CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING-REGULAR SESSION
CITY HALL-10 EAST CENTER STREET, NORTH SALT LAKE
JUNE 16, 2026

FINAL

This meeting was preceded by the Redevelopment Agency meeting.

Mayor Horrocks welcomed those present at 7:44 p.m. Emily Rose Stephens provided a thought during the Redevelopment Agency meeting and then during the City Council meeting Tammy Clayton led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

EXCUSED: Councilmember Alisa Van Langeveld

STAFF PRESENT: Ken Leetham, City Manager; Heidi Voordeckers, Finance Director; Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; Sherrie Pace, Community Development Director; Craig Black, Police Chief; Karyn Baxter, City Engineer; Tyler Abegglen, Golf Course Director; Todd Godfrey, City Attorney; Wendy Page, City Recorder.

David Frandsen, Assistant City Manager, was not present at this meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dee Lalliss, Conrad Jacobson, Carolyn Jacobson, Ryan Holbrook, Lisa Midgley, residents; Chief Jeff Larsen, South Davis Metro Fire Service Area.

1. CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-22R: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS

Heidi Voordeckers reported on the final amendments for the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. She noted these included additional revenues (sales tax, golf operations, interest, transfers) in the amount of $1,335,300. She added that a large part of the transfers was related to the RDA (from the General Fund, admin for RDA, Housing Fund, Hatch Park/Debt Service Fund). She continued with increases in operating expenditures of $258,820 which were largely related to golf course operations (increased costs, cost of sales, equipment), General Fund travel, and IT services. She added that the travel costs included registration fees for a conference the City Council attended.

Heidi Voordeckers reviewed the increase in Capital expenditures of $275,000 related to the Water Fund, Storm Drain Fund, and Street Fund. She said this encompassed three projects including the Coventry/Freedom project, 850 North/900 North/Madsen Lane, and the emergency repairs on David Way. She shared the total impact was a net increase overall to citywide fund balance of $701,480. She presented the transfers in and out including those approved by the RDA Board. Ms. Voordeckers clarified the additional expenses related to the capital projects including soft spots for the 850 North/900 North/Madsen Lane and geotechnical services, design fees, and micro pile overage for David Way.

Mayor Horrocks opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Dee Lalliss, resident, commented that he had reviewed the budget and mentioned that it had been presented during public meetings several times. He felt it would be acceptable to the public.

Tyler Abegglen reviewed budget amendment items related to the Eaglewood Golf Course. He explained that these increased expenses were for machinery equipment and capital changes. He continued that this included an irrigation radio wave measuring device for moisture content in the soil. He said the course was currently using a system they had to manually adjust which was not feasible. Mr. Abegglen noted the $24,500 cost of the equipment and $4,000 for a one year subscription for a total initial investment of $28,500. He estimated the 10% water savings at $18,000 a year and water conservation.

Mayor Horrocks asked if the Parks Department could borrow the equipment. Tyler Abegglen replied affirmatively and said that would increase the initial cost to include mapping where the sprinklers were on other City owned properties. He added that the system was also compatible with the current Toro irrigation at the golf course.

Councilmember Jackson thanked Tyler for continuing to think outside the box which tended to result in revenue boosts or savings. She spoke on water usage at the golf course and commended Tyler for his conscientious ways in trying to save water and irrigating less while achieving the maximum result.

Tyler Abegglen mentioned several years ago when Weber Basin Water Conservancy District cut water usage down to 40% and how the proposed technology would make this easier to implement. He also said this technology would help to solve issues with inconsistencies.

Mayor Horrocks closed the public hearing at 8:01 p.m.

Councilmember Clayton moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-22R: a resolution approving and adopting amendments to the 2025-2026 General Fund, Housing Fund, Local Building Authority, RAP Tax/Debt Service, Parks Capital Projects, Road Capital Projects, Water Capital Projects, Storm Water, and Golf Fund Budgets. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Smoot. Councilmember Van Langeveld was excused and not present for the vote.

3. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-23R: A RESOLUTION SETTING THE CERTIFIED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR ALL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY BOUNDARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Heidi Voordeckers reported on the certified tax rate for fiscal year 2026. She compared the certified tax rate for fiscal year 2026 and 2027:

2026

Tax rate:	.000855
Revenues:	$3,016,022
	$64,813 from new growth ($75 million)

2027

Tax rate:	.000805
Revenues:	$3,139,460
	$123,554 from new growth ($153 million)

Ms. Voordeckers explained that this Resolution would adopt the certified tax rate which needed to be submitted to the County by June 22nd.

Councilmember Knowlton moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-23R: a resolution setting the certified property tax rate for all property located within the City boundaries for fiscal year 2026-2027. Councilmember Smoot seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Smoot. Councilmember Van Langeveld was excused and not present for the vote.

4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-24R: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE RELATED TO UTILITY RATES AND COLLECTIONS FEES

Heidi Voordeckers reported that staff had been reporting on revenues and the continuation of the Bowen and Collins study since the beginning of the budget process in February. She noted that it was year five of implementing the study and the proposal was for a 6% increase on water, a 10% increase in storm water, and no change in fee for garbage (continuation of year round pickup with a second Saturday pickup). She spoke on formal authorization needed to pass on a collection fee of 18% which was charged by the collection agency on delinquent accounts.

Ms. Voordeckers reviewed the six year recommendation related to the water and storm drain rate study and the new fee schedule. She noted this included changes to the base rates to encourage conservation and a potentially lower water bill. She also mentioned staff had performed an analysis for residential properties above 350 East and below 350 East.

Councilmember Jackson mentioned that she had researched where the City ranked compared to Bountiful, Farmington, and South Davis Water and determined the City was the only one that used a tiered system. She added that the City was right in the middle on average cost compared to the aforementioned entities. She said the City was only one that delineated different rates for different parts of the City which she objected to. She stated that the City did not charge more for snow removal, mosquito abatement, or police services based on location in the City but did charge more for water usage based on location.

Councilmember Jackson also spoke on implementing a tiered rate for commercial as it was a potential source of revenues using a car wash as an example. She commented that while the water system was based on the study that she disagreed with the east/west differential. Councilmember Smoot was in agreement and said her objection was that this was a dangerous precedent to charge different members of the community different rates for public services.

Mayor Horrocks commented that this study was an attempt to incentivize conservation. He asked about anticipated rates for 2028 and if another study would need to be completed to address the next five years. Ken Leetham replied that staff would continually study the issue. He explained that it did cost more to service different parts of the City which was demonstrated in the water and storm rate study. He mentioned that it could also be viewed as one group of residents subsidizing the service of another group of residents.

Councilmember Smoot reiterated that this method of charging one group of residents more for services could also be extended to other services and was dangerous. She felt this was not an equitable way to run a city. Ken Leetham responded that the City could implement different fees for services based on location. He gave the example that snow removal in the higher elevation areas of the City also cost more. He added the highest water usage was also on the east side of the City.

Ken Leetham continued that there was a push by the State for cities to utilize water rates in tiers and blocks to penalize high water users and reward low water users. He said this study reflected that push.

Councilmember Smoot agreed that high water users should be penalized but said that those above 350 East were paying more for where they lived and not based on usage. Ken Leetham clarified that it was not a penalty and that the study included the actual cost to deliver water to different parts of the City and based the rates off that methodology.

Mayor Horrocks commented that he had voted to support this as a member of the City Council and living above 350 East. He suggested the City Council could review this in the future.

Councilmember Jackson said it was not the resident's fault that the City chose to put their water wells and pumps on the west side. She mentioned that other east/west cities like Bountiful and Farmington just had one rate for their entire city. She added that police services were not utilized uniformly across the City but were subsidized by the entire City. She reiterated that the City should bear the cost for services equally.

Mayor Horrocks said the genesis for this was bonding for a water project and receiving a mediocre interest rate due to not funding water correctly. He spoke on how former City Councils decided to subsidize water usage from the General Fund without a guaranteed source of income and how this had since been corrected along with charging residents for what they actually used via a tiered system. He suggested reviewing this in 2028 with a new water study.

