

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 24, 2026

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Steve Nelson; Councilmembers: Robert Cox; Waldo D. Galan; R. Scott Phillips; Phil E. Schmidt; Carter Wilkey.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Randall McUne; City Recorder Amber Ray; City Engineer Kent Fugal; Senior Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Lennert, Ann Clark, Tyler Allread, Tom Jett, Doug Hall, Greg Orloski, Tim Watson, Lisa Natwick, Bill Payne, Tonya Payne, Vickie Graham, Chet Smith, Laney Smith, Shalon Shaver, Neil Shaver, Jason Clark.

CALL TO ORDER: President Shawn Stoor, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Enoch Utah Stake gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Terri Marsh.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the amended agenda order. Councilmember Cox seconds; vote unanimous. Wilkey absent for vote.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ America 250 Proclamation-see attached. Read by Mayor Nelson.

■ **Phillips:** This is the week everything starts. On Friday, June 26th, for the next 13 days, beginning Friday, there'll be activities every single day. I do want to remind citizens, if you have lights on your homes, this is we're asking everyone to turn on their lights to red, white, and blue on Sunday, June 28th, to kick off this America 250 Week in Iron County. We will have lights put up on the city building on Sunday. Our offices will be decorated beginning Friday. This is to kick off the whole celebration. We have a very special fireworks display this year, and we've worked on it long and hard, and the fire department and Chief Phillips and his staff have worked really hard. We have secured sponsorships with BZI and with Rolling Rubber. Should the fireworks go through on July 4th at the airport, you will be able to listen to music timed with the fireworks, on all four of the local radio stations: Star 98.1, Kickin' Country 94.9, KSUB, and B 92.1. The fireworks will commence at 10 o'clock. They will be timed with the fireworks to the music you're listening to on your radio or your mobile device for one of those radio stations. We've worked long and hard for that to happen, so I'm hoping that we'll be able to do this. Tuesday the 30th, we'll be doing Echoes of Freedom at the Mayor's Park. I still have two open slots for a couple of councilmen to come and read documents. We will begin reading the great documents of this country at 2:50 in the afternoon, and for two hours and 50 minutes, we're reading the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and some of the great speeches by some of our presidents. At 10 minutes, your time is up, and the next person steps up, and they will pick up right where you left off in reading those documents. Then on July 1, the Mayor and the America 250 committee will be putting a time capsule in our Main Street Park. If you want to come to Main Street Park at 12 noon, we'll be putting a capsule in the park to be reopened 50 years from now. There may be one or two of you in this room that are still with us, but a lot of us won't be here 50 years from now.

■ Effluent plan update. **Mayor Nelson:** They have officially come through on the federal one and the state one, if I'm remembering right. We got for sure 7 or 8 million of it, and then there's just a couple million dollars more that we're hoping to be able to get this next year to get us to the projected 10 million to be able to start getting the pipe put in and getting the connections starting to happen. They are working on design of some of the infrastructure at the plant, the pumps and things to start getting that piece ready. So that when we want to start building the pipe system, then we'll have the infrastructure all the way finished. It's moving along well. **Phillips:** I just want to make sure that when we start doing work at the plant itself for this project, that we're staying in step with the folks that are leasing our property out there. That they are fully aware of the process as we move along.

■ Discussion on fireworks restrictions. **Wilkey:** Earlier this week, the governor had his press conference, and he called on the cities. Randall, can you start off by explaining to us this code that everybody keeps referring to that says we can or cannot do this? **Randall:** There's a couple of different codes. The main one that helps on this one is 15A-5-202.5. Basically what it says is that, if there are existing or historical hazardous environmental conditions, then you can restrict it and say it can't be done in certain areas. My interpretation of this means that generally you're not going to be able to say that applies to an entire city. But the state in issuing their ban that applies to all the unincorporated counties, they made the whole state red. They are interpreting it different than I am. Mine is essentially, if we can show that it's existing historical hazardous environmental, we can basically block out certain areas and say if it's mountainous, brush-covered, forest-covered, dry grass-covered, or within 200 feet of waterways, trails, canyons, washes, ravines, or similar areas, or the WUI, and then we're allowed to expand that just enough, it says a limited area, to make it easier to figure out where those boundaries are. So if we have dry grass-covered area that's 10 feet from a street, we might as well just put it to the street. That's kind of the way of doing it. That doesn't say, set your boundaries to your entire city boundaries. Other cities, it sounds like, are doing that to a certain extent, but that's where we are limited. As you read through this statute, be careful because some of the sections will only apply if you're planning it on historical purposes. So historical data that tells you we've had problems with fires for the last five years in these areas, those we have to plan before May. We can't do a historical one, but we can do an existing or current hazardous conditions within those boundaries. There are a number of cities that are taking the approach of basically designating a handful of areas and mandating those are the only places you can go. They're probably skipping some of these steps. We could probably get you most the way there if you gave us enough time. **Cox:** Do people care about the locations we've designated in the past? I see them everywhere, where they're not supposed to be. I think we need to let common sense prevail here. We can't dictate being smart or using common sense, but we can suggest that you not do fireworks this year or do the city one at the airport and that's it. **Fire Chief Mike Phillips:** If you go look at the last 10 years council meeting, we have the same discussion every year, and I will say it's the 4th of July and it's hot and dry every single year. To talk about historical fires, I can tell you where our historical fires are on the 4th of July. They are at the aquatic center in the dumpster, and they are at the Canyon View High School in the dumpster. That's the only historical fires that we can say happen frequently on the 4th of July. Those are the designated firework spots. We put them there on purpose. Greg sets them up. This year, TNT has given us 100 buckets that we're going to fill full of water, and hopefully people can douse their own fireworks and not get the dumpsters on fire. **Mayor:** In your recollection and since you've been in the city, has there ever been a fireworks-created fire that has caused property damage to homes, that has caught and blazed through neighborhoods? **Chief Phillips:** We have people that take their fireworks, put it in their garbage can, put it next to their house. They light their house on fire. I wouldn't recommend doing that. Leave them out in

