

CITY OF OREM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
56 North State Street Orem, Utah
March 09, 2022

3:00 P.M. WORK SESSION - CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

CONDUCTING	Mayor David A. Young
ELECTED OFFICIALS	David Spencer, LaNae Millett, Terry Peterson, Jeff Lambson, Debby Lauret, and Tom Macdonald
APPOINTED STAFF	Jamie Davidson, City Manager; Brenn Bybee, Assistant City Manager; Steven Downs, Deputy City Manager; Heather Schriever, City Attorney; Ryan Clark, Development Services Director; Charlene Crozier, Library Director; Steve Earl, Deputy City Attorney; Chris Tschirki, Public Works Director; Brandon Nelson, Finance Director; Bryce Merrill, Recreation Director; Keri Rugg, HR Director; Mark Sanderson, Fire Chief; Jason Bench, Planning Division Manager; and Nathan Nelson, Deputy City Recorder

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

DISCUSSION – Waste Collection Process

Mr. Leonelli, Lead Representative from Waste Management introduced how they would like to combine green and normal waste collection. He followed by giving a history of the green waste collection process in Orem, and explained what the new process would be. He stated the main reason why they want to combine waste collection is because there’s not a large demand for compost from the North Pointe Processing Plant, which is where Orem green waste goes. He stated another benefit of combining waste collection is that when in the landfill, green waste decomposes and produces methane, which can be collected and used as renewable energy. Mr. Leonelli went on to state mixing waste can also help to save space in trucks, require less labor, and could have less wear and tear on the roads.

Mr. Bybee concluded this item by going over different green waste pick up options residents can choose from. This caused general discussion regarding waste pick up, and pricing.

DISCUSSION – Budget; Revenue & Compensation

Mr. Nelson introduced the fiscal year 2022 revenues overview, and presented the Council with charts containing fiscal year 2022 major fund revenues to date.

General discussion ensued regarding revenue sources, collection, budget figures, and 2023 fund expectancy.

Mr. Macdonald asked if the -16.7% in water revenues for last year was because the city lowered its rates, or if it was from lower water usage influenced by the state-wide drought. Mr. Nelson responded and stated it could be a mix of both.

Mr. Nelson then presented various fee changes and explained why they are being proposed. This caused general discussion regarding the proposed fee changes, as well as fee pricing compared to other cities.

Mrs. Jones began her presentation by going through various employee compensation plans the city offers, and showed how much they cost both city and the employees. Mrs. Jones then presented the Council graphs showing employee turnover, recruitment, and employee compensation compared to other cities.

DISCUSSION – Public Noticing

Mr. Bench reviewed for the Council the technical noticing requirements according to Utah Code and stated the city would like to start printing notices on a half sheet of paper instead of a quarter sheet. Mr. Bench stated these half sheet notices would cost the city more money than the quarter size sheets. This caused general discussion regarding online noticing and printing costs.

UPDATE – Hillcrest Park

Mr. Gray introduced Cory Shupe from Blue Line Designs and turned time over to him to present the Hillcrest Park update to the Council.

Mr. Shupe introduced the Hillcrest Park Conceptual Master Plan, and showed the Council various features and changes, stated their function, the reasoning for them, and explained why they were placed in their locations.

General discussion ensued regarding various features, how they could be used, cost, and the possibility of adding a rideable train attraction into the park.

The Council expressed their support for the master plan's direction. They then encouraged staff to design a robust water park feature and make the walking path surround the entire park, instead of the slated quarter mile track.

UPDATE – Voter Participation Areas

Mrs. Bates stated in the 2019 Legislative Session, HB119 was reviewed and approved. This requires municipalities to configure VPA's "Voter Participation Areas" after every census, using the census population counts and current precinct boundaries. A municipality with a population of 65,000 or more, a city of the first or second class, no later than January 1, 2020, again on January 1, 2022, and January 1 each 10 years after 2022, divide the city into eight contiguous and compact voter participation areas of substantially equal population. The purpose of the law is related to referendums or initiatives that would possibly be placed on an upcoming ballot. An eligible voter is now required to obtain legal signatures equal to state specifications. Due to the pandemic and the Census being pushed back, it was recommended by the Utah County Clerk to have cities approve by Resolution the previous VPA's in December 2021 in order to comply with State Code with an indication that a new VPA map would be approved by Resolution as soon as possible. She concluded the Utah County Clerk's office has provided them with the new VPA map for the City of Orem for review and approval at an upcoming City Council meeting.

The council expressed their support for the proposed VPAs.

AGENDA REVIEW & PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Spencer presented the Council with updates relating to the boards and commissions which he takes part in. These updates included repopulating the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission with members, and creating a mission statement for the Public Safety Advisory Commission.

