

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

**Thursday, January 4, 2024  
7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers**

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**Swearing-In Ceremony – 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Dahle opened the meeting and recognized those in attendance. The colors were presented by the Unified Police Department (“UPD”) Honor Guard. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Quinn’s grandson, Ira Wilson.

Former Council Member Lynn Pace spoke on government. He extended congratulations to those who put their names forth and ran for office. Mr. Pace ran for office four times and served 14½ years. The City was incorporated in 1999 and he took office in 2004 and left in 2018. He remarked that those who serve are in the business of building a community and a place we all want to call home. This is most magnificent at the local level by electing friends and neighbors who have our interests in mind and take care of what residents care about most.

Mr. Pace reported that in City government, they are building the community. When he graduated from high school in 1979, the Cottonwood Mall was a thriving enterprise and the Village Center was a drive-in. There were so many children that the school district built Howard R. Driggs Elementary School a few blocks away from Holladay Elementary. At the time, Holladay was part of the unincorporated County and there was no leadership speaking on behalf of the community. When he was a high school senior, Mr. Pace took a job at Burton Lumber for \$3 per hour. He lived in Holladay his entire life and after school and marriage, he purchased his parent’s home.

Mr. Pace acknowledged the changes that have taken place over the years. Holladay Elementary eventually closed due to a lack of students. The City purchased the building, converted it into City Hall, and acquired the property to the west. The Fire Station was relocated to where the 10-story building once was. Since the City’s incorporation, they have had local leaders look out for the residents. Going forward, the community will continue to change. The challenge for local leaders is to build a vision for the future. He hoped future generations will recognize the City of Holladay as valuable of a place and community as he did.

Mr. Pace shared the following lessons learned:

1. We are building the community of Holladay for our children. Let’s make sure it is the Holladay we want them to have.
2. When you serve as an elected Council Member, it is not about you but is a team effort. We lead for a season because of the trust.

Mr. Pace reported that he has served under nine elected mayors with very different personalities. All were given a torch to carry for a season. He was honored by the trust and to have been able

to speak on behalf of the community. He now hands that torch to another and trusts them to carry the work forward on behalf of all. It is not about the person, but the cause of building a community we all call home. The City of Holladay is a unique and wonderful place to raise a family. Mr. Pace's goal when he served on the City Council was to contribute in a meaningful way and make a difference for good. He was honored to have served on the Holladay City Council and more honored to be a lifetime resident of the community.

Judge Augustus Chin administered the Oath of Office to elected members of the City Council Matt Durham, Drew Quinn, and Emily Gray. Council Member Gray replaced Council Member Dan Gibbons who was honored at the December 14, 2023, Council Meeting. He was publicly thanked for his many years of service on the City Council and as the City's first Justice Court Judge.

Council Member Durham also grew up in the City of Holladay and considered himself lucky to be a resident. He did not realize how lucky he was to be a member of the community until he served on the City Council. He worked with the Tree Committee to maintain the livability of the community by protecting the tree canopy. Another group of families at Crestwood Elementary raised money to construct a disability-accessible playground. They also recently started a Health Coalition in the community. He was honored to serve with the City Council and Mayor Dahle. He found it remarkable that there have been no uncivil or disrespectful conversations between those on the City Council during the time he served. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for that opportunity. He also thanked City Staff for being competent, professional, compassionate, and empathetic. He stated that they are committed to building a great community.

Council Member Quinn echoed the previous comments. She was grateful for the trust put in her and for the opportunity to serve four more years.

Council Member Gray was pleased to represent her friends and neighbors and looked forward to making the community better.

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***ATTENDANCE:***

Mayor Rob Dahle  
Paul Fotheringham  
Emily Gray  
Matt Durham  
Drew Quinn  
Ty Brewer

**City Staff:**

Gina Chamness, City Manager  
Stephanie Carlson, City Recorder

**I. *Welcome*** – Mayor Dahle.

Mayor Dahle the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. *Public Comments.***

*Trudy Jorgensen-Price* stated that great new things are happening at the Library, which will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Programs offered by the Library were reviewed including Winter Reading, which will run until the end of January. For preschool children, there will be a Silly Song and Dance at 10:15 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Teens can participate in Chess Club. For adults, in addition to yoga, there will be Wellness Explorations on the fourth Saturday of the month at 10:15 a.m. For families, in addition to Game Night, there will also be Slumber Storytime on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Family Film Saturday will take place on the third Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. This month, the movie shown will be *Minions: The Rise of Gru*. The third Tuesday of the month will be Tinker Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. where participants can learn how to create a 3D printed item. The fourth Tuesday starting in March will be the Thrills and Chills Book Club. Additional programs were reviewed for January. Ms. Jorgensen-Price noted that on January 24, 2024, there will be a program on how to use a Naloxone kit. Participants will learn how to use a Naloxone kit safely and appropriately.

