

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF HOLLADAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, April 6, 2023
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
4580 South 2300 East
Holladay, Utah**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Rob Dahle
Paul Fotheringham
Dan Gibbons
Matt Durham
Drew Quinn

City Staff:
Gina Chamness, City Manager
Holly Smith, Assistant City Manager
Jared Bunch, City Engineer

I. *Welcome* – Mayor Dahle.

Mayor Rob Dahle called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

II. *Pledge of Allegiance.*

Mayor Dahle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. *Public Comments.*

Before opening the public comment period, Mayor Dahle reported that the wife of Don Hutson, the former Chief of Police Services for the Holladay Precinct, passed away recently. A memorial service in her honor took place on April 4, 2023. The City Council offered their condolences to the family.

Ben Peters, Principal of Howard R. Driggs Elementary School. He was honored to work in the City of Holladay. It is a wonderful place and he enjoys serving families in the area. Mr. Peters was present to address a concern that was brought to Council Members Durham and Quinn related to Lincoln Lane. Work had been done with the Police Department to have a traffic study done on Lincoln Lane. The request was to place a bi-directional traffic speed display there to support safety in the community. Mr. Peters stated that there had been increased speeding in the area.

There were no further comments. The public comment period was closed.

Mayor Dahle reported that on the Work Meeting agenda there was a discussion item related to speed sign locations. There had been a discussion prior to the City Council Meeting about the location of the five prioritized speed signs. The signs were approved in the budget and the Council was finalizing placement. City Manager, Gina Chamness shared the speed sign locations as follows:

- District 1: East of Clearview Street on Murray Holladay Road;
- District 2: Westbound and Eastbound signs on Lincoln Lane;
- District 5: 6200 Southeast of 2300 East; and
- District 5: Southbound on Holladay Boulevard approaching 6200 South.

It was confirmed that the sign on Murray Holladay Road will be eastbound. Mayor Dahle wondered where the specific locations for the signs on Lincoln Lane would be. Ms. Chamness explained that westbound, it would be between 2700 East and Morningstar Drive. Eastbound, it would be near 2300 East. With regard to timing, City Engineer, Jared Bunch reported that the signs can be placed in two to three weeks.

IV. *UPD Service Award Presentation - Chief Hoyal.*

Mayor Dahle reported that all of the first responders, both Police Officers and Firefighters, will be celebrated in May 2023. Additional details would be provided in *The Holladay Journal*. He expressed appreciation for the work done on behalf of the citizens of Holladay.

Unified Police Department (“UPD”) Police Chief, Justin Hoyal, thanked the City Council for the opportunity to recognize some of the work that has occurred within the organization. All of the officers do amazing work every day but he wanted to recognize a few. The first UPD Service Award was for a team citation presented at the Division Commander Level. It was for outstanding efforts, where members of the organization worked together as a team to accomplish a goal.

Chief Hoyal read the certificate that was prepared. On January 30, 2023, members of the UPD Holladay Precinct and SWAT team served a Search Warrant at 4825 South Brooks Way. The Search Warrant was the result of a four-month investigation following several complaints about ongoing short-term traffic at the residence and suspicious vehicles. As officers and detectives watched the home, several traffic stops were made that revealed distributable amounts of controlled substances and probable cause to write a Search Warrant for the home. An Operational Plan was prepared to safely serve the warrant. Several members of the Holladay Precinct and the UPD SWAT team came together to serve the warrant.

Four people were detained while the search took place. During the search, strange substances were found in the basement and a call was made to the Unified Fire Authority (“UFA”) Hazardous Materials Team along with the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) Clandestine Laboratory Team. The substances were not an airborne hazard but were found to be manufactured to cut cocaine. There were distributable amounts of cocaine on the site as well as a large prostitution operation taking place. Several individuals were arrested. Chief Hoyal recognized the effort put forward by all involved in the case. Sixteen members were recognized for their work.

Chief Hoyal reported that the next two awards were individual awards and referred to as Incentive Awards for outstanding work done. \$100 would be added to their paycheck and certificates awarded. On December 27, 2022, a Holladay resident came into the precinct to report fraud. The victim was contacted through the computer and it was alleged that there were issues with her Microsoft account. The person on the computer directed her to access her bank accounts and withdraw cash from other financial institutions. She was instructed on how to convert the cash into cryptocurrency. Ultimately, the victim lost approximately \$641,000.

Officer Cordell Whitmore took the initial report and gave the victim information about how to report the crime to Federal Investigators. Detective Easton Story was assigned the case and discovered the suspects called from North Korea. There was no way to track the case any further. The victim asked Detective Story to speak with her church group about the dangers of fraud, which he did. The victim

also thanked Officer Whitmore for his professionalism, kindness, and reassurance. Chief Hoyal noted that the report from Officer Whitmore was exceptional and made the investigation easier. Both Officer Whitmore and Detective Story were commended for their hard work and kindness.

