

PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 17th, 2025, 6:00 PM

Providence City Office Building, 164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT

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Opening Ceremony:

Call to Order: Mayor Alder

Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Alder, Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Council Members Absent: Council Member Kirk.

Staff in Attendance: City Manager Ryan Snow, Community Development Director Skarlet Bankhead and City Recorder Ty Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Kunz

Opening Remarks/Prayer: Council Member Campbell

5 MIN. 50 SEC.

Council Reports: Items presented by the City Council Members will be presented as informational only; no formal action will be taken.

- **Council Member Kunz** reported on several activities from the prior month. He assisted city staff with post-Memorial Day cemetery cleanup, noting it was a valuable opportunity to volunteer alongside staff and observe their work ethic. He attended a Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) training in North Logan covering topics including the distinction between legislation and policy. He reported that mosquito fogging operations commenced at the beginning of the month in response to resident concerns. He also provided an update on ongoing Just Serve volunteer projects, noting continued success with sign-ups for canyon cleanups and cemetery projects, and deferred to Council Member Campbell for additional details related to American 250 service initiatives.
- **Council Member Sealy** reported that she had been working with staff to refine safe routes to school plans in light of transitioning school boundaries for Providence Elementary and the forthcoming Spring Creek Elementary. She also noted she is coordinating the fun run for Sauerkraut Days and reminded the public and council that volunteers are needed on June 27th to participate in the cabbage-cutting tradition at a commercial kitchen at Bridgeland ATC, estimating approximately 300 pounds of cabbage would be processed.
- **Council Member Campbell** reported on a Cache Trails meeting held on June 9th. He noted the valley trail project now has a projected completion date of November 4th. The Hyrum reservoir trail project has encountered issues with a couple of property owners and is being redirected to the east side of the reservoir. Bear Creek Trail work is progressing, with significant downed-tree clearing expected to occupy most of the summer. Regarding American 250, Campbell discussed a proposal to have Providence residents collectively log 250 volunteer service hours before the city celebration, which could then be recognized publicly. He also raised the topic of the Healthy Utah Community Designation, explaining that he had initially declined to pursue it before a March deadline but, upon further review, now believes it is a worthwhile program. He indicated the designation requires a committee of at least four community members who would meet quarterly, and he encouraged residents present or online to contact him if interested.

- **Mayor Alder** reported on two items. First, she has been working to address a gap in sidewalk coverage on the highway in front of Discount Tire and a medical clinic, where pedestrians have been observed navigating hazardous winter conditions. She has obtained letters of support from both adjacent landowners and intends to pursue grant funding for the sidewalk installation. Second, she spoke to the Kiwanis Club about Providence's history, including a video presentation on the city's limestone quarry and its historical role in the sugar beet industry. She emphasized his ongoing role in maintaining relationships with state and federal representatives and ensuring Providence's visibility among regional leaders.
- **Council Member Speth** (via Zoom) reported attending a Cache County emergency management meeting, noting nothing significant to report beyond routine ongoing matters. He also indicated he had been engaged with considerable work related to other city business that they would be discussing later in the meeting.

15 Min 30 SEC.

Approval of the Minutes:

- **Item No. 1 Approval of the Minutes:** The Providence City Council will consider for approval the minutes of May 20th, 2026. [\(MINUTES\)](#)

- Mayor Alder called for the approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
- No corrections or changes were requested.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 20th, 2026. – Council Member Sealy. 2nd- Council Member Kunz.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, minutes approved.

