River Heights City

River Heights City Council Agenda Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the River Heights City Council will hold their regular meeting at **6:30** p.m., anchored from the River Heights City Office Building at 520 S 500 E. Attendance can be in person or through Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Previous Minutes and Agenda

Mayor, Councilmembers, and Staff Reports

Public Comment

Discuss Dwight Whittaker's Proposal to Purchase the Old Church Property

Discuss River Heights involvement in Providence/River Heights County Library Building

Discuss and Adopt a Resolution Opposing the Extension of 200 East Across Logan River and Through River Heights in the Riverdale Area

Adjourn

Posted this 15th day of May 2025

Sheila Lind, Recorder

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84337274280

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Council Meeting May 20, 2025 3 4 5 Present: Mayor Blake Wright Council members: Lana Hanover 6 7 Mark Malmstrom 8 Janet Mathews 9 Chris Milbank, electronic Lance Pitcher 10 11 12 **Public Works Director** Clayten Nelson Recorder Sheila Lind 13 **Treasurer** Michelle Jensen 14 15 16 Others Present: Mary Barrus, Mike Jablonski, Noel Cooley, Dwight Whittaker, Heather Lehnig, Russ Fowler 17 18 19 The following motions were made during the meeting: 20 21 Motion #1 22 Councilmember Hanover moved to "approve the Council minutes from April 30, 2025 and May 6, 2025, and the evening's agenda." Councilmember Malmstrom seconded the motion which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, and Milbank, in favor. Pitcher was absent. No one opposed. 24 25 26 Motion #2 Councilmember Hanover moved to "approve Resolution #2-2025, A Resolution Opposing the 27 28 Extension of 200 East Across Logan River and Through River Heights in the Riverdale Area, with the 29 additional contingency that they would ask the attorney to add a statement in the whereas section saying that River Heights is updating the General Plan and will remove 200 East from the Riverdale Area." 30 31 Councilmember Mathews seconded the motion which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, Milbank, and Pitcher in favor. No one opposed. 32 33 34 35 Proceedings of the Meeting: 36 37 The River Heights City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Ervin R. Crosbie Council Chambers in the 38 River Heights City Building on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, for their regular council meeting. 39 Pledge of Allegiance Adoption of Previous Minutes and the Evening's Agenda: Minutes for the April 30 and May 6, 2025 40 meetings were reviewed. 41 Councilmember Hanover moved to "approve the Council minutes from April 30, 2025 and May 42 6, 2025, and the evening's agenda." Councilmember Malmstrom seconded the motion which passed 43 with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, and Milbank, in favor. Pitcher was absent. No one opposed. 44

Mayor and Staff Reports:

Councilmember Hanover

On May 14 she attended a library board meeting. She was informed of the new things the library
offered: large print books, pop-in poetry night, plant swaps, and more. She suggested putting the
library information in the city's newsletters so River Heights residents would be aware of the
library's activities.

Mayor Wright

 The trial date with the Boys and Girls Club had been moved to November 19-20. The Club had requested a continuance, which the judge granted. Attorney Jenkins had hopes that the city could settle with them before that.

Councilmember Mathews

 She asked PWD Nelson if he had gotten pricing for a fence at the DUP Park. He said he had and remembered it was about \$13,000. This was for a fence around the whole backside of the area, instead of just a portion, and included a mow curb.

Councilmember Milbank

- He and PWD Nelson had discussed how much Heber Olson Park was being used. He reminded that
 the city also had access to the elementary school fields however, the soccer league used them
 constantly. The city's contract with the soccer league states that the city could require them to
 vacate the fields when they thought they were being overused. He noted that the city may ask
 that of them.
- He talked to Shane, the Providence City Sexton, about an agreement to install a gate. Shane said
 he would address it with other staff after getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day.
- He asked if the city had received any traffic data from the Horrocks traffic study. Mayor Wright said City Engineer Rasmussen emailed Jacob Ames, the engineer on the study, but hadn't gotten anywhere. He would ask Engineer Rasmussen to ask again if he could get access to the information. Councilmember Mathews felt Mr. Ames had a conflict of interest since he was also working on the 200 East project. Discussion was held on the length of time this study had taken to get done. Mr. Milbank said he was working on a grant that could use the traffic data.

<u>Public Comment:</u> Commissioner Noel Cooley commented on the 200 East Resolution (for discussion later in the meeting). He was concerned that the resolution draft didn't mention the conflict it had with the General Plan. The resolution stated the city didn't support 200 East; however the General Plan still showed it. He said the Planning Commission was working on getting it changed but it would take some time. Mayor Wright suggested that he could take the resolution back to the attorney to add some specification regarding the General Plan.

