

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING-STRATEGIC PLANNING
1110 EAST EAGLEWOOD DRIVE, NORTH SALT LAKE
AUGUST 19, 2025

FINAL

Mayor Horrocks welcomed those present at 6:12 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Horrocks
Councilmember Lisa Watts Baskin
Councilmember Tammy Clayton
Councilmember Suzette Jackson
Councilmember Alisa Van Langeveld
Councilmember Ted Knowlton

STAFF PRESENT: Ken Leetham, City Manager; Heidi Voordeckers, Finance Director; Sherrie Pace, Community Development Director; Craig Black, Police Chief.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dee Lalliss, Ryan Holbrook, Conrad Jacobson, Carolyn Jacobson, Lisa Midgley, Heidi Smoot, Elizabeth Miller, SusieDee Miller, Dennis Allen, Barry Bryson, residents.

1. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The City Council minutes of August 5, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Councilmember Van Langeveld asked that the word “issues” be changed to “priorities” when in reference to a councilmember’s shared list. This included lines 119, 139, 203, 225, and 262.

She also requested the following edits to her list of priorities:

- “Prioritize events” to “event purpose discussion”
- “Homeless Resource Plan (RDA funds)” to “Homeless Resource document (noting available resources)”
- Additional review items including but not limited to: code changes to expand tax base and bring commercial (General Plan or rezoning), review incompatible land uses and zoning between industrial/commercial and residential

Councilmember Baskin recommended that if AI was utilized to prepare minutes or other documents that a disclaimer be included stating that the document was generated through the use of AI but was verified to be correct by comparing with the original.

Councilmember Jackson moved the City Council approve the meeting minutes of August 5, 2025 as amended. Councilmember Van Langeveld seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

2. CONSIDERATION OF POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,363

Chief Black reported that this request to purchase three Dodge Durango vehicles was part of the current fiscal year 2026 budget. He noted that the purchase price was only for the vehicles and did not include equipping the vehicles with standard emergency equipment. He shared that two of the three vehicles had arrived and the invoices would be sent to staff for payment after approval by the Council. He said the price for each vehicle was \$40,121 for a total purchase cost of \$120,363.

Councilmember Clayton moved that the City Council approve the police vehicle purchases in the amount of \$120,363. Councilmember Van Langeveld seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

3. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-35R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MURAL AT 10 SOUTH MAIN STREET WITH THE BUILDING OWNER AND MURAL ARTIST

Sherrie Pace reported that the Arts Committee had been working towards implementation of the City Mural program and identified the building at 10 South Main Street for installation of the first mural. She presented images of the proposed mural by local artist David Montanaro which would be painted by his daughter, Jean Montanaro. She shared how the image would look on the building. She noted that the City Council previously allocated \$10,000 for the mural project.

Sherrie Pace said that Reuben Wolsey, Jean Montanaro's partner, met with the Arts Committee related to a possible commissioned piece of art for Hatch Park. She shared images of the proposed art piece. She added that the sculpture would complement the mural as it represented David Montanaro's chair series paintings. She continued that the Arts Committee proposed the oversized chair sculpture could be interactive for visitors at the park and be located within view of the mural for photo opportunities. Ms. Pace clarified that the sculpture would no longer be made from fallen trees in the park due to maintenance and weathering concerns. She continued that the Arts Committee was still reviewing ideas to utilize the fallen trees.

Councilmember Baskin questioned the fee for the sculpture. Sherrie Pace replied that Mr. Wolsey would trade the sculpture(s) for the park in exchange for wood from the fallen trees.

Councilmember Jackson noted that David Montanaro and his family were long time residents in the City and involved in the art community. She spoke on the value of utilizing these local artists for the first public art in the City.

Councilmember Jackson suggested a ballpark amount related to public art. Sherrie Pace replied that the Arts Committee would present a list of public art priorities and a proposed budget to the City Council in October.