the street. We had the fire up in the golf course a couple of years ago. Someone shot a firework, hit the hill. It burned up the side of the hill, but it didn't get any houses. We've had fences, trees, and siding on houses melted. There's damage that comes from them, yes. **Phillips:** We've had restricted areas for how many years, Chief? **Chief Phillips:** 20 plus. **Mike Shurtz:** The locations that we provide bins, are the south parking lot of Cedar High School, the parking lot at Bicentennial Softball Park, south and north parking lots of Canyon View High School, west parking lot at Canyon View Middle School, the west parking lot of the Aquatic Center, Iron Springs Elementary School, and at the east parking lot at the Bicentennial Soccer Complex. This information is available on the city's website. The public is encouraged to go look at the fireworks information. We've tried to position those all over the valley and make it so people have a safer location to discharge their fireworks. **Chief Phillips:** A few years back, we went through and adopted the wildland urban interface code, and part of that was creating this wildland urban interface zone. In that zone, it says fireworks are banned. That is one area where the state law allows us to ban them, is in those wildland urban areas. When we adopted this in 2018, we specifically left out areas that were already platted subdivisions and areas that were already developed so that we weren't introducing a new area or zone or restriction on stuff that was already built. That's why some of these areas South Mountain, for example, you see a little piece that's carved out. As those areas develop, we will take and expand that map out. That map's a living document. So as those houses come in, then we'll just take them out of the WUI zone. Fireworks are already banned automatically in those areas. **Wilkey:** What is the penalty? **Randall:** If lighting in the areas you're not allowed to is an infraction. If you negligently cause a fire, at that point, we start hitting misdemeanors. It can go higher than that. **Greg Orloski:** There's a list we distribute to the fireworks stands. There's the map, the links, all that associated paperwork goes to each site in addition to the permit that is created each year. **Chief Phillips:** Legislatively, if you want to make a change, we have to put a map in May 1st. **Phillips:** Do you believe there's any value if we further restrict the locations where they can do it, or is that just going to create more of an enforcement issue? **Police Chief Darin Adams:** Yes, that it would create an enforcement issue. **Phillips:** I'm trying to be sensitive to the citizens that have reached out to me. They're all hard-surfaced areas. If people will follow the rules and put them out properly, we don't have to rush to the dumpster. But there's no guarantee of that. Up on Mesa Hills area about four or five years ago, and I saw a tree just go up in flames, but it was people inappropriately doing it in their driveways, and they shouldn't have been. I don't know how you enforce that across the city. That's the difficult part of it. Why can't we say they're the only location they're allowed? **Randall:** We can't do that by law. We've got to designate that before May 1st. **Mayor:** The part I struggle with this in general, is as long as the state allows them to be sold, people are going to buy them, and they're going to light them off. We can pretend that as a government, we have all the power in the world to be able to stop this from happening. People are going to use their fireworks. The consequence should be if you do it stupid, then you get punished as stupid. But all of the people that do responsibly, let them enjoy the 4th of July. Why are we going to add more and more government restrictions on something that you can't police and be able to chase people around all night? We want to put all 52 officers on and have them drive up and down every street to tell people to put their fireworks out? I think it's overkill. We've done what we can do, and let's just educate and encourage people to be smart in the way that they celebrate the 4th of July. **Wilkey:** We've made a big investment in our firework show this year, and hopefully, they are willing to put theirs aside and come enjoy ours because of America 250. I'm assuming it's the biggest one we've ever had. **Mayor:** Someone that does it responsibly on asphalt in front of their own house is not going to cause any problem. They're not going to start a

fire that's going to burn anything down. I struggle with us taking away the ability for people to do that because of some fear that doesn't prove to be a reality if people are being responsible.

CONSENT AGENDA: (1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JUNE 3RD AND 10TH, 2026 (2) APPROVE BILLS DATED JUNE 19, 2026 (3) APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A TYPE 3/1 ENGINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$865,865. MIKE SHURTZ (4) APPROVE ROLLOVER PROJECTS FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR. TERRI MARSH

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the consent agenda as written above; seconded by Councilmember Cox; vote unanimous.

(5) APPROVE A DEFERRAL/DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT APPROX. 1150 N 3900 W (MAGNOLIA FIELDS SUBDIVISION PHASE 2) DEFERRING SOME PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. WATSON ENGINEERING/RANDALL MCUNE

Tim Watson: On 3900 West, we have phase two that is going to be built generally in this area. We're trying to get approval for phase two. Phase three will come in the future. We're asking for the deferral along the east frontage of this subject property on the west side of 3900 West for the public improvements that would be in line with current city ordinance. There are still questions about the future master plan storm drain, whether it's going to follow the existing ditch or come down what would be the north entrance into Magnolia Fields. We're asking that we get that deferral so that we can have additional conversation with city council, city staff, and work through the details so we can address that at that time. **Cox:** You can't see this here, but there's about a six to eight-foot elevation increase from that corner until about halfway down. We have to come up with some plan to get the water up there if that's the master plan. **Tim:** Point West is coming along this road here. The storm drain from Point West is installed up to this point. As soon as they're able, within the next couple of weeks, they're going to close this section of 3900 West and run it into the proposed north access into Magnolia Fields, which will then drain over into the existing pond in this location. There is a five or six-foot vertical climb up to where the existing ditch would be for the master plan storm drain if that's the location that we need it. My understanding is that this master plan storm drain is to service this whole area. We know water doesn't flow uphill unless we pump it or unless we drop the pipe deep enough that we can actually drop into it. That's why we feel that the deferral, trying to get this all figured out, elevations, and tie-in locations is an important piece so we're not doing it multiple times. That is the major reason for our deferral. It is not that we don't want to do the improvements. The improvements will get done with phase three. **Cox:** If there's a trigger of everyone else doing what needs to be done and it can be put in without redoing it... What triggers are you willing to say- this will trigger us developing that all the way through, whether we're ready for phase three or not? **Tim:** I think triggers are great, but who else has triggers? Is this the only deferral agreement that you have on the books right now for the city that has triggers? **Cox:** We have a lot of them. We do it all the time. **Tim:** Are there any other triggers for the Holt property that would trigger their portion of it? **Paul:** When they subdivide, they'll have to put in their improvements. **Wilkey:** Their deferral agreement is actually for Indigo Street that goes outward to Holtz. I don't know how 3900 West never made it into it. **Paul:** They did a few minor lots. **Cox:** I would like to see it be added. **Tim:** We're talking four lots, a couple hundred feet. The existing location of the edge of asphalt for 3900 West is pretty close to there. So there's not a lot more going to the west. Most of the improvements for 3900 West need to be on the east side. **Mayor:** Where they're coming across is still below where that elevation change goes up six feet? **Kent:** Yes, it increases a lot right at the end. Four feet probably at the end, right there in the last 20 feet. **Mayor:** Point