Presentations/Public Hearings:

16 MIN. 35 SEC.

- **Item No. 2 FYE 2026 Budget Adjustment Public Hearing:** The Providence City Council will take comments and questions from the public regarding a request to adjust the FYE 2026 budget.
- City Manager Ryan Snow provided an overview of the FYE 2026 budget adjustment. He reported that the General Fund saw revenues exceed projections by approximately \$608,000, attributed to state grants and various other sources. Expenditures also ran higher in certain areas, including E-911 costs tied to population growth, but overall the General Fund had approximately \$300,000 in excess expenses, with the remaining \$388,000 transferred to the Capital Projects Fund to balance revenues and expenditures. The Capital Projects Fund ended within approximately \$12,000 on the positive revenue side. Water fund revenues exceeded expenses by

approximately \$175,000. The Sewer Fund also came in positive on net income. The Storm Water Fund saw minor adjustments. The Garbage Fund was the only fund where expenses grew faster than revenues, with depreciation coming in higher than projected, resulting in a reduced profit compared to the original budget, though still profitable overall. The Fiber Fund saw higher-than-projected revenues due to a greater number of connections than anticipated, with some corresponding adjustments to network operations costs.

- No public comments were received. Mayor Alder officially closed the public hearing.

20 MIN 40 SEC.

- **Item No. 3 Elective and Statutory Officers Compensation Public Hearing:** The Providence City Council will take comments and questions from the public regarding the City's elective and statutory officers compensation as found in the FYE 2027 Final Budget. **(COMPENSATION SCHEDULE)**

- City Manager Snow presented the compensation schedule for elective and statutory officers as reflected in the FYE 2027 Final Budget. He described the methodology, which is primarily based on Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) data. Staff compensation is structured around a 2.5% COLA with up to a 2.5% merit potential. Snow noted that the most recent salary range study was conducted in 2024, and while another study is due in the next cycle, it is anticipated to be completed the following year. The presentation also covered salary ranges, years of experience, hours worked, PTO hours returned, and how ranges compare against both CPI and resident income rates.
- No public comments were received. Mayor Alder officially closed the public hearing.

23 MIN 45 SEC.

- **Item No. 4 FYE 2027 Final Budget Public Hearing:** The Providence City Council will take comments and questions from the public regarding the City's FYE 2027 final budgets.

- City Manager Snow explained that the Final Budget is substantially consistent with the previously presented tentative budget, with minor technical wording differences and one substantive change: the proposed property tax increase has been removed from this budget in favor of pursuing a separate non-binding ballot question for the library, to be addressed later in the agenda. He outlined the budget's structure, including a 5-year financial outlook, a 5-to-10-year capital project projection, capital improvement planning across all funds, links to underlying planning documents within the budget itself, and an organizational chart broken down both by employee and by functional responsibility. Snow indicated the budget includes the compensation schedule and reflects no property tax increase as proposed.
- Mayor Alder acknowledged the complexity of the budget process and commended Snow's professional background as a CPA for keeping the city's finances on track.
- No public comments were received. Mayor Alder officially closed the public hearing.

28 MIN 20 SEC.

- **Item No. 5 PCC 5-4-7 Amendments Public Hearing:** The Providence City Council will take comments and questions from the public regarding a resident request to amend PCC 5-4-7, which deals with Swimming Pool Fence Regulations.

- City Attorney Sharik Peck addressed the Council before the applicant spoke. He stated that he does not have a substantive objection to the proposed change allowing certified safety covers as an alternative to perimeter fencing, provided applicable regulations are met. However, he raised a procedural concern about the applicant's request that the amendment be made retroactive to nullify any current citations or enforcement actions. Peck noted that, in his experience serving as a prosecuting attorney and code compliance officer for other cities, it is not consistent with sound governance for the legislative body to preemptively strip away citations that may have been issued following proper notice, particularly where there may have been willful non-compliance over a period of years.
- Applicant DeAnne Heninger, the resident who submitted the application, then addressed the Council. She explained the basis for the retroactive request, arguing that in this case the retroactive application would benefit rather than harm residents, by legalizing existing safety technology and creating uniformity among pool owners who may have identical covers installed at different times. She outlined the technical specifications of the ASTM F1346 standard referenced in the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code Section 305.1, noting that qualifying covers must support 485 pounds without collapse, prevent access to the water, prevent standing water on the surface, and include a lockable mechanism. She noted that the State of Utah, Cache County, and a majority of Cache County municipalities have adopted this standard, suggesting that Providence is out of alignment with surrounding jurisdictions.
- No additional public comments were received. Mayor Alder officially closed the public hearing, noting action on this item would be taken later in the meeting.

