



HIGHLAND CITY

HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL BRIEF

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 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

6:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order: Mayor Kurt Ostler

Invocation: Council Member Ron Campbell

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Brittney P. Bills

1. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

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

Brock Bean discussed his concerns with water running onto his property as well as the number of large, noisy trucks on Highland Blvd.

Liz Rice expressed her concerns about educating new residents about water conservation. She also encouraged the City Council to investigate ways to help residents receive grants for xeriscaping.

2. PRESENTATIONS

a. City Investment Policy and Practices - Ben Sehy with Meeder Investments

The City Council will hear a presentation from Meeder Investments about an investment option available to the City with the funds normally stored in the Public Treasurer's Investment Fund.

Ben Sehey with Meeder Investments, presented an option for the city to invest funds in a plan that may provide more long-term stability in interest returns. The Council requested that staff look at different investment options and bring their findings back to the Council for further discussion.

b. Update on Canyon Water Sources

Ernie John, North Utah County Water Coordinator, will update the Council on the state of water resources from American Fork Canyon.

Ernie John, North Utah County Water Coordinator, presented statistics on water rates and flows coming from American Fork Canyon. He also discussed the need to conserve water as residents are using an unusually high amount of water this year.

3. 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**

May 20, 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
June 3, 2025

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

- c. Approval or Ratification of Large Purchases General City Management**
David Mortensen, Finance Director – PASSED 5:0
The City Council will consider approval or ratification of large purchases.

Next step: The approved large purchases will be paid to the appropriate vendors.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. RESOLUTION: Interlocal Agreement with Utah County for Grant to Fund Road Improvements General City Management**
Chris Trusty, City Engineer/Public Works Director – PASSED 5:0
The City Council will consider a resolution to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Utah County and Highland City to fund improvements of 10400 North and 6000 West and the reconstruction of 6800 West.

Next step: Staff will work with Utah County to finalize the agreement and plan road improvements on 10400 North, 6000 West, and 6800 West.

- b. ORDINANCE: Regulating Materials and Vegetation in Public Ways Municipal Code Update (Legislative)**
Rob Patterson, City Attorney/Planning & Zoning Administrator – PASSED 5:0
The City Council will consider amending the municipal code to provide clearer regulations to keep streets, sidewalks, and trails clear of obstructions.

Next step: The Municipal Code will be updated to reflect the changes prohibiting items blocking public ways.

5. 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. ACTION: FY26 Truck Purchase General City Management Chris Trusty, City Engineer/Public Works Director – PASSED 5:0**
The City Council will consider approving the purchase of three trucks as part of the City's vehicle replacement program.

Next step: Staff will work with the vendor to ensure the purchase of the trucks.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

- a. Fence Code Clarification Land Use (Administrative)**
Rob Patterson, City Attorney/Planning & Zoning Administrator
The City Council will give direction on the intent of the fence code relating to privacy fences near trail corridors where no trail facility is built or planned to be built in the near future.

The City Council discussed options for fencing around trails, trail corridors, and open space. This item will be brought back for further discussion.

7. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

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

a. Update on Sprinkler and Park Maintenance *Chris Trusty, City Engineer/Public Works Director*

Chris Trusty, City Engineer/Public Works Director reported that the increased watering has helped the parks and parkway detail to look better. They will continue efforts to ensure that these areas look nice for the Highland Fling.

b. Highland Boulevard Roundabout *Chris Trusty, City Engineer/Public Works Director, Rob Patterson, City Attorney/Planning & Zoning Administrator*

Chris Trusty, City Engineer/Public Works Director, Rob Patterson, City Attorney/Planning & Zoning Administrator explained that they are working with DR Horton on the design of the roundabout. The City Council expressed concerns about the trucks coming down Highland Blvd. This item will be brought back for further consideration.

c. Potential Change Order to Sewer Lining Project *Chris Trusty, City Engineer/Public Works Director*

Chris Trusty, City Engineer/Public Works Director explained that there was a cost savings during Phase II, and suggested that the saved funds, along with an additional \$80,000-\$100,000, could be used to complete additional sewer lining projects. This item will be brought back to the Council for further consideration.

d. Community Development Update [\(Current Projects List\)](#) *Jay Baughman, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director, Rob Patterson, City Attorney/Planning & Zoning Administrator*

Jay Baughman, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director, Rob Patterson, City Attorney/Planning & Zoning Administrator stated that the PO Zone amendments, PO Zone Daycare agreement, and site plan and architectural review for the Veterinary Clinic on North County Blvd will be going to Planning Commission. These items will be brought to the Council in August.

e. Election Update *Stephannie Cottle, City Recorder*

Stephannie Cottle, City Recorder reminded the Council about the upcoming Candidate Open House on Thursday, July 17th and encouraged all to attend. Ballots will be mailed out starting July 22nd, and Highland City will be hosting a vote center on election day, Tuesday, August 12th from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. There was also a brief discussion about the placement of political signs.

f. Highland Fling Update *Kurt Ostler, Mayor*

Mayor Kurt Ostler reviewed the schedule of events for the 2025 Highland Fling. The Council discussed what type of vehicles they would like to ride in for the parade. Erin Wells, City Administrator, said there will be a mailer going out to all Highland residents.

8. 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.

ADJOURNMENT