

CITY OF OREM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
56 North State Street Orem, Utah
April 26, 2022

3:30 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 – Service Line Warranties

Mr. Downs stated that pursuant to Utah State Code, cities are required to notify homeowners about public vs. private ownership of water and sewer lines. Many homeowners have had lateral sewer and water line breaks not realizing they are responsible for the damage. Because of this, the city wants to be proactive in helping homeowners prepare and protect themselves against these large expenses and have partnered with Service Line Warranties of America to offer insurance.

Steve Bieranouski from Service Line Warranties of America stated since 2015, Orem residents have seen over one million dollars in savings, there have been over 788 claims serviced, and 3,224 homes are covered.

Mayor Young asked how much this program costs residents. Mr. Baranowski responded and stated this insurance only costs residents around four or five dollars per month.

General discussion ensued regarding lateral line durability over time, proactive education, common causes of line damage, and line repair process.

Mr. Macdonald asked about what happens if someone who is insured under this program has a line issue, but goes to an uncertified contractor to get a repair instead of calling Service Line Warranties first. Mr. Bieranouski responded and stated though they try to deal with it the best they can, there isn't a smooth way of dealing with this situation. He followed by expressing the company could focus more on educating those using their program, and make sure residents know to call Service Line Warranties first, instead of going straight to a contractor.

General discussion ensued regarding contract history, service statistics, and program options.

UPDATE – Parking Fee Schedule

Lieutenant Paraskeva stated this presentation was a follow up to a parking fee/fine schedule which was presented to the Council a few months ago. He then expressed since the last presentation, the Parking Enforcement Team has received various comments and suggestions from the Council and worked them into this new update. Lt. Paraskeva then showed various updates and asked the Council for their feedback. These changes mainly consisted of raising handicap violations from 100 dollars to 150, safety concern violations from 25 dollars to 50, and raising all other violations from 25 to 40 dollars. He also stated even if these changes were approved, Orem would still have some of the lowest parking fine amounts in the state.

Mr. McKnight stated if approved, these changes would take effect July 1st as part of the new fiscal year budget. He stated these numbers have been adjusted for inflation and state recommendations.

Mrs. Millet asked if there is an online payment option for parking tickets. Mr. Paraskeva responded and stated one would be available soon.

Mr. Spencer stated he would like to see more warnings posted before giving out a ticket, especially for cases of perpendicular parking in cul-de-sacs. Lt. Paraskeva responded and stated since the city has redone their Parking Enforcement Team, there has been twice as many warnings than tickets given out.

Mayor Young asked if parking on the wrong way on neighborhood street would be considered a safety violation. He expressed how he feels it doesn't seem to be a safety issue, and if it is, most people don't know it's the law. He then asked for more education on parking violations via warnings.

Mr. Peterson inquired if the first reaction to a parking violation is a warning, or a ticket. Mr. Paraskeva responded and stated he has asked his officers to give out warnings first, but it is ultimately up to the discretion of the enforcement officer. He then also expressed that if there aren't a high number of repeat offenders, the city should not need to raise the rates.

Mrs. Millet expressed how she felt parking tickets should be instructional, and if the \$25 dollars is an appropriate amount to teach the public not to repeat without being too harsh.

Mr. Macdonald stated he felt safety violation fees could be raised.

General discussion ensued regrading what infractions are considered to be safety violations, angled parking in cul-de-sacs, and parking near stop signs and fire hydrants. The general consensus of the Council was that violations for improper parking in cul-de-sacs should be instructional, and remain at 25 dollars.

Mrs. Lauret expressed action should be taken on repeat offenders.

Mr. Lambson inquired about the possibility of having a graduated fee scale for repeat offenders. Lt. Paraskeva responded and stated they should hold off on that for now because logistically, it could be extremely difficult. The Council agreed with his insight.

Mrs. Millett asked care be used in ticketing cars parked by red curbs in front of schools. She expressed sometimes the curbs are painted for the purpose of directing parking during school hours, and parking in them is not always a safety or fire lane issue. Mr. Paraskeva responded and indicated that conversations will be had with schools on this matter.

Following further discussion regarding fine prices, the Council agreed upon raising ADA-Handicap Violations to 150 dollars, parking in a fire lane or in front of a hydrant fines to 50 dollars, parking within 30 feet of a stop sign to 50 dollars, obstructing traffic to 50 dollars, and keeping all other violations at 25 dollars with the possibility of looking into a graduated fee scale for repeat offenders later on in the future.

UPDATE – City Branding

Mr. Davidson explained the Council has stated in the past that they would like to more prominently feature “Family City USA” in City branding, and expressed this is what they are setting out to do with this logo redesign.

Two representatives from Brooks Advertising presented the Council with an updated Orem City logo, which incorporates the words “Family City USA” into the current design.

General discussion ensued regarding the new logo coloring, logo use, and possible applications.

The Council expressed their support for the new Family City USA logo, and discussed how they should plan to move forward with rolling out this branding.

UPDATE – CITY HALL BUILDING

Mr. Gray introduced three representatives from method studios. He stated this team worked on designing the new Family Fitness Center, the new Library Hall, and will now be working to design the new City Hall building.