Chief Hoyal reported that the last award was for a traffic officer, who was unable to attend the meeting. This was also an incentive award. On March 15, 2023, the officer observed an elderly male in the area of 4500 South 2300 East. The individual was in a motorized wheelchair and struggling to move through the snow. He stopped and asked if the gentleman needed help but the gentleman explained that he lived nearby and was trying to reach the grocery store. He told the gentleman to go back home and he would get the groceries for him. The man gave the officer his grocery list and the officer purchased the items on the list. He then returned to the home and gave the gentleman the groceries. The man was very grateful and offered to pay the officer for what he had purchased but he refused. Actions that officers do every day truly serve the community. The officer went above and beyond in this instance and was an asset to the department and the community.

V. *Consideration of Resolution 2023-09 - Amending the Council Internal Policies.*

Council Member Durham moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-09 – Amending the Council Internal Policies. Council Member Gibbons seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Council Member Fotheringham-Aye; Council Member Durham-Aye; Council Member Quinn-Aye; Council Member Gibbons-Aye; Mayor Dahle-Aye. Resolution 2023-09 was approved by a unanimous vote.

VI. *Consideration of Resolution 2023-10 - Approving an Agreement with Salt Lake County for 2023 Election Services.*

Council Member Quinn moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-10 – Approving an Agreement with Salt Lake County for 2023 Election Services. Council Member Fotheringham seconded the motion. Vote on Motion: Council Member Fotheringham-Aye; Council Member Durham-Aye; Council Member Quinn-Aye; Council Member Gibbons-Aye; Mayor Dahle-Aye. Resolution 2023-10 was approved by a unanimous vote.

VII. *Consideration of Resolution 2023-11 - Authorizing the City’s Participation in a Statewide Settlement Agreement Resulting from the Litigation Against the Sellers of Opioids.*

Council Member Fotheringham moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-11 – Authorizing the City’s participation in a Statewide Settlement Agreement resulting from litigation against the sellers of opioids. Council Member Durham seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Fotheringham-Aye; Council Member Durham-Aye; Council Member Quinn-Aye; Council Member Gibbons-Aye; Mayor Dahle-Aye. Resolution 2023-11 was approved by a unanimous vote.

VIII. *Consideration of Resolution 2023-12 - Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Salt Lake County for TRCC Funds.*

Mayor Dahle reported that the above item relates to an award to the City for the Holladay City Park Historic Walk in the amount of \$600,000 from the Salt Lake County Tourism, Recreation, Culture, and Convention (“TRCC”) Fund. There was also a match from the City. One question the Council had was about the three-year window. Ms. Chamness stated that the three-year window was confirmed and the funds need to be spent by March 31, 2026.

Council Member Gibbons moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-12 – Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Salt Lake County for TRCC Funds. Council Member Fotheringham seconded the

motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Fotheringham-Aye; Council Member Durham-Aye; Council Member Quinn-Aye; Council Member Gibbons-Aye; Mayor Dahle-Aye. Resolution 2023-12 was approved by a unanimous vote.

IX. *Consideration of Ordinance 2023-02 - Confirming the Rezoning of Certain Property Located at 5025 South Highland Drive from Neighborhood Commercial (“NC”) to Commercial (“C-2”).*

Mayor Dahle reported that Items 9 and 10 both relate to property located at 5025 South Highland Drive. The votes would approve the rezone application and the Development Agreement. Council Member Gibbons noted that the rezone was approved in March 2022. It was unanimously approved at the time and neighbors were in support of the proposal. The location currently has a derelict building with missing windows. Chief Hoyal had done a lot of work to keep people out. It would be wonderful to see the current building removed and something else built on the property.

Council Member Quinn moved to ADOPT Ordinance 2023-02 - Confirming the rezoning of certain property at 5025 South Highland Drive from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to Commercial (C-2). Council Member Durham seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Fotheringham-Aye; Council Member Durham-Aye; Council Member Quinn-Aye; Council Member Gibbons-Aye; Mayor Dahle-Aye. Ordinance 2023-02 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

X. *Consideration of Resolution 2023-13 - Approving a Development Agreement with Orange Properties and Bret Laughlin for Property Located at 5025 South Highland Drive.*

Mayor Dahle reported that the above item is a Development Agreement that went along with the rezone.

Council Member Fotheringham moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-13 Approving a Development Agreement with Orange Properties and Bret Laughlin for property located at 5025 South Highland Drive. Council Member Gibbons seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Fotheringham-Aye; Council Member Durham-Aye; Council Member Quinn-Aye; Council Member Gibbons-Aye; Mayor Dahle-Aye. Resolution 2023-13 was approved by a unanimous vote.