Resolutions/Ordinances:

35 MIN. 05 SEC.

- **Item No. 6 Resolution 06-2026 FYE 2026 Budget Adjustments:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may take action on a resolution that adjusts the FYE 2026 budget.

(RES. 06-2026)

- Mayor Alder called for a motion regarding resolution 06-2026.
- No comments or discussion were made.

Motion to adopt Resolution 06-2026, approving the FYE 2026 budget adjustments, was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Sealy.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, resolution approved.

36 MIN 45 SEC.

- **Item No. 7 Resolution 05-2026 – Certified Tax Rate:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution establishing the certified tax rate for FYE 2027. **(RES. 05-2026)**

- City Manager Snow explained that adopting the certified tax rate means the city is requesting the same total property tax revenue as the prior year — constituting no property tax increase. He clarified that while the overall levy amount remains the same, an individual taxpayer's bill may vary depending on whether their property value changed faster or slower than the city-wide average. The rate itself declines each year as aggregate property values rise, but the total revenue collected by the city remains constant. Council Member Campbell and others sought clarification on the mechanics of how individual assessments relate to the overall rate, and Snow walked through the distinction between macro and micro effects.

Motion to adopt Resolution 05-2026, establishing the certified tax rate for FYE 2027, was made by Council Member Sealy and seconded by Council Member Kunz.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, resolution approved.

41 MIN. 30 SEC

- **Item No. 8 Ordinance 09 -2026 FYE 2027 Final Budgets:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution approving the FYE 2027 Final Budgets for all funds. [\(ORDIN. 09-2026 FINAL BUDGETS\)](#)

- Mayor Alder called for a motion regarding Ordinance 09-2026.
- No comments or discussion were made.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-2026, approving the FYE 2027 Final Budgets for all funds, was made by Council Member Sealy and seconded by Council Member Campbell.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, ordinance approved.

42 MIN 45 SEC.

- **Item No. 9 Ordinance 07-2026 Parcel 02-095-0031 Rezone:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may take action on an ordinance authorizing the rezoning of parcel 02-095-0031 located in the general area of 96 N Main Providence Utah. Approval of the ordinance will rezone the parcel from R-1-12 to Mixed Use (MXD). Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 13th with continued discussion on June 10th and motioned that city council approve the rezone; motion failed 2-3. [\(ANALYSIS\)](#) & [\(ORDIN. 07-2026\)](#)