Dwight Whittaker thanked the Council for letting the Humanitarian Center be a part of their community. Their board of directors had met recently and agreed they were in support of their request to purchase a portion of the city's property on 500 East, between 400 and 500 South. They would be happy to provide a sight plan of the property, including the proposed building and where it would be located.

<u>Discuss Dwight Whittaker's Proposal to Purchase the Old Church Property:</u> Mayor Wright pointed out that no decisions would be made tonight, they were only going to discuss the request.

Councilmember Hanover thanked Mr. Whittaker for the proposal. She expressed that she was opposed to selling the property because the city might need it in the future and noted it was the only piece of vacant property the city owned.

Councilmember Milbank reminded that the city needed a new shop, without any designated property for it. He suggested the Humanitarian Center could see how things work for them over the next

year before purchasing a different space. He was concerned that if they did purchase the property and build a new building, what would happen to it if they decided to sell it. Its location was in a residential zone.

Councilmember Mathews agreed with the points that had been made, and didn't feel the city was ready to decide on the property.

Councilmember Malmstrom had similar reservations. He wasn't opposed to the Humanitarian Center, but didn't want the city to lose the land. He threw out the idea of leasing the land, rather than selling it.

Mayor Wright noted the humanitarian group had been fabulous to work with. He could investigate the lease option. Treasurer Jensen said a lease could be made and the city could charge property tax on it. The drawback was that the property would not be available for city use for a very long time.

Councilmember Hanover didn't support leasing the land.

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Councilmember Malmstrom said his brother owned the property the Providence City Post Office sat on and could check with him on how it worked.

Mr. Whittaker stated that they could work with a lease idea. They were working with an engineer on a site plan. Councilmember Milbank asked if they had thoughts of expanding the products they were producing. Mr. Whittaker said they were not planning to add anything more to what they were already doing. They were interested in consolidating everything into one large open area. He said being together made a difference in energy to those volunteering. They were currently paying \$4,800/month in rent to the city and would like to be putting that towards equity.

It was unanimous that the Council didn't want to sell the property however, Councilmember Malmstrom would still check with his brother and report back on how a land lease worked.

Discuss River Heights involvement in Providence/River Heights County Library Building: Mayor Wright reported that the Library Board felt it was time for a new agreement between Providence, River Heights and the County. He said the first and only agreement covered 1997-98. There had been no extensions after that. At that time the bookmobile was in service. Currently, the building in Providence was the only facility of the County Library. At the Board's recent meeting they decided to continue as is for one year, while they worked on a new agreement. The costs for the library had increased over the years, but the River Heights fee hadn't changed. The mayor pointed out on the pie chart that River Heights residents were 10% of the active library accounts. The Board was wanting to set it up so River Heights had 28% of the costs and Providence had the rest, which would raise River Heights' fee to \$16,000/yr.

Councilmember Hanover said the building belonged to Providence, but they should contract with the county who owned the collections, system, books, Libby accounts, all of it. She pointed out that River Heights residents already pay taxes to the county, so for the River Heights library fee to go up felt like our residents were being double taxed.

Mayor Wright agreed that it shouldn't be a Providence/River Heights arrangement to pay library expenses. He felt the County should have a lease agreement with Providence for the building. It should be a countywide library system where cities cover expenses proportionately. He said he was a big fan of the library and wanted River Heights residents to have continued access. He told the Board that River Heights may want to pull out of the current arrangement. Providence asked if River Heights was willing to give up its seats on the board. Mayor Wright said all communities with active accounts should be represented on the board proportionally. Currently they had two seats, but he felt one seat would be fine since there were nine board members and one member could represent River Heights' 10% use.

Councilmember Pitcher arrived at the meeting at 7:15pm.

The Board suggested Mayor Wright go back to the City Council to discuss this idea. The board suggested they could look at other options, such as charging for a library card. He had asked Attorney Jenkins his opinion and read his response, "I reviewed the contract, and I agree with your assessment. It appears that the original document was drafted with the idea that all the cities would be parties, but somehow only River Heights and Providence are signers. I don't see a clear reason why River Heights would have anything to do with the lease and should only contribute to the library on a pro rata basis as any other city would."

PWD Nelson noted that some River Heights residents used Logan as their address since it's the same zip code, which may cause a skew in the number of users from each city.

Noel Cooley stated that he was part of the agreement back in 1997 (as a council member). At that time the bookmobile got money from the state. When the state discontinued their funding, the bookmobile could not support itself. At that time River Heights residents were polled and the city found that residents wanted to keep their access to the library.

