

CITY OF OREM
SPECIAL JOINT OREM/LINDON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
56 North State Street Orem, Utah
April 25, 2024

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

CONDUCTING

Mayor David A. Young

ELECTED OFFICIALS

OREM-David Young, David Spencer, LaNae Millett, Jeff Lambson, Tom Macdonald, Chris Killpack and Jenn Gale
LINDON-Carolyn Lundberg, Van Broderick, Steve Stewart, Lincoln Jacobs, Cole Hooley,

APPOINTED STAFF

OREM-Brenn Bybee, City Manager; Ryan Clark, Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director; Steve Earl, City Attorney; Brandon Nelson, Finance Director; Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief; Tyler Peay, Assistant Public Works Director-Public Service; Peter Wolfley, Communications Manager, PIO; Teresa McKittrick, City Recorder
LINDON-Adam Cowie, City Administrator; Mike Florances, Community and Economic Development Director; Mike Brower, Police Chief ; Juan Garrido, Public Works Director;

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

UTILITIES

Mr. Peay discussed the north border of Orem and the interconnections in vaults that have the ability to exchange water if needed. Currently, the cities are working on a maintenance agreement, where the cities will partner on the maintenance of 2000 North in Orem (200 South in Lindon). Mr. Lambson applauded the coordination between Lindon and Orem during the runoff concerns. Mr. Garrido spoke of the shared sewer connections between Lindon and Orem. He spoke of the process that is used to reconcile sewer from Orem into this shared connection. He spoke about stormwater and there is a connection to Orem from Lindon’s main ditch. Mr. Garrido continued to speak about the Sewer Treatment Plant. Lindon City owns about 12.5% of the facility. They participate in all the capital improvement related to that facility.

Ms. Millett asked about the irrigation system and how it affects Orem. Mr. Garrido explained that Lindon City is one of the bigger customers for the Provo Bench water. They are about 75-80% of the water in the canal. To protect Lindon’s interest, they need to police the

water that is about 6 miles of open ditch. In the past years, Lindon has spent money to fix the canal. There were concerns that a landslide could eliminate the canal. As part of this project, Lindon has the opportunity to tap into the Murdock Canal. Instead of having 6 miles to police, now they will have about 2,000 feet of pipe to get a quick connection to their secondary water system. If or when Lindon starts getting 100% of their secondary water from the canal, there is concern that there will not be enough water volume to push the water to current users in Orem. Mr. Broderick explained that Lindon has been speaking with shareholders and how this will affect them and they have discussed possible solutions in the shareholder meetings. Mayor Lundburg spoke about how cities have been subsidizing the maintenance of the canal and that it would cost millions to properly pipe it. Mr. Broderick explained that there are two components. The first part is the canal or ditch company that all shareholders participate in the cost. The laterals off the ditch are the shareholders responsibility to take care of. As the cities grow, less people are using the canal system so it becomes very expensive for fewer users.

Mr. Garrido bought up the sewer treatment plant and the costs needed to keep it functioning. Mr. Bybee explained that about a year and half ago, Orem adopted a new capital facilities plan. It includes \$160 million worth of estimated improvement upgrades for the treatment plant over the next fifty plus years. In the short term, the first phase is about \$60 million worth of projects. The next phase is to find ways to finance the project. This includes an increase in our sewer utility fee and grants. This is an issue for many of the sewer plants in Utah. Mr. Peay gave information on the water reuse project.

EDUCATION

Ms. Millett informed the group of a meeting with the Alpine School District (ASD) board she attended yesterday. She offered to send the link of the meeting to this group. ASD has reviewed the results from the MGT study. They are currently studying the results and on Tuesday they should be voting on what they are going to submit to the county for the ballot. In the meeting they were discussing the 6 options and the need to narrow it down to two options. Mr. Bybee confirmed that Orem has not hired anyone to research the school district split but that he has had conversations with Laura Lewis about it. Mayor Lundberg said that Lehi is doing a formal study. Lehi's decision could cause a shift in how cities may align. The school district recommendations could do the same.

Ms. Millett expressed concerns she has heard from residents and she believes that Orem voters are open to a split that is not Orem only. Mayor Young would like to see Orem be proactive in what they think is best for their families. Mr. Hooley discussed the things he has heard from Lindon residents. He would like to see discussion between the different city leaders. Ms. Millet explained that an interlocal only allows those cities to vote, where the district vote means everyone in the district votes on the split. Mr. Earl clarified that if there is an interlocal agreement then the cities in the agreement just need a majority vote by district, not each individual city. The school district initiated split is only approved if the majority of voters in the proposed school district boundaries approve, as well as the majority of the existing school

district approved. Mayor Young believes the next steps are to see how other cities are forming interlocals, see what options ASD chooses, build a timeline, and look into different cities' interest in an agreement.

FIRE/EMS

Mayor Lundberg spoke about a presentation that Chief Sanderson gave to their City Council. Chief Sanderson summarized what he presented. He spoke of the high level of service Orem fire is offering. They are even being called into neighboring cities to assist due to their specialities. He discussed with Lindon the contract with Orem and the fees associated with that contract. The city managers of Orem and Lindon will be meeting to discuss the contract and any concerns with it. Vineyard is putting in a small fire house in their community that will only enhance the department's abilities as a whole. Mayor Lundberg appreciated that Chief Sanderson was willing to come explain the costs for Lindon to cover their fire and paramedic needs.

TRANSPORTATION

Mayor Young brought up the boundary area on 2000 N (Orem) or 200 S (Lindon) east of State Street. There is a planned development in that area. One issue Orem is concerned about is street side parking in that area. Lindon's side of that street does allow for street parking. Mayor Lundberg expressed interest in the project. She brought up the concern for her residents about the increased traffic on this road due to the temple being built in the area. The concerns include the Murdock Canal Trail and further east there is a recommendation to have a four way stop instead of a two way stop.

Mayor Lundberg brought up the widening project of 1600 North by UDOT. Mr. Clarke said that UDOT is in the process of purchasing right of way. They are hoping to start the project next spring. They are about 30% designed but it depends on right of way purchases. UDOT has assured the City of Orem that they will find the funding for the project.

ADJOURN

Mr. Macdonald moved to adjourn this meeting, **seconded** by Ms. Millett. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Jeff Lambson, Tom Macdonald, Chris Killpack, and Jenn Gale. The motion **passed**.

PASSED and APPROVED this 14th day of May 2024.


David A. Young, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa McKittrick, City Recorder



COUNCIL MEMBER

AYE NAY ABSTAIN

Mayor David A. Young
Chris Killpack
David Spencer
Jeff Lambson
Jenn Gale
LaNae Millett
Tom Macdonald

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