- 211 • Mayor Alder provided context, noting that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on
 212 May 13th with continued discussion on June 10th, and that the Commission's motion to
 213 recommend approval of the rezone from R-1-12 to Mixed Use (MXD) failed by a vote of 2 to 3.
 214 He acknowledged the Council had received quite a few written letters on the matter and had
 215 access to all Planning Commission meeting recordings and materials, which had been distributed
 216 to the Council approximately one hour before the meeting.
- 217 • Mayor Alder indicated that due to two prior public hearings already conducted on this item, he
 218 did not intend to open the floor broadly but would allow comment from residents who had not
 219 previously submitted written comments or spoken at prior meetings. Three residents and one
 220 additional speaker came forward.
- 221 • Owen Geddes, a lifelong resident of the Providence historic district and student body president at
 222 Ridgeline High School, spoke in opposition. He argued that the project is primarily oriented
 223 toward maximizing residential unit count rather than achieving the stated community walkability
 224 goals. He referenced statements made by the developer at the May 13th Planning Commission
 225 meeting indicating that garage space within one building would displace commercial space on
 226 the main level, undermining the commercial viability central to the project's justification. He
 227 further argued that the economic track record of Main Street does not support the assumption
 228 that commercial tenants will materialize, and that high-density spot zoning in the historic district
 229 would diminish the community's character and detract from future home buyers. He urged the
 230 Council to follow the Planning Commission's recommendation and to make their decision
 231 collectively and independently.
- 232 • Christopher Brown, a resident of Sarah Street, spoke in support of the rezone. He expressed
 233 confidence in the developer's character and track record, describing him as someone who
 234 produces high-quality, community-oriented developments. He drew a comparison to walkable,
 235 mixed-use neighborhood commercial concepts he had observed while living abroad, arguing that
 236 access to small neighborhood-scale businesses is a genuine quality-of-life benefit. He also
 237 addressed the affordability question, stating that regardless of unit cost, increasing the overall
 238 housing supply is the foundational economic mechanism for reducing housing costs over time,
 239 and that restrictions on development contribute to the affordability crisis.
- 240 • Justin McMurdy, a Cache Valley native who had lived adjacent to Provo's Center Street for a
 241 decade, spoke in conditional support of the rezone. He described the walkable, human-scale
 242 mixed-use environment of Provo Center Street as a model worth pursuing and expressed support
 243 for similar development in Providence. However, he raised a significant structural concern: a
 244 rezone is attached to the land, not to the current developer, and any future owner of the parcel
 245 could develop it differently than what is currently proposed. He strongly recommended that if the
 246 rezone is approved, a concurrent development agreement be recorded that would bind the
 247 property and any future owners to specific, enforceable development standards — not merely a
 248 descriptive vision — so that the rezone does not take effect until that agreement is in place.
- 249 • Janice Rasmussen, a resident who lives directly across the street from the subject parcel, spoke in
 250 opposition. She stated that irrespective of the developer's personal character, she and her
 251 neighbors who have lived on that street for many years do not want the proposed development
 252 across the street. She objected to a communication she received from the developer that she
 253 characterized as suggesting the area would deteriorate without the development, calling that
 254 framing inappropriate. She invited those in support to consider how they would feel if it were
 255 proposed across from their own homes.
- 256 • Developer Jody Robins was given an opportunity to briefly respond to points raised. He clarified
 257 that only a portion of one building includes garages and that approximately 1,800 square feet of

commercial space across three storefronts remains in the plan. He noted that Providence Main Street currently has no available commercial space for rent, not because there is no demand, but because the existing vacant building's owner has not made it available. He stated that the proposed buildings are smaller, shorter, and set further from property lines than what current R-1-12 zoning would allow, and that the project is designed to be pedestrian-scaled and non-intrusive to neighboring residents. He indicated that entrepreneurs from community-oriented business categories — including a café, florist, bakery, soda shop, and ice cream shop — had expressed interest in the commercial spaces.

Council Discussion

- Council Member Speth moved to table the item, citing two primary reasons: first, that a full council should be present for a decision of this magnitude given the extraordinary level of community engagement; and second, that additional study is warranted regarding the broader implications of establishing a mixed-use zone in this location. He referenced a 2010 landscape architecture document that had been brought to his attention by City Manager Snow, noting that various options discussed in that document could potentially extend mixed-use zoning significantly northward through the city — possibly as far as Vons Park — affecting multiple properties including the Ring and Connect property, the Bear property, and properties across from his own residence. He expressed concern about extended ramifications and the need for an informed, full-council decision.
- Council Member Kunz seconded the motion and expressed agreement, noting that this item had generated more emails, phone calls, and in-person contacts than any other single issue during his time on the Council. He stated it was only fair for the full elected body to weigh in.
- Council Member Sealy offered commentary on the 2010 document, stating that upon reviewing it and the associated minutes, her reading is that it functioned as a guiding document for establishing the mixed-use district but was not incorporated into any master plan and carries no binding authority. She said she was prepared to vote on the matter but was comfortable waiting for full council attendance.
- Council Member Campbell reflected broadly on the community feedback he had received on both sides of the issue. He acknowledged being able to poke holes in arguments from both perspectives and stated that his personal inclination has been to keep residential areas residential and locate mixed use on the west side of Gateway Drive, where space was originally available. He agreed that waiting for a full council was the prudent course

Motion to table Ordinance 07-2026 until the full Council is present was made by Council Member Speth and seconded by Council Member Kunz.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay- Council Member Sealy

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, item tabled until next meeting.

