



MINUTES – City Council

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

City of Saratoga Springs City Offices

1307 North Commerce Drive, Suite 200, Saratoga Springs, Utah 84045

City Council Policy Meeting

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3 **Call to Order:** Mayor Miller called the Policy Session to order at 6:01 p.m.

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5 **Present:** Mayor Jim Miller and Council Members: Shellie Baertsch, Michael McOmber, Chris Porter,
6 Ryan Poduska and Stephen Willden.

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8 **Staff Present:** City Manager Mark Christensen, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Assistant City Manager Owen
9 Jackson, Public Relations and Economic Development Manager David Johnson, City Engineer
10 Gordon Miner, Public Works Director Jeremy Lapin, Finance Director Chelese Rawlings,
11 Planner II Kara Knighton, Fire Chief Jess Campbell, Parks Superintendent Rick Kennington,
12 Human Resources Director Laura Gamon, Deputy City Recorder Kayla Moss
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14 **Invocation:** by Council Member Willden.

15 **Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Scout Lucas Smith, Troop 1021.

Public Input:

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18 Mayor Miller invited public input at 6:04 p.m. There were no comments; Public input was closed at 6:04 p.m.
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Presentations:

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21 Introduction of Jordan River Director Soren Simonsen. Mr. Simonsen presented himself and the Blueprint for the
22 Jordan River to the Council. Blueprint Jordan River is the vision for the Jordan River for the next decade and
23 beyond.

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25 Sewer Rate Study, Zion's Bank. Jonathan Ward presented findings on what it would take to complete all of the
26 sewer projects in the City. It was determined that the City would be able to do a number of the sewer capital
27 projects, but not all of them on their own. A bond would be necessary to complete every project.
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29 City Manager Mark Christensen advised that they have also talked to developers that would be major players in
30 helping to build the sewer infrastructure. The City would qualify for a bond of about \$15 million without having
31 to raise the sewer rates. They are going to create a strategic plan to make sure the city continues to have sewer
32 capacity.
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Reports:

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35 Council Member Baertsch advised that she was appointed Chair of the Utah Lake Commission for the year.
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37 Council Member Poduska advised that he attended the service volunteer luncheon on the 8th and he thought
38 that there was a good turn out and it was a good event.
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40 City Manager Christensen introduced Laura Gagon, the new Human Resources Director, to the Council.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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43 **1. Consideration of Adopting Amended Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Impact Fee Facilities**
44 **Plan, Impact Fee Analysis, and Impact Fee; Ordinance 18-4 (2-20-18).**

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46 Jeremy Lapin advised the Council that they have been working on this for quite some time. There is an increase
47 of fees and he highlighted why that was.
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49 Council Member discussion addressed the following:
50 -Comparison on the fees charged now compared to what they were.
51 -Level of service these fees will maintain for the City.
52 -Impact fees are not meant to make money, just to recoup the cost to the City.
53 -How the costs of parks was calculated.
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55 Mayor Miller opened the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

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57 Diane Huish of the Utah Homebuilders Association wondered if the 30 foot easement on roads includes the
58 trails as well.
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60 Public Hearing Closed at 6:54 p.m.

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62 Motion made by Council Member Porter to approve Amended Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Impact
63 Fee Facilities Plan, Impact Fee Analysis, and Impact Fee; Ordinance 18-4 (2-20-18) to include saying repeal and
64 replace instead of amend in the ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Poduska. Aye: Council Member
65 Baertsch, Council Member McOmber, Council Member Poduska, Council Member Porter, Council Member
66 Willden, Motion passed 5 - 0.
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68 **BUSINESS ITEMS:**
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70 **1. Saratoga Springs Commercial Plat C Preliminary Plat, Daniel Schmidt WPI Enterprises Applicant, 1378**
71 **North Exchange Drive.**
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73 Kara Knighton, Planner II, presented this Preliminary Plat to the Council. Staff recommended approval to allow
74 the development to move forward.
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76 Motion made by Council Member Baertsch to approve Saratoga Springs Commercial Plat C Preliminary Plat.
77 Seconded by Council Member Baertsch. Aye: Council Member Baertsch, Council Member McOmber, Council
78 Member Poduska, Council Member Porter, Council Member Willden, Motion passed 