

# Minutes of the BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL

May 27, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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## **Work Session – 6:00 p.m.** **City Council Chambers**

Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Matt Murri, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	City Attorney	Brad Jepps
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Finance Director	Tyson Beck
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Police Chief	Ed Biehler
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Councilmember	Richard Higginson

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

### **DAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT RENOVATIONS**

Mr. Weston Weeks, Facilities Manager for the Davis School District, presented to the Council about the new Bountiful Elementary School building, including the planned demolition of the old building and the renovation of the grounds into playgrounds and fields. He outlined the temporary drop-off and pick-up traffic pattern, as well as the permanent traffic pattern that will be in place once the grounds are fully renovated next spring. The demolition site will be fenced around the perimeter, with some openings in the fence. He explained that, because school staff are on duty during recess, the openings in the fence will be allowed to remain.

Mayor Harris asked where crossing guards will be placed for the new building. Mr. Lloyd Cheney explained that there is currently a crossing guard at the roundabout, one at 1500 South and 50 West, and one directly in front of the school on 50 West. He added that it may be beneficial to evaluate placing a guard on 200 West, where a crossing already exists. Chief Biehler added that there is also a crossing guard on 1800 South.

Councilmember Bradshaw asked what the best way to communicate with the District will be as the project moves forward and issues arise. Mr. Weeks responded that he will ensure Mr. Cheney is informed of any changes and will maintain ongoing communication.

Mr. Cheney asked what measures the District will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the new circulation pattern as the school year begins, and how the City can best collaborate with them to address issues and fine-tune the pattern. Mr. Weeks said they are currently working with the school administration

1 to inform parents about the temporary drop-off and pick-up routes, and noted that they can evaluate how  
2 it is functioning after about a week. However, he added that there may be limited options for making  
3 changes. Mr. Cheney asked if the roadway from 50 West into the site could be completed as soon as  
4 possible. Mr. Weeks said they could try to prioritize that, but there may be constraints that make it  
5 difficult.

6 Mr. Hill shared his concern about parents obeying the circulation pattern and asked if there is a  
7 way the District can work with the City to help address issues as they arise. Mr. Weeks said they plan on  
8 adding "Right Turn Only" signage, and if that does not help, they will get creative.

9 Councilmember Bradshaw asked about the communication plan for the neighbors for the  
10 demolition site. Mr. Weeks said that the contractors take on the responsibility of placing door flyers to  
11 notify neighbors about the demolition timeline and what to expect. He said he is also able to take calls if  
12 people need a point of contact.

13 Next, Mr. Weeks gave a presentation about Bountiful High School. He explained that last  
14 summer, the football and baseball fields were updated, and they have now broken ground and begun  
15 framing a new CTE building where the driver's education range used to be. Ultimately, there is a desire to  
16 replace the entire school through a phased process. Some parking has been lost due to the new  
17 construction, but the intention is to demolish the old CTE building and eventually restore those parking  
18 spaces.

19 Councilmember Bradshaw asked how they plan to handle the parking demand for the coming  
20 school year. Mr. Weeks said they typically have the school not issue parking permits to Sophomores,  
21 which helps reduce the number of vehicles in the lot each day. Councilmember Bradshaw said she has  
22 observed that the same number of students still drive to school, whether they have permits or not, but they  
23 find other places to park, and adjacent neighborhoods are impacted instead. She said good communication  
24 between the District and the City will be very important in regards to this issue, because it may not be an  
25 obvious problem for the administration.

26 Councilmember Price-Huish asked about when we might see these changes begin with Bountiful  
27 High. Mr. Weeks said that the hope is that both Clearfield and Bountiful High will receive funds with the  
28 next bond for their respective projects.

29 Councilmember Child asked where the new drivers education area will be. Mr. Weeks said he was  
30 not sure yet. They are still working through the options.

31 Councilmember Child asked if there will be sidewalk to the new CTE building for pedestrian  
32 safety. Mr. Weeks said there will not be a sidewalk, but they could stripe a pathway through the site.

33 Mr. Hill explained that parking pass programs can be detrimental, causing nearby neighborhoods  
34 to fill up with cars while parking lots remain half empty, so he asked if the District would consider  
35 working with the schools to get rid of parking passes altogether during construction times. Mr. Weeks  
36 said he understood and he would work with the administration on that.

37 Mayor Harris thanked Mr. Weeks for his time and for the great presentations.

38 Mr. Gary Hill asked the Council if they are interested in participating in the creation of an active  
39 transportation corridor between North Salt Lake and Farmington. North Salt Lake received a "Greenway  
40 Grant" from Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) and is asking if Bountiful would like to contribute  
41 \$7,500 to help fund a preliminary study. He said he met with the NSL City Manager, and told him  
42 Bountiful is interested in participating, but we want to know the scope of the project and that Bountiful  
43 does not want to spend a lot of money on a consultant. He said he feels the involved communities could  
44 meet and identify a corridor without too much outside help.

45 The Councilmembers said they supported the intent to participate in this active transportation  
46 project and agreed that spending a lot of money on a consultant was not advisable.

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48 The work session ended at 6:55 pm.

**Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor Kendalyn Harris  
Councilmembers Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Matt Murri, Cecilee Price-Huish  
City Manager Gary Hill  
City Engineer Lloyd Cheney  
City Attorney Brad Jeppsen  
Planning Director Francisco Astorga  
Finance Director Tyson Beck  
Power Director Allen Johnson  
Streets Director Charles Benson  
SDMFD Chief Greg Stewart  
Recording Secretary Maranda Hilton  
Excused: Councilmember Richard Higginson

**WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER**

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Ms. Melissa Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Taylor Myers, Bountiful East Stake, offered a prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The period for public comment began at 7:04 pm.

Mr. Gary Davis (2814 South 500 West) said he was intrigued by some of the comments made by the Davis School District representative during the work session, and he also thanked the Mayor and Council for their wonderful work.

Mr. Matt Franzen() asked the Council to consider putting the firework restriction line back where it has been in the past, and to make decisions based on local conditions instead of blanket suggestions.

Mr. Alex Densley() asked the Council to please move the firework restriction line back up to Davis Blvd. where it has been historically, adding that the last three years have been good water years.

The period for public comment closed at 7:10 pm.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Councilmember Bradshaw requested that the word “BCYC” on line 45 of page 2 of the minutes be corrected to “BDAC”.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the minutes with the requested correction and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Murri and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Price-Huish thanked the Bountiful Veterans Park Foundation and their board for holding a wonderful Memorial Day event. She reported that the BCYC inducted 59 new members

1 last week. Their inaugural service project will be helping with the Chalk Art Festival. She also said  
2 she is grateful for all the work being done on the Power Commission and is humbled to be a part of it.

3 Mayor Harris reported that the SDMFD graduated four new recruits on Friday, which is really  
4 exciting. She also reported that a building in Clearfield has been purchased by the county and  
5 designated as a new homeless shelter to fulfill the state requirement for “Code Blue” shelters. The  
6 building will also house some Health Department services, a Senior Center and Meals on Wheels.

7 Councilmember Child said she also attended the Memorial Day program and that it was  
8 amazing. She reported that the Car Show volunteers had their kick-off meeting and that the Chalk Art  
9 festival is coming up soon. She expressed her appreciation for the volunteers who put on these great  
10 events every year.

11 Councilmember Bradshaw reported that there is a new exhibit at the BDAC, and that  
12 Summerfest will be happening at Bountiful Park on August 8 and 9.

13 Councilmember Murri thanked the Veterans Park Foundation for the awesome Memorial Day  
14 event. He also said the Stomp on Main event was great, but expressed his condolences to the Rich  
15 family, and said he would keep Jaden in his prayers as he recovers from a motorcycle accident that  
16 took place that night and thanked the first responders who helped.

17 Councilmember Price-Huish asked Councilmember Bradshaw about the upcoming Trails  
18 Day. Councilmember Bradshaw said that this Saturday there will be four projects ready for  
19 volunteers to help with, and anyone interested in helping can sign up online. They anticipate many of  
20 the youth from the high school mountain biking teams to come and thanked them for their service.

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22 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
23 **AND 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

24 Councilmember Bradshaw asked what the expenditure for “railroad right of way” was. Mr.  
25 Brad Jeppsen answered that it was the lease the City is required to pay for the right to have power  
26 lines on Pacific Railroad property. The leases were sold some years ago to a company called Railway  
27 Management and are no longer owned by Pacific Railroad.

28 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the expenditures paid May 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>,  
29 2025, and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers  
30 Bradshaw, Child, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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32 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2025-07 ADOPTING RESTRICTIONS OF THE**  
33 **USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 2025 –**  
34 **MR. BRADLEY JEPSEN**

35 Mr. Brad Jeppsen explained that staff is recommending the approval of ordinance 2025-07,  
36 which contains Fire Chief Stewart’s firework restriction recommendations for July 2025 to January  
37 2026.

38 Chief Stewart addressed the public comments made earlier in the meeting, saying that this is  
39 an unprecedented year for fire risk, due to the density of fuel he sees above Orchard, and he prefers  
40 not to take risks with people’s home and livelihoods. His recommendations are based on local  
41 conditions and not federal guidelines.

42 Mayor Harris asked if the City could allow people to use the City Hall parking lot to celebrate  
43 with fireworks this year. Mr. Gary Hill said that is up to the Council, but it was certainly a possibility.

44 Mayor Harris expressed her sympathy to people who would like to see the boundary changed,  
45 but added that she has also heard from several people who request that the boundary stay on Orchard  
46 to help reduce the risk of wildland fire.

1 Councilmember Price-Huish asked if having a boundary that specifically keeps fireworks  
2 away from the ravines and gullies has ever been discussed. Chief Stewart said he has never had that  
3 discussion, and Mr. Gary Hill added that keeping the boundary a simple, straight line makes it easier  
4 for residents to understand and thus easier for the police to enforce.

5 Councilmember Murri asked if wildfires are a bigger topic after the fires in California. Chief  
6 Stewart answered that it is, and legislation may be coming which will require the county to assess  
7 properties and identify high risk areas in the future.

8 Councilmember Child asked if this ordinance covers New Year's Eve. It does. She suggested  
9 they allow a less strict boundary for New Year's Eve fireworks since there is much less fire risk that  
10 time of year. Chief Stewart said they could do that. Mr. Jeppsen suggested they approve the  
11 ordinance as-is tonight and then make an additional ordinance to make that change for New Year's  
12 Eve at a future date.

13 All the Councilmembers liked the idea of changing it at a later date, which would allow the  
14 Fire Chief to evaluate it and make his suggestion about the new boundary. They also said they would  
15 support opening the City campus parking lot for fireworks in July.

16 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-07 and Councilmember  
17 Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Murri,  
18 and Price-Huish voting "aye."  
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20 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A PME-11 AND A PMH-9 PAD**  
21 **MOUNTED SWITCHGEAR ALONG WITH THE NECESSARY FUSE HOLDERS FROM**  
22 **IRBY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$47,510 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

23 Mr. Allen Johnson explained that this is a single source item that integrates seamlessly with  
24 the existing switchgear cans already installed, making replacement much more efficient and less  
25 expensive. Staff keeps several varieties of these in inventory because it takes about one year for  
26 delivery. These switchgears will be added to inventory and used as needed.

27 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the purchase from Irby and  
28 Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,  
29 Child, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."  
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31 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE LOW BID FOR THE ACSR WIRE FROM ANIXTER IN**  
32 **THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$21,160 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

33 Mr. Johnson explained that this cable is needed for the Northwest substation project, which  
34 will require about 4,000 feet of cable. Staff recommends going with the low bid from Anixter.

35 Councilmember Child made a motion to approve the bid from Anixter and Councilmember  
36 Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Murri,  
37 and Price-Huish voting "aye."  
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39 **CONSIDER RELEASE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS ON LOTS 32 AND 33 OF**  
40 **THE OAKTON PARK SUBDIVISION PLAT C – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

41 Mr. Lloyd Cheney explained that Brighton Homes has a new subdivision near 2050 South and  
42 350 East. It will include seven new lots and adopt two existing properties that were previously platted  
43 in Plat C. It is necessary to release a rear yard easement on Lots 2 and 3. They are not needed as the  
44 subdivision will be served adequately by the front utility connections from the cul-de-sac.

1 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the public utility easements and  
2 Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers  
3 Bradshaw, Child, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”  
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5 **CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY,**  
6 **PENDING LITIGATION AND/OR TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER AND/OR**  
7 **COMPETENCY OF AN INDIVIDUAL(S)(UTAH CODE §52-4-205) – MR. BRADLEY**  
8 **JEPPSEN**

9 Item was tabled.

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11 **ADJOURN**

12 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and Councilmember  
13 Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Murri and  
14 Price-Huish voting “aye.”  
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16 The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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*Mayor Kendalyn Harris*

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*City Recorder*