

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

Thursday, May 7, 2026

6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

3330 South 1300 East

Millcreek, Utah

ATTENDANCE:

Paul Fotheringham, Mayor
Emily Gray
Drew Quinn
Matt Durham
Natalie Bradley
Dave Sundwall

City Staff:

Gina Chamness, City Manager
Stephanie Carlson, City Recorder
Todd Godfrey, City Attorney
Justice Tuffour, City Planner

I. Welcome – Mayor Fotheringham.

Mayor Fotheringham called the City Council Meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

II. Public Comments.

Trudy Jorgensen-Price shared updates about the library. She reported that on Saturday, it is possible to make a Mother's Day card at the library from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Those interested in learning needle felting can come in on May 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. It is also possible to make a button as part of the America 250 celebration on May 23, 2026. The library is a Summer Reading Kickoff Party location and the theme for Summer Reading this year is "unearth a story." There will be activities, games, crafts, and prizes available during the party. She encouraged residents to attend the Summer Reading Kickoff Party and sign up for the Summer Reading program, which has its own set of prizes.

III. Public Hearing on a Proposed Street Vacation at 2755 East Hillsden Drive.

City Planner, Justice Tuffour explained that this item has to do with a partial street vacation in the area west of 2755 East Hillsden Drive. There is a proposal to reduce the width of the right-of-way from 65 feet to 50 feet. The applicant is proposing to use a part of the travel lane that has already been encroached upon.

Council Member Gray believed the area that is proposed to be vacated has essentially been used and maintained by the applicant. This was confirmed. Council Member Gray asked if there was a misunderstanding where the applicant believed this was their property. Mr. Tuffour was not certain. If the City Council chooses to approve this right-of-way vacation, it will not alter the current travel lane or the roadway configuration. The Planning Commission expressed support for the request, but there were some recommendations, such as requesting that future improvements be done in collaboration with the Public Works Department to ensure maximum safety standards are followed.

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

IV. *Public Hearing on a Proposed Street Vacation at 1720 East Bunkerhill Road.*

Mr. Tuffour explained that the applicant is proposing to vacate a portion of the unused right-of-way and incorporate that area into their property. Staff has reviewed the application in compliance with applicable City Code standards. This request has also been reviewed by the Planning Commission and the Commission forwarded a unanimous recommendation of approval. Mr. Tuffour noted that there are Staff recommendations and findings included in the Staff Report. In the narrative, it states that the applicants have resided at their property for 28 years.

Mayor Fotheringham opened the public hearing.

Todd Porter. He has been handling weed mitigation and making sure the gutters are cleared. There have been requests that the street be repaved, but it has not been repaved in the time that they have lived in the area. There are some trailers parked in the front of his house, but he would like to improve the property and place those trailers in a garage. This would improve the overall look of the neighborhood. Mr. Porter shared additional information about the current conditions and mentioned the existing pothole.

Harold Bateman and stated that he has been a resident for more than 50 years. He expressed support for the request from the Porter family. What is proposed would beautify the neighborhood and would make the street a better place for everyone to live.

There were no further comments. The public hearing was closed.

V. *Public Hearing on Utah Community Clean Energy Program.* (

Ms. Chamness reported that Council Member Drew Quinn provided information about the Utah Community Clean Energy Program at the last City Council Meeting. Council Member Quinn stated that five communities have adopted the Ordinance. She believes this would be beneficial for the City.

Mayor Fotheringham opened the public hearing.

Doug Stark. He has been interested in renewable energy for a long time and was a member of the Utah Solar Advocates in the 1970s and 1980s. He encouraged members of the City Council to support the Utah Community Clean Energy Program.

There were no further comments. The public hearing was closed.

VI. *Presentation of 2026-2027 Tentative Budgets.*

Ms. Chamness shared information about the 2026-2027 Tentative Budget. The budget represents the combined work of Staff and contracted agencies, who began work on the budget preparations earlier in the year. She expressed appreciation for all who have been involved in the budget process.

Ms. Chamness explained that the budget has been developed with those priorities in mind. The budget also prioritizes the City employees, providing a 2.7% Cost of Living Adjustment (“COLA”) as well as some targeted market increases to ensure that the City of Holladay attracts and retains high-quality Staff.

The Tentative Budget does not anticipate a property tax increase for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. After several years of double digit growth in sales tax, the sales tax growth has now returned to more historic levels. Assuming other sources of revenue growth remain consistent from year to year, the historic level of sales tax growth is not sufficient to absorb the increases in public safety and public works services. As a result, it is possible to anticipate a property tax increase in the next fiscal year.

The budget does not include significant changes in City operations, but proposes the conversion of two existing part-time positions to full-time roles. The first position is a part-time Judicial Assistant position for the Justice Court. This shift is based on an almost 18% increase so far this year in the caseload. Ms. Chamness explained that this cost will be shared with the other participating cities.

The budget also assumes the conversion of a part-time Inspector position to a full-time role. At this time last year, the City Council approved a part-time position, which was designed to reduce the use of the more expensive contracted inspectors. However, there was difficulty finding a qualified inspector who was interested in part-time work. The hope is that a full-time role will make it possible to reduce the more expensive contract use. She reported that the budget shows the addition of a full-time Inspector position with a corresponding reduction in the contract inspection services line item.