XI. *City Manager Report - Gina Chamness.*

Mayor Dahle reported that a member of the public was present to hear the discussions related to the speed sign locations. The issue was addressed during the public comment period. Murray Holladay Road is one of the speed sign locations that had been approved.

Ms. Chamness shared updates with the Council. She reported that Salt Lake County Flood Control presented the planned response along Big Cottonwood Creek that was hypothetical at the time. However, given the continued snowpack accumulation over the last three weeks, that risk was becoming more real. City Staff met earlier in the day to assess risks in the community and prioritize responses. The risk was most acute along Big Cottonwood Creek. Knowing that there is widespread community unease about the possibility of flooding, the City would try to reflect that risk and the location in communication with residents. This would let residents know that there are things that can be done to protect their homes in the next few months. Additionally, the City, in conjunction with Salt Lake County, will share information about the area.

A kickoff sandbag event was scheduled to take place on April 12, 2023. Over 300 volunteers committed to being there on April 12 and an additional 150 were looking for opportunities to assist. Over the next few weeks, information about subsequent events would be finalized and shared. Since this effort would be a focus over the next couple of months and there were some statutory deadlines related to the budget, certain items would need to be delayed slightly given the small amount of City Staff. Ms. Chamness believed the discussions about space reconfiguration in City Hall and seismic upgrades as well as the issuance of a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the Holladay City Park Historic Walk would need to be delayed.

Mayor Dahle understood the need to push back the less pressing items. That being said, it would still be possible to prioritize a certain amount of funding during the budget process. The actual discussions and implementation might need to wait a little bit longer. It was important that during the budgeting process, some funding for the building was set aside. The details would be finalized once the flooding concerns are adequately addressed and the City Council is ready to reengage.

Council Member Durham asked how residents interested in volunteer opportunities could get involved. Assistant City Manager, Holly Smith explained that there was an idea to set up an online form so people could visit the City website and let City Staff know that there was an interest. In addition, residents could host their own sandbag-filling events. The online form would be a good resource as it would allow City Staff to connect people to opportunities and information. She noted that the online form would be shared once it was available for residents to use.

Council Member Gibbons asked about the event scheduled for April 12, 2023. He wondered what instructions had been given to those who had RSVPed. Ms. Smith explained that there were 362 people registered at the moment. She had sent out an email to all of the RSVP groups earlier that day, who were given instructions to bring one shovel per two people and gloves. Volunteers were also encouraged to dress appropriately as clothes may become dirty. Ms. Smith added that volunteers were asked to fill out a Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) sign-up sheet. The volunteer hours could be captured and used as a match if there was an Emergency Declaration and an application was submitted to try to recoup funds.

Council Member Fotheringham wondered where the most at-risk areas were in terms of low or weak banks. Ms. Chamness explained that the information was not clear. Generally, the area along Big Cottonwood Creek is part of the FEMA flood plain but Mr. Bunch and Salt Lake County Flood Control would walk the creek over the next few weeks to identify any problem areas. Property owners that were at higher risk would be contacted directly following that walk along the creek. Mayor Dahle believed that if there was flooding, it would likely occur toward the end of May through the end of June.

XII. Council Reports & District Issues.

Council Member Fotheringham reported that the Fine Arts Show had taken place. It was a success and a record amount of art was sold. The commission went to the Arts Council as part of its funding. The next event for the Arts Council was the Dance Concert, which was scheduled for April 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Olympus Junior High School. He noted that it was always an outstanding event.

Council Member Fotheringham informed the Council that he received a constituent letter about the Skate Park. He read the letter aloud from Rick Mortenson. He explained that he and his son both

enjoy the Skate Park. His son is on the autism spectrum and his speech is limited to a few phrases. One of his greatest joys was riding his scooter at the Skate Park. The regular skaters are kind to him and make sure he stays safe. On a crowded day, someone was playing music, which impacted his sensory issues. One of the skaters noticed, turned off the music, and checked in. The skater apologized and left the music off while he was there. Mr. Mortensen was glad that the City of Holladay built the Skate Park as it provides an outlet for a diverse range of people, including those with special needs. The park was being used well and the users are considerate of others.

Council Member Durham shared information about the Tree Committee and Happy Healthy Holladay. For the 14th year running, the City of Holladay has been designated as a Tree City USA. He noted that there are upcoming tree-related events. Tree Talk has been a very successful event so far and there had been good feedback from the community. Council Member Durham reported that Arbor Day and Earth Day events were scheduled for April 21 and 28, 2023. On May 6, 2023, the Tree Giveaway will take place. There was a partnership with the Food Pantry at Olympus High School. People who pick up trees will be invited to bring food pantry items. It would coincide with take-home backpacks made at the end of the school year.

