



HIGHLAND CITY

HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL BRIEF

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

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

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order: Mayor Kurt Ostler

Invocation: Mayor Kurt Ostler

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Kim Rodela

1. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

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

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Items on the consent agenda may be pulled for separate consideration.

- a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** *General City Management*
Stephannie Cottle, City Recorder – PASSED 5:0
January 7, 2025

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

- b. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** *General City Management*
Stephannie Cottle, City Recorder – PASSED 5:0
January 21, 2025

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

3. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **ACTION: Mayor Pro-Tempore** *General City Management*
Kurt Ostler, Mayor – PASSED 5:0

The City Council will nominate and vote for a Mayor Pro-Tempore to preside over City Council meetings in the Mayor's absence.

Next step: Council Member Kim Rodela will serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore in 2025.

4. EXPEDITED ITEMS

Items in this section are to be acted upon by City Council. These items have been brought before Council previously. The report and presentation may be abbreviated.

- a. **RESOLUTION: Outlining Flag Status Policy at Highland City Facilities** *General City*

Management

Erin Wells, City Administrator – PASSED 5:0

The City Council will consider approving a resolution outlining how Highland City staff will manage flag status at City facilities.

Next step: The City will follow the new resolution which states that flags at Highland City facilities will follow the flag status as directed by the Governor of the State of Utah. Highland City Mayor also has the ability to call for the lowering of flags.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Items in this section are for discussion and direction to staff only. No final action will be taken.

a. Deer Fencing Land Use (Legislative)

Doug Cortney, Council Member

The City Council will discuss whether to amend the City's fencing regulations to create an exception on fence height and materials for fencing around gardens and orchards.

Council Member Doug Cortney led a discussion regarding the possibility of allowing special fencing for those whose properties are affected adversely by deer. The discussion also included the current urban deer program in Highland City. This item will be brought back to the Council for further consideration.

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Communication items are informational only. No final action will be taken.

a. Canal Boulevard - Traffic Calming Toolbox *Chris Trusty, City Engineer/Public Works Director*

Chris Trusty, City Engineer/Public Works Director, discussed possibilities for traffic calming on Canal Boulevard. Members of the public also commented on this item requesting flashing stop signs, speed tables, painted crosswalks, and additional police presence. This item will be brought back to the Council for further consideration in April.

b. City Council Meeting Times *Ron Campbell, Council Member*

Council Member Ron Campbell presented an alternate start time of 6:00 pm for City Council meetings to better accommodate the public. This item will be brought back to the Council for public comment and formal action.

c. Sewer Rate Combination *Erin Wells, City Administrator*

Erin Wells, City Administrator, explained how the current sewer rate is displayed on utility bills and asked the Council if they still wanted to combine the City Sewer rate and TSSD rate. After discussion, the Council directed staff to leave the rates separate to allow for better transparency.

d. Community Development Update *Jay Baughman, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director, Rob Patterson, City Attorney/Planning & Zoning Administrator*

Jay Baughman, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director gave an update on the development of the General Plan, including additional meetings with the Planning Commission.

e. Legislative Update *Kurt Ostler, Mayor, Ron Campbell, Council Member, Kim Rodela, Council Member*

Kurt Ostler, Mayor, led a discussion regarding several bills that are of interest to Highland City, including road fees/public safety fees, ADU's, school safety bill, wildland interface bill, and broadband bills.

f. School District Update *Kurt Ostler, Mayor*

Kurt Ostler, Mayor, explained that the bill regulating school district creation may include a weighted per student fee to help fund the reorganization. There was discussion about the Mayoral Board, as well as the options for redistricting.

7. CLOSED MEETING

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

There was no closed meeting.

ADJOURNMENT