Mayor Wright said they would continue under the current arrangement of \$4,700/year. The county wanted to get it all figured out within 6 months to line up with their budget year. He and Councilmember Hanover would continue to represent the city's best interest on the Board.

Councilmember Hanover wasn't opposed to having the rate raised nominally, but in a fair way. Mayor Wright agreed the increase should be spread more equitably. The Council supported their views.

<u>Discuss and Adopt a Resolution Opposing the Extension of 200 East Across Logan River and Through River Heights in the Riverdale Area:</u> Mayor Wright reminded that the Council was unanimous in being opposed to having 200 East come through River Heights. He had been tasked with asking the attorney to draft some wording to document their opposition, which was done in the form of a resolution.

Discussion was held on the verbiage they would add to address the current General Plan being in conflict to the resolution.

Mary Barrus was concerned with the description of 200 East. She requested it be specific enough to not include her home at 225 East. Mayor Wright suggested "200 East" was a general term used to name the street. The plans presented lately didn't show her property being affected.

Treasurer Jensen suggested adding the clarification as another "whereas."

Councilmember Mathews said she heard it would strengthen their opposition to having 200 not addressed in the General Plan.

Mayor Wright informed that a guy from UDOT wanted to meet with him. He had been waiting to respond until the Council had acted on the resolution.

Mary Barrus wondered if there might be another agency with a vested interest in 200 East who had the backing of a state sponsor, who could override the Council and force 200 East through River Heights. Mayor Wright understood that UDOT was proposing the new 200 East through River Heights, which Logan and UDOT were supportive of. However, he had been told it was going to be a local road and in the end, it would be the cities who decide.

Discussion was held on the 200 East study done by Cindy Johnson, which was very good at pointing out other options and the effects of each.

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 182 Councilmember Mathews asked if Jacob Ames could remove the blue line showing 200 East in the traffic study done by Horrocks. PWD Nelson reminded that Mr. Ames had already explained he couldn't since they were working under a grant which included a study of transportation plans in the surrounding د چک 185 area. Councilmember Pitcher Report 186 • The county had hired a new grader operator who could come work on the road in Riverdale within 187 the next couple weeks. 188 • Councilmember Milbank asked if Mr. Pitcher had received any data from Jacob Ames. Mr. Pitcher 189 190 answered that he hadn't but would check. Treasurer Jensen reported she had just looked up and found that Nibley City paid Hyrum City 191 192 \$22,000/yr to use their library (\$46/active card/resident). The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. 193 194 195 196 197 198 199

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Blake Wright, Mayor

AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVIDENCE/RIVER HEIGHTS LIBRARY

This agreement is made and entered into this day by and between CACHE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Utah, which shall be called the "COUNTY" in this agreement, and the Cities of PROVIDENCE CITY/RIVER HEIGHTS CITY, which shall be called "CITIES" in this agreement.

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the parties based upon the following recitals and understanding:

- A. The COUNTY entered into a contract with the State for Library services of the Bookmobile program. As part of the Bookmobile program, a Library physical facility has been established at 15 North Main Street in Providence, Utah, to serve the citizens of Cache County.
- B. CITIES agree to provide the building and utilities for the Providence/River Heights Branch Library. Utilities include the following: water, sewer, gas, electricity, garbage, heating, airconditioning, and ventilation.
- C. COUNTY agrees to assume responsibility for the day to day operation of the library as part of the Cache County Library system. The COUNTY believes that this action is part of the purpose and necessary services of the COUNTY and will be beneficial to, and is in the best interests of the COUNTY.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual terms contained in this agreement, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. FACILITY:

The CITIES shall maintain, repair and provide at no cost to the County the physical facility, HVAC, plumbing, electrical and mechanical and the CITIES shall also pay for or provide utilities, parking, snow removal, grounds maintenance, and janitorial services at 15 North Main in Providence. The CITIES shall be responsible for the insurance on the building and fixtures.

2. PROJECT FUNDING:

a. The annual Library budget will be jointly determined by representatives from the CITIES and COUNTY. The CITIES a shall pay the COUNTY an initial sum of \$14,120.65 (see attached Budget) to support the services provided to the patrons of the Library. The COUNTY shall fund the Library operations annually at the rate of \$3,600.00. One payment shall be made to the COUNTY by Providence on or about July 1, for the amount agreed to by the parties hereto. At the end of each fiscal year, representatives of the CITIES and the COUNTY shall review the expenditures and adjust the budget based upon actual expenditures. If expenditures are less that the amount of the Agreement, all excess funds shall be credited against the subsequent years Agreement. If the expenditures exceed the proposed budget, the CITIES and the COUNTY shall negotiate to determine the responsibility and if any additional support shall come from the CITIES. It is understood that the CITIES shall divide the payment as follows: Providence City 72% and River Heights City 28% of the total.

