Midway
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Memo

Date: July 13, 2026

To: Mayor, City Council, and Staff

Cc: File

From: Brad Wilson, City Recorder

RE: Minutes of the July 7, 2026, City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE
MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL
(Regular Meeting)

Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Midway Community Center, Council Chambers
160 West Main Street, Midway, Utah

Note: Notices/agendas were posted at 7-Eleven, The Market at Midway, the United States Post Office, the Midway City Office Building, and the Midway Community Center. Notices/agendas were provided to the Mayor, City Council, City Engineer, City Attorney, and Community Development Director. The public notice/agenda was published on the Utah State Public Notice Website and on the City's website. A copy of the public notice/agenda is contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Prayer and/or Inspirational Message

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

<u>Members Present</u>

Craig Simons, Mayor
Andy Garland, Council Member
Lisa Orme, Council Member
Andrew Osborne, Council Member
Kevin Payne, Council Member
JC Simonsen, Council Member

<u>Staff Present</u>

Corbin Gordon, Attorney (Arrived at 6:14 p.m.)
Michael Henke, Community Development Director
Wes Johnson, Engineer
Camille Palmer, Mayor's Assistant
Jennifer Sweat, Treasurer
Brad Wilson, Recorder

Note: A copy of the meeting roll is contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

Mayor Simons led the Council and meeting attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Council Member Orme gave the prayer and/or inspirational message.

2. Consent Agenda

- **a.** Agenda for the July 7, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting
- **b.** Warrants
- **c.** Minutes of the June 16, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting
- **d.** Minutes of the June 16, 2026 City Council Closed Meeting
- **e.** Minutes of the June 24, 2026 City Council Meeting

Note: Copies of items 2a, 2b, 2c, and 2e are contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

Mayor Simons read the consent agenda.

Motion: Council Member Garland moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Second: Council Member Orme seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Aye
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

Mayor Simons acknowledged Courtland and Mitzy Nelson as the honored citizens of Midway for 2026.

3. Public Comment – Comments were taken for items not on the agenda.

Mayor Simons asked if there were any comments from the public about items that were not on the agenda.

<u>Weeds</u>

Bill Marble, a resident of Brinton Court, expressed appreciation to the City Council and staff for organizing a successful Fourth of July celebration.

He also raised concerns about excessive weed growth in the Brinton Court area, stating that the issue has not been adequately addressed despite existing city ordinances. He encouraged the Council to improve enforcement procedures so that vegetation issues are managed proactively rather than only when they become fire hazards.

Mayor Simons acknowledged the concern and stated that the City is developing a formal process to improve ongoing enforcement of the weed ordinance.

No further comments were offered.

4. Department Reports

<u>Open Space Advisory Committee</u>

Courtland Nelson, Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee, provided an update on the committee's progress and future priorities. He reported that the first $5 million open space bond has been fully committed, with projects either completed or in progress, and noted that the committee is preparing to begin work with the new bond funding.

Chair Nelson invited the City Council to hold a future work session to discuss priorities, answer questions, and provide guidance.

Chair Nelson explained that recent efforts have shifted toward smaller, achievable projects due to the temporary loss of federal matching funds, which have historically leveraged approximately five dollars of outside funding for every city dollar invested. The committee highlighted two priority preservation opportunities:

- **The Hamlet property** along Midway Lane, where the committee is exploring a partnership with the homeowners' association to improve open space through trails, habitat restoration, cleanup, and environmental improvements. Chair Nelson suggested that a formal agreement with the HOA would strengthen grant applications and support future planning efforts.

- **Burgi Hill**, where portions of the property are already protected, but additional acreage could still be developed. The committee expressed interest in pursuing long-term preservation to maintain the area's scenic and open-space value.

Chair Nelson also reviewed how the committee identifies preservation opportunities through landowner notices of interest, public outreach events, and collaboration with Preserve Midway, a nonprofit organization that promotes open space preservation and community awareness. He indicated the committee is exploring a closer working relationship with Preserve Midway. During Council discussion, members asked about the committee's partnerships with Utah Open Lands and Summit Land Conservancy, the methods used to identify preservation projects, and opportunities to increase public awareness. Chair Nelson noted that additional signage identifying preserved properties could improve community understanding and encourage participation.