Ms. Chamness reported that the Tentative Budget reflects some inflationary increases for the City as well as changes in the contract costs for key municipal services. The contracts for police services and public works services are increasing by approximately \$310,000 each. The City Council continues to prioritize two projects: the seismic retrofit of the nearly 100 year old City Hall Building and the conversion of the Spring Lane Elementary site to a park. Those projects are reflected in this budget.

Mayor Fotheringham was pleasantly surprised at how well the budget came together without the need for a property tax increase. It speaks to the financial health of the City that the bond payments can be handled without an adjustment. He thanked Ms. Chamness and Finance Director, Christian Larsen.

Mayor Fotheringham noted that a significant portion of the budget is connected to public safety. He sits on the Unified Fire Authority (“UFA”) and Unified Police Department (“UPD”) Boards. Another reason there has not been a property tax increase has to do with the reasonable budget increases from UFA and UPD this budget cycle. He thanked everyone for the work that has been done on the budget.

VII. *Consideration of Resolution 2026-12 – Acknowledging Receipt of and Adopting the Tentative 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budgets and Setting a Public Hearing for June 4, 2026.*
Council Member Gray moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-12 – Acknowledging Receipt of and Adopting the Tentative 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budgets and Setting a Public Hearing for June 4, 2026. Council Member Durham seconded the motion. Vote on Motion: Council Member Gray-Yes; Council Member Quinn-Yes; Council Member Bradley-Yes; Council Member Durham-Yes; Council Member Sundwall-Yes; Mayor Fotheringham-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. *City Manager Report – Gina Chamness.*

Ms. Chamness shared an update about the earmark. She reported that Congress approved the funding bill for the Department of Homeland Security. Contained in that bill was some funding for the seismic retrofit. The complication is that work is already underway on that project. In normal circumstances, that would mean the City would become ineligible to receive the earmark, but there is work being done with the Federal Delegation to see if there can be some sort of special exemption given then extraordinary circumstances. She will share additional information with the Council in the future.

Council Member Bradley asked if it would be possible to use those funds elsewhere if it is not possible to use them for the seismic retrofit. Ms. Chamness stated that if it is not possible to carve out an exemption, the hope is that the funding could still be used for other mitigation work in the community. There will be continued conversations and she hopes to have an update in the next week.

Ms. Chamness reported that the State approved the consolidation of the State celebration of Juneteenth with the Federal holiday, which is June 19th. The State law change does not take effect until 2027. That means that this year, the State will celebrate Juneteenth on June 15th, 2026. The Employee Handbook states that a choice can be made to celebrate on either June 19th or according to the State schedule. Her preference would be to celebrate the holiday on the actual day of Juneteenth. There will be alignment once the change goes into effect. Discussions were had about potential complications this year. Ms. Chamness noted that the court has to follow the State holiday schedule.

Many cities have been adopting language on their agenda that states the City Recorder, with the supervision of the City Manager and in consultation with the City Attorney, can make non-substantive corrections to any part of an Ordinance or Resolution. This could cover grammatical errors, numerical errors, or consistency issues. She asked if the City Council would be comfortable including this kind of language on future agendas, which was confirmed. It was determined that this will be added.

IX. *Council Report and District Issues.*

Council Member Gray reported that Ms. Chamness was nominated and will be awarded the Distinguished Service Award for an Appointed Official by the Utah American Society for Public Administration. This award is well deserved since Ms. Chamness is relied on for her professionalism.

Council Member Quinn reported that she attended the Neighbors Prepared Fair and there were over 700 attendees. Emergency Management Coordinator, Allison Jester, shared information about how the City interacts with the community and what County and State resources can be brought in when needed. It was an important event and she expressed appreciation for everyone who attended.

Council Member Bradley attended the Utah PTA Awards last Thursday. Megan Carter, who is a volunteer at Oakwood Elementary School was awarded as an outstanding PTA volunteer. It was a meaningful evening where several volunteers were honored. Council Member Bradley discussed the Page to Stage program and informed the Council that it will take place on June 5, 2026.

Council Member Matt Durham discussed the Tree Voucher program. He explained that the Tree Committee sponsors and administers a program where Holladay residents can apply for a voucher to plant a tree on their property. In the past, it has been a more cumbersome process, but the Tree Committee has been focused on streamlining that process. 12 vouchers have been given out in the last two months. It is a beneficial program that helps maintain and grow the tree canopy in Holladay.

Council Member Sundwall also attended the Neighbors Prepared Fair and it was an outstanding event. Mayor Fotheringham reported that he attended the UPD Fallen Officers Memorial earlier in the week. He noted that there will be a ribbon cutting tomorrow for the Steinway Piano Gallery.

a. Calendar.

Council Meetings – May 14, and 21, June 4 and 11, 2026.

The calendar items were reviewed and discussed.

X. Closed Session for the Purposes Described in U.C.A. 52-4-204-and 205.

There was no Closed Session.

XI. Adjourn.

Council Member Bradley moved to ADJOURN. Council Member Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Holladay City Council Meeting held Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Stephanie N. Carlson, MMC
Holladay City Recorder

Paul Fotheringham, Mayor

Minutes approved: **July 16, 2026**