

CITY OF OREM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
56 North State Street Orem, Utah
November 23, 2021

4:00 P.M. WORK SESSION - CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

CONDUCTING	David Spencer
ELECTED OFFICIALS	Tom Macdonald, Terry Peterson, Brent Sumner, and Jeff Lambson.
APPOINTED STAFF	Jamie Davidson, City Manager; Brenn Bybee, Assistant City Manager; Steven Downs, Deputy City Manager; Heather Schriever, City Attorney; Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief; Joshua Adams, Police Chief; Ryan Clark, Development Services Director; Charlene Crozier, Library Director; Jason Bench, Planning Division Manager; and Nathan Nelson, Deputy City Recorder
ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION	Debby Lauret
EXCUSED	Mayor Richard F. Brunst

NOTE: The referenced report and presentation documents for each discussion may be viewed at orem.org/meetings under “City Council Presentations”

UPDATE – UDOT Geneva Road and 1600 North Project

Geoff Dupaix, Andrew Gwynn, and Eric Rasband from UDOT presented five projects they are working on in Orem City. Those projects include the following:

- Widening Geneva road from 1800 south to University Parkway to five lanes. Mr. Macdonald asked why they decided to just expand to 1800 south, and not all the way to 2000 south. Mr. Gwynn responded it is because they expect 2000 south to become less used as Lakeview Parkway is developed, hence a widening wouldn’t be needed. He stated construction will take place during the summer of 2023 and said the current “project value” is around 20 million dollars.

- Vineyard Rail Consolidation Project. This project re-arranges current rail lines to make buildout of nearby roadways easier. Mr. Gwynn stated construction should take place in summer 2024, and the current project value is listed at 16.84 Million.
- Sidewalk improvement on 800 North. This project adds and connects sidewalks to previously unconnected and unused areas.
- Extending raised medians near, and at the State and Center Street intersection. Existing medians in the area are planned to be extended, stopping unwanted left turns, and cutting down on accidents. Mr. Gwynn stated the construction should happen summer 2022 and is valued at 3.7 Million.

General discussion ensued regarding business and street access in the area.

- An Environmental Study to evaluate the widening of 1600 North. Mr. Gwynn expressed the study would take place during 2022, design would then take place in 2023, finishing with construction during 2024.

Mr. Peterson asked how many houses will have to be demolished for this project to be completed and what the plan is for 1600 North on the east side of State Street. Mr. Rasband responded, they don't have a final number of how many houses will need to be demolished for this project, but that's one of the factors this environmental study sets out to determine. Mr. Rasband also stated there are no plans to change anything on 1600 North, East of state street, as that section of 1600 is under city jurisdiction, not the State/UDOTs.

UPDATE – Parks Master Plan

Mr. Bybee introduced Lisa Benson from Landmark Design and stated the city has worked with her many times in the past. He also expressed that citizen input is a large part of this Parks Master Plan update.

Ms. Benson started the presentation by showing a community survey polling adequate park, trail, and recreation availability. She stated some of the main take-aways from this survey are that citizens would like to see existing parks upgraded, as well as improving and adding more walking and biking trails. She then introduced a graph showing Orem's under 20 population is shrinking, and senior age groups are increasing in size. Ms. Benson stated Orem currently has 299.02 acres listed for parks. She then said citizens are also concerned with park "walkability," (Are parks within walking distance from their neighborhood?) Ms. Benson subsequently presented a map showing gaps in park walkability, and suggested where parks could be added to cater to more citizens.

Ms. Benson expressed that citizens are happy with the 3.05 Park Acres per 1,000 People stat. She then went on to say the city would need about 37.3 extra park acres by 2050 to keep up with demand, and went over other options the City could do to meet future needs. Ms. Benson then showed services that citizens expressed they would like to see more of. These included more dog parks, pickleball courts, splashpads, and mountain bike trails. She then expressed how arts & cultural events/facilities are an important part of the master plan and suggested the council continue to support the growth of them. Ms. Benson then presented a map showing all current and planned bike trails and lanes. She went into detail on these and explained how the city could be more bikeable. She continued by presenting a table showing “amenities to meet population standards”, which shows that Orem is doing well, but should look into adding more basketball, pickleball, and volleyball courts. She continued by going through the proposed costs of these upgrades and additions, which totals an estimated \$67,322,500.

General discussion ensued regarding park and trail location, as well as costs and capital replacement needs.

Ms. Benson finished by presenting an action plan outlining the next steps the city can take to meet park needs and goals.

DISCUSSION – Orem High Residential Parking District Amendment

Mr. Paraskeva stated the City has received a citizen petition requesting an expansion to the Orem High Residential Parking District. He requested that the council consider expanding the current residential parking district, adding one street and a cul-de-sac immediately south of the current district.

General discussion ensued regarding parking enforcement and how parking complaints are received. Mr. Paraskeva stated they issue 2-3 citations per day.

DISCUSSION – Utah Fit Premise Act

Mr. Downs introduced the Utah Fit Premises Act to the council. The Fit Premise Act sets a standard for livable conditions that Landlords must meet for their property to be rentable. Mr. Downs then showed examples of properties that do not meet the Fit Premise Act, such as dangerous mold growing in an apartment complex in Orem, and stated this act would enforce the basic upkeep of rental property.

General Discussion ensued regarding the reporting, enforcement, and the fixing of these issues.

Mr. Macdonald asked Mrs. Schriever if the city is on legal grounds to enact an ordinance like this. Ms. Schriever responded the city would be able to do so.

General discussion took place regarding enforcement process, frequency, public reception, and implementation of the Ordinance.

