



Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Public Safety Funding

For years, Highland Council and staff have worked hard to properly serve our growing community while keeping property taxes flat. At the same time, inflation and growth have eaten away at our revenue making our dollars stretch less far. This year, Lone Peak Police and Fire Departments are asking Highland for a combined increase of nearly \$690,000 to their budgets. The increases they are asking for are not extravagant wants. Rather, they are to allow our Police and Fire Departments to provide proper level of service and to recruit and retain quality emergency responders. Council voted on April 25 to proceed with a potential property tax increase in order to fund the increase. The final budget will come to Council on June 18 and the decision on the tax increase will not be made until August 6. In the meantime, the City is holding Open Houses to more thoroughly explain the situation and garner public feedback. We invite all residents to attend on May 22 or 30 at 7:00PM at City Hall. Information will also be shared in the Budget Open House on May 2 from 5:00-8:00 PM at City Hall. You can see more information at www.HighlandCity.org or please give us a call at 801-756-5751.

Mayor's Message

Council and staff are currently focused on next year's budget. Here's my take on our budget. We recently commissioned a General Fund study looking at the next 5 years. It showed that if we do not increase revenue, that by 2022, our General Fund will have a negative fund balance. Separately, we learned that to keep the same level of service, our public safety costs will increase due in part to Cedar Hills leaving the fire district. Both issues are real, but public safety is most immediate.

A fair question to ask is, "Has the City been good stewards of the money given it by residents?" I looked at 10 years of data to answer that question. From 2009 to 2018:

- Our population has grown 31.2% leading to an increase in demand on service
- Inflation has grown 20.9% which has given us less buying power
- Total revenue grew by 24.9% while expenses grew by 18.9%. The balance went to General Fund or capital project reserves.

What does that tell us? Revenues over the last 10 years have grown much less than the combination of population growth and inflation rate. The city has been frugal in its budget and we've put money in the bank to cover one-time emergencies (floods, fires, earthquakes, equipment failures, or needed capital projects). A tax increase is reasonable given the long term disparity between service demand and revenue growth. Additionally, we recognize that we need to do better at a number of services (e.g. park & trail maintenance), but we can't do that without additional funding.

Please attend the Open Houses being held this month to learn more and let us know what you think. As always, feel free to contact me to discuss this or any issue.

Pressurized Irrigation Watering Restrictions

On April 16, the City Council adopted the following watering restrictions:

- Water between 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM
- Even addresses – water Monday, Wednesday, & Friday. Odd addresses – water Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday
- Station watering time limited to 30 minutes
- No excessive water runoff

Should residents not follow these requirements, the following penalties apply: First – Written Warning, Second – \$100 Fine, Third – Service Lock and \$200 Fine. While we did have a plentiful snow pack this year, conservation is still important to help our system operate properly as well as save water for future years when we don't receive a large snowpack. Thank you for doing your part to help us conserve our valuable water resources. If you have any questions, please contact us at 801-756-5751.

CALENDAR

May 2: City Budget Open House, 5:00-8:00 PM, City Hall

May 3 & 4: Spring Clean Up, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM, Parking Lot at Mouth of American Fork Canyon

May 4: Tree Sale, 8:00 AM–12:00 PM, Parking Lot by City Hall

May 7: City Council Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

May 8: Meet the Mayor, 7:00 PM, Library

May 21: City Council Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

May 22 & 30: Public Safety Funding Open House, 7:00 PM, City Hall

May 28: Planning Commission Meeting*, 7:00 PM, City Hall

*Agendas, Minutes, and Audio at <http://bit.ly/HC-agendas>

PHONE NUMBERS

City Offices: 801-756-5751

Library: 801-772-4528

Justice Court: 801-772-4525

Police Department/Animal Control: 801-756-9800

Fire Department 801-763-5365

After-Hours Public Works Emergencies: 801-420-2553

Republic Services (pick-up and can repairs): 801-785-5935

ONLINE

Report a concern, pay your bill, reserve a pavilion, etc. on-line at: www.highlandcity.org

Check us out on Facebook and Twitter @HighlandCity

Council Brief

In each month's newsletter we give a brief overview of some stand-out items from Council meetings. For full agendas, minutes, & audio, visit <http://bit.ly/HC-agendas>.

