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Hyde Park City Council
113 East Center Street
Hyde Park, Utah

July 8, 2026

The Hyde Park City Council meeting began at 7:00 and was conducted by Mayor Cox.

City Officials Present: Mayor: Bryan Cox, Council members; David Fowles, Stephanie Allred, Gerald Osborne, Tiffany Atkinson, and Kirk Brower; City Administrator; Marcus Allton, City Recorder, Donja Wright, and NPPD Chief Goodrich.

Others Present: Kevin & Joy Flint, Frank Ashcroft

Thought / Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance: Council member Osborne

Minutes: *Council member Brower made a motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2026, Workshop as presented. Council member Fowles seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.*

Council member Fowles made a motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2026, City Council as amended. Council member Brower seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Adoption of Agenda:

Council Member Allred made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Osborne seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Citizen Input

Mayor Cox opened the floor for citizen input, noting a three-minute limit and explaining that non-agenda items would be referred to staff for response outside the meeting.

Frank Ashcroft Frank Ashcroft addressed the Council on two matters. First, he presented photographs documenting a visibility obstruction caused by overgrown trees at the Center Street and Main Street intersection, raising it as a public safety concern. Second, he shared a historical photograph of Hyde Park Lane, formerly known as the "Green Velvet Highway." Following Mr. Ashcroft's comments, the Council directed the matter of the intersection vegetation to the code enforcement officer for investigation and action.

Council Business

Mayor/Staff/Council Reports

City Administrator Marcus Allton reported that the RFP for the master transportation and parks plan was closing the following day. He noted that significant interest had been received but no proposals had yet been submitted. Due to a crowded agenda anticipated for the July 22nd Council meeting, he requested that the Council use time during the upcoming General Plan work session to begin reviewing RFP responses. The Council concurred.

NPPD Report

Chief Goodrich presented the department's June activity recap. The department handled 548 calls total, of which 139 were in Hyde Park, representing approximately 25% of call volume. Of Hyde Park calls, 41% were non-priority and 58% were priority, with the highest call types being property damage accidents and alarm intrusions. The department also recorded 75 traffic stops in Hyde Park — 24 resulting in citations and 51 in warnings. Notable incidents included a rape investigation, a separate sex offense, and an automobile theft. Year-to-date criminal arrests stood at 104, compared to 257 for all of 2025.

Chief Goodrich also reported that the deer abatement program will resume August 1. One trap has arrived; two additional traps are on order and expected by August 1. The program allows a combined total of 120 deer to be removed across Hyde Park and North Logan over three years. Trap placement is to be coordinated with City Administrator Allton.

Regarding the July 4th holiday period, Chief Goodrich reported that Hyde Park received 6 fireworks-related calls between July 2–5. Of those, 4 were calls regarding the approved fireworks show, 1 resulted in a citation for activity outside the restricted zone, and 1 involved an unidentified suspect who fled before officers could respond. North Logan had 3 additional calls, resulting in 1 citation and 1 warrant arrest.

Council Member Fowles noted that Utah Code excludes sparklers, poppers, and similar novelty items from the definition of fireworks, raising a question about the enforceability of the citation issued for activity in Hyde Park's restricted zone. Chief Goodrich clarified that the Governor's executive order prohibited sparklers longer than 12 inches, while cities retain authority to impose stricter restrictions based on local fire authority recommendations.

Action Items

Consider Ordinance 2026-12 – An Ordinance establishing a temporary land use regulation imposing a 180-day moratorium on specified landscaping and related development due to drought conditions.

Mayor Cox introduced Ordinance 2026-12, expressing a desire to proactively address water conservation concerns by restricting new sod installation and related landscaping that places additional demand on the city's water system during drought conditions.

City Administrator Allton reported that the city attorney had reviewed the ordinance and expressed concern that, because the city does not currently face a critical municipal infrastructure failure, the ordinance as written may not withstand a legal challenge. Mayor Cox

disagreed with this assessment, noting that the Governor's drought emergency declaration should provide adequate legal grounding.