Sherrie Pace said staff was preparing an application for the Davis County Mural Program which if awarded would reimburse the City for 50% of the cost of the mural. She shared that the City may apply for multiple mural grants in separate applications. She noted the City Council previously approved \$10,000 which would be allocated as follows:

Artist fee	\$4,000 (previous estimate of \$3,000)
Paint cost	\$1,400 (previous estimate of \$1,200)
Anti-graffiti coating	\$1,000
Scissor lift rental	\$2,000
Building prep	\$300
Total cost:	\$8,800 (previously \$7,500)

Ms. Pace reviewed several changes to the artist contract including that the City would rent scaffolding or a scissor lift and to increase the budget for paint to \$1,400.

Councilmember Van Langeveld spoke on continuing the theme of chairs/artwork throughout the City.

Councilmember Baskin spoke on determining a cost benefit analysis to ensure that artists were paid fairly for their work but mentioned that public exposure could also increase the value of the art.

Councilmember Jackson commented on creating a yearly budget and a smoother approval process related to public art. Sherrie Pace noted that the Arts Committee would be able to provide better cost estimates, budgeting, and comparisons from other cities during their October City Council presentation.

Councilmember Jackson moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2025-35R approving the owner and artist contracts for the installation of a mural at 10 South Main Street with the budget allocation recommended by the Arts Committee as follows:

Artist Fee	\$3,000
Paint Cost	\$1,500 (approx. \$1/sq. ft.)
Anti-Graffiti Coating	\$1,000 (approx. \$90/100 sq. ft.)
Scissor Lift Rental	\$2,000
Building Prep (Cleaning)	\$300
Total Estimated Cost:	\$7,800

Councilmember Clayton seconded the motion.

Councilmember Van Langeveld asked if the artist fee should be increased. Sherrie Pace said that the Arts Committee felt the \$3,000 artist fee was low but that the amount was within the budget.

Councilmember Jackson questioned if the artist fee could be increased based on obtaining the Davis County Mural Program grant. Mayor Horrocks noted that the artist fee would have to be determined now as the City would be applying for the grant based on the stated amount.

Councilmember Knowlton suggested a \$5,000 artist fee.

Sherrie Pace said that the artist could track her hours for the mural and any leftover funds could then be added to the contract. She noted that any increases could not be included in the grant request.

Councilmember Jackson amended her motion to increase the artist fee to \$4,000 for a total estimated cost of \$8,800.

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Councilmember Van Langeveld seconded the amended motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

4. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS, TASKS AND PROJECTS

Ken Leetham reported on the strategic plan and noted that some of these items could be added to the City's action item list. He said that the current practice allowed for any councilmember to add tasks to the action item list. He shared four strategic plans of various communities and mentioned parts of these plans could be incorporated into a plan for the City:

- Kodiak, AK (structure, content)
- South Ogden, UT (mission, vision, values, project manager, progress/accountability)
- Stockton, CA (strategies, categories, tasks/measurable goals)
- Fort Collins, CO (objective areas including high performing government, dashboard on city website)

Mr. Leetham suggested the strategic plan should include explanation/narrative while articulating the goal as well as ensuring it was simple and readable to help ensure the plan was carried forward in the event of Council and staff turnover. He shared a summary document of the priorities that were expressed by the City Council during their last meeting. He then reviewed a table containing those categorized priorities and explained that they were organized to assist the Council in determining how each of these items should be treated moving forward and which issues should be included in a strategic plan document.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT

Dennis Allen, resident, asked if there was a plan in place for the trees in Hatch Park. He spoke on the state of the existing trees and if any of the mature trees would be preserved. He expressed concern that the mature trees were not being cared for and would be removed. Ken Leetham replied that the park has been closed for construction and that a majority of the existing trees would need to be removed and replaced with new trees. He noted that consultants and arborists had helped to prepare the park plan related to the trees.

Councilmember Van Langeveld mentioned that staff did take resident comments seriously including those related to the trees. She said the wood from the trees would be utilized in the park and as part of an art program.