Council members discussed supporting additional signage and public education efforts. Mayor Simons recommended addressing the topic during a future work meeting to develop potential solutions and budget considerations. The Council also acknowledged ongoing efforts to seek restoration of federal funding opportunities, recognizing their importance in leveraging local open space investments.

Law Enforcement

Deputy Chief Branden Russell provided a law enforcement update, reporting that the Fourth of July celebration was well organized and proceeded safely with only minor parking and traffic issues that were quickly resolved. He thanked the City for its coordination and invited feedback to help improve future events.

Deputy Chief Russell announced that the Police Department would conduct a traffic enforcement initiative in Midway, focusing on areas with recurring traffic complaints. He encouraged City officials to continue sharing locations of concern so enforcement efforts could be directed where needed.

Mayor Simons thanked the Police Department for its support during the Fourth of July event, particularly with traffic and parking management. He also expressed concern about the growing number of children riding high-speed e-bikes and electric motorcycles without helmets, citing safety risks and recent incidents. He encouraged the department to pursue educational outreach in addition to enforcement, suggesting a positive community awareness campaign.

Deputy Chief Russell agreed and indicated the department would explore public education efforts, including social media messaging and informational videos, to promote safe e-bike operation.

<u>Craig Simons, Mayor</u>

- Mayor Simons announced that representatives from Heber/Midway Police Department will provide updates at the first City Council meeting each month.

- Public Works was recognized for its strong progress under new leadership, with staff actively advancing projects and operations.

- Residents were encouraged to follow the irrigation watering schedule and conserve water due to ongoing drought conditions. The Mayor emphasized the importance of supporting Midway Irrigation and preserving limited water resources for all users.

- The Mayor reported that the Heber Valley Railroad is performing well, noting strong community interest, including a rapid sellout of its Christmas excursion tickets. The railroad is also exploring new ideas to increase ridership and visitor engagement.

<u>JC Simonsen, Council Member</u>

- Council Member Simonsen provided an update on the Water Advisory Board, noting that some board members are relatively new and it is now reviewing only a small number of water applications. The Board's primary role has been to review and verify water calculations prepared by City staff before applications are forwarded to the City Council for consideration. Council Member Simonsen reported that there were no significant issues or recommendations from the Board at this time.

- Council Member Simonsen raised a question about whether any unused municipal and industrial (M&I) water shares could be temporarily redirected to irrigation use for the current year, seeking clarification on a discussion he had overheard. No conclusion or decision was reached during this portion of the discussion.

- Council Member Simonsen explained that the Parks, Trails, and Trees Advisory Committee was orientating several new members.

- Council Member Simonsen indicated that he had not recently received invitations to the Interlocal Advisory Board. Michael Henke responded that the Board would only meet biannually and use a presentation rather than a discussion format.

5. **Lundin Property / Open Space Preservation Ceremony** (Craig Simons, Mayor – Approximately 10 minutes) – Hold a ceremony to contribute $1 million to preserve land owned by the Lundin family, at 900 West Bigler Lane, as open space.

Mayor Simons indicated that the ceremony would not occur that night.

6. **The Homestead Golf Cottages and Homes / Final Approval** (Paul Berg, Berg Engineering Resource Group – Approximately 15 minutes) – Discuss and possibly grant final approval for The Homestead Golf Cottages and Homes located at 700 North Homestead Drive (Zoning is RZ and R-1-15). Recommended for approval with conditions by the Midway City Planning Commission.

Michael Henke presented the final plat for the Homestead Golf Cottages and Homes, noting that the proposal is substantially unchanged from its preliminary approval and remains consistent with the approved Homestead Master Plan.

The development includes five single-family homes and two condominium buildings containing eight units each. Mr. Henke clarified that the condominium units function as hotel-style accommodations without kitchens and are recorded as condominiums to allow for separate ownership of individual units.

Mr. Henke explained that access has been carefully designed to limit traffic impacts. The five single-family homes will be accessed through the Links development under an existing easement, while the condominium buildings will be accessed from the Homestead Resort and served by golf cart transportation. Parking spaces previously shown on the cul-de-sac have been removed following discussions with The Links at Homestead HOA.

Staff confirmed that the proposal remains within the density, building area, and height limits established by the master plan. The required 3.2 acre-foot of water rights must be dedicated before the final plat map is recorded.

