



Herriman City Fire Service Area Minutes

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

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The following are the minutes of the Herriman City Fire Service Area meeting. The meeting was held on **Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Herriman City Council Chambers, 5355 West Herriman Main Street, Herriman, Utah. Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by law, was posted in the City Hall, on the City's website, and delivered to members of the Council, media, and interested citizens.

Presiding: Chair Lorin Palmer

Trustees Present: Terrah Anderson, Matt Basham, Jared Henderson, Teddy Hodges

Staff Present: City Manager Nathan Cherpeski, Assistant City Manager Wendy Thomas, City Recorder Jackie Nostrom, Finance Director Kyle Maurer, City Attorney Todd Sheeran, Communications Manager Jonathan LaFollette, Interim Police Chief Cody Stromberg, Assistant to the City Manager Trevor Ram, Community Development Director Blake Thomas, City Planner Michael Maloy, Public Works Director Justun Edwards, UFA Assistant Chief Anthony Widdison, Operations Director Monte Johnson, City Engineer Bryce Terry.

1. Call to Order - 7:00 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter)

Chair Lorin Palmer called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.

2. Discussion and Action Items

- 2.1. Budget Officer intent to state that the fiscal year 2027 tentative budget for the Herriman City Fire Service Area (HCFSa) includes a proposed property tax increase – Kyle Maurer, Director of Finance and Administrative Services**

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Kyle Maurer announced the agenda item concerning the Budget Officer's intent to state that the fiscal year 2027 tentative budget for the Herriman City Fire Service Area (HCFSA) included a proposed property tax increase.

2.2. Budget Officer statement that the fiscal year 2027 tentative budget for the Herriman City Fire Service Area (HCFSA) includes a proposed property tax rate increase – Kyle Maurer, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

Director Maurer delivered the required formal statement, advising that the tentative fiscal year 2027 budget includes an increase in property tax revenue exceeding the certified tax rate, totaling \$205,560. He stated that this increase is intended to cover the contract cost increase from Unified Fire Authority (UFA). The estimated ad valorem tax increase was 2.4 percent. Director Maurer further announced that a public hearing on the matter would be held on August 12, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

3. Public Hearing

3.1. Public hearing to receive public comment on the tentative fiscal years 2027 and 2028 Herriman City Fire Service Area (HCFSA) budgets - Kyle Maurer, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

Director Maurer presented highlights from the tentative two-year budget for the HCFSA. He noted that the budget anticipated an overall 3 percent property tax revenue increase, inclusive of growth, and incorporates the \$205,560 tax increase referenced in the prior statement. The member fee assessment to UFA is projected to increase by \$205,556 correspondingly.

Director Maurer emphasized a central element of the board's long-term financial strategy: the portion of property tax revenue exceeding the UFA contract increase would be directed into a restricted savings account designated for future fire station construction. He explained that planning projections indicate the city would likely need at least two additional fire stations, and that once a second new station comes online, current revenue levels will be insufficient to cover both operating and capital costs. As a result, the board's approach was to implement modest, incremental annual tax increases in order to mitigate the impact of a much larger single increase when the next station opens.

Director Maurer also presented the required property tax impact schedule, noting that the figures were based on the prior year's assessed values, as updated values were not yet available. The schedule reflected a proposed rate increase from 0.001352 to 0.001385, generating the additional \$205,560 in revenue. Based on the county assessor's average residential value of \$640,000 for Herriman, the increase would represent approximately \$11.62 per year for an average residence and \$21.12 for a commercial property of equivalent value.

Chair Palmer opened the public hearing.

Jonathan Brooks addressed the board, asking whether the City had considered departing from the UFA contract arrangement and establishing its own fire department, drawing a parallel to the city's earlier transition away from the Utah Police Department (UPD) to its own in-house police force.

Chair Palmer affirmed that such considerations are always evaluated but that current numbers do not support a cost-effective transition at this time. He noted that Herriman effectively received service from approximately 1.85 to 1.9 stations' worth of UFA resources while benefiting from the pooled response model.

City Manager Nathan Cherpeski elaborated on the operational context, explaining that the City currently benefits from three first-response UFA stations due to the structure of the service model. He outlined two anticipated future stations: one in the western portion of the city to serve growth in that area, and one in the southeast, and noted that the western station in particular would primarily serve Herriman residents given its geographic positioning. He concluded that the pooled resource arrangement continued to be advantageous at the city's current scale.

Trustee Jared Henderson, who also chairs the UFA Finance Committee, provided additional context for the public record. He explained the governance structure underlying the HCFSA, drawing a parallel to the earlier separation from the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) taxing district that had preceded the creation of the city's own police department. He described how, prior to establishing the HCFSA as its own taxing district, the city's tax revenue flowed directly to the broader UFA taxing district, UFSA which had an 18-member board, with no local control over how funds were allocated or what level of service was received.

Trustee Henderson recounted that, since separating from the UFSA taxing district and contracting directly with UFA, the City has gained control over the accumulated difference between what it collects in property tax and what it pays UFA for service. He noted that these savings were currently being used to fund the reconstruction of Station 101, a building that had served as a temporary facility for approximately 40 years, on a cash basis, without bonding, a direct result of the financial flexibility gained through the separation.

Trustee Henderson further explained the rationale for the incremental tax strategy, noting that UFA's contract cost increased by \$205,000 in the current year, while the prior year's increase had been approximately \$146,000, well below historical averages that had previously ranged from \$300,000 to \$500,000 annually. He attributed these more disciplined increases, in part, to

sustained engagement from Herriman's representatives on the UFA board and finance committee pressing for cost controls aligned with actual inflation. He reiterated that while the immediate increase covers the UFA contract cost, the modest additional levy beyond that will be held in reserve to fund future station construction, with the explicit goal of avoiding a large, sudden tax increase when those stations become operational.

Trustee Henderson also reiterated that the question of whether to continue contracting with UFA or pursue in-house fire services is one the board evaluates annually, and that this ongoing review is a core obligation to the city's taxpayers.

Trustee Teddy Hodges moved to close the public hearing. Trustee Matt Basham seconded the motion and all voted aye.

4. Adjournment

Trustee Henderson moved to adjourn the Herriman City Fire Service Area meeting at 8:29 p.m. Trustee Basham seconded the motion and all voted aye.

I, Jackie Nostrom, City Recorder for Herriman City, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate and complete record of the meeting held on May 27, 2026. This document constitutes the official minutes for the Herriman City Fire Service Area meeting.



Jackie Nostrom, MMC
City Recorder