



HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL BRIEF

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Highland City Council Chambers, 5400 West Civic Center Drive, Highland Utah 84003

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

YouTube Live: <http://bit.ly/HC-youtube>

Email comments prior to meeting: council@highlandcity.org

6:00 PM WORK SESSION – ROAD FUNDING

City Administrator Erin Wells, Finance Director Tyler Bahr, and City Engineer/Public Works Director Andy Spencer reported on the status of the revenue and expenses as it relates to roads, trails, and sidewalk repairs in the city. They explained the sources of revenue and reviewed the upcoming road projects and expenses.

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order – Mayor Kurt Ostler

Invocation – Council Member Ron Campbell

Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Jon Lefrandt

1. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Please limit comments to three minutes per person. Please state your name.

Jeff Eaves spoke against changing the alcohol laws. He referenced a study in an academic journal regarding 1990-2016 alcohol related deaths and stated that the safest level of drinking is none. Mayor Ostler requested that he email the study to the Council.

Jen Ashcraft spoke in favor of the Highland Mains project. She indicated she has had cottage meetings to inform residents and has appreciated Mayor and Council attendance. She expressed concern that there is a lot of misinformation. She would like to see what little retail space which is left filled with something that is nice.

Bruce Smith had several questions regarding the survey which he will email to Council for their response. He spoke against changing the alcohol laws and encouraged Council to vote according to how the residents respond on the survey.

Wesley Warren spoke in favor of the alcohol amendment. He stated that dry cities have more instances of binge drinking and more alcohol-related crime. On-premises alcohol consumption promotes responsible drinking as it's very monitored.

Marsha Anderson spoke against overturning the alcohol law stating that a new restaurant would not reduce her taxes.

Natalie Ball voiced her concerns over the process that allows a developer to bring a divisive issue into the City. She suggested reviewing the process so this can't happen in the future.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature or have been previously studied by the City Council. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Council members may pull items from consent if they would like them considered separately.

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes *General City Management - PASSED 5:0*

Stephannie Cottle, City Recorder

Regular City Council Meeting – September 5, 2023

Next step: The approved minutes will become part of the permanent record.

b. Board Appointments *General City Management - PASSED 5:0*

Mayor Kurt Ostler

The City Council will consider the Mayor's request to appoint Ron Campbell to serve on the Parks, Trails, and Tree Commission and Jon Lefrandt to serve on the Highland City Arts Council.

Next step: Ron Campbell and Jon Lefrandt will begin to serve on the committees to which they were appointed.

3. ACTION: BID AWARD - CONSTRUCTION OF 6000 W PI CONNECTION TO PROVO RIVER AQUEDUCT (PRA) *General City Management - PASSED 5:0*

Andy Spencer, City Engineer/Public Works Director

The Council will consider awarding a contract with COP Construction for a connection to the Provo River Aqueduct (Murdock Canal).

Next step: Staff will work with COP Construction to complete the connection to the Provo River Aqueduct.

4. ACTION: BUILDING USE POLICY UPDATE *General City Management - CONTINUED 5:0*

Jay Baughman, Assistant City Administrator / Community Development Director

The City Council will discuss draft updates to the City's Building Use Policy in order to align the policy with necessary changes in practice. The Council will take appropriate action.

Next step: Staff will make changes recommended by the Council. This item will be brought back for further consideration.

5. MAYOR/COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

The City Council may discuss and receive updates on City events, projects, and issues from the Mayor, City Council members, and city staff. Topics discussed will be informational only. No final action will be taken on communication items.

a. Alpine Highway Fence - *Mayor Kurt Ostler*

Mayor Kurt Ostler and the Council discussed the different options for repairing/replacing the Alpine Highway Fence. Some options include repairing the existing fence, or a grant program for residents to replace their fences. This item will be brought back to the Council for further consideration.

b. Alcohol Law Update - *Erin Wells, City Administrator*

Erin Wells, City Administrator, reported that over 3000 surveys have been received. All surveys are due Friday, October 20th. The Council requested that the survey results be announced at the November 7th City Council meeting.

c. Mountain Ridge Park - *Andy Spencer, City Engineer/Public Works Director*

Andy Spencer reported that the surfacing of the playground is currently being installed. It will take 2-3 weeks (weather dependent) to complete the surfacing. Grass will be laid the first part of November. The Council determined to delay the grand opening until after phase 1 is finished. The Council discussed various fundraising opportunities for the park. Additional updates will be brought to the Council on a regular basis.

d. Cemetery Maintenance Building – *Erin Wells, City Administrator & Andy Spencer, City Engineer/Public Works Director*

Andy Spencer showed the Council different options with and pricing for the cemetery maintenance building. The Council was amenable to building a structure that would last approximately 5 years with the intent to replace it with a more permanent building at that time. This item will be brought back to the Council for further consideration.

e. PI Long Term Financial Obligations – *Tyler Bahr, Finance Director & Andy Spencer, City Engineer/Public Works Director*

Andy Spencer and Tyler Bahr explained that the water shares we receive from developers are usually encumbered with the Murdock Canal enclosure fee. The City Council directed staff to accept these shares either with additional water shares, or cash payment of \$1,200/share, to cover the fee.

f. Lehi/DR Horton Future Development – *Andy Spencer, City Engineer/Public Works Director*

Andy Spencer discussed the Lehi/DR Horton agreement as it relates to Highland Blvd. Discussion topics were a roundabout at 11800N, median islands, a requested additional access onto Highland Blvd, a runaway truck lane, future traffic signal at Grant Blvd and additional improvements at SR92. This item will be brought back to the Council for further consideration.

g. TSSD Water Re-Use Update – *Andy Spencer, City Engineer/Public Works Director*

Andy Spencer explained that TSSD will be re-using our treated water. This will be part of a water exchange program and will be outlined in an interlocal agreement which will be brought to the Council for further consideration.

h. Open Positions in Highland City - *Erin Wells, City Administrator*

Erin Wells explained that the following positions are open in Highland City:

- Permit Tech
- Staff Engineer
- Finance Director
- Planner
- Library Page
- Seasonal Parks Workers

i. Budget and Bids for Community Center - *Erin Wells, City Administrator*

Erin Wells presented bids for paint and carpet in the Community Center. This item will be brought back to the Council for further consideration.

h. Future Meetings/Events

- October 24, Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- October 26, Candidate Debate, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- October 30, Trick or Treat Street, 5:00 pm, Splash Pad
- November 7, City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- November 8, Lone Peak Public Safety District Meeting, 7:30 am, City Hall

- November 18, Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6:00 pm, Heritage Park
- November 21, Election Day, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Voting Center at City Hall
- December 5, City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall

6. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council may recess to convene in a closed session to discuss items, as provided by Utah Code Annotated §52-4-205.

ADJOURNMENT