3. EMPLOYEES:

COUNTY shall employ and assume responsibility for employees of the Library (excluding Bookmobile staff), subject to reimbursement by the CITIES under the budget agreed to by the parties hereto. It is understood that employees hired by the Library are considered part-time and as such should normally work no more than twenty (20) hours per week.

4. TERMINATION:

This agreement may be terminated by either of the parties to this contract upon 90 days' written notice. Compensation shall be adjusted in that event upon the basis of services performed by the COUNTY.

5. NOTICE:

Any notices to be given or correspondence sent relevant to this agreement be sent to the parties through the following persons:

A. Notice to the COUNTY
M. Lynn Lemon
Cache County Executive
120 North 100 West

Logan, UT 84321

B. Notice to the CITIES

Alma Leonhardt

Mayor

15 South Main

Providence, UT 84332

6. GOVERNING LAW:

This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of Utah.

7. SUBCONTRACTS:

No part of this agreement shall be subcontracted by the CITIES to another party without the prior specific written consent of the COUNTY.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE:

The effective date of this agreement shall be July 1, 1997 and it will expire June 30, 1998. The period of the agreement may be extended by mutual agreement in writing signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties have executed this agreement in duplicate, each of which shall be deemed an original, on the dates indicated by the signature line for each party.

CACHE COUNTY

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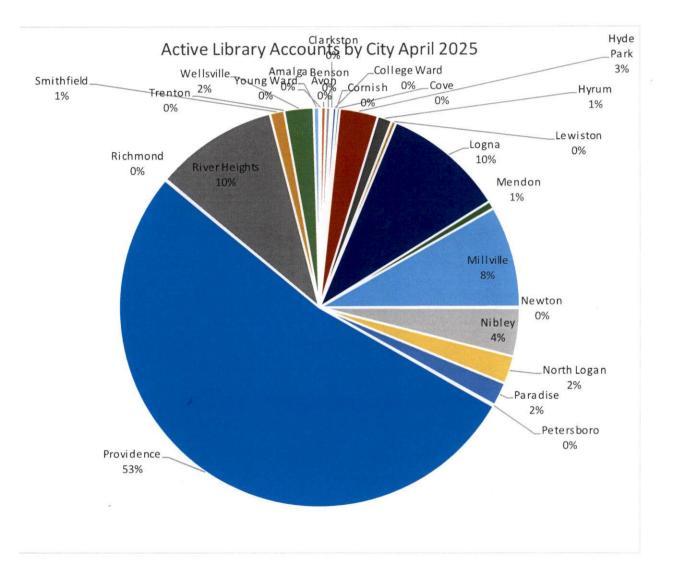
RIVER HEIGHTS CITY

Robert Davis

PROPOSED LIBRARY BUDGET 1997-1998

BUDGET				
CATAGORY	AMOUNT	COUNTY	PROVIDENCE	RIVER HEIGHTS
Salaries and Wages*	\$9,919.00			
Fringe Benefits**	\$1,487.85		,	
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00			
Utilities	\$1,980.00		\$1,980.00	
Telephone				
Janitorial	\$780.00		\$780.00	
Professional and Tech ·	\$105.00			•
Grounds Maintance	\$600,00		\$600.00	
Miscellaneous	\$1,409.00			
Equip. Supplies & Main	\$1,200.00			
Total	\$21,080.85		\$3,360.00	
Amount due County	\$14,120.85			
Amount payable:	\$17,480.85			
Providence			\$9,226.21	
River Heights				\$4,894.64
County		\$3,600.00		•
Total Cost		\$3,600.00	\$12,586.21	\$4,894.64
*Librarian	988 hrs @ \$6.75	\$6,669.00		
Asst Librarian	520 hrs @ \$6.25	\$3,250.00		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
total		\$9,919.00		
** based on 15%				
of salaries		\$1,487.85		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Cache County Contract	\$14,120.85	·		

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City	Acitive	Total
Amalga	3	7
Avon	8	13
Benson	8	15
Clarkston	4	11
College		
Ward	6	16
Cornish	1	2
Cove	5	8
Hyde Park	67	119
Hyrum	25	52
Lewiston	8	13
Logan	212	386
Mendon	14	36
Millville	177	302
Newton	2	5
Nibley	85	218
North Logan	48	61
Paradise	41	88
Petersboro	3	7
Providence	1137	2188
Richmond	2	22
River		
Heights	214	363
Smithfield	25	78
Trenton	0	4
Wellsville	51	109
Young Ward	10	17
	2156	4140