Ken Leetham clarified that the water study included recommendations for five years through 2027. He said the study specified annual fee increases and suggested the City Council review this at that time. He also mentioned the State may impose additional restrictions in the future as well.

Councilmember Knowlton moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-24R: a resolution amending the City's Comprehensive Fee Schedule related to utility rates and collection fees effective July 1, 2027. Councilmember Clayton seconded the motion.

Heidi Voordeckers clarified that correct effective date was July 1, 2026.

Councilmember Knowlton amended his motion to be effective July 1, 2026. Councilmember Clayton seconded the amended motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Smoot. Councilmember Van Langeveld was excused and not present for the vote.

5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-25R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO "PICK-UP" THE EMPLOYEE PORTION OF THE TIER 2 HYBRID PUBLIC SAFETY CONTRIBUTION RATE

Heidi Voordeckers reported that this Resolution was related to authorizing the City to pick up the employee portion of the Tier 2 public safety contribution rate. She explained that in 2020 the Utah Retirement System (URS) revised their actuarial study and required that a portion of the retirement contribution come from the employee for public safety. She added that the caveat was that cities could opt to pick up that rate for those public safety employees that participated in the plan. She continued that the City opted to do this and that the rate had increased every two years.

Heidi Voordeckers stated that the City continued to pick up this rate on behalf of employees similar to neighboring cities. She reviewed the 2026 information which included an increase of 1.25% (from 4.73% to 5.98%), an impact to ten current employees, and an estimated cost of $10,160 which was offset by a decrease in other rates. She noted that URS had decreased city contribution rates overall over the last three years. Ms. Voordeckers continued that the City was saving $38,000 overall on retirements costs.

Councilmember Jackson moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-25R: a resolution authorizing the City to "pick up" the employee portion of the Tier 2 Hybrid Public Safety Contribution Rate of 5.98%. Councilmember Smoot seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Smoot. Councilmember Van Langeveld was excused and not present for the vote.

6. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-26R: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Heidi Voordeckers reported that this was the same budget that was presented for the public hearing at the previous City Council meeting. She said no changes were proposed or presented at this time. She added that staff had noted the differences between the proposed budget and the one provided on the City's website for the tentative budget. She noted the changes were related to some increases in sales tax, marketing and branding funds based on the strategic planning meeting, court wages/administration, and the Health and Wellness Committee budget. Ms. Voordeckers shared the total budgeted expenses of $37,146,201 which did not include the RDA funds which were approved earlier. She concluded the total net change in fund balance was $45,794.

Councilmember Smoot moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-26R: a resolution adopting the fiscal year 2026-2027 General Fund, Special Revenues Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Fund Budgets. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Smoot. Councilmember Van Langeveld was excused and not present for the vote.

Mayor Horrocks mentioned the RDA meeting and the opportunity to spend $10 million. He spoke on the state of the City several years ago including the poor financial position of the golf course and trying to keep up with street deterioration. He commended staff on the current position of the City.

7. NOTIFICATION OF AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE TENTATIVE FY27 BUDGET AND PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE BY THE SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE SERVICE AREA

Ken Leetham reported that he was on the Administrative Committee for the South Davis Metro Fire Service Area (SDMFSA) which was a committee tasked with reviewing budgets and costs and making recommendations to the Governing Board related to the finances of the Fire District. He explained that the Administrative Committee was comprised of City Managers from the five cities and a representative from Davis County. He continued that the Governing Board was comprised of the five mayors and a Davis County commissioner. He said those two entities recommended the Fire District address the budget shortfall of $1,898,276.

Mr. Leetham shared that a budget shortfall has occurred numerous times due to the fact that the fire service area has only one source of revenue which is property tax. He mentioned there were some user fees, ambulance fees, and other fees but said these did not cover the large cost of managing a fire district of 140,000 people. He attributed the budget shortfall mainly to growth in personnel costs and said there is a brief history of using property tax increases and some fund balance in the Fire District to keep up with expenses.