April 2

City Council approved the preliminary plat for Spring Creek which is a 10 lot subdivision on 12 acres at 10029 N 6300 W. The developer will work with staff before coming back to City Council for final plat approval. The Council also approved a conditional use permit for a 2.3 acre park which will be south of the subdivision. Staff will work with the developer on the design and engineering of the park before construction begins.

The City Council voted to amend the Mountain Ridge Park Master Plan based on information gathered in the Open Houses and resident survey. Fewer pickle ball courts will be included in the new design. The amended plan will be brought back to a future Council meeting and additional open houses will be scheduled.

City Council voted to contract with Utah County to run a vote by mail election for the 2019 municipal election. Watch for more information as the election gets closer.

April 16

City Council voted to hire Black Forest Paving for the 2019 Road Reconstruction projects. The projects this year are on 6000, 6400, and 5870 West along with 10500 North. They will begin in May and be completed in July.

The City Council approved amendments to the municipal code regarding water conservation. See the article on page 1 for more information.

April 25

City Council voted to proceed with a potential property tax increase of \$690,000 for increases in Lone Peak Fire and Police. See page 1 for more information.

Spring Runoff

With the additional snow pack in the mountains this year, we are anticipating high water levels in the ditches and streams that run through our City. Runoff will depend on the weather and how quickly temperatures climb. Please be aware of high water dangers and keep children and pets away from the water's edge. Water levels can change dramatically in a flood situation with little or no warning. Please be alert and call our office if you see a problem developing. Highland City also has sand bags available for purchase at \$0.20 per bag at City Hall. Call 801-772-4515 for details.

Soon to be open for the summer!

The Highland Historical Society Museum &

The DUP Pioneer Cabin

12:00-2:00 every Saturday in June & July

9:00-3:00 August 3rd (Highland Fling)

Where: The Highland Community Center, lower level, 5378 W. 10400 N. Highland

The Highland DUP Cabin, 5381 W. 10400 N. Highland (Heritage Park)



For group appointments at other times, call Charlie Greenland 801-913-5200
(Museum) or Donna Kitchen 801-756-6579 (Cabin)



To Register for classes or more information, visit HighlandCityArts.org or call Shauna at (801)756-9614. All events located at Community Center, 5378 West 10400 North unless otherwise noted.

Highland Children's Choir Spring Concert May 11 at 5:00 PM at Timberline Middle School. Admission \$4.

Highland Choral Arts Americana May 18 at 7:00 PM at Timberline Middle. Tickets at highlandchoralarts.org.

Youth Theatre Summer Production of the Music Man for ages 9-16. Registration May 28 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Lead role auditions with 16 bars of a show-tune. Rehearsals Monday through Friday June 3 – 28 from 1:00-3:00 PM. Performances June 28-29. Tuition \$85 with sibling discounts. Jordana Burns at 385-309-7204.

Fling Fine Art Show August 2 from 4:00-8:00 PM and August 3 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Entries accepted July 30 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Theme: “What a Wonderful World”. \$3 fee per entry. Limit 3 entries.

Meet the Artist Night meet Regan Reichert, see his work, and ask questions. Regan is a young, but highly awarded artist native to Utah. There will also be pieces of work for sale including prints. Date to be announced.

Portrait Oil Painting Workshop by Regan Reichert. Some drawing and preferably oil painting experience required. Workshop will teach shape, value, color, and technique with portrait painting. Registration \$40.

Carl Purcell Watercolor Workshop May 4 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM with lunch provided. Registration \$125. Experience required for this master watercolorist class.

Highland Quilting & Fiber Arts Groups *Quilting Creatives & Stitching Emporium* meets first Wednesday of the month 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Membership \$10 per year. Bring all supplies and equipment.

Developmental Center Property Development Update

The developers of the Developmental Center Property (land south of LPHS) requested a rezone from the Planning Commission on April 30 to build the Ridgeview Development. Meeting results were not available for print. If the rezone is recommended by Planning Commission, it will come to Council for approval on May 21. If the rezone is approved, subdivision plans would come to Planning Commission and Council late summer or early fall and construction would begin Spring 2020. More information at <http://bit.ly/HC-develop-projects>.