CACHE COUNTY GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET FOR THE 1 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 01, 2025

GENERAL FUND

		ENCUMBRANCE	YTD ACTUAL	TOTAL	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
	LIBRARY						
100-4581-110	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	.00	.00	.00	60,771.00	60,771.00	.0
100-4581-120	PART TIME EMPLOYEES	.00	.00	.00	48,157.00	48,157.00	.0
100-4581-130	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	.00	.00	.00	34,404.00	34,404.00	.0
100-4581-210	SUBSCRIPTIONS & MEMBERSHIPS	.00	.00	.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	.0
100-4581-230	TRAVEL	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	.0
100-4581-240	OFFICE SUPPLIES	.00	.00	.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	.0
100-4581-250	EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES & MAINT	.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	.0
100-4581-251	NON CAPITALIZED EQUIPMENT	.00.	.00	.00	500.00	500.00	.0
100-4581-280	COMMUNICATIONS	.00.	.00	.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	.0
100-4581-330	EDUCATION & TRAINING	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	.0
100-4581-485	LIB. MATERIALS-BOOK COLLECTION	.00	.00	.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	.0
100-4581-510	INSURANCE	.00.	.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
	TOTAL LIBRARY	.00.	.00		231,832.00	231,832.00	
	TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	231,832.00	231,832.00	

RIVER HEIGHTS CITY RESOLUTION NO. 2-2025

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXTENSION OF 200 EAST ACROSS LOGAN RIVER AND THROUGH RIVER HEIGHTS IN THE RIVERDALE AREA

WHEREAS, River Heights City is committed to protecting the health, safety, environmental integrity, and quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, a proposal under consideration seeks to extend 200 East across the Logan River and through the Riverdale area of River Heights City; and

WHEREAS, River Heights City finds no benefit to the city or its residents in allowing 200 East to extend through River Heights, as it primarily serves external transportation interests without serving the internal mobility needs of River Heights citizens; and

WHEREAS, alternative alignments exist that are less costly, less environmentally destructive, and less disruptive to the community than the proposed crossing; and

WHEREAS, the Logan River Task Force, in its official statement dated March 14, 2025, strongly recommended against the extension of 200 East across the Logan River, citing significant negative impacts to river health, ecological function, and community values, and instead recommended utilizing the existing intersection at 300 South to connect 100 East and 200 East without impacting the Logan River; and

WHEREAS, an independent ecological review conducted by Cindy Johnson, President/Ecologist of Natural Resources Consulting, identified extensive environmental, safety, and infrastructure concerns associated with the proposed cross-river alignment, including but not limited to:

- Limited utility because of no connection to east/west traffic extending west of Main Street;
- Awkward intersection between 200 East and 100 East;
- Poor visibility in proposed intersection because of the topography;
- Increased flood hazards due to obstruction of river flow;
- Degradation of water quality due to runoff;
- Habitat fragmentation and disruption of wildlife movement;
- Elevated risk of wildlife-vehicle collisions;
- Impacts to nesting, roosting, and wintering bird species;
- Reduction in dark sky conditions contrary to River Heights City's adopted Dark Sky Ordinance;

- Loss of open space and scenic qualities;
- Adverse effects on recreational users, such as fishermen, cyclists, and pedestrians;
- Logistical challenges with maintenance with fractured municipal jurisdiction over the road;
- Increased financial burdens on River Heights City for construction, maintenance, and jurisdictional complexity, with no corresponding community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would require the removal or substantial alteration of numerous existing residential and commercial properties within River Heights City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RIVER HEIGHTS CITY, UTAH, that:

- 1. River Heights City is officially opposed to the proposal to extend 200 East across the Logan River and through River Heights City in the Riverdale area.
- 2. River Heights City strongly encourages responsible planning that prioritizes the protection of the Logan River corridor, minimizes environmental impact, preserves existing neighborhoods, and respects the city's adopted ordinances, general plan, and community values.
- 3. River Heights City urges project stakeholders to pursue less invasive, lower cost, and environmentally preferable alternatives, particularly the connection of 100 East and 200 East through the existing 300 South intersection as recommended by the Logan River Task Force.
- 4. The Mayor and City Council are authorized to transmit this resolution to appropriate agencies, officials, and organizations involved in the planning process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the River Heights City Council this 20th day of May, 2025.

	Blake Wright, Mayor	`
ATTEST:		
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