

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING-SPECIAL SESSION
CITY HALL-10 EAST CENTER STREET, NORTH SALT LAKE
JUNE 30, 2026

FINAL

Mayor Horrocks welcomed those present at 6:03 p.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Ken Leetham, City Manager; David Frandsen, Assistant City Manager; Heidi Voordeckers, Finance Director; Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; Sherrie Pace, Community Development Director; Wendy Page, City Recorder.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dee Lalliss, Conrad Jacobson, residents.

1. INTRODUCTION AND ELECTRONIC MEETING ROLL CALL BY MAYOR BRIAN HORROCKS

Mayor Horrocks welcomed those present and noted that three members of the City Council were present in person with Councilmember Smoot attending via Zoom and Councilmember Van Langeveld was also expected to join via Zoom.

2. STATUS OF THE EAGLERIDGE DRIVE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AND CONSIDERATION OF REMAINING WORK

Ken Leetham shared a landscape plan for the portion of the project located on the corner of 350 East Valley View Drive and Eagleridge Drive. He said that this portion of the plan showed what had already been planted and was almost complete. He presented photographs of the project with the newly installed trees, decorative rock, and rose bushes as well as a typical section of the hillside with existing trees. He indicated that the question had arisen of whether or not to leave the existing trees since they may not match the new landscaping or be aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Leetham then reviewed the project budget including the items that had already been approved and new items to consider such as removing the trees, expanding the irrigation, and planting new trees. He reiterated the item for discussion was about removing several trees, adding new irrigation, and planting new trees which would put the project over budget or leaving the existing trees and adding more plantings. He explained that removing the trees and adding new trees and irrigation would add \$21,700 to the project cost but would only put the project \$9,885 over budget. He noted the project budget was \$325,000 and said the approved work was almost complete.

Ken Leetham commented that the question today was if the Council wanted to approve any additional work at this time.

Councilmember Van Langeveld joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:10 p.m.

Councilmember Jackson said the reason this was being brought to the City Council for discussion was because the project should be complete in the next week or two and the Council would not meet again for several weeks. She noted that the existing trees shown in the top of the photograph could not be removed as they had grown into the fence and were providing some retention with their roots. She stated the main question was the “junk” trees and whether or not they should be replaced with trees consistent with the rest of the project. She continued that if new trees were the desire of the Council, then the irrigation should also be installed now for any new plantings.

Councilmember Jackson stated the other question was about lighting and that while it was not in the budget now conduit had been placed. She noted that the cost to run the conduit was \$12,000 and suggested a discussion to determine if this should be considered part of a different budget as the lighting would not be done at this time. Ken Leetham replied that staff had not yet discussed this but the conduit was placed as part of this project for future lighting. He said there were 11 planned street lights for this segment with a cost estimate of \$95,000 which was not part of this project.

Councilmember Jackson asked if the City Council was comfortable with extending the project by \$9,885 to remove and replace the trees. She mentioned the consensus of the project task force was to remove the junk trees and replace with consistent trees. She said the conduit portion could be removed from the project which would place this project back under budget.

Councilmember Knowlton commented that this made sense and asked for clarification with the lower area with plantings and an upper area where plantings could be extended. Councilmember

Jackson responded that she did not believe the plantings would be extended but instead several large junk trees would be removed. She clarified it would be tree removal and replacement.

Councilmember Smoot commented that she was hesitant because she wanted a hillside that looked natural. She added that the existing “junk” trees were thriving without any maintenance and were hardy, mature trees with a good root system. She was in favor of retaining the existing trees, trimming and maintaining them, and installing several street lights.

Councilmember Jackson shared that she was in the same position and that the junk trees did not bother her. She commented that additional trees could be added to thicken things up. She noted that Councilmember Van Langeveld had made similar comments in the chat feature of Zoom.

Ken Leetham shared his opinion of being in favor of keeping the tree canopy. He noted that while these were not the highest quality trees that it was difficult to maintain a tree canopy in several areas of the City. He felt the new trees would grow into mature trees and blend seamlessly with the existing trees.

Mayor Horrocks commented that this was his opinion as well. He said it also did not make economic sense to only add three street lights at this time.

Councilmember Clayton was in agreement and spoke on being appreciative of being conservative with funds.

Councilmember Van Langeveld added that she was in agreement with the sentiment to keep the original trees for the reasons mentioned including the canopy, being a Tree City, retention, and low maintenance.

Councilmember Knowlton moved that the City Council complete the Eagleridge Drive project shown as items 1-19 of the budget estimate.

Mayor Horrocks noted that this motion did not give approval to add trees to the project.

Councilmember Jackson asked if the City Council would feel comfortable providing an allowance of up to \$10,000 over the \$325,000.

Councilmember Knowlton amended his motion that the City Council complete the Eagleridge Drive project shown as items 1-19 of the budget estimate with a consideration of up to \$10,000 for additional tree plantings consistent with items 1-19. Councilmember

Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, Smoot, and Van Langeveld.

Mayor Horrocks commented that during his lifetime he had seen the federal government becoming more involved in healthcare, education, and housing. He then spoke on a survey he received related to the next 25 years and foreseeable issues related to housing, healthcare, and education costs and his concern that this could be misinterpreted that government should be more involved. He felt that things were better before the federal government became involved and related this to the City's Health and Wellness survey and caution for a potential bias or misinterpretation.

3. ADJOURN

Mayor Horrocks adjourned the meeting at 6:26 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