West is going to bring it over and tie in? **Tim:** Correct. Point West has already brought the storm drain to this point. **Mayor:** That's where it'll run under the street down the north access into Magnolia Field? **Cox:** And put in your proposed temporary ditch, which to me solves the problem. If phase three never happens, at least we have the problem resolved. **Schmidt:** I've had an opportunity to visit with lots of people about this. I met with Eric quite a bit, talked with Kent, Shane, and Jonathan. Kent, could you explain how our master plan ditch is working, what this affects, what our ordinance states about projects, what the deferral actually represents? I don't think it has anything to do with the storm drain right now. Could you just go over and give us information about all that? **Kent:** First, you did ask about the storm drain. Our master plan on the storm drain line calls for that 42-inch pipe to come down the ditch. That has already been installed with Point West phase one. This storm pond that's in the middle of that development has the ability to pump to that line in order to completely drain their pond as needed. Because it doesn't with the soils out there, it's not all going to infiltrate. So they do have a pump to put that in. **Phillips:** Who maintains their pump? **Kent:** That is private. The master plan shows the line continuing on down and going out to the west, eventually heading down to the northwest along the natural flow of drainage water. That's what we're planning for at this point in time, is allowing that to continue as shown in the master plan. We had a lot of discussions about potentially putting that line down the roadway that's planned in Magnolia. Where we've run into the challenges in trying to work those out is when it gets to the pond. The ordinance requires that the frontage improvements on 3900 West go in as far as phase two goes. There was a suggestion made by our reviewer that it would be nice to just finish it off and put in all of the improvements, but that's not what's required.. So that really has no bearing on what goes on with the storm drain line in this North Street. They already have agreement with the property owner to the east that they're bringing the pipe along. And it was mentioned that it has been installed up to this point, just hasn't crossed 3900 West yet. That can all happen independent of the requirement of these frontage improvements being installed. I think those are two completely separate issues. I don't think the storm drainage has any bearing on the ability to put in the street improvements. **Tim:** That's where I disagree, because of the elevation change that we've already talked about today. If in this short distance, we would have another two to three feet of vertical climb, that does affect how we tie in into this point. If there is going to be a master plan storm drain here, that all has to flow into drop inlets or other piping systems to get that to work. The elevation difference of the manhole that they're putting in here versus the road is about three feet. It's a significant amount of elevation difference. If we put these improvements in and master plan storm drain is left in the existing ditch area, there has to be some way to collect this additional water from Iron Crest and the other developments that are coming in, and get it into that so it can flow properly. If we put the curb and gutter into this point, it will flow uphill. That is not feasible. **Kent:** There is no expectation that water is going to flow in 3900 West northward up to where the storm drain pipe goes. The water is going to flow to some place that is lower, and it's going to have to be pumped to get into that line. There has to be a design for the profile of the roadway. That design can be done without necessarily having to construct the roadway all the way to the north end of their property. **Tim:** We would agree that the most logical place is to put the storm drain connection for the master plan generally at the north entrance into Magnolia Fields. We've never opposed that. We've complied with that in the past. The only reason why we've asked to take it out is because what would be a regional pond is now going to be a private pond for the storm drain, which would be Point West and Magnolia Fields and any future developments that the owner. Fill can flow into that. We don't want it to flow uphill, but trying to catch the water at this location without having a speed jump, and I will call it a jump because that's what it would be if we tried to catch everything here. Those storm drain extensions may need to come down further into this location in order to

properly catch it and direct it where it needs to go. **Mayor:** Can that be designed? **Tim:** Of course, it can be designed. **Mayor:** And put in as though that was the plan? **Tim:** Yes. We are so far behind on the approval of phase two, that's why we're asking for the deferral so that we can get these remaining items worked through and detailed and put in the construction plans for phase three. **Mayor:** To design it, you're saying would take.... **Tim:** A few more conversations. **Mayor:** And delay you. **Tim:** If the deferral is not accepted tonight, 75 to 80-plus percent chance that sections of 3900 West will have to be ripped out and reinstalled when the connections are all figured out. We do not have the connections of storm drain into that master plan line even discussed at this point. **Kent:** Part of putting in the required improvements on 3900 West is doing the design work that's necessary to know what you're needing to put in on 3900 West, including where storm catch basins might have to be based on, where the profile says the low points will be, and how you would pipe that to get it over into the rest of the system that's heading to their pond. **Tim:** Which would add to an additional delay in the approval for phase two. **Kent:** We've been asking for the improvement drawings for 3900 West for well over a year. On every review that's been asked for, there's been plenty of time to design those improvements. **Tim:** They were designed. We did have the storm drain running down this North Street, a master plan drain, which was going to be a regional storm drain pond. Now it's not. Once we figure out what the city wants, we can design what we need to in order to get it to work. **Kent:** Did we not meet with you guys many, many months ago about what would need to happen at that pond for that to be something that we could accept as a city pond? Did we ever see any improvement drawings that reflected that conversation? No. We still haven't seen any. **Tim:** Yes, you did. We designed them to show the road that was requested. We also proposed, which was never addressed, fortifying the slopes that were steeper than the 4 to 1. I will show you where we submitted those because they have. The only thing that we're asking for is if we can get phase two approved without the improvements here, that will give us whether it's two weeks, two months, or two years to figure out where the storm drain what's the best location for the storm drain in this area. If the city chooses not to use this pond, we're not worried about that. That's fine. We will take care of that as part of the development. It's already built. We will maintain that just like Point West is doing theirs. If the city wants to utilize that, we still need to have more discussions about it. **Schmidt:** From what I can see, the request here is for a deferral agreement to not accomplish yet what we have as far as phase two. If you take the line from the farthest north point of phase two and carry it all the way across, that would be the requirement, which is also according to our city ordinance. I don't see where this storm drain is really going to interfere with the design of the road. I think we're tying two things that probably shouldn't be. To me, the real question is, we have a city ordinance that was put out that states that we are supposed to fix what goes up to where we're at. My real question to the city council is, are we going to follow the city ordinance, or we may as well get rid of it? **Phillips:** We were talking about at one point maybe bringing the lines through that north road and then dumping into the detention pond as a regional detention pond. Can you clarify why we abandoned that? **Tim:** Initially, this was going to be a retention pond. That's what our proposal was. During the review process, the city came to us and asked, "Can we make this a regional detention pond?" Sure. That's fine. And during that process, we designed a road for access to the bottom of it. We proposed fortifying the slopes because they don't currently meet the city ordinance or engineering standards, which would provide an option for the pond to be utilized. During one of the latest reviews, we updated our stormwater report, which we indicated there would need to be some pumping from the pond up to the ditch because of the change in elevations. That pond is currently about 15, 16 feet deep. That was then triggered by the engineering department, which talked to Eric, and he said, "No, we do not want pumps in stormwater." Because there's no stormwater pumping, then it turns back over to being a private