Mr. Peterson stated he doesn't know where to draw the line between a basic/expected inconvenience, and something legitimately dangerous. Mr. Downs expressed the state has an outline for the problems they can and can't enforce, most of them being important living issues such as plumbing, electrical, and vermin issues.

DISCUSSION – Statewide Opioid Litigation Settlement

Mrs. Schriever stated the State of Utah has agreed to enter into a national opioid litigation settlement. The State of Utah has been in negotiation with three distributors and one manufacturer since July on the terms of the settlement. She stated the State is eligible for between 151 million and 270 million to address the opioid epidemic. Mrs. Schriever then stated that if more political subdivisions, such as counties and cities join this settlement, the state will receive more money. She then proposed that the City of Orem consider a resolution authorizing the city to start engaging in these settlement discussions. Mrs. Schriever also expressed that the dollars gained from this settlement will probably not make their way down to Orem, and will more likely be distributed between the State and County governments.

The Council expressed they were all in agreement that the City should move forward with the Resolution of participation.

DISCUSSION – 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Bates presented the proposed 2022 City Council meeting schedule stating it has been reviewed by staff to ensure important events and training opportunities do not conflict. She asked the council to review the schedule and let her know if there were any concerns. She indicated this would be placed on the consent calendar during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

AGENDA REVIEW & PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

The City Council reviewed the evening's agenda. Discussion ensued regarding the scheduled items that would be considered.

Mr. Davidson gave information to the Council regarding the inauguration event in January, as well as the planned City Council retreat later that same month.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, NEW BUSINESS, ETC)

Mr. Sumner gave updates regarding the committees which he represents as follows:

- UVU UCC board only had all-online meetings last year.
- Orem Neighborhood Commission, he expressed they were working on affordable housing.
- Public Works Commission, he gave updates on a well project that is currently underway. He finished by the
- Library Commission, he updated the council on a few art projects they are taking on.

6:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CONDUCTING

David Spencer

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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APPOINTED STAFF

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ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION Mayor Richard F. Brunst

EXCUSED

Debby Lauret

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION / INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT – Bryce Merrill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Pete Wolfley

MAYOR’S REPORT/ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

PRESENTATION – Natural Resources Stewardship Committee – Presenting Two “Leadership in Preserving Natural Resources Awards”

Mr. Mecham stated this is the first year the Natural Resources Stewardship Committee (NRSC) has given awards out to companies that the City feels is doing an exemplary job of leadership in preserving natural resources. Mr. Mecham presented the first award to the Manager of the Orem RC Willey franchise. He then gave the second award to the managers of Uncle Sam’s Army and Navy surplus.

PRESENTATION – Metropolitan Water Board Annual Report Annual Report for the Metropolitan Water District of Orem

Mr. Winterton opened by stating Orem citizens used 15% less water over the past year. And discussed the importance of the Metropolitan Water District.

Mr. Brown gave a brief history of the Metropolitan Water District. He then introduced the members of the board and expressed to the council the purpose and importance of this group.

Mr. Winterton gave background on a Vineyard water agreement the council had discussed in the past and stated this agreement would take affect once Vineyard finishes their water tank.

Mr. Brown concluded by recognizing a couple of employees for their great work on the board and their related work.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Mara Garcia expressed her concerns with expanding high-density housing near Terrace drive.

John Barrick thanked the outgoing Mayor and Council Member Brent Sumner. He then thanked the council for hosting the State Street Master Plan Open Houses. Mr. Barrick concluded by expressing his concern with the city improper noticing and expanding high-density zoning.

Carol expressed her joy and thanked the developer of Sienna Villas for stopping the expansion of their project.

Mike Christensen read a poem commemorating the 400th anniversary of Thanksgiving.

CONSENT ITEMS

- APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - Minutes of City Council Meeting – October 26, 2021
- City Manager's Appointments – Planning Commission
 - Ross Spencer – Reappointment
 - Jim Condie - Appointment

Mr. Macdonald moved to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. **Mr. Lambson Seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: Richard F. Brunst, Tom Macdonald, Terry Peterson, David Spencer, Jeff Lambson, and Brent Sumner. The motion **passed**.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE – Amending portions of Sections 22-1-3(C) Enforcement and Section 22-14-28(F) Garage Sales to clarify language

Mr. Bench stated at the request of the Legal Department, the two sections of the code needed some of the language changed and updated to clarify the language of the ordinance.

Mr. Spencer opened the public hearing 6:28 PM. Hearing no comments, Mr. Spencer closed the public hearing and brought the item back to the Council for further discussion.

Mr. Macdonald moved to amend portions of Sections 22-1-3(C) Enforcement and Section 22-14-28(F) Garage Sales to clarify language. **Mr. Sumner seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: Mayor Brunst, Tom Macdonald, Terry Peterson, David Spencer, Jeff Lambson, and Brent Sumner. The motion **passed**.

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE – Amending Article 22-5-3(A) and the zoning map of the City of Orem by changing the zone on approximately 0.51 acres from the R6.5 zone to the PD29 zone Siena Villas @ Columbia Lane located generally at 1863 South and 1875 South Terrace Drive and amending Appendix V of the Orem City Code with updated concept plans and elevations.

Mr. Spencer stated this item had been removed from the agenda prior to the meeting. No further discussion was held.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

No communication items at this time.

CITY MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Davidson had no additional items at this time.

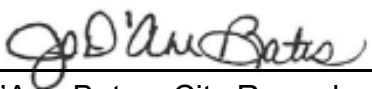
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lambson moved to adjourn. **Mr. Macdonald seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: Jeff Lambson, Tom Macdonald, Terry Peterson, David Spencer, and Brent Sumner. The motion **passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.



Approved: December 14, 2021


JoD'Ann Bates, City Recorder