Council members sought clarification regarding parking arrangements for the condominium units and the access easement. Staff confirmed that condominium parking will be located within the existing resort development rather than on the cul-de-sac and explained that the easement references the original developer's entity, which developed The Links and Fox Pointe.

Staff recommended approval, finding that the proposal complies with the Homestead Master Plan and applicable City requirements, subject to previously established conditions regarding lighting and completion of required parking improvements before certificates of occupancy are issued.

Motion: Council Member Osborne moved to grant final approval for the Homestead Golf Cottages and Homes, represented by Berg Engineering, and located at 700 North Homestead Drive including the following conditions and findings:

- The proposal benefits the City financially by creating a greater tax base.
- The proposal helps the City better comply with State requirements regarding the ability to collect resort tax.
- The proposal does comply with requirements as described in the master plan.
- The proposal does comply with newly adopted setback requirements for structures

bordering dedicated golf course open space.

- The three parking stalls in the cul-de-sac shown on previous plans had been removed and were not allowed.
- All lighting in the proposal will comply with current Midway requirements.
- All required parking for each building and use shall be completed before the certificate of occupancy is issued for each building in the proposal.

Second: Council Member Payne seconded the motion.

Discussion: Council Member Garland requested that all information, provided to the Council before the meeting, show what was requested for approval.

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Aye
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

7. **The Homestead Hotel Condominiums, Lot 2 / Second Plat Map Amendment** (Paul Berg, Berg Engineering Resource Group – Approximately 10 minutes) – Discuss and possibly approve a second plat map amendment for The Homestead Hotel Condominiums, Lot 2 located at 700 North Homestead Drive (Zoning is RZ and R-1-15). Recommended for approval without conditions by the Midway City Planning Commission. **Public Hearing** - Public comment must be related to this item on the agenda.

Michael Henke presented a plat map amendment for the Homestead Golf Cottages and Homes, explaining that the original recorded plat map intentionally left the condominium conversion area undefined to allow a future amendment showing the final building locations. The proposed amendment establishes the building pads for five single-family homes and two condominium buildings and meets all applicable City code requirements.

Council Member Payne raised concerns about the condominium buildings' height. While the approved development agreement does not require the condominium buildings to remain under 35 feet, the submitted plans show compliance with that limit. To ensure the buildings cannot exceed 35 feet in the future, the developer agreed to add a condition requiring compliance with the submitted height.

Council Member Simonsen noted that the plat map still depicted parking spaces that had previously been removed during discussions with The Links at Homestead HOA. Staff acknowledged the oversight and recommended adding a condition requiring the plat map to be revised to remove the parking spaces before final approval.

The Council reached consensus to include both conditions—limiting the condominium buildings to a maximum height of 35 feet and removing the outdated parking spaces from the plat—prior to final approval of the plat amendment.

<u>Public Hearing</u>

Mayor Simons opened the hearing and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Marty Reader, Vice President of the Links HOA, informed the Council that The Links at Homestead HOA and the Homestead had finalized a memorandum of understanding (MOU) addressing shared property and operational issues. He thanked both the City and Homestead representatives for their cooperative approach and stated that the agreement would proceed to legal review.

During public comment, resident Rob Johansson raised concerns about the long-term maintenance of the shared access road and how responsibilities would be coordinated between the Homestead and The Links HOA. He also questioned how access restrictions for the condominium units would be enforced, expressing concern that rideshare services and other visitors would use the cul-de-sac instead of the hotel parking.

Mr. Reader responded that the MOU establishes a cost-sharing arrangement in which the Homestead will contribute toward roadway maintenance, snow removal, and related expenses within The Links development. He explained that the same contractor will maintain both developments, helping coordinate maintenance activities.

Regarding access, Mr. Reader clarified that only the five single-family homes will have vehicle access through The Links. Condominium guests will park within the Homestead resort and use golf carts to reach the units. Homestead also plans to provide guest instructions, signage, security, and year-round golf cart service to discourage unauthorized vehicle access. While acknowledging that occasional violations may occur, Mr. Reader indicated that the agreement and operational procedures are intended to minimize those issues.

Mr. Johansson remained concerned about practical challenges, including winter operations and rideshare navigation, but acknowledged the explanations provided.