pond. **Phillips:** We've heard all kinds of stuff going back and forth about how we're almost extended to the west side, and most of the improvements are now going to have to be on the east side of 3900 West. How much are we improving? Are we adding curb gutter, is it two feet of asphalt? **Tim:** We're putting in curb and gutter, sidewalk, a few things like that, but the majority of the development needs to come on the east side of the existing asphalt. **Phillips:** In the discussions last week, there's a discussion about the fire loop and the fire loop coming back into 3900 for this next phase. It was indicated by Mr. Brown that doing that didn't really increase the fire flow at all. Where are we? Is that part of the deferral agreement we're even talking about? Or is that not part of it? **Kent:** I don't believe it's part of the deferral agreement. Whether that is required to go in or not is going to be based on water modeling. It's not based on an exception to what's in the ordinance. **Phillips:** That is not something that we need to be considering relative to the deferral agreement, whether we vote yes or no? **Randall:** It's not in there. The only things we have are your curb gutter, sidewalk, streets, streetlights, and the looping water line. That's all that's in. **Phillips:** The looping water line is one of the questions. **Randall:** The water line is in. The storm drain is not. **Kent:** Whether the water line needs to be included in the deferral agreement or not, I would say, no, it does not. That would be my opinion. **Randall:** It's currently in the draft for you. The initial draft did not have the water line in it. The planning commission recommended that it be added in based on the applicant's request. **Kent:** Putting in the improvements on the west side includes rebuilding the roadway section to do that center plus 12 feet. Or in the portion where the other project ties in. There's opportunity there as this roadway is designed to what the profiles should be. The pavement needs to be rebuilt anyway. So the pavement will match up to that new curb profile based on the design of the road. If it is chip seal, then yes, they would have to go to center line plus 12 feet. **Schmidt:** There are some improvements being made on the water system. We have a line coming from the east side that's tied into the 16-inch line. It's going to tie into the 12-inch line that runs parallel with 3900. His project, I think, has one tie-in, then when that line comes across from the east, that will give a lot more water volume to this area. The other thing is we're almost ready to change the vault on Lund Highway. There are a couple parts we're waiting for. That vault's going to increase about 4,000 gallons a minute. It would actually probably be best if they model after that line is tied in and the vault's done. Then model. That would show whether or not their fire flow would be adequate. **Mayor:** So, take that out of the agreement and let the modeling determine whether they have to put it in or don't have to put it in. **Schmidt:** 3900 is not built to city spec. They're going to have to over-ex and fix that whole road. There's a lot more than just a little two-foot piece that's going to have to be fixed. That whole section of road would need to be. **Wilkey:** If we leave the water line in the deferral agreement and the modeling comes back and shows that it needs to happen, if we've left it in there, we don't have a choice. We have to wait until the trigger happens and they put it in, right? So if we pull it out, we could give them deferral and everything else, but if the modeling comes back and shows it, the water line has to go in for the loop. Also, if we truly are separating the stormwater from the road issue as just a pure road issue, it was made very clear when we passed this ordinance that there would be exceptions to that ordinance and it wasn't a one thing fits all. The ordinance, in my opinion, was created to stop developers from creating little tiny phases up against major roads so they never had to develop them. I don't think that's what they're trying to do here. I'm actually okay with the deferral. If we're okay with separating the storm drain issue from the road issue and we're just looking at the improvements on the road, I'm fine with the deferral because that ordinance was designed to stop people from doing something I don't think they're actually trying to do. **Galan:** Are you saying that on phase two, there are approvals that have not taken place from our side to you guys, and you're waiting on those? **Tim:** This is the last approval we need so that we can actually submit the final plat for recording.

Galan: Everything else for the phase has already been reviewed? **Kent:** My understanding, the improvements along 3900 have not been reviewed because I don't believe we have seen them, because they have not been submitted. **Tim:** The water in the street's coming back together because we were asked to update our drainage report, and our drainage report calls it out as a regional detention pond, I would need to go back and quickly modify that. That would probably be the last engineering correction item that would need to be submitted for the approval of phase two. **Galan:** Why are you asking for 24 months? Why not shorter than that? **Kent:** That was the recommendation the Planning Commission made. **Tom Jett:** Because of the economy, I'd actually proposed four years for this, but there didn't seem to be much appetite for that. So we came to a consensus, and we discussed it and went to a two-year for this. **Cox:** As part of this, are you obligated to tie in to Point West's drainage up at the top? **Tim:** The Point West drainage is part of the agreement between the developer and Point West. They will work together on that. **Kent:** As we have looked at what the design there on 3900 West needs to look like to make the intersection itself work, some of that adjustment of the elevation of the existing road surface on the west side of the road really needs to happen at the same time that the intersection improvements happen. If we don't put these improvements in now, if we wait a couple of years for these improvements to go in, I don't think we have any choice but to wait a couple of years to even build the intersection, which I don't think is where we want to go. This really all needs to kind of happen together. Get the grades right, get a good crown on the road, get everything the way it needs to be. That's one reason why, from our standpoint as staff, we're not in favor of this deferral. We think that all needs to happen together now. **Galan:** What's the timing for that connection to be made, according to what's going on for the east side? **Kent:** I can't really speak for the developer on exactly what their timing is, but I know they're actively pursuing getting that done. It's close. **Mayor:** I'm still confused then. As long as the road design was done, then they could still get theirs done, and then the other side could also be done according to the same design. **Kent:** What was actually initially proposed for the east side of the road, because they don't really have control over the west side, was that they build the improvements in such a way that the travel lanes would actually shift over to the east, go through that intersection area, shift back over to the west to tie into the existing roadway surface that's out there. And then you have another shift to the east as you get up to. We would be taking a roadway that already feels like you're driving an obstacle course and would be adding a couple more shifts to that. We didn't think that made a lot of sense. We didn't think that would be agreeable to the city council based on comments we've heard in the past about 3900 West and that existing challenge out there. We were talking to the developer on that side and said- let's try to develop the other way. Let's try to get the two developers talking to each other and see if we can get all these improvements built at the same time. This deferral agreement works against what we've been trying to accomplish. **Cox:** There's two pieces of property in between that intersection you're talking about that are not likely to be developed for some time. They might, but you're still going to have to shift no matter what until those are developed. Are you willing to have a shorter time on the deferral? **Tim:** If that's what's needed, I mean, we can discuss it. What are we talking about as far as a shorter time? **Cox:** How much time will it take you guys to get together on what needs to be done? **Tim:** I don't think that a shorter time is out of the question by any means, but that's something that we need to really look at. I think the intersections and making sure that the road grades are in the right place is important. **Cox:** The trigger I was talking about, as soon as phase three starts, it's done. **Tim:** We talked about the water pressure. If I have 1,200 pounds here, whether I loop back or not, I still have 1,200 pounds. It's not going to change that. However, if the coming into the subdivision is 1,500 pounds or 1,600 pounds, then yes, that would change what could happen here. But if we're tying back into the same system that has a lower water pressure, there's very little change of looping it