Ken Leetham explained the strategy was to raise property tax but not to fund the total shortfall. He said the Fire District would raise $1,301,970 in new revenue and use the existing fund balance of $676,118 to make up the remainder of the shortfall. He presented the current tax rate of 0.000519 and the proposed tax rate of 0.000603. He shared that the Fire District held a public hearing on June 15th and would hold a truth in taxation hearing on August 3rd. Mr. Leetham noted that State law required that the governing bodies of the city within the SDMFSA be informed of the proposed property tax increase. He added that the law also required that any citizen comment be accepted as well.

Councilmember Smoot calculated that based on previously provided information the average home value was $650,000/$700,000 which basically equated to a $5 a month increase per property.

Mayor Horrocks commented that the majority of the proposed increase was to keep up with salaries for SDMFSA personnel. He said the City funded the Tier 2 and recently approved a second assistant fire chief position.

Ryan Holbrook, resident, mentioned that inflation was a real issue related to keeping up with salaries. He asked if it would be prudent to plan on inflation every year of two to four percent and increase every year or to do big lumps over time. He suggested reviewing a 16% increase versus the last time there was an increase and compare that to inflation.

Mayor Horrocks spoke on burdensome legislation to discourage tax increases. He said there were arguments from the mayors to have a COLA in property taxes so there was a 2.2% increase each year rather than the need for a 16% increase.

Councilmember Smoot commented that a COLA or property tax increase every year was punitive for older residents who had paid off their homes.

Councilmember Jackson said the private sector did not provide COLAs and that as inflation and COLAs in government went up that salaries in the private sector followed the market even in economic downturns.

Mayor Horrocks said as the City raised police salaries to compete with other agencies that the SDMFSA had the same issue. He noted they currently had a severe shortage of paramedics.

Dee Lallis, resident, commented that every year the value of homes increased which was beneficial for those selling their homes. He mentioned that increasing property tax each year was a burden for those residents that were retired. He spoke on the balance of having competent firefighters who risked their lives and paying them what they were worth with residents on a limited budget.

Councilmember Knowlton asked when the last Fire District tax increase had been. Chief Larsen, South Davis Metro Fire Area, replied that the Administrative Committee (administrators, city managers, County controller) determined three years ago that a tax increase would fund three years before another increase was necessary.

Councilmember Knowlton asked how this increase related to inflation. He articulated that the cost of living in Utah had also exceeded inflation and salaries had to compete against cost of living. Chief Larsen responded that this was well beyond inflation and felt there were several factors including the second deputy chief position, increase in salaries and benefits, and a decrease in services for ambulance revenue.

Chief Larsen mentioned that Unified Fire Authority (UFA) was down 29 paramedics which was alarming due to circumstances at SDMFSA two years ago based on the restructuring that Unified Fire implemented on lateral transfers pertaining to paramedics. He noted the impact this had on other agencies who lost paramedics and employees to UFA. He provided some background on the SDMFSA who currently has 98 firefighters, five stations, and handled 7,500 calls in 2025.

Mayor Horrocks asked for additional information on why ambulance revenues were down. Chief Larsen replied there were several factors including cost of living issues pertaining to seniors and Medicare/Medicaid issues, reimbursements, and ambulance billing. He clarified that while the State set the ambulance rates that it was expensive to be transported via ambulance and older residents were opting out of being transported this way.

Councilmember Smoot commented that Medicaid/Medicare would not cover the full cost for ambulance services. Chief Larsen replied affirmatively and said there was a set rate of what they would reimburse and residents worried that they would be responsible for the difference including possible collection services. He added that this had been a trend since COVID along with other changes in the healthcare industry.

Chief Larsen spoke on providing the 2025 SDMFSA annual report which had been delayed due to the passing of Chief Stewart as well as two other firefighters, Brimhall and Schadegg. He commented that this report paid respect to these three individuals as well as providing SDMFSA statistics, and additional data.