Mayor Simons closed the hearing when no further public comment was offered.

Mayor Simons thanked the developer and the HOA for working together.

Motion: Council Member Garland moved to grant approval to the Homestead Group LLC for the resort development, to be known as the Homestead Golf Cottages and Homes which is in the Homestead Hotel Condominium Lot Two located at 700 North Homestead Drive (Zoning is RZ and R-1-15), second plat map amendment of the Homestead Master Plan with the following conditions:

- The buildings do not exceed 35 feet in height
- The three parking spots shown in the cul-de-sac will be removed.

Second: Council Member Payne seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Aye

Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

8. Heart of Midway Properties / Open Space – (Utah Open Lands – Approximately 30 minutes) – Discuss and possibly approve using additional bond funds to preserve open space on properties owned by various parties at approximately 351 North Center Street.

Wendy Fisher, Utah Open Lands Executive Director, presented a funding request for the Heart of Midway conservation easement project, explaining that the Council had previously committed $250,000 from the original open space bond and that an additional $750,000 from the second bond is needed to help complete the project. She noted that the project brings together four neighboring properties totaling approximately 17.5 acres into a single contiguous conservation area, preserving iconic views, agricultural land, and a historic red barn. She also explained that anticipated federal grant funding was frozen, increasing the need for local support.

Ms. Fisher highlighted the strong commitment of the participating landowners, who are collectively donating nearly $2 million in value, including one owner donating the full value of their conservation easement. She emphasized that irrigation water shares will remain with the landowners but will be legally encumbered to ensure the land continues to be irrigated and maintained as open agricultural space.

Council members clarified that approving the funding request would commit the City to future financial participation but would not require immediate issuance of bond funds, allowing additional grants and outside funding to be pursued before City funds are needed.

Discussion focused on the reservation of a single future homesite within the conservation area. Council members sought assurances that the future home would not undermine the conservation easement or create uncertainty for future property owners. Ms. Fisher and City staff explained that the homesite is intended to support the continuation of agricultural operations and that the final conservation easement will establish building location, size, height, and other restrictions necessary to protect scenic, agricultural, wildlife, and open space values while remaining consistent with City code. The Council discussed incorporating these protections into the approval conditions and legal review process.

The Council also reviewed proposed conditions regarding irrigation water shares and trail easements. Staff corrected language stating that water shares would be dedicated to the City, clarifying instead that the shares will remain with the property owners and be co-held through the conservation easement to ensure they remain appurtenant to the protected land.

Council members further discussed the project's preservation goals, including maintaining the area's traditional agricultural character. Ms. Fisher explained that existing agricultural fencing would continue where needed for farming operations but would be designed so as not to detract from the scenic open-space character. Council members agreed that preserving the area's historic pattern of family-owned farms and working agricultural landscape is a significant benefit of the project and contributes to Midway's unique character.

Motion: Council Member Simonsen moved to approve $750,000 out of the second open space bond as requested, in addition to the $250,000 previously committed from the first open space bond, toward the Heart of Midway Properties for open space with the following findings and conditions:

- The properties are owned by various parties.
- They are located at approximately 351 North Center Street.
- There are Midway Irrigation Company shares with the properties within the project. These shares need to be identified, made part of any agreement, and co-held by the existing owners and Utah Open Lands so they remain attached to the respective properties.
- The water rights would be integrated into the conservation easement to secure those rights for the purpose of preservation.
- Public trail easements are clarified before approval.
- The Applicants have requested Midway's Support through its Open Bond funds in the amount of $750,000 to assist in applying for other funding sources. As a condition of any funding, there should be a time limit or procedure for releasing the $750,000 commitment in bond funds in the event the City does not pursue additional bond funding and/or if a vote on an additional bond is unsuccessful and/or in the event the parties do not reach an agreement on future funding.
- The question of the building pad is resolved to the satisfaction of the City and Utah Open Lands in order to seek the funding and preserve the conservation values that would be necessary to achieve the funding.

Second: Council Member Payne seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Aye
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

Note: Council Member Orme left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

9. Ordinance 2026-19 / Grant B. Kohler Trust Annexation (Paul Berg, Berg Engineering Resource Group – Approximately 15 minutes) – Discuss and possibly adopt Ordinance 2026-19 approving the Grant B. Kohler Trust Annexation located at 970 North River Road. Recommended for approval with conditions by the Midway City Planning Commission. **Public Hearing** - Public comment must be related to this item on the agenda.