back on itself. And I'm sure that that's what the model would show. We just had the fire flow and a couple of those fire hydrants verified, and they are under the 1,500 pounds. **Mayor:** So you're comfortable allowing the model to determine that? **Tim:** That's what the model currently shows. That's why they're hoping to get that loop back through there, but it's not going to change the pressure enough to meet fire flow by looping it back in. **Wilkey:** Are you okay if we pull that from the agreement. **Mayor:** Because if the model doesn't show it, then you don't put it in. **Tim:** If the model doesn't show that, I think that yes, you could take that from the deferral, which we wouldn't have to put in during phase two. Engineering's asking us to put it in in phase two. That's why we're deferring that. **Kent:** All the way on 3900 West, you're feeding water in from only one point off of 3900 West. There will be head loss. When you start pulling fire flows, you will have head loss in these pipes. If we had the loop coming in on the north, then you're pulling that fire flow through lines coming through two feeds into the subdivision instead of only through one. How big of a difference will that make, I don't know. If the modeling shows that it doesn't make a big enough difference to be worth putting in those improvements, we wouldn't be requiring that. If the model says it makes a big difference in how much your fire flow is going to be, then we would say, that line needs to be looped in. **Mayor:** How would you feel about that Kent? If the modeling shows that it would hit fire flow by making the loop, then we require it. If it doesn't hit fire flow either way, then you don't require it. **Kent:** What the modeling is going to tell us is that when you pull the required 1,500 gallons per minute for fire flow for a single-family home, what does that leave us for pressure at that point? Are we down to only 15 PSI, which doesn't meet standards, or do we have 30, 40 PSI? That's really what we're looking at. If we're in that margin, then having a second feed could make a significant difference on what that remaining pressure is when you pull 1,500 gallons a minute for fire flow. That's why we're not in favor. If the council does choose to approve a deferral agreement, we're not really in favor of that water line being part of it because we think we need to let the numbers tell the story as to whether it goes in or not. **Wilkey:** If we just pull it out of the deferral agreement, the modeling will show whether or not he has to put it in or not. **Kent:** Right. And when we see what the pressure would be under that 1,500-gallon-per-minute fire flow, then that gives us something we can talk to the fire department about, and a decision can be made. But we would need to see both ways, with or without that additional connection to 3900 West.

Councilmember Cox moved to approve the deferral/development agreement, reduce the timeframe to 12 months, and remove the water and have that required when the modeling is done; seconded by Councilmember Phillips; Schmidt nay, Galan aye, Phillips aye.

Galan: I want to make a comment on referring to Councilman Wilkey's comments on the city ordinance. I don't think city ordinances can be viewed as mere suggestions, which is the way that, in my opinion, we could interpret Councilman Wilkey's comments, that when they were written and proposed, that we knew that they were going to have to be a lot of exceptions. I want us to, as a city and as a council, to embrace our city ordinances as an ordinance. I want us to make sure that we have the discipline to look at an ordinance as an ordinance, and we adhere to the spirit of that ordinance. And then if we do have room for exceptions, that we look at it that way, but not go into the ordinances almost like a suggestion. I would just encourage us to be very disciplined in the way we look at these things. I don't think Councilman Wilkey was necessarily suggesting that they were a suggestion, but I almost took it as the spirit. **Cox:** The other side of that is- we're so hard stuck on this is an ordinance, and we have no wiggle room. There are circumstances that come up that require us to have compromise and to make it better for everyone. And so there needs to be some flexibility. It needs to be the standard, and then we deal with the exceptions.

And there will be exceptions. **Galan:** Ordinances are written for a purpose, and we need to be adhering to them. And yes, if there is a rare case where we need to, some of those ordinances don't make any sense at all, then we can change them. That's not making exceptions to them.

(6) APPROVE BID FOR THE CROSS HOLLOW OUTDOOR COVERED ARENA PRE-ENGINEERED METAL BUILDING. JONATHAN STATHIS

Jonathan: This project was discussed last week for a new covered outdoor arena at the Cross Hollow Event Center. We received the bids back last Friday. We received two responsive bids. The second low bidder was a local bidder according to our purchasing policy. We gave them the opportunity to match the low bid. They said that they did not want to match the low bid. The low bidder stays as Falcon Buildings. **Wilkey:** Do we know anything about the low bidder, Falcon Builders? Have we ever worked with them? **Jonathan:** They provided the building for the Diamond Z Arena addition. We have worked with them before, yes. They did a good job. **Phillips:** I mentioned a little bit last week. I'm certainly not against us having the building, and I will be voting in favor of the bid, but I want to make sure that we're looking at the entire complex. For me personally, part of the charm of this is seeing the outdoor arena, seeing the rodeo grounds. I'm concerned that this covered building may be hiding that view. Maybe it's a matter of relooking where the location or the orientation of the building. I'm not saying we shouldn't have the building, but let's just look at that carefully.