Youth Council Corner

Thanks to all those that attended our Easter Egg Hunt and contributed to make it great. Special thanks to the Arts Council, Ridley's, Chick-fil-A, Bobby Lawrence Karate, The



Painted Daisy, Teton Toys, and Pizza Pie Café for volunteering or contributing eggs, coupons, treats, or prizes. In May, we're looking forward to the City Spring Clean Up and continued planning for the Fling. Watch social media for a poll on what movie we should play for our Youth Night Drive-In Movie. Also, we're putting together a new activity focused for 6-8th graders during the Fling, watch for details.

Annual Sewer Rate Calculation

Did your sewer rate change on your utility bill? Sewer fees are calculated once a year based off of your average culinary water use from the previous October—April. If your fee went up, that means you used more water this year. Check out cuwcd.com/#conserve for conservation tips. If you have any questions about this or other items on your utility bill, please call us at 801-772-4523.

Highland Fling: July 27—Aug. 3

What a Wonderful World! is the 2019 Fling Theme. We will celebrate various countries and cultures around the world. We'll start the week on July 27 in Polynesia with a Luau and end the week on Aug 3 in Britain with the Beatles Tribute Band, "Imagine". Are you from another country or have music/dance/cultural/food talents or knowledge you could use to help us better incorporate our theme? We need you! Contact Julie at: julie@highlandcity.org or 801-772-4507 to volunteer to fill any of the following roles:



Info Booth • Vendors Chairperson • Entertainment Greeter • International Food Eating Contest Chair • Set up Saturday AM • Cleanup Saturday PM • Luau Decorations • Luau Food Sales and Line Management • Luau Food Serving • Luau Set up/Cleanup • Assist with Family Adventure Race • Parade Volunteers • Service Project Chair • Garbage Management • Orchestra Musicians with Headliner Band • Photographer/Videographer (will exchange services for advertising)

Beautification Committee

Birds singing, sunshine, and gardens; my favorite time of year. May 15 is the date to get those gardens planted. If you are interested in adopting a patch for Highland City to keep it clean from debris and weeds, give us a call. It only takes a few minutes each week and we have several locations to choose from. Ashlee (801)895-9551.



BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

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May 2019

Gardening Class
May 13 @ 6:30 pm
Adults
Learn from one of our
locals in an informal
class with questions
and answers.



Coding Club
Every Thursday
@ 4:00 pm
Ages 10-14
Last class May 23



**MEET THE
MAYOR**
Ask Questions
Share Ideas
Engage With Your
Community

Meet the Mayor
May 8 @ 7:00 pm

May the 4th Be With You
May 1-4
Star Wars' craft for all ages



Memorial Day
CLOSED
May 27



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May 2019



Baby Bookworms
Tuesday & Friday
@ 10:15 am



Summer break for
Baby Bookworms
begins May 28

Storytime

Monday, Wednesday,&
Thursday @ 11:00 am

No Storytime
May 27-31



LEGO Club
Every Wednesday
@ 4:00 pm
Ages 5-9
Last class May 22



**We're Searching for
Volunteers**
May 2 5:00-8:00 pm

Sign up at the Highland
City Open House to be a
summer volunteer at the
Library

Robotics

May 14 @ 6:30 pm
Ages 8 and above



Highland City will have 3 City Council seats open this election.

Each seat is for a 4-year term that will begin January 1, 2020.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.
If needed, a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

Consider Serving Your Community BY RUNNING FOR OFFICE

Candidate filing period is June 3, 2019 through June 7, 2019.

Individual's must file a Declaration of Candidacy in person with the City Recorder at 5400 West Civic Center Drive, Highland, UT between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Candidates must also pay a \$35 filing fee.

Qualifications for Office

- Registered voter
- Resident of Highland, for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the election

Register to Vote!

Highland City has contracted with Utah County to administer a Vote by Mail Election. Look for further information as election day draws closer.

Register online at Vote.Utah.gov or
Call Utah County at (801) 851-8128



In order to become registered, you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Utah at least 30 days immediately before the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election

For any questions, please contact the City Recorder, Cindy Quick, at (801) 772-4505 or by email at cindy@highlandcity.org