The Method Studios team presented the Council with multiple City Hall layout options, and discussed the pros and cons associated with each of these options.

General discussion ensued regarding building location, operation during construction, and project costs.

Mr. Gray expressed it could cost upwards of \$2.4 million dollars to relocate employees and operations during construction if the Council decided to build on top of the current city hall footprint. The Council expressed they would like to see the new city hall be built separately from the current city hall in order to reduce these costs and efficiency during construction. The Council also asked to keep as many existing trees as possible.

UPDATE – WATER TANK

Mr. Gray went through various Hillcrest Park updates. These included the park being around 30 percent designed, Bud Mahas Construction being selected as the general contractor, asbestos abatement planning, and well #1 relocation being on hold due to cost.

Mr. Gray then updated the Council on the Water Tank / Heritage Park property. He stated the tank design is around 60 percent complete, the pump station design is around 50 percent

complete, the utility line design is approximately 70 percent complete, and the company Hydro Resources has been selected for well drilling. Mr. Gray followed this by updating the Council on the progress of the Farley property perimeter fence. He then explained Mr. Farley would like to subdivide his property and is requesting removal of the “Right of First Offer” in exchange for the Simtek Fence versus the 6-foot concrete wall.

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.

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

CONDUCTING

Mayor David A. Young

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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION / INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT – Truman Larson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Patrick Larson

MAYOR’S REPORT/ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

Members of the Natural Resources Stewardship Committee went before the Council and presented their annual report. This presentation covered topics such as setting up the Crandall Orchard Easement, rain collection barrels, and stewardship awards. The Committee then presented a resource stewardship award to Clean Fuels Utah and Tara Bishop for their efforts to be environmentally consciousness and for their leadership in natural resource conservation.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Karie Sigua expressed the Alpine School District split feasibility study gives voices to many residents who have not been heard until this point. She also stated how she felt certain members of the Alpine School Board are not true advocates of parents and students, which leaves students and parents unrepresented. Ms. Sigua specifically referred to aspects of the Mountain View investigation and retaliation towards students & parents and stated that according to the Federal Board of Education – Office of Civil Rights, the Alpine School District currently has the most

federal investigations going on in the state. Ms. Sigua concluded her statements by expressing how she feels residents have no representation at schools, and asked the Council to consider letting citizens vote on a school district split regardless of what the feasibility study concludes.

Jenn Gale stated she was the president of the Orem Timpanogos Aquatic Club (OTAC) for four years and the Orem High School swimming coach for two, so she feels qualified to speak about swimming in Orem. She stated OTAC was the main swimming team in Orem for around 40 years and was recently forced to dissolve. Because of this, many swimmers and families signed up for the UV Rays swim club and have enjoyed the program. Ms. Gale then stated that last month the Orem Recreation departments approached the Council with a budget which included asking for money to start their own swimming program and concluded by asking the Council to reconsider this decision, and to partner with UV Rays to host the Orem swim club instead.

Mike Jones asked the Council to reconsider their decision to form a new Orem-run and USA Swimming affiliated club, and to partner with the UV Rays swim club instead. He expressed how he felt this would be a better decision for families and swimmers who wish to compete, and also stated forming this relationship would be a better use of public resources than forming their own club. Mr. Jones then shared his experience with UV Rays, stating that his family was reluctant to join at first because of how competitive and high-level they heard it was. But once in the program, their view completely changed. He expressed even though his daughter isn't an elite swimmer, she has had an amazing experience with the UV Rays Club.

Ashley Shumway echoed past comments and also asked the Council to not form Orem's own swim club, but to have UV Rays host an Orem swim team instead. She shared her family's experience with the club and expressed how she feels the team will do a great job as Orem's club.

Hiro Hibino told her family's experience with the UV Rays swim club, she stated after OTAC dissolved her son was left without a team and was worried about where he would go. She then stated after joining UV Rays, her son is having a better swim team experience than ever. Ms. Hibino concluded her comments by stating a good swim team would take years to form, and stated as an Orem resident, she would be proud to have UV Rays represent the city.

Cissy Rasmussen expressed how she felt leaving the Alpine School District is not in the best interest of Orem schools and children. She stated past studies have shown that a split would lead to increased taxes and decreased services. Ms. Rasmussen followed by expressing her concerns with Discovery Education Consultants, who the Council contacted with to host the split feasibility study. She then concluded her statements by asking the Council to welcome differing views as this is an issue which she feels is incredibly serious and will have long-term consequences.

Connie Christian asked the Council to form a relationship with the UV Rays swim team, and have them host the swim team in Orem. She stated though some may say the team is too elite to be a good team for beginners' team, her children have had the opposite experience swimming with them. Ms. Christian concluded her remarks by expressing swimmers on the UV Rays swim team are encouraged to compete and swim at any level they can, and once again asked the Council to partner with UV Rays to host Orem swim team.