1 HR 09 MIN. 15 SEC.

➤ **Item No. 10 Ordinance 10-2026 PCC 10-12-3&4 Amendments:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may take action on an ordinance regarding proposed code amendments to extend the sunset day for the incentive to record the deed restriction for an IADU or an ADU. Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 10th and recommended that the City Council approve the amendments. [\(ANALYSIS\)](#) & [\(ORDIN. 10-2026\)](#)

- City Manager Snow explained the proposed amendment. The city currently offers a \$100 incentive to property owners who provide proof of a recorded deed restriction confirming that one unit of an ADU or IADU will remain owner-occupied. The original ordinance contained a sunset date of May 15, 2026. The amendment extends that sunset date to May 15, 2028.
- Snow noted that between six and eight property owners had utilized the incentive since its inception. He framed the program as a "carrot rather than a stick" approach to compliance and affordable housing, consistent with state guidance encouraging cities to pursue both incentive-based and regulatory tools for housing affordability. The Planning Commission recommended approval at its June 10th hearing.

Motion to approve Ordinance 10-2026, amending PCC 10-12-3 and 4 to extend the sunset date for the ADU/IADU deed restriction incentive to May 15, 2028, was made by Council Member Sealy and seconded by Council Member Campbell.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, ordinance approved.

1 HR. 13 MIN. 25 SEC.

➤ **Item No. 11 Ordinance 08-2026 PCC 5-4-7 Swimming Pool Fence Regulations Amendment:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may take action on an ordinance regarding proposed amendments to PCC 5-4-7. Resident applicant is requesting a change to the city code to allow a waiver of the perimeter fence requirement when a specified pool cover is installed. [\(APPLICATION\)](#) & [\(ORDIN. 08-2026\)](#)

- City Manager Snow reiterated that staff has no objection to the core amendment allowing ASTM F1346-certified safety covers as an alternative to perimeter fencing, but that staff opposes the retroactive language, noting it creates an administrative complication for any outstanding citations, which staff prefers to have resolved on a case-by-case basis through the judicial process.
- Council Member Sealy raised a question about whether the city's code can be more restrictive than state code — confirmed by City Attorney Peck in the affirmative — and explored whether the timeline of the state's adoption of the ASTM standard has any bearing on the city's ability to maintain more restrictive requirements. Peck confirmed it does not.
- Council Member Campbell raised safety liability concerns associated with removing the fence requirement entirely. He described a scenario in which a pool cover is left open by a family

member and a young child accesses the pool unsupervised. He asked City Attorney Peck whether allowing the cover in lieu of a fence could expose the city to liability. Peck responded that while homeowner liability is always a consideration with any pool safety measure, the city would be hard-pressed to face liability for allowing something that state code expressly permits as a safety measure.

- Council Member Campbell also expressed frustration with the situation where residents may have been out of compliance with the existing fence requirement for years and are now seeking a code change to avoid enforcement. Applicant clarified that the disconnect arose because Cache County inspectors — who conduct inspections in Providence — follow Cache County code, which aligns with state code and permits the certified covers. She indicated that residents were told by both installers and inspectors that the cover was compliant, and only later discovered that Providence's city code was more restrictive.
- Council Member Sealy noted that a zoning clearance and building permit would have been required for the pool installation and would have referenced local rules, suggesting the discrepancy should have been identified at the permitting stage. This point was acknowledged but not resolved definitively during discussion.
- Council Member Sealy then addressed the retroactivity question directly. She noted that grandfathering and forward-looking code adoption is the standard approach, and that residents who had received citations prior to adoption would have those cases handled judicially, where a judge could exercise discretion in light of the code change.
- Attorney Peck confirmed that if a law changes during the pendency of an enforcement action, the prosecuting authority retains discretion to proceed or dismiss, and the court can weigh the circumstances — including whether the violation was willful and prolonged — in making a determination. Making the change retroactive would remove that judicial discretion, which he characterized as problematic from a separation-of-powers standpoint.
- Council Member Speth echoed that residents bear responsibility for understanding and following local code, and that outstanding cases should be resolved individually by the judiciary rather than being preemptively extinguished by the legislative body.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 08-2026, amending PCC 5-4-7 to align with state code by allowing ASTM F1346-certified safety covers as an alternative to perimeter fencing, omitting the retroactive language and allowing any outstanding enforcement matters to be handled judicially, was made by Council Member Sealy and seconded by Council Member Campbell.