**III. *Consideration of Resolution 2024-01 Appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem.***

Council Member Fotheringham moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-01 with Council Member Durham acting as Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Quinn seconded the motion. Vote on Motion: Council Member Brewer-Aye; Council Member Durham-Aye; Council Member Quinn-Aye; Council Member Gray-Aye; Council Member Fotheringham-Aye; Mayor Dahle-Aye. Resolution 2024-01 was approved by a unanimous vote.

**IV. Consideration of Resolution 2024-02 Accepting the Dedication of a Public Street**

This is a dedication of a 50-foot-wide portion of an owner's property to the city for the continuation of Delaware Lane.

Council Member Fotheringham moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-02. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. Vote on Motion: Council Member Brewer-Aye; Council Member Durham-Aye; Council Member Quinn-Aye; Council Member Gray-Aye; Council Member Fotheringham-Aye; Mayor Dahle-Aye. Resolution 2024-02 was approved by a unanimous vote.

**V. Discussion of Council Committee Assignments for 2024**

**VI. Consideration of Resolution 2024-03 Appointing a Member to the Unified Fire Authority Board.**

Council Member Durham moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-03 with Council Member Fotheringham serving on the UFA Board. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. Vote on Motion: Council Member Brewer-Aye; Council Member Durham-Aye; Council Member Quinn-Aye; Council Member Gray-Aye; Council Member Fotheringham-Aye; Mayor Dahle-Aye. Resolution 2024-03 was approved by a unanimous vote

**VII. City Manager Report – Gina Chamness**

Manager Chamness reported that the 2024 Legislative Session began on January 16, 2024. At the Legislative Pre-Session Briefing, Dave Spatafore addressed emails his office will be sending to the Legislative group each week. There will be emails to Staff and any Council Members who want to be part of that conversation. She cautioned that there might be a lot of email communication, so it was possible to send out only the summary email.

Council Member Gray asked if the summary emails would go out each week. This was confirmed. Council Member Durham asked if it would be helpful to involve more Council Members. Ms. Chamness noted that if there is an issue where Council feedback is needed, it would be brought to the City Council weekly. The Council Members wished to receive the summary email rather than individual emails.

Ms. Chamness noted that there had been brief discussions about Happy Healthy Holladay earlier in the meeting. There was an opportunity to apply for grant funding that would provide funding for a two-year position. There was no clarity about whether that would be a part-time or a full-time position but it would be designed to focus on prevention in the community rather than mitigation. Generally, the focus will be on areas of mental, emotional, and physical health in the community. She questioned whether the City Council was supportive of trying to obtain grant funding for that position. Council Member Durham asked if there would need to be ongoing funding for that position in the future. Assistant City Manager, Holly Smith, explained that it would be at the discretion of the Council. However, the intention was that after the grant funding ran out, the position would continue to be funded by the City.

Ms. Smith explained that the Council will need to consider whether there is a desire to continue funding the Happy Healthy Holladay position afterward. Council Member Fotheringham noted

that there is a similar Mental Health Counselor in the Unified Police Department (“UPD”) budget. Ms. Chamness clarified that the UPD position is more of a direct service, while the Happy Healthy Holladay position is more public health-focused and will look at different prevention policies.

Council Member Durham referenced the Happy Healthy Holladay data that was presented previously. Substance abuse and mental health issues are important to address in the community. As a result, he was tentatively in favor of applying for the grant. That being said, he thought it would be worthwhile to know more about the specifics of the grant and the position. Council Member Fotheringham believed it would be appropriate to implement the position and if there are measurable results, that would determine whether or not the position was funded by the City in the future. Council Member Brewer understood the potential significance of the position but wanted some clear examples of what the position would entail. Council Member Quinn wondered how much of a commitment needed to be made. Ms. Smith explained that the desire was for the position to continue after the grant ended, but if the City did not believe it was warranted, there was no requirement to continue.

