to residents. He also suggested hosting a City Council meeting in Foxboro, at Eaglewood Golf Course, or in a neighborhood to further engage the public. He was in favor of sharing educational material on City operations and expenditures. He spoke on a future agenda item related to discussing the newsletter.

13. DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEM #25-34 ESTABLISHING A CONSENT AGENDA AS NEEDED FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ken Leetham reported on consent agendas which could include City Council minutes, appointments to Boards and Committees, purchases above \$25,000 (already in budget), simple resolutions like the annual meeting schedule, setting budget hearings, setting the certified tax rate, resolutions amending the fee schedule (after discussion in a work meeting), and significant items which had previously been discussed. He clarified that consent agenda items could then be approved in a single motion.

Councilmember Knowlton was in favor of a consent agenda if it ended up saving time and shortening City Council meetings.

Councilmember Smoot asked how a consent agenda would have changed tonight's meeting. Todd Godfrey said resolutions could be part of a consent agenda as long as it included a vote classifying the vote for each member of the City Council (roll call vote). He said there were some resolutions that would not be part of a consent agenda but some that would and gave the example of the firework contract.

Ken Leetham clarified that the firework contract could include discussion in a work session and then approval during the consent agenda.

Councilmember Jackson suggested certain items could be part of the consent agenda such as the City Council minutes, appointments to boards, etc.

Todd Godfrey commented that many cities had the opportunity for a City Councilmember to remove an item from a consent agenda.

The City Council discussed the change in the order of the agenda to review Council and Mayor reports at the beginning of the meeting and how this delayed those who were waiting for a particular agenda item (developers, consultants, public hearings, etc.). They also discussed the opportunity to be more flexible with the agenda items during a meeting.

Ken Leetham commented that staff would experiment with future agendas to see what would be most effective.

14. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The City Council minutes of February 3, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

The following amendment was requested: inclusion of “Councilmember Jackson had nothing to report” under Council Reports.

Councilmember Clayton moved the City Council approve the February 3, 2026 minutes as amended. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, Smoot, and Van Langeveld.

15. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS

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

- Action Item 25-29: Annual meeting with the school district

Councilmember Van Langeveld requested that this item remain on the list until the meeting was held in March.

- Action Item 25-26: Investigation of mosquito abatement strategies

Councilmember Van Langeveld requested a revised item to do investigation into mosquito care or response (home incentives, city spaces).

Councilmember Knowlton requested an update on the General Plan update. Sherrie Pace replied that staff received the second draft of the General Plan on Saturday, February 14th and would review it.

16. ADJOURN

Mayor Horrocks adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the City Council of the City of North Salt Lake on Tuesday March 3, 2026 by unanimous vote of all members present.


Brian J. Horrocks, Mayor


Wendy Page, City Recorder