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, ordinance approved.

1 HR. 29 MIN. 05 SEC.

- **Item No. 12 Resolution 04-2026 Non-Binding Library Ballot Question:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may take action on a resolution requesting a non-binding ballot

question for the 2026 election to assess support for a property tax increase to fund a city library.

(RES 04-2026)

- City Recorder Ty Cameron explained that the Council had discussed this topic at the prior meeting, and the resolution before the Council is what Cache County requires in order to place a non-binding question on the fall 2026 ballot. He noted the county prefers to receive the resolution before July 31st and that the language was developed in coordination with City Attorney Peck.
- Council Member Kunz moved to approve the resolution as written. Council Member Campbell seconded. Prior to a final vote, Council Member Sealy suggested simplifying the ballot question language for clarity, expressing concern that the existing draft was overly detailed and potentially cumbersome for voters. She proposed condensing the question to ask plainly whether Providence City should impose a new property tax levy to fund a city public library, at an estimated annual cost to the average homeowner, without enumerating every operational category.
- Discussion followed regarding how much context to provide voters. Several Council Members acknowledged that while the Council has been immersed in the library issue for months, many residents may not be aware of the background — specifically that Cache County is discontinuing library funding. City Manager Snow cautioned that adding too much language risks requiring a second ballot page, which would incur additional cost from the county. He confirmed there are no letters for or against permitted in a non-binding question format.
- City Attorney Peck, disclosing that he serves on the Richmond City Library Board and was offering guidance as city attorney only, suggested inserting a brief contextual phrase at the opening of the question — specifically noting that the county library is closing — before posing the substantive question. This addition would provide critical context with minimal additional language.
- The Council agreed to this approach. Council Member Kunz amended his motion to incorporate a revised ballot question reading: as the county library is closing, should Providence City consider imposing a new property tax levy to fund all related library services, estimated to cost the owner of a primary residence with a fair market value of \$500,000 approximately \$55.30 per year. Council Member Campbell seconded the amended motion.

Motion to adopt Resolution 04-2026, requesting a non-binding library ballot question for the 2026 election with amended language reading: "As the county library is closing, should Providence City consider imposing a new property tax levy to fund all related library services, which is estimated to cost the owner of a primary residence with a fair market value of \$500,000 approximately \$55.30 per year," was made by Council Member Kunz and seconded by Council Member Campbell.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, resolution approved

Agreements, Contracts, Bid Awards:

1 HR 45 MIN. 10 SEC.

- **Item No. 13 Just Serve City Designation Proclamation:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may take action on a proclamation that designates the city as a Just Serve city. **(PROCLAMATION)**

- Council Member Kunz explained that he has managed the city's Just Serve volunteer project portfolio for the past several years, coordinating projects listed on the Just Serve platform and recruiting volunteers from within and outside Providence. He reported positive outcomes from the program, with participation from youth groups, businesses, and individuals from multiple communities. Representatives of the Just Serve organization approached the city about formally becoming a Just Serve City, offering standardized proclamation language for the purpose. Kunz noted that Providence would not be the first city in Cache County to receive this designation but expressed enthusiasm for formalizing the commitment. He also mentioned that regular city tours with City Manager Snow have helped identify ongoing volunteer project opportunities.
- Mayor Alder added that the Just Serve City designation is being promoted by the National League of Cities as a way to signal that a community is service-oriented.

Motion to accept the Just Serve City Designation Proclamation and commitment to volunteerism in Providence was made by Council Member Sealy and seconded by Council Member Campbell.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, proclamation approved.