Councilmember Clayton commented that she had attended Chief Stewart's memorial services. She expressed condolences for the Fire District's losses and gratitude for their efforts.

Mayor Horrocks thanked Chief Larsen for stepping into the position during this difficult time.

8. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-27R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE UTAH DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FIRE AND STATE LANDS

Ken Leetham reported that the City was required to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands. He explained that if the City did not enter into an agreement that the City would be responsible for 100% of the cost of wildfire suppression for all fires that required State or federal resources. This applied to fires within the City or fires that originated in the City and migrated out of the City if they utilized State or federal resources. He noted that this was not an acceptable risk for the City and strongly recommended entering into this agreement with the State. He shared that this would ensure that 100% of the cost for those types of fires was covered.

Mr. Leetham continued that previously the South Davis Metro Fire Service Area had entered into a cooperative agreement on behalf of the City. He said that the State has since determined that the cities (Centerville, Bountiful, and NSL) at the most risk for this type of wildfire must enter into these agreements. He added that the City adopted the 2006 wildland urban interface (WUI) code last year but part of this agreement required the City to adopt a map that shows where the WUI code would apply. He shared the proposed map detailing any area in a risk category of five or greater which would be where the City would enforce the WUI code.

Ken Leetham also added that the other part of the agreement required the designated position in the City responsible for enforcement of the WUI code. He suggested that this position would be the City's Community Development Director.

Councilmember Jackson expressed previous concerns and reminded of promises made over a year ago that nothing residential would be affected and now NSL homes are on the proposed punitive obligatory map. Chief Larsen commented that legislation changed during the 2025 Legislative session involving the adoption of the 2006 WUI code requiring that the 2024 international WUI code and a map be adopted by January 1, 2027. He continued that the Fire District could no longer carry the agreement for all municipalities that they covered. He added that the City was notified by the State one week ago that the prior arrangement through the Fire District was no longer acceptable.

Councilmember Jackson asked who determined the proposed map. Chief Larsen replied that it was set by the State and based on the structural score.

Ken Leetham clarified that City's adoption of the WUI code also required the adoption of a map and how the City had discretion over how this code was enforced. He said the City would take a friendly approach to educate the public on fire danger. He continued that the City's program was a different program than the State and the County that came out to evaluate an individual house and assessed fees.

Councilmember Jackson asked about the program currently being discussed and who set the lines of the map. Ken Leetham replied that the State Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands has created an exposure methodology for all properties in the area. He said the City was required to enforce the WUI code in areas with a risk category of five and above.

Councilmember Smoot reiterated her concerns that this was being forced onto cities and residents by the State and how the WUI code was punitive. She spoke on how the State and the insurance companies were duplicating services and fining the taxpayers. Ken Leetham commented that this was why he wanted to have a friendly enforcement process to avoid duplicate enforcement or imposing fines.

Councilmember Knowlton commented that there were policy conversations that could not be resolved here as they were at the State level. He clarified that there was an agreement to be signed that would reduce the City's financial risk if there was an event.

Ken Leetham clarified that the one part the City could control was how to treat residents who were in the proposed WUI areas. He said the State was not requiring the City to force residents to do certain things or issues fines. He continued that this discussion was long overdue and fire prevention should be addressed in all areas of the City. He spoke on the goal of a multi-year education campaign to help residents lessen their respective fire risk.

Councilmember Smoot mentioned previous efforts including two meetings at the Eaglewood Clubhouse, awareness in church groups, and residents helping seniors. Chief Larsen mentioned that the Eaglewood Clubhouse meetings were by the County Emergency Manager. He spoke on continuing to focus on community outreach and specifically identifying the interface.

Chief Larsen commented that South Davis Fire did not write the agreement or create the map and would not be enforcing this. He spoke on a commitment to community education and outreach related to fire mitigation and providing information to the City.