Jesse Evans stated last November her seven-year-old son was hit by a truck walking home from school, and because of Orem's quick and capable first responders, he was able to make a miraculous recovery. She then stated during this recovery, the principal at Northridge Elementary worked with Alpine School District to secure funding which would allow her son's teacher to visit him at home to make sure he didn't fall behind the rest of his class. Ms. Evans then explained how school administrators were with her son every step of the process and concluded by asking the Council how they plan on keeping the current programs and resources which the Alpine School District provides without putting a financial burden on the community.

John Woolfe expressed how he felt the Neighborhood Improvement Team (NIT) is overstepping their boundaries by dictating where he can park vehicles on his own property and where he can store his things on his property. He stated the NIT has been doing a wonderful job, but feels they are overreaching in aspects, and the city code governing those areas should be reviewed.

Kelsey Young expressed how she feels the UV Rays swim team has an amazing community around it and stated her daughter swims with them and loves it. She then expressed her support for Orem forming a relationship with UV Rays, and have them host an Orem swim club instead of forming their own.

Ros Pots expressed his agreement with the other parents and residents who have asked the Council to not form their own city-sponsored team, but to form a relationship with the UV Rays swim team instead. He stated going into UV Rays swim team, his son was skeptical, but stated his mind has been changed by the great experience. Mr. Pots then concluded his statements by explaining how much money the city could save by having UV Rays host their swim team.

Hailey Hamblin stated she is a teacher in the Alpine School District, and asked the Council to make sure the school district split feasibility study looks at teacher impact. She stated fellow teachers have expressed they might leave if Orem decides to form their own district and are unable to match Alpine's current benefits and salaries.

John Barrick expressed he feels Alpine School District is apathetic towards parent concerns. He met with three administrators to talk about the problems at Northridge elementary, they didn't

know they lost 83 students last year to local charters, other local schools in Orem and to nearby districts. They didn't know why and didn't seem to care. ASD talks about FTE's, full-time equivalent, but the overhead for bussing assessed to Northridge—and there are no students at Northridge that are bussed—is \$246/student per year which is equivalent to 2 teachers. Class sizes are 33-37 students for 3rd-6th grade—he feels are too large and ASD agreed. ASD assesses \$386/student per year for depreciation. Northridge gets none of that and it costs them 3 teachers a year. In 2017 ASD overhead per school was \$1257/student per year and in ASD's recent split presentation it was \$1903 which is a 51% increase over a 3-year period. Northridge was ranked 46th in 2011, in 2017 it ranked 335th on standard basic tests. Oak Canyon Jr High, proficiency pass rate 49%, which means 51% are failing. He has moved his children to Provo where his 3rd grader is in a class of 22 and 6th grader in a class of 25, with art, music, STEM, coding. Nothing is wrong with Provo; he'd like Orem to be like them. John also noted that Northridge parents love their teachers, he feels teachers love schools not school districts. If you pay teachers well, they'll stay.

CONSENT ITEMS

- APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - Minutes of City Council Meeting – April 12, 2022
- RESOLUTION – Adopting the 2022 MAG Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan

Mrs. Millett moved to approve the consent agenda as listed. **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**.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION – City to receive Public Comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projected Use of Funds for CARES ACT CDBG-CV funding and consider approval of a substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

Mr. Ransom and Ms. Mathews introduced the topic and stated that in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant provided the City of Orem with a second CDBG allocation of \$287,940 to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The CDBG Advisory Commission recommends that the Orem City Council allocates \$10,000 of the previously allocated \$70,928.28 in CDBG-CV public services funding to the Orem Library to

provide 25 hotspots for low to moderate income household use to help respond to the pandemic and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and \$5,500 to Sharon Elementary to purchase of five picnic tables to help prevent and mitigate COVID-19.

General discussion ensued regarding use of funds and mobile WIFI hotspots.

Ms. Crozier expressed her thanks for the CDBG funding which allows the Orem Public Library to provide mobile WIFI hotspots to be available for check out. She stated during the pandemic there were many low-income residents who lost access to WIFI, and these mobile hotspots were a solution to this issue, and explained the process of checking one of these hotspots out. Ms. Crozier then stated in the past, the Orem Public Library received State Grants to subsidize this program, and expressed the library would like to continue offering this program, but doesn't feel it's feasible to take on the whole bill on their own, which is why they are reaching out for CDBG funding.

Mayor Young Opened the public hearing at 7:10 pm. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing and turned the item back to the council for further discussion.

Mr. Macdonald moved to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projected Use of Funds for CARES ACT CDBG-CV funding and consider approval of a substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan **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**.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

No communication items at this time.

CITY MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Davidson informed the Council that the city submitted the Lakeview Parkway project to Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) to be considered for addition onto the MAG transportation improvement plan for the 2025-2026 construction year. He also stated that MAG scored this project very highly, second only to a UVX bus stop along 900 East in Provo. Mr. Davidson concluded his remarks by wishing Councilmember Peterson a happy birthday and announcing that Mrs. Schriever, the City Attorney will be leaving her job with the city at the end of the week.

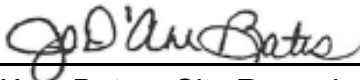
ADJOURNMENT

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**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.



Approved: July 12, 2022


JoD'Ann Bates, City Recorder