1 HR. 48 MIN. 25 SEC.

Public Comments: Citizens may express their views to the City Council on issues within the City's jurisdiction. The City Council accepts comments: by email providencecityutah@gmail.com, and by text 435-752-9441.

- Mayor Alder opened the floor of public comment.
- A representative of the Cache Water District, Autumn Matthews of Logan, addressed the Council regarding two water conservation programs.
- The first is the State Landscape Incentive Program, which provides residents a rebate of \$2.00 per square foot of lawn converted to water-efficient landscaping. To qualify for the state program, cities must adopt water-wise landscaping ordinances affecting new residential and commercial development. The minimum ordinance requirements include prohibiting lawn in park strips less than 8 feet wide, limiting lawn to no more than 50% of front and side yard landscaped areas in new residential developments, and restricting lawn to no more than 20% of total landscaped areas in new commercial, institutional, and multifamily common areas. Matthews acknowledged this program is not a one-size-fits-all solution and that cities are at different stages of growth and expansion.
- The second program is Cache Water District's Spring Grass Reseeding Program, which requires no city ordinance adoption. It offers water-wise grass seed at a discounted rate of \$3.50 per pound (normally

\$7.00 per pound) to all Cache County residents and cities. The grass variety is projected to reduce water usage by 30 to 50 percent depending on watering practices. The seed is available through Anderson Seed and Garden upon completion of a registration form at the Water District's website. Matthews noted the program is available to cities as well as individual residents and encouraged the Council to spread awareness given the current drought conditions.

- Heather Matthews, the representative, noted that a recent legislative session bill (believed to be House Bill 46 or 49) mandated water-wise landscaping at the state level, though without strong enforcement mechanisms, and that the state is asking districts to re-promote the landscape incentive program in response.
- Council Member Sealy asked whether the landscape incentive ordinance requirements had been recently updated. Matthews clarified they have not changed from previous versions the city had reviewed, and that the new state bill does not materially alter the local adoption requirements.
- No further comments were made.

1 HR. 54 MIN. 30 SEC.

Staff Reports: Items presented by Providence City Manager and/or Staff will be presented as information only.

- City Manager Snow provided the following informational updates:
- **Water Metering:** The city has implemented a new automated metering system city-wide. Over the past six months, the system has identified numerous leaks, with total water savings estimated in the tens of millions of gallons. Staff has taken a strategic approach of targeting the top 25 to 50 highest-use accounts, reviewing usage data weekly, and proactively contacting those with potential leaks. The response from residents has been largely positive, with many expressing gratitude for the notification. Some residents have cut their water usage in half as a result of finding and repairing previously unknown leaks.
- **Cemetery:** Staff conducted a successful post-Memorial Day cemetery cleanup, assisted by Council Member Kunz and others. Snow noted that the cemetery sexton recently retired after 30 years of service and that the city is currently filling the vacancy with temporary staffing through Kelly Services while working toward permanent placement.
- **Infrastructure:** Sidewalk installation on 4th South is underway. The dirt portion of a new trail has been completed; the trail has not yet officially opened pending delivery and installation of signage. Work on pedestrian-activated lights is also in progress.

Closed Session: Council will go into a closed session to discuss the potential of purchasing two properties in and around the 1st South area.

- **Executive Session Notice:** The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation as allowed by Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(c). The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss professional competence or other factors allowed by Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a). The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss land acquisition or the sale of real property Utah Code 52-4-205(1) (d) and (e).

Motion to go into a closed session to discuss potential property purchases in and around 1st South area.

– Council Member Sealy. 2nd- Council Member Kunz

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, Council enters closed session.

Motion to leave the closed session– Council Member Sealy. 2nd- Council Member Kunz

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes, Council leaves closed session.

Motion to adjourn meeting. – Council Member Sealy. 2nd- Council Member Campbell

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Sealy, Campbell & Speth (Via Zoom)

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent- Council Member Kirk

Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

Next city council meeting is set for July 15th @ 6 pm.

Minutes approved by vote of council on ____ day of _____ 2026.

I swear these minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Ty Cameron, City Recorder.