Councilmember Baskin empathized with Mr. Allen and thanked him for his concerns and speaking up for the trees. She commented on signage by a resident that expressed concerns about Hatch Park. She said that the City needed to hear the concerns from residents.

Councilmember Van Langeveld commented on tree planting events and valuing trees in the City.

Councilmember Jackson suggested replacing the resident signs with signage from the City with more information related to the loss of the trees, replacement trees, park plans, etc. Ken Leetham replied that there were currently signs in the park related to the remodel plan.

SusieDee Miller, resident, questioned if dogs would be allowed in Hatch Park. She spoke on a need for a park that allowed for dog walking with shade. Ken Leetham replied that this had not yet been decided. He shared that there would be a dog park located near Legacy Park.

Dee Lalliss, resident, shared that the existing trees may not be compatible with the new park plan. He said that the sacrifice of the mature trees would hopefully lead to a park that could be enjoyed by residents now and in the future.

6. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS, TASKS AND PROJECTS CONT.

Mayor Horrocks shared several AI generated ideas for a City motto including “North Salt Lake, where community and progress meet”, “Rooted in community, moving forward together”, and “North Salt Lake: strong roots, bright future”.

Councilmember Clayton shared her motto “A city where all feel loved and valued along with enhancing the quality of life and meeting the expectations of our residents, businesses, employees, and visitors.”

Councilmember Van Langeveld spoke on the process and the outcome. She noted that there would need to be several conversations related to the content of the priorities. Councilmember Baskin shared that the strategic plan for Fort Collins was more professional than she would prefer and appeared to have been created by a consultant. She stated that this was not the direction she wanted for the Council’s plan.

Councilmember Jackson was in favor of having metrics similar to South Ogden’s plan and the simplicity of Kodiak’s plan. Councilmember Knowlton spoke on a desire to have a plan with a focus area related to goals.

Ken Leetham said that the priorities had been listed and asked the councilmembers to vote on which items to focus on now.

Councilmember Baskin noted that the priorities may be solutions to problems and could be addressed quicker than those items in a General Plan which was a long term plan. She spoke on how the strategic plan created its own momentum and would survive turnover.

Councilmember Knowlton said the strategic plan would lead to and help implement the General Plan. He mentioned Chevron, Highway 89, and facility needs for Public Works as items to vote on.

Councilmember Baskin asked to include ongoing funding for tree plantings and five day staff coverage at City Hall.

The City Councilmembers spent several minutes voting for their top priorities from those listed.

Councilmember Knowlton mentioned Chevron and a potential annexation. Councilmember Baskin noted that Chevron polluted the City and did not provide any benefits such as tax dollars.

The Council reviewed the list of priorities and determined if each were action items, future work session, or a strategic planning objective. Items moved to the action item list included Chevron, a facility for Public Works, funding for tree plantings, four day work schedule, fire safety plan, addresses for annexation area, and a bridge over the railroad on Center Street. Items moved to work session included: civic events discussion, citywide name change, and sustainability. They reviewed priorities that may be related such as one beautification project annually at entrances or major corridor, a City app, the City identity, and improving the quality of US-89. The Council determined the five priorities for the next year would be:

- City Identity; City Motto; City Marketing Plan
- Improve quality of US89
- RDA funding-Housing Plan w/RDA funds
- City app
- One beautification project annually at entrances or major corridors

Ken Leetham said the main goal was to determine what the Council wanted to accomplish. He questioned if this would be an annual plan or a two or three year plan with an annual review. The Council was in favor of a one year plan for these priorities.

7. CLOSED SESSION

At 9:07 p.m. Councilmember Baskin moved to go into a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Councilmember Van Langeveld seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Councilmembers Baskin, Clayton, Jackson, Knowlton, and Van Langeveld.

8. ADJOURN

The meetings were adjourned during the closed session at 10:20 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the City Council of the City of North Salt Lake on Tuesday September 2, 2025 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Brian J. Horrocks, Mayor



Wendy Page, City Recorder