Council discussion raised several practical concerns, including the absence of a residential landscaping permit requirement, the distinction between city water and secondary (canal) water systems — over which the city has no authority — and the limited number of properties likely to be affected (estimated at 30–50 new construction sites annually). Council Member Fowles suggested that a mandatory water restriction (e.g., twice-weekly watering) would have a broader and more equitable impact than a landscaping moratorium targeting only new construction. The Council expressed interest in gathering additional information, including input from the Slow the Flow program and research into what other municipalities have done, before taking action.

Council member Osborne made a motion to table Ordinance 2026-12. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Staff was directed to consult with the city attorney to redraft the ordinance as warranted, engage with the Slow the Flow program, and research other cities' approaches, including mandatory water restriction resolutions, for future Council consideration.

Consider options for fireworks for remainder of year.

Mayor Cox presented the item in light of ongoing drought conditions and the upcoming Pioneer Day holiday period (July 22–25). The Governor's prior executive order banned fireworks on state and unincorporated lands while allowing cities to designate safe zones. Mayor Cox indicated a preference for a complete ban on fireworks within city limits, removing the safe zone that had been in place for the July 4th holiday.

All Council members voiced support for a citywide ban on fireworks for the remainder of the year's designated fireworks periods. The Council agreed that a total ban would be easier to communicate and enforce than a partial zone-based approach. It was noted that no formal motion was required at this time, as the Governor's executive order grants the mayor authority to act; however, the mayor sought Council consensus before acting. The Council unanimously concurred with the mayor's intention to issue a complete fireworks ban, consistent with any forthcoming executive order from the Governor regarding the Pioneer Day period.

Discussion Items

Date for business meeting

City Administrator Allton advised the Council that the August 26th meeting is reserved exclusively for the annual tax increase public hearing, per state requirements, and cannot include other business. Given the volume of agenda items, he requested that the Council consider scheduling an additional regular business meeting that week. The Council agreed to hold a regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, in addition to the tax hearing on August 26.

Code updates: City Administrator Allton reported that the city's intern is progressing through zoning code revisions on a structured schedule, with Planning Commission meetings to feature two public hearings and two discussion items going forward. Council Member Fowles commended the Planning Commission's work on RT and mixed-use zone updates and emphasized the importance of advancing these changes to the City Council for adoption.

Planning Commission and development review: Council Member Fowles expressed concern about developers and applicants who, upon receiving unfavorable staff decisions consistent with municipal code, escalate pressure up the chain to elected officials. He affirmed support for city staff and called on the Council to stand behind code enforcement. He also noted that development agreements, while permitted under state code, should be the exception rather than the rule.

Data centers: Council Member Allred inquired whether a moratorium on data centers should be considered, as other cities in the area have enacted such measures. City Administrator Allton indicated no current applications are pending, and that upcoming land use table revisions should address the issue proactively.

School district coordination: Council Member Fowles raised concern that the school district has not engaged in good faith with the city regarding two new schools under construction in Hyde Park. No representative from the school district has appeared before the Council, and there are unresolved questions regarding road and utility acceptance and inspection. Mayor Cox directed City Administrator Allton to assist in drafting correspondence to Superintendent McKee requesting a meeting.

Hyde Park Days parade: Council Member Brower confirmed the parade route and start time (9:30 AM).

Groundbreaking: Mayor Cox announced a groundbreaking ceremony for a medical facility on Wolfpack Way, scheduled for July 15, with the time to be confirmed.

City fireworks expenditures: Council Member Brower clarified, for the public record, that all fireworks displays associated with Hyde Park celebrations have been privately donated or sponsored, with no expenditure of taxpayer funds.

Adjourn

Council member Allred made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Brower seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Minutes: *Council member Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026, City Council meeting as amended. Council member Allred seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.*

Donja Wright, City Recorder