

CITY OF OREM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
56 North State Street Orem, Utah
October 8, 2024

3:30 P.M. WORK SESSION - CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

CONDUCTING

Mayor David A. Young

ELECTED OFFICIALS

David Young, David Spencer, LaNae Millett, Chris Killpack, Jenn Gale, Tom Macdonald, and Jeff Lambson

APPOINTED STAFF

Ryan Clark, Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director; Keri Rugg, Deputy City Manager/Management Services Director; Steve Earl, City Attorney; Josh Adams, Police Chief; Chris Tschirki, Public Works Director; Brandon Nelson, Finance Director; Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief; Bryce Merrill, Library and Recreation Director; Tyler Peay, Assistant Public Works Director-Public Services; Carlo Okotowitz, IT Division Manager; Peter Wolfley, Communications Manager, PIO; Teresa McKitrick, City Recorder

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

Orem Wellbeing Survey Presentation *Presenter: Dr. Courtney Flint, Utah State University Professor and Researcher*

Ms. Cox introduced Dr. Flint who is a professor and researcher at Utah State University. Dr. Flint presented the results from the Orem Wellbeing survey. The survey project goals are to 1) provide Utah city and town leaders with information on the wellbeing and perspectives of residents to inform local planning processes and decisions making, 2) to support comparative research on community well being and 3) to support statewide and regional policy and planning efforts with data representing the lives of Utahns. The City reports can be found online at www.usuedu/utah-wellbeing-project. The survey was done online in the spring of 2024. The Orem survey received 1,361 results, which is a project record. The survey was advertised through social media and 0 newsletters.

Dr. Flint showed the demographics from the survey results, 98.4% were full time residents of Orem. The average length of residence was 24.3 years. 16.8% lived in Orem 5 years or less. The survey underrepresented ages 18-29, those without a college degree, those not

married and renters. There was good coverage for ages 30+, gender, children in household, income and employment.

The results from the survey is that the average personal wellbeing was rated at 4.05 out of 5. The community wellbeing results were 3.63 out of 5. The survey broke things down into domains. The most important domains were mental health, safety and security, physical health, family life, and living standards. The highest rated domains were family life, safety and security, living standards, and education. Dr. Flint explained that another important part of the survey was about community connection, that is how connected an individual feels to their community. Orem results showed that those surveyed averaged a 4 out of 5 on connection to community. This matters because those who feel connected to their community score higher on individual well being. She also discussed other demographics such as age, religion, income, disability, and length of residence. Other survey questions were related to the growth in Orem. The top five concerns from the survey were traffic, air quality, water supply, affordable housing and public safety.

The City Council asked questions about the survey. Dr. Flint explained that the comments and possible further studies could be requested. The Orem staff discussed action items related to the survey results.

Memorialization and Facility Naming Policy Presentation *Presenter: Bryce Merrill, Library and Recreation Director and Tyler Peay, Assistant Director of Public Works-Public Services*

Mr. Merrill is here with Mr. Peay to discuss how the City will handle requests for memorializing and facility naming. He presented four opportunities for memorials which are public memorials on public property, street naming policy, facility naming rights and sponsorship, and personal memorialization on public property. Mr. Peay spoke about the public memorials on public property, which include the Veteran's Monument at the cemetery, the planned Gold Star Monument at city center, a memorial area near the Senior Friendship Center, and the Women's and Children Memorial. Mr. Merrill spoke about the other three public memorial options which all require a process and approval from the City Council or City Manager.

Mr. Merrill spoke about the potential concerns of individual memorials on private property that include the purpose of public parks and equitable access for all, maintenance standards and park safety, protected speech, and precedent-future maintenance, tree health, additional memorial. He showed some of the individual memorials that are currently in Orem. The individual memorialization policy will have five steps: application, development review committee, technical review, commission review, and City Council/City Manager review followed by a signed agreement.

Fire Safety Night Event

The City Council and Orem staff attended the annual Fire Safety Night at the Orem City Center Park.

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

Jenn Gale serves on the Beautification Advisory Commission and they are wrapping up their beautifications awards around the city. They are preparing for Christmas decor awards and have thought about giving awards for Halloween decorations. Oremfest Advisory Commission will be shifting to the Orem Events Advisory Commission. The Natural Resources Advisory Commission will be renewing a commission member and there is a planned tour of the Provo Delta with service project on October 12. Volunteers are welcome to participate. Ms. Gale serves on the CDBG Advisory commission and MAG will be attending the next City Council work session to speak about consolidated plans concerning CDBG funding. She reported that CDBG funds have been distributed for the most part. She gave updates on some of the organizations that received funds. The 2025 CDBG applications process will begin in October 2024.