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the bid for the Cross Hollow outdoor covered arena pre-engineered metal building; seconded by Councilmember Schmidt; vote unanimous.

(7) APPROVE A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S PERSONNEL POLICY PROVISIONS RELATED TO OUT-OF-CLASS PAY. NATASHA HIRSCHI

Natasha: I made the changes from the recommendations. Councilman Galan asked about the language "sustained period of time". I just took that out, and moved "the approval of the department head and city manager" to the bottom. It just says that they'll approve the whole process. Those are the only changes, just the highlights.

Councilmember Schmidt moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Councilmember Wilkey; vote as follows:

AYE: 5

NAY:

ABSTAINED:

(8) APPROVE A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S PERSONNEL POLICY PROVISIONS RELATED TO COMPENSATION TIME. PAUL BITTMENN

Wilkey: I've had quite a few staff members reach out. As late as even over the weekend, we had a whole department that said they just heard about it on Friday. After our discussion last week is when they finally heard about it. I think we need a little bit more time on this. I think we are going to need to have some two-on-twos with some department heads and some other people. I'm not quite ready to decide where to go on this. I would defer to what you guys think on this one. I would be okay saying, "Let's implement this for all new employees. Let's start something somewhere for the new employees and then figure out for the previous." Or if you think it's better just to wait on all of it and do it all at once. I think we need at least another round of meetings to have some more input. **Galan:** I think in the conversations I've had with staff and various members of the different departments, there's still a little bit of emotion plus misunderstandings as to the genesis

of this practice as opposed to policy for many years. I would recommend that perhaps in order to cut through the chase and instead of having to have multiple meetings, we set up a small group that includes maybe some division managers and a couple of employees. And then come in with senior staff and maybe two members of the council and the mayor, and we have a conversation about the concerns and the opportunities that are there. Then we will bring it back to the council with a thorough definition of what we're going to propose in terms of this practice. **Cox:** I think we just need to take a deep dive into revamping the whole thing. For example, most people have gone just a strict PTO, you have a certain amount of days off. You don't have to be sick on the deer hunt every year for the whole week. And then people have to ask, "Well, is he abusing this or she?" And so it goes to a model of, "You get this much time off. You take it off. You don't." I want to maybe look at the whole thing. In the private sector, the Fair Labor Standards Act doesn't even allow comp time to be paid out. When this came into the governmental sector, it was basically for policemen and firemen for obvious reasons. And then it's kind of morphed from there. I think we just need to look at the whole thing and determine where we go with it. **Phillips:** I think that we need to look at the whole package because, there's vacation, there's sick leave, there's comp time, there's all kinds of things. We want to look at the whole HR side, not just pay. What are the benefits side of it? Then look at that in relationship to other municipalities and where we fit in that. I think that's all part of the discussion. **Mayor:** I personally like your suggestion, Waldo, on rather than having to have these multiple meetings with every council member, can we determine as a council, two council members that you'd like to kind of spearhead that further dive? **Schmidt:** I like what Robert said. I'd like to go PTO and just change it. **Galan:** I volunteer to be one of the council members if I'm allowed. **Mayor:** Let's trust the council members to work with Paul and determine how the best way to get that committee and get the discussions happening within the city. **Galan:** We need to get cranking right away. We need to make sure that we have representation from the employees. I don't know how that will take place. **Mayor:** Is everybody all right with Waldo and Robert as the two council members? Any objection to that? **Paul:** Did I hear it right that there's at least three of you interested in revamping everything and looking at a paid time-off model? **Cox:** That way, you don't have to question if they're being dishonest on their sick time. **Phillips:** Let's bring the people in and find out what their concerns are. **Wilkey:** I honestly didn't even know that there were so many different options. I'm not saying that we don't stick to that model. I don't think anybody is saying that. **Paul:** We're just going to need a little bit of time to do some research as to what other municipalities of similar size offer for PTO, leave versus what we offer. We'll probably work with the same group of municipalities that we use in our salary study. We'll start there. And if we have to branch out, we'll branch out from there. That's going to take a little bit of time to do that and put that in place to have that information for you. **Phillips:** I just wanted to just reiterate and make sure that this also has to include bottom-up. This cannot be top-down driven. **Wilkey:** Just like we heard from a citizen the other day about how if you do a referendum, you have to have somebody for and somebody against. So make sure we have good representation. Make sure we hear all sides.

Councilmember Phillips moved to table the resolution; seconded by Councilmember Wilkey; vote unanimous.

(9) APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN IMPACT FEE FACILITY PLAN, IMPACT FEE ANALYSIS, AND SETTING IMPACT FEE RATES. PAUL BITTMENN

Paul: In the ordinance itself, there's a pretty large section in there that you can see is redlined. That's where we put in all the new rates, and that follows what you see in our fee schedule. This is all the rates we talked about last week. It also has the rates for parks and recs along the lines that

we talked about last week. This wouldn't take effect for 90 days from passage. That's one thing you need to keep in mind. **Phillips:** I just need clarification that we didn't change any of the water. We didn't change a single one of them, and yet we have stuff we're doing. I just want to make sure that we're going to be able to cover this. **Mayor:** Ryan brought that up. He and I met, and I walked him through the process because he was the staff person that was concerned. He was also concerned about it, and he agreed on this point. **Cox:** Another point is, we're close to having an interlocal agreement with the Water Conservancy District, and these impact fees will shift for new wells and stuff. So that's going to change in the near future anyway. **Wilkey:** The way I look at it, Councilman Phillips, and I've explained it to a few people, is the price that we had before the existing, that was water distribution and water acquisition. It's the same amount, but we're only worried about the distribution piece. We're not worried about the acquisition piece as much because that's going to be covered by the interlocal agreement, it's the same amount of money, but it's covering a lot less stuff.

Councilmember Schmidt moved to approve the ordinance regarding adopting the impact fee facility plan, impact fee analysis, and setting impact fee rates; seconded by Councilmember Galan; roll call vote as follows:

Robert Cox - aye
Waldo Galan - aye
Scott Phillips - aye
Phil Schmidt - aye
Carter Wilkey - aye

(10) APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE BASE WATER RATE FEE.
MATT BAKER Matt: No changes.