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

CONDUCTING

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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION / INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT – Debby Lauret

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Bill Holstrom

MAYOR’S REPORT/ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

PRESENTATION – Giving Machine

Mr. Seastrand expressed how it was a privilege to work on the Giving Machine project in Orem and thanked University Place and the Woodbury Family for their help and contributions to the project.

Mr. Cheney stated the Orem Giving Machines raised 1.23 million dollars and stated that Giving Machines throughout the world have raised over 15 million dollars combined since 2017. He then stated half of the money raised by the Orem Giving Machines will stay within Utah County to help our community.

Mayor Young then presented three different charitable organizations with checks funded with money received by the Giving Machines to help provide services and food for people from our community in need.

ANNUAL REPORT – Sleepy Ridge Golf Course

Mr. Merrill explained many of the services and activates available at Sleepy Ridge and stated his excitement for continued partnership with Sleepy Ridge and looks forward to working with them in the future.

PRESENTATION – Walter C. Orem Award

The Council presented relatives of Orem Postmaster Clyde E. Weeks and the Orem office of the United States Postal Service with Walter C. Orem Awards. Representatives from each party then gave statements about their work and thanked the city for its kindness and recognition.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Jim Hadlock stated he would like to see a uniform water conservation policy between the largest water users within the city and expressed how he hopes to see more Latino police officers. Mr. Hadlock concluded by stating how he feels Orem City should be doing more to help low-income residents and the homeless within our community.

John Barrick thanked the Council for looking into splitting off from the Alpine School District. He then stated the district has been making it difficult for Council Members to attend school meetings and concluded by voicing his concerns with multiple issues with the Alpine School District such as overly-large class sizes and property tax usage.

Scott Swain expressed how he feels because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Orem has lost a certain sense of community, and stated he wants to propose an event at the Scera Shell every Saturday to redevelop community within the city. Mrs. Lauret responded the city holds a summer concert series every Monday night in the City Center Park, and asked if Mr. Swain would be interested in partnering on that. Mr. Swain responded and expressed that he would like to see both events held.

CONSENT ITEMS

- APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - Minutes of City Council Meeting – February 2, 2022

Mr. Macdonald moved to approve the consent agenda as listed. **Mr. Lambson seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David A. Young, David Spencer, Debby Lauret, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Terry Peterson and LaNae Millett. The motion **passed**.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

CITY MANAGERS APPOINTMENTS

- **Board of Adjustments**
Ott Dameron - Appointment

Mrs. Lauret moved to approve Ott Dameron to serve on the Board of Adjustments. **Mr. Macdonald seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David A. Young, David Spencer, Debby Lauret, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Terry Peterson and LaNae Millett. The motion **passed**.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CARE ADVISORY BOARD

Denee Tyler - Reappointment
Stacy Goulding - Reappointment
Shiona MacKay – Appointment

Mayor Young moved to approve the appointments as listed. **Mr. Lambson seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David A. Young, David Spencer, Debby Lauret, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Terry Peterson and LaNae Millett. The motion **passed**.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUMMERFEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Christie Ekins - Appointment

Mayor Young moved to approve Christie Ekins to serve on the Summerfest Advisory Committee. **Mrs. Lauret seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David A. Young, David Spencer, Debby Lauret, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Terry Peterson and LaNae Millett. The motion **passed**.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Elaine Porter - Reappointment
Sean Orullian - Reappointment
Jason Bond - Reappointment
Tayna Harmon - Reappointment

Mayor Young moved to approve the appointments as listed. **Mr. Spencer seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David A. Young, David Spencer, Debby Lauret, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Terry Peterson and LaNae Millett. The motion **passed**.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Elaine Porter - Reappointment
Sean Orullian - Reappointment
Jason Bond - Reappointment
Tayna Harmon - Reappointment

Mr. Macdonald moved to approve the appointments as listed. **Mrs. Millett seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David A. Young, David Spencer, Debby Lauret, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Terry Peterson and LaNae Millett. The motion **passed**.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

No communication items at this time.

CITY MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Davidson stated now the legislative session is over, staff will prepare and provide a summary of passed bills in the coming weeks. He then gave the Council a brief summary of some of these bills and expressed how they could affect the city.

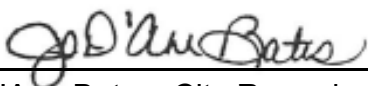
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Young moved to adjourn. **Mr. Spencer seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David A. Young, David Spencer, Jeff Lambson, Terry Peterson, Debby Lauret, Tom Macdonald, and LaNae Millett. The motion **passed**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Approved: March 22, 2022




JoD'Ann Bates, City Recorder