Council Member Brewer asked about the grant requirements. He wanted to know if the position needs to be specifically opioid focused. Ms. Smith believed it was broader but something that needs to be addressed in the community is opioid addiction. The main challenges facing the community are opioid addiction, depression, anxiety, and suicide. Ms. Smith reiterated that Happy Healthy Holladay is currently working on a strategic plan. If the position moves forward, that person will work to execute the plan and create programs where there are existing gaps. Council Member Durham agreed with Council Member Fotheringham that the grant makes it possible to try out the position. Mayor Dahle thought it was appropriate to apply for the grant as long as success can be measured. It was clarified that there will not necessarily be a long-term commitment. It sounded like the Council wanted to see the measures of success and then decide about the position.

Ms. Chamness reported that last summer during the budget conversations, it was suggested that some or all City Council Members attend the National League of Cities conference. The conference was held in Washington, DC. She stated that the conference dates were March 11 to 13, 2024. However, there was an Executive Education Day on March 10, 2024. It would also be possible to arrange for Congressional Delegation visits for the Council Members who make the trip. Council Members Durham & Brewer were comfortable with Council Member Quinn representing the City Council. Council Member Gray was interested but was unavailable on those dates.

City Recorder, Stephanie Carlson, asked if any Council Members were interested in attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns (“ULCT”) Local Officials Day on January 17, 2024. Council Member Quinn asked about Youth Council participation. Mayor Dahle did not believe there was a lot of interest from the Youth Council. There seemed to be more of a desire to choose an issue that is of interest to a number of the Youth Council Members. Council Members Gray, Quinn, and Brewer, and Mayor Dahle were interested in attending the Luncheon on Local Officials Day, which would be scheduled.

### **VIII. Council Reports & District Issues**

Council Member Brewer reported that he received a lot of phone calls about the one-half-acre lot on the corner of Sycamore and Murray Holladay. Mayor Dahle reported that the public hearing was to take place on January 18, 2024 and assumes there will be a lot of public comment. There will then be a discussion during the Work Session with the item on the February 1 agenda for a vote, depending on how complicated it is.

Council Member Durham reported that a few residents gave him positive feedback about the holiday decorations in the plaza. As for Happy Healthy Holladay, the Strategic Plan work was underway. The next step was a meeting with community members to have focus group conversations to better identify needs in the community. It was clear that substance abuse and mental health are important issues but there was a desire to understand other issues that face the community as well. Council Member Durham shared an update on the Tree Committee. Something the Committee was trying to do was boost meeting attendance and increase the overall level of involvement. There had been some questions about the structure of the Committee and what was dictated by ordinance. Additionally, there had been conversations about more outreach for the Tree Committee. Council Member Durham suggested regular social media announcements for meetings.

Council Member Fotheringham informed those present that Kathy Murphy from the Arts Council passed away unexpectedly. She was the person most closely associated with the Summer Concert Series and the concert events. Ms. Murphy was an incredibly important part of the Arts Council. He expressed his appreciation to her and for the significant contributions she made to the City. Council Member Fotheringham reported that he attended the UFA Benefits and Compensation Meeting at the UFA headquarters. He discussed a presentation that had been made and the speech that had been given about UFA and the community and thought the message should be shared at the City Council level.

Council Member Quinn discussed the Community Renewable Energy Agency Board. The Board decided to propose to Rocky Mountain Power that a date be set for April 15, 2024, for the Public Service Commission. The hope was that if a date was provided, progress could be made.

Council Member Gray reported that she met with City Attorney, Todd Godfrey, Ms. Chamness, and the Mayor to discuss issues that are currently taking place on Gun Club Road. It appeared that Mr. Godfrey came up with some creative ideas that would be explored further in the future. Those ideas could address the issues and assist the residents.

Mayor Dahle hoped that there would be some clarification from UPD shortly and felt it was time to share an update on that transition.

### **IX. Adjourn**

Council Member Fotheringham moved to ADJOURN the City Council Meeting and RECONVENE in an RDA Meeting. Council Member Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Holladay City Council Meeting held Thursday, January 4, 2024.*

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Stephanie N. Carlson, MMC  
Holladay City Recorder

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Robert Dahle, Mayor

**Minutes approved: March 7, 2024**