Council Member Quinn shared information about the Community Renewable Energy Agency. The Committee she serves on had been meeting weekly. Unfortunately, the Utility Agreement that was presented to the Council was still in limbo. It was sent to Rocky Mountain Power in February and there was still no response. The intent was to file it with the Public Service Commission by the end of March 2023 but that was unable to happen.

Council Member Gibbons thanked Chief Hoyal for working with residents in the Walker and Cottonwood Lanes area on speeding issues. Another stealth camera would be placed there. Council Member Gibbons also thanked Mr. Bunch for working with him to address concerns about flooding in relation to the canal system and the old Tanner Ditch property. As for Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling, there had been discussions about the Seasonal Container Reservation Program. It was a replacement for the old neighborhood cleanup system that had been used for years. He explained that with the old system, containers were dropped into neighborhoods on a schedule. Due to staffing issues, that became infeasible, and the reservation program was put in place instead. There was some discontent with that so discussions were taking place about changes that could be made.

Council Member Gibbons reported that there had been some productive meetings with the Historical Commission. There were a lot of comments about historic preservation and felt it would be worthwhile to hold a Work Meeting in the future that was devoted to that discussion. There was some dissonance between the General Plan language and the current ordinance. At the Work Meeting, the Council could consider whether the current ordinance was appropriate or if something more robust was desired. If a more robust ordinance was desired, the fiscal costs, legal issues, and individual property owner rights would all need to be considered. It would also be worthwhile to look at what was done in other cities. Ms. Chamness noted that City Staff discussed a possible date for those discussions.

Council Member Gibbons noticed that after the last storm, it seemed that there were a lot of potholes adjacent to concrete gutters where streets intersect. It seemed to be more of a serious issue than in the past. He understood that there was a schedule for overlay but wondered if there would be patchwork repairs for some of those potholes. Mr. Bunch confirmed that the issues would be

addressed in the next few weeks. Mayor Dahle suggested that there be an article written in *The Holladay Journal* to let residents know that the City was aware of the issue and would address it.

Mayor Dahle reported that the Rotary tried to put together a Memorial Day event. Over the course of that discussion, he encouraged them to partner with the existing Memorial Day event that would take place on Memory Lane at 10:00 a.m. on Memorial Day. Mayor Dahle would speak at that event and he felt it would be a better use of resources to hold one rather than multiple events.

XIII. *Reconvene City Council in a Work Meeting.*

Council Member Fotheringham moved to RECESS the Holladay City Council Meeting and RECONVENE in a Work Meeting. Council Member Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

a. *Happy Healthy Holladay Update.*

Ms. Smith shared information about the Happy Healthy Holladay Coalition. Ms. Smith clarified that this was not a new group as it had been around for approximately eight years. The mission of Happy Healthy Holladay was to improve the quality of life for all residents of the City of Holladay by developing data-driven physical, mental, and social well-being programming to support healthier living. The partners were the City of Holladay, Salt Lake County Health Department, UPD, UFA, Holladay Library, and the Holladay Lion’s Recreation Center. There were also some residents that serve. The intention was to add a member from the Granite School District and the Mount Olympus Senior Center. Ms. Smith reported that data informed the coalition activities. There was a lot of health data out there.

Ms. Smith shared an example of a health snapshot. It was a tool that laid out areas where Holladay is doing well and areas where there is room for improvement. In terms of opportunities for improvement, there were statistics related to drug and opioid poisoning deaths, asthma, depression prevalence, suicide deaths, poor mental health days, activity limitation, no health insurance coverage, pap tests, hypertension, and colorectal cancer deaths per year. It was important to determine what initiatives are already available in the community as the City of Holladay does not want to duplicate efforts.

The Happy Healthy Holladay Coalition wanted to connect with different partners, learn from one another, promote what was being done, build the programs already in place, and determine what was missing. Some of the upcoming goals for the Happy Healthy Holladay Coalition were as follows:

- Continue to learn from each other and other coalitions;
- Evaluate existing resources;
- Develop data-driven activities that are lacking;
- Achieve Healthy Utah Community designation; and
- Participate in a strategic planning process.

b. *Discussion on Speed Sign Locations.*

The speed sign location discussion occurred earlier in the meeting.

c. *Calendar:*

- ***Council Meetings – April 20, May 4, 11, and 18, June 1, 8, and 15.***

The calendar items were reviewed and discussed.

XIV. *Closed Session pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-204 & 205 to Discuss the Physical or Mental Health or Professional Competence of an Individual, Potential Litigation, Property Acquisition, and Disposition.*

There was no Closed Session.

XV. *Adjourn.*

Council Member Fotheringham moved to ADJOURN. Council Member Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Holladay City Council Meeting held Thursday, April 6, 2023.

Stephanie N. Carlson, MMC
Holladay City Recorder

Robert Dahle, Mayor

Minutes approved: July 13, 2023