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Councilmember Wilkey; vote as follows:

AYE: 5
NAY:
ABSTAINED:

(11) APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AND SET FEES FOR THE HERITAGE CENTER AND FESTIVAL HALL. **JASON CLARK** Paul: Jason has provided

this updated list. It closely tracks what's in the fee schedule. I think there was a couple of fees that weren't in the fee schedule. They were being charged anyway, so we want to remedy that and get them in the fee schedule. **Schmidt:** These are not very high increases. This seems like a pretty low. Is it in their room to come up here a little bit? We're already in trouble. **Jason:** The last column is the current fee. The new ones would have nothing in that column. We have increased all the fees at your request. We also talked about adding a technical fee increase. The city attorney pointed out to me that it's not enough just to vote higher fees in. We have to vote to amend the fee schedule. I'm submitting this as the new fee schedule. Some of the rate increases are very modest, but we had those larger increases in the theater use, the lobby use, room number seven, as per your request. I only added the fees where there will be a change. In the current fees, if there's nothing off to the right, that fee is remaining static. The pink is all the fees that are currently changing. **Randall:** When you say current fees and what's changing, that's based on what you are charging based on your fee list. But it isn't necessarily what's in the fee schedule previously approved. **Jason:** Correct. There were some minor differences in the fee schedule versus that. We

want this to be the new fee schedule. Where it says fees, that second to last one, that's your proposed. Anywhere there's pink, there's an increase in the price. **Galan:** We have a couple of hotels in town that have conference rooms and things like that that they rent out. How do your fees, let's say a single conference room, how do these fees compare to what the hotels charge? **Jason:** We are currently lower than them, and we are in the process of surveying not only the hotels, but the university and making a more reflective proposal next year. But there are increases. **Galan:** Why do we have to wait till next year? **Jason:** Well, we don't have to. We just hadn't finished all of that data by the cutoff on Monday. **Galan:** What will it take to finish doing this survey to where we know. **Jason:** We just need a few more days. As per your request a week ago to adjust some fees. We've been doing some diligent effort there. One of the things we don't want to do is we don't want to increase the fees to the point where we put ourselves out of the market. One of the biggest places we have a dearth of usage is in the middle of the day, the middle of the week. Raising fees in that segment would be counterproductive at this time. We have increased the weekend and the rooms that are of the highest demand. **Galan:** I feel a little bit uncomfortable not knowing what our competition is doing. **Jason:** You got us kind of in the middle of that, and we just haven't completed that. **Galan:** How reasonable would it be for me to suggest that we put this on hold until you have had a chance to review that data and then come back with an actual competitive proposal? Would that be unreasonable? **Jason:** That would actually be helpful to us because I do have one other request. We're in the process of updating our contracts and some of our policies that we've been asked to look into. We would like to make it effective September 1st. The new fee schedule, a new contract, new policies, kind of all synthesized together. **Galan:** If we have the data you are gathering, I think it'll help you, and it'll help us to be more comfortable with everything that's going on. **Jason:** We would love a little more time. We were kind of boiling the frog, increasing in small increments. We were planning on doing that year after year. With COVID and inflation we've had the last several years, we obviously were behind the curve on that. In the theater, you asked for some more substantial increases. We've put those in there. We have room seven, which is our large banquet room, which is the room that's in the most demand. And we increased that significantly. The rooms that are the smaller rooms in between, we didn't really feel that there was demand pushing us to increase those. We are working on getting the word out that they are available. We have posted on Facebook. We're in the process of buying an ad. We're trying to make ourselves more visible. **Galan:** Is \$100 across the board substantial? **Jason:** It's substantial when you think of who's renting it. We're talking primarily nonprofit groups. If you're increasing their rate by 33%, for them, that's a substantial increase. Is it comparable to where we might be able to get it? No. We still have room to grow. But what we don't want to do is take these arts groups, which have flourishing and well-run machines and double the rates on them when they haven't had any opportunity to plan fundraising and how they're going to deal with that. We think those are reasonable places to start at this point. **Phillips:** When you look at the theater, most of the time, these groups do not run it one day at a time. They're running it for multiple days. It does add up. The grand lobby could be one place that maybe is different because that might be different where there are special events that happen in there on a daily basis. So that could be looked at. If you want to roll this out by September the 1st and have it in hand, do you need advanced time to notify people? **Jason:** I don't think we need any kind of grand formal rollout. It's common that we have a fee increase every year. We did run across a couple of situations where our current contract is kind of thin on details, and we didn't want to get ourselves into some legal hot water by not having more meat to that. We're in the process of revising our contract. It would be nice if we rolled out a new fee schedule and a new contract as well as some additional policies all on the same day. We would be coming back with you for the contract. If you want some more refinement in the festival hall side, we certainly can

do that. **Wilkey:** For those who have made reservations, how does the increase affect that? **Jason:** On the old contract, if they have not paid in advance, the new fees do take effect. If people have paid in advance, we're not going to charge them more.

Councilman Phillips moved table the resolution to increase set the fees for the Heritage Theater until July 15th with the new proposal based on competitive analysis; seconded by Councilmember Cox; vote unanimous.

(12) APPROVE A REVISION OF THE FIXED ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY.

LINDEY MATHESON/ TERRI MARSH Terri: No changes

Councilmember Wilkey moved to approve the revision; seconded by Councilmember Schmidt; roll call as follows:

- Robert Cox - aye
- Waldo Galan - aye
- Scott Phillips - aye
- Phil Schmidt - aye
- Carter Wilkey - aye

(13) APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR. TERRI MARSH Terri: No changes

Councilmember Cox moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Councilmember Wilkey; vote as follows:

AYE: ___ 5 _____
NAY: _____
ABSTAINED: ___ ___

(14) PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR REVISIONS TO THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. TERRI MARSH

Public Hearing Opened
Public Hearing Closed

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Councilmember Cox; vote as follows:

AYE: ___ 5 _____
NAY: _____
ABSTAINED: ___ ___

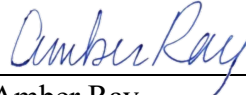
VI. Public Comments

Vickie Graham: The hump was initially put in to slow people down, and it still needs to stay. I think we need two more. They come in off of Scenic Drive going 45 miles an hour, which means 60 half the time in that little two-lane road that's under construction now for U-Haul. And on the other side of us, they come in off of South Mountain doing the same thing. In fact, a few years ago, there was a survey, and it was the engineering department that told my husband and I, they clocked some guy coming in off South Mountain at 125 miles an hour every morning at 5 o'clock

in the dark. And they fly past my house doing that speed. There's about a six-block stretch of 25-mile-an-hour residential area right there. That's why the hump is there. I walk every morning. I'm a walker. And right now, it's from 7:00 to 8:00 in the morning. And at least once a week, I see somebody run that four-way stop. They don't even slow down. They come off South Mountain over that blind hill where you can't see, except the sign says blind hill, but they don't read that. It slows it down to 15, I think, from 45. And then it says 25 coming into the neighborhood, but they fly right down that hill. They hit that four-way stop, and they keep going. I see it. I'm only out there from 7:00 to 8:00 in the morning. I don't know how many times a day it gets run. Everyone from Westview chooses to come through there to get to Walmart or get into town. Until that road is put in by you lovely folks or somebody who develops out there, the only way to do that is to come past my house. I'm right on the corner of South Mountain and Eagle Ridge. I see them all. If you want to give me a radar gun, I'll use it on Friday. We actually did have a neighborhood thing one Friday night. We all stood out in my front yard and watched everybody on a Friday night humming through the neighborhood. **Galan:** From the blind hill, what is the distance to the stop sign? **Mayor:** 450 feet. **Galan:** Can we put a sign with the solar flashing light that says, "Stop sign ahead," on top of that hill? **Vickie:** When they're coming in in the morning, they're coming right into the sun. I don't know if they'll even see it. **Kent:** That certainly could be done. The effectiveness of those signs is questionable, perhaps. I would say most of the drivers who come through there come through there all the time, and so they're well aware of what they're going to encounter. For those drivers who aren't as aware of what they're going to encounter, those kinds of signs can be helpful. I'm not sure how effective they are for your repeat everyday type drivers. You become sign-blind after a while. **Mayor:** It's another great argument for roundabouts. **Vickie:** The other challenge is that they're building a lot of houses out there. I'm going to say 400 houses are going to go in out there on the flatlands between Westview Drive and my house. I don't know if it's 400, but I'm sure it's at least 100. The traffic is going to get even worse without that bypass road that goes around the residential area. **Mayor:** The idea of a four-way stop is that people are supposed to stop. That the stop is the normal traffic mechanism in which we slow traffic down to go through neighborhoods. **Lisa Natwick:** I don't live along Talon or South Mountain, but I'm still concerned about the speed at which I see people zooming through my neighborhood. There are days when I play the devil's advocate, and I turn off of Scenic Drive onto Talon Point, and somebody's behind me, and they're on my bumper. I don't have to drive all the way over, I turn here and go up Eagle Ridge Loop. But I drive 25 miles an hour or less just to make sure they're not speeding in the neighborhood because we do have children in the neighborhood. They might actually stop at this four-way stop here, and then they gun it till they have to slam their brakes on and hit that bump. And then they're down here, and they might glide through that stop sign. But there are kids. This part of the development out there. There are quite a number of kids in that area. They ride their bikes, their buddies with their friends, and they cross that street. And that really concerns me that we still have, even though we've tried, we've got two four-way stops, and we got a speed hump, and they still want to zoom through there. I would love to see the hump stay. Yes, it's inconvenient, but it's a safety thing. **Cox:** When we've had problems like this elsewhere, we've put up the flashing speed limit, and we've increased enforcement for speeding. I think they might be unrelated, the hump and the speeding, and there might be different ways to address the speeding problem. **Police Chief Darin Adams:** It varies. We see that in different areas of town. We may have a similar solution that is driver behavior is different based on that area of town. I will see if I can get some more details. We've got two traffic officers now. I think it might be well worth it to send one down there for a few days at specific times and try to gather some information and see if we can't educate and enforce regardless of what your decision is.

Neil Shaver: People are going to run stop signs. They're going to speed. They're going to do whatever they do. But my only concern is, why spend the money to pull the speed bump out? It slows people down. So why not keep it? What's the benefit of removing it? **Cox:** I can tell you one benefit. It's really hard on snowplows and equipment. **Mayor:** That's a big one. We have a sinking fund and are working on a grant to try to get that road to bypass your neighborhood. Just know that it is a priority to us and that we recognize that as a problem in general.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.; second by Councilmember Cox; vote unanimous.



Amber Ray
City Recorder

Cedar City, Utah

Proclamation America 250 Week in Cedar City

Whereas, our Founding Fathers established a new nation dedicated to the idea that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the right to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, and a Government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed; and

Whereas, the United States of America will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026, marking two and a half centuries of freedom, opportunity, made possible by our democratic republic form of government; and

Whereas, the State of Utah, admitted as the 45th state on January 4, 1896, has long embraced the enduring ideals and constitutional principles upon which our nation was founded; and

Whereas, Cedar City, founded in 1851, has faithfully upheld the values of liberty, civic responsibility, faith, service, and constitutional government that have defined our nation since its founding; and

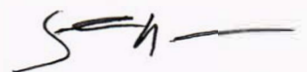
Whereas, Cedar City and Iron County launched a year-long America 250 celebration in July 2025 to commemorate this historic milestone and to inspire a renewed appreciation for our nation's history and founding principles; and

Whereas, twenty-five dedicated citizens representing elected leadership, veterans, education, faith communities, civic organizations, the business community, and numerous community partners have served on the America 250 Steering Committee to plan this historic observance; and

Whereas, these dedicated volunteers have organized a thirteen-day community celebration, entitled "**Stars and Stripes Forever,**" to be held from June 26 through July 8, 2026, featuring activities that celebrate America's heritage, honor our Founders, strengthen our families, and unite our community in patriotism and gratitude;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, I, **Steven Nelson**, Mayor of Cedar City, Utah, do hereby proclaim **June 28 through July 4, 2026, as "America 250 Week" in Cedar City**, and invite all residents to celebrate our nation's rich heritage, honor the sacrifices of those who secured and preserved our freedoms, and reaffirm our commitment to the timeless principles upon which the United States was founded.

Signed on this, 24th day of June,
In the Year of our Lord 2026.



Steven Nelson
Mayor of Cedar City

Council Member Robert Cox
Council Member Waldo D. Galan
Council Member R. Scott Phillips
Council Member Phil E. Schmidt
Council Member Carter Wilkey