Councilmember Smoot spoke on the prior discussion related to water rates for residents above 350 East. She said the City would be assessed a fee towards funding fighting fires and the potential future City Council discussion that residents on the hillside should pay the fee. She expressed concern that this was a slippery slope to make residents pay additional fees based on where they lived. Ken Leetham commented that the City has always had these fees imposed on it by the State and they previously came through the District. The best part of the program is that in kind work on mitigation projects qualified as a way to reduce or eliminate the fee which meant the City had not paid actual dollars in fees. He clarified that the position of the City was to continue to do this with the Fire District. He added that even though the City was signing this agreement that the Fire District would continue to be in the position of managing the program on the City's behalf.

Ken Leetham explained that the Chief tracked volunteer hours which went directly against the fees that the State of Utah used in these types of agreements. He said the goal was to continue to participate in mitigation projects and never pay an actual dollar amount to the State. He shared that it was a benefit to everyone in the City not to have wildfires if they can be prevented.

Councilmember Jackson commented that not all homes in the City were in compliance with the WUI requirements that were adopted in the City code. She worried that to come into compliance would cost property owners thousands of dollars. She expressed concern that every City was forced to adopt the code and feared that the State would eventually compel the City to enforce it. She stated that she did not agree with the legislation.

Councilmember Jackson commented that she did appreciate the Fire District and would not want to scrimp on fire and police services. She noted that there was strong disagreement with the actual legislation and the WUI code itself.

Ken Leetham added that in considering the role of the City in relation to the WUI code that it should not be a punitive role or a code enforcement role. He said the City's obligation was to identify fire risk and inform residents that were at elevated risk. He continued that the City should inform them of the reasons why their home was at increased risk such as having a tree too close to their home, etc. He spoke on this being the City's role to educate residents and expressed hope that the State would not force the City to do more than that.

Councilmember Knowlton moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2026-27R: a resolution approving a cooperative agreement between the City and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands including the following provisions:

1) **The Community Development Director, or his/her designee, is responsible to enforce the WUI code.**
2) **The City approve a map indicating that property designated by the State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands located within Risk Category 5 and above will be where the WUI code will be enforced.**

Councilmember Smoot seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Smoot. Councilmember Van Langeveld was excused and not present for the vote.

Mayor Horrocks commented that the SDMFSA annual report was well done and expressed gratitude for Chief Larsen.

9. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
    a. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2026

The City Council minutes of June 2, 2026 were reviewed and approved as written.

b. PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT IRRIGATION PUMP AT LEGACY PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $29,535

Mayor Horrocks asked if this was a new addition. Ken Leetham replied that this was a broken pump that needed to be replaced.

The purchase and installation of a replacement irrigation pump for Legacy Park by Variable Speed Solutions in the amount of $29,535 was approved.

c. RESOLUTION 2026-28R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR CURBSIDE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES WITH ACE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL

A resolution approving a contract for curbside solid waste and recycling services was awarded to Ace Recycling and Disposal.

Councilmember Clayton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Smoot seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Smoot. Councilmember Van Langeveld was excused and not present for the vote.

10. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDSCAPING PLANS FOR I-15 INTERCHANGES LOCATED AT 2600 SOUTH AND THE MERGE OF I-215 AND I-15 NORTH SALT LAKE

Ken Leetham reported on the variety of designs and plans for the landscaping around the interchanges at 2600 South and the south interchange which did not currently exist. He continued that the City had provided UDOT with feedback related to landscaping improvements and beautification on the streets and on/off ramps around these interchanges. He presented landscaping based on the feedback from the City and Woods Cross City. He requested any additional feedback from the Council and noted that the proposed improvements would be provided by UDOT but any additional improvements would be at the City's expense.

Mr. Leetham commented that most of the other areas were proposed to be improved with desert landscaping which was typical of what was presently along I-15. He said this would include plantings but they would not be irrigated or maintained. He explained that the City would maintain formal landscaping and asked the Council if they would like to match the level of participation by Woods Cross.

Councilmember Knowlton was in favor of matching what Woods Cross requested unless it was water intensive.

Ken Leetham reviewed the new interchange where I-15 and I-215 merged and commented on the lack of landscaping. He noted that UDOT was providing $100,000 per interchange. He continued that the City Council could request additional landscaping but would be responsible for the additional cost.

Councilmember Knowlton commented that this would become one of the City's key gateways and requested more landscaping if it was cost effective. Ken Leetham said that the City had landscaping on the bridge structure on Redwood Road and I-215 and something similar could be done at the new interchange with trees and native grasses.

Councilmember Jackson asked if additional landscaping or changes could be made in the future. Ken Leetham replied that as long as the City was willing to pay that UDOT was willing to allow additions or changes.

Councilmember Smoot was in favor of improving the north side of the new south interchange where I-15 and I-215 merged with a new Beck Street and new Highway 89. Ken Leetham mentioned that this was the beginning of the new Highway 89 and was an entrance to the City. He suggested a monument sign or other feature at this location and trees along the roadway.

Councilmember Knowlton mentioned the South Davis Greenway and a certain level of assumed landscaping. He spoke on consistent quality of landscaping through the City to the County line and commensurate with the rest of the South Davis Greenway.

Councilmember Jackson was in agreement and said this would lend itself to the City image. She spoke on restaurants and retail once the interchange entered the City. She continued a beautiful entrance would help attract business or a hotel.

11. ACTION ITEMS

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

Councilmember Knowlton requested that the green waste discussion requested at the meeting on June 2nd be added to the action item list.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Clayton reported on the America250 Potluck on July 5th at Tunnel Springs Park. She clarified that residents should bring their own food and a blanket rather than a dish to share. She continued that the City would provide dessert and additional events (pie eating contest, games). She then spoke on the need for volunteers for Liberty Fest events including the 5K on June 27th, the car show on July 2nd, and firework cleanup on July 3rd and 4th. She noted that the City Council would walk in the Bountiful parade and hand out America250 flags.

Councilmember Smoot suggested ordering 1,000 total flags with 500 America250 flags and 500 regular American flags.

Councilmember Knowlton reported on the South Davis Greenway open house at the Bountiful City Park on June 26th. He noted the cost was actually very minimal compared to typical transportation infrastructure. He continued that the two avenues for funding included a) funding through the Utah Trail Network with no city match or b) funding with a city match.

Councilmember Smoot commented that the Arts Committee had not met. She asked about the action item related to a mural on the round tower. She recommended that the mural on that tower should include the City's name as well as lighting. Sherrie Pace replied that she received a response back today that the property owner was discussing the idea.

Mayor Horrocks mentioned using RDA funds on Redwood Road for a mural would be appropriate.

Councilmember Jackson reported on Nights Out America250 event held on June 8th and said it was historic and patriotic. She commended Public Works for their efforts with this event including the flags, stage, and sound system. She spoke on the progress of the Eagleridge Drive beautification project and mentioned having a future Zoom meeting to discuss the triangle property adjacent to City Hall. Ken Leetham confirmed that staff could setup a meeting for the following Tuesday to provide some feedback.

Mayor Horrocks asked if the roundabout was part of the Eagleridge Drive project. Ken Leetham replied affirmatively.

Councilmember Jackson reported on the Senior Lunch Bunch and said it was well worth the cost. She noted that June 25th was the free City day at the South Davis Recreation Center. She mentioned the potential for a hundred stairs at Tunnel Springs Park. Mayor Horrocks commented that there was a proposal for the one hundred stairs in Bountiful at a cost of $200,000.

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Todd Godfrey had nothing to report.

14. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Horrocks commented that Roy City was cancelling their fireworks this year due to the drought, the cost, and gang issues. He then spoke on a presentation about the Utah Land Port Authority and said it had expanded and suggested a potential location in the City. He mentioned that South Davis Metro Fire had a new tanker truck which could carry 2,500 gallons of water.

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ken Leetham excused David Frandsen as his son was playing in a championship baseball game. He also noted he would be unavailable from Wednesday until Saturday.

16. ADJOURN

Mayor Horrocks adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the City Council of the City of North Salt Lake on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 by unanimous vote of all members present.

Brian J. Horrocks, Mayor

Wendy Page, City Recorder

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