AGENDA REVIEW & PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

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

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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION / INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT – Elaine Huish

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / FLAG CEREMONY – Craig Huish

MAYOR'S REPORT/ ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

SCERA Annual Report *Presenter: Adam Robertson, SCERA President/CEO*

Mr. Robertson is the president/CEO of the SCERA theater. He spoke about SCERA's involvement in the CARE tax renewal last election. The SCERA indoor theater is in its 91st year (1933-2024) and the SCERA shell is in its 40th year (1984-2024). The SCERA mission is to enrich the mind, touch the soul and unify family and community by producing and presenting wholesome and affordable arts, entertainment and education for all ages in quality facilities. The SCERA goals for serving the community are to produce, present, and provide a wide variety of opportunities for citizens of all ages to be enriched, entertained, and educated, whether it be as an audience member, a student, an artist, a teacher, a performer, or a volunteer.

Mr. Robertson reviewed the many parts of the SCERA with pictures. He spoke of the hundreds of performers who have come to the SCERA. He spoke of the new fence that was placed around the SCERA Shell this season that was done in partnership with the City of Orem. Mr. Robertson showed images of the many productions that were held this year.

Other programs that the SCERA participates in are the elementary arts education, Gallery 101, volunteer opportunities, and special events. The special events include Celebration of Veterans, Christmas Maker's Market, the annual Christmas display, parade participation, Colonial Days, workshops, Annual Gala, and the Zion's Indie Film festival. The SCERA also manages the Orem Heritage Museum and the shop building which houses the costumes and props. Year long the SCERA offers arts education to youth, teens and adults. Mr. Robertson spoke about the upcoming shows for the fall of 2024.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Opened at 6:32 PM

David Richardson lives in Orem and has come to discuss a problem with the City Council. He is noticing that his neighborhood has excessive street parking. He pointed out that some loopholes that he believes are in the city code concerning street parking. He would like the City to look into updating the code.

Bill Stay has multiple homes in Orem. He is concerned about the homes in his neighborhood that are a blight to the City and that City code is not enforced. He understands the process for compliance and he believes that more staff is needed in the Neighborhood Improvement Team.

Ashlee Taylor is the executive director of The Refuge Utah. This month is Domestic Violence Awareness month. She is here to speak about the programs that are available at the Refuge. She encouraged everyone to work together to make our community and homes safer and happier.

Jessica Ballard lives near Trader Joe's and she is frustrated with the traffic that comes into her neighborhood thinking that they can get to the mall. She would like the City to look into ways to discourage drivers from coming into the neighborhood looking to go to the mall.

Debbie Lamb lives near Trader Joe's and she has concerns about the stop signs that are not visible. She would also like to have additional signs that let drivers know that there is no mall access through their neighborhoods. She is also concerned about the high amount of illegal rentals in the neighborhood. She would like to see code enforcement enforce the rules.

Closed at 6:47 PM

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2024

Reappointment to Metro Water Board - Rick Lewis

Mr. Macdonald moved to approve consent items. **Seconded by** Mr. Spencer. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Tom Macdonald, Jenn Gale, Jeff Lambson, and Chris Killpack. The motion **passed**.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

Ordinance - Amending Article 2-20 of the Orem City Code to change the name of the Oremfest Advisory Committee to the Orem Events Advisory Commission and to make various amendments pertaining to the Commission. *Presenter: Bryce Merrill, Library and Recreation Director*

Mr. Merrill is here as a follow up to the presentation given in the September 17 City Council work session. He is proposing the transition of the Oremfest Advisory Commission to the Orem Events Advisory Commission. This would allow our volunteers to do volunteer functions and the City staff to do City staff functions. They would assist in our many City events which include but are not limited to Oremfest and Lights On. The new code was amended since it was presented in the work session. The commission would help with the events calendar, events support, advice and recommendations on city events, annual reports to the City Council, community connection, and event testing and theming. The Orem staff would focus on staff policies.

Mr. Killpack moved to approve the proposed amendment of Article 2-20 of the Orem City Code to change the name of the Oremfest Advisory Committee to the Orem Events Advisory Commission and to make various amendments pertaining to the Commission. **Seconded by** Ms. Gale. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Tom Macdonald, Jenn Gale, Jeff Lambson, and Chris Killpack. The motion **passed**.

CITY MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Clark gave an update on the water tank construction. The intersection at 400 South and 400 West has westbound traffic open. City Hall is progressing well and it is within the budget.

ADJOURN

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

PASSED and APPROVED this 29th day of October 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	☒	☐	☐