Michael Henke presented the proposed annexation findings and recommended conditions, noting that the annexation would add one new single-family residential lot while preserving the property's largely open and rural character. Staff concluded the proposal complies with the City's annexation requirements and supports the goals of the General Plan.

Staff reviewed the recommended approval conditions, including dedication of required water rights, use of the existing driveway for access with no additional driveway permitted onto River Road, payment of the required park annexation fee, a 100-foot setback from River Road for all future structures, and compliance with Midway Sanitation District and Midway Irrigation Company requirements.

Council members discussed whether a trail easement should be required. Staff explained that an existing public trail is already located on the opposite side of River Road and that any future bicycle improvements would likely occur within the existing public right-of-way, making an additional trail easement unnecessary.

The Council also clarified the approval process, with staff explaining that the annexation requires both an ordinance approving the annexation and a separate resolution approving the annexation agreement, each requiring its own motion.

Council members sought clarification regarding an existing private driveway shown on the maps. Staff confirmed it is not a public road and that future development would be subject to standard property setbacks and utility easements rather than road setbacks associated with a public street.

Mayor Simons noted that Council Member Orme recused herself from the discussion and vote due to a family relationship with the property owners.

Public Hearing

Mayor Simons opened the hearing and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Paul Berg requested that the proposed 100-foot building setback from River Road be reduced, explaining that the requirement significantly limits the usable building area on the lot. He noted that the property owner had originally hoped to place the home closer to River Road but understood that direct access from River Road would not be permitted.

Council members discussed potential alternatives that would better balance preservation of the River Road view corridor with the owner's ability to build a home. Suggestions included reducing the setback to approximately 75–85 feet or establishing a setback line that better reflects the property's geometry. Council members generally agreed that a modest reduction could preserve scenic views while providing additional flexibility for the future homesite.

Council members also discussed whether a variable setback line or a fixed setback distance would provide greater clarity for future interpretation. Several favored a fixed distance to avoid ambiguity, while acknowledging that the issue could be further refined during the future subdivision process.

Mr. Berg emphasized that the applicant is not a commercial developer but a member of the Kohler family seeking to build a single home adjacent to other family-owned property. He encouraged the Council to consider the request in that context while establishing final approval conditions.

Mayor Simons closed the hearing when no further public comment was offered.

Motion: Council Member Garland moved to approve the annexation of a 2.23-acre parcel located at 970 North River Road and adopt Ordinance 2026-19 with the following findings and conditions:

- The property is currently zoned RA under the Wasatch County Zoning Code which allowed one dwelling per acre.
- The petitioners request the RA-1-43 zone in Midway City which also allowed one dwelling per unit.
- The proposal is a legislative action.
- The proposed annexation does comply with the intent of the annexation code.
- The City will gain control over land use and zoning if the area is annexed.
- The proposal will increase density and traffic to the area, but the density of the project is relatively low at one new single-family dwelling. This will help promote the vision of the general plan to preserve more open area and a rural atmosphere.
- All required water rights will be dedicated to the City, before the subdivision plat map is recorded, as recommended by the Midway Water Advisory Board
- No additional driveway will be added along River Road. The proposed new lot will access from the existing driveway on the southern boundary of the annexation area.
- A park donation fee of $1,313.71 is required prior to recording of the annexation plat map.
- An 85' setback from River Road is required for all new structures in the annexation area.
- The petitioners shall comply with all Midway City, Midway Sanitation District, and Midway Irrigation Company Requirements for water and sewer, or as negotiated with the entities.
- The petitioners shall comply with a letter submitted by the Midway Sanitation District.

Second: Council Member Simonsen seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Recused
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

10. **Resolution 2026-17 / Grant B. Kohler Trust Annexation Agreement** (Corbin Gordon, City Engineer – Approximately 15 minutes) – Discuss and possibly approve Resolution 2026-17 approving an agreement for the Grant B. Kohler Trust Annexation located at 970 North River Road.

Motion: Council Member Garland moved to approve Resolution 2026-17 adopting an annexation agreement for the Grant B. Kohler Trust Annexation as amended by Ordinance 2026-19.

Second: Council Member Simonsen seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Recused
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

Paul Berg asked whether the Homestead could temporarily lease unused municipal and industrial (M&I) water shares to help establish grass on the golf course for a short period of approximately one month to six weeks.

Council Member Simonsen noted that the City generally manages its M&I water conservatively but did not rule out the possibility. City Attorney Corbin Gordon explained that the City could potentially authorize a short-term lease if the Council chose to do so, adding that such an arrangement could provide an economic benefit by supporting one of the area's major industries.

Mayor Simons concluded that the Council would discuss the request further and asked that staff provide information outlining the process for requesting and evaluating a temporary water lease. No decision was made during the discussion.

Note: Council Member Orme returned at 7:51 p.m.

11. Ordinance 2026-20 / Fireworks Restrictions (Corbin Gordon, City Attorney – Approximately 5 minutes) – Discuss and possibly adopt Ordinance 2026-20 imposing restrictions on fire and fireworks in Midway City.

Corbin Gordon presented a proposed ordinance to automatically adopt state and Wasatch County Fire District fire restrictions during periods of elevated wildfire risk. The ordinance was prompted by the City's experience implementing emergency fireworks restrictions through a mayoral executive order before the Fourth of July. Mr. Gordon explained that codifying the process would eliminate the need for future emergency actions by allowing applicable restrictions to take effect automatically.

Council members unanimously expressed support for the Mayor's decision to prohibit fireworks during the recent drought. They emphasized that the restrictions prioritized public safety and helped protect the community from catastrophic wildfire, noting that Midway avoided the devastating fires experienced elsewhere in Utah.

Council members also reflected positively on the Fourth of July celebration despite the absence of fireworks. They noted that the symphony concert and community gathering created a memorable holiday experience and encouraged residents to view the event as a successful adaptation to challenging conditions.

The discussion concluded with broad support for formalizing the City's wildfire response process and continued emphasis on protecting the community while maintaining a positive community spirit during future fire restrictions.

Motion: Council Member Garland moved to approve Ordinance 2026-20, an ordinance repealing Midway City Code Section 5.02.120, regarding fireworks, and enacting Title 5, Chapter 5.07, General Fire and Firework Restrictions as provided to the Council.

Second: Council Member Simonsen seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Aye
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

12. **Executive Order 2026-01 / Declaration of Local Emergency** (Corbin Gordon, City Attorney – Approximately 5 minutes) – Discuss and possibly ratify Executive Order 2026-01 declaring a local emergency and temporarily adopting and implementing Wasatch County Fire Restrictions within Midway City.

Corbin Gordon requested that the City Council formally ratify the Mayor's emergency executive order implementing temporary fireworks restrictions before the Fourth of July. He explained that, although the newly adopted ordinance now provides an automatic process for future fire restrictions, ratification would formally approve the Mayor's emergency action and ensure it is reflected in the City's official record.

Motion: Council Member Garland moved to ratify Executive Order 2026-01 issued by the Mayor regarding fireworks.

Second: Council Member Orme seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Aye
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

Mayor Simons thanked the City Council for supporting his decision to implement emergency fireworks restrictions in response to the Governor's Stage 2 fire restrictions and the recommendations of the Wasatch County Fire District. He emphasized that the Council's support was important in helping protect the community during heightened wildfire conditions.

The Mayor also recognized City staff and community partners for making the modified Fourth of July celebration a success. He specifically thanked Camille Palmer and Marcy Oeler for their leadership in organizing the event and noted that representatives of the Utah Symphony expressed appreciation for Midway's exceptional planning, organization, and community support, describing it as unmatched by other host communities.

Mayor Simons also acknowledged the contributions of Public Works, law enforcement, and other City staff whose coordinated efforts helped ensure a safe and successful event despite the absence of fireworks.

13. Closed Meeting - closed executive session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of property.

Motion: Council Member Simonsen moved to go into a closed meeting to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of property.

Second: Council Member Payne seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Aye
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

Note: Closed meeting minutes are sealed and strictly confidential. Access to such minutes must be obtained through a court of law.

Motion: Council Member Garland moved to go out of the closed meeting.

Second: Council Member Payne seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Aye
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

14. Adjournment

Motion: Council Member Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Orme seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Craig Simons, Mayor	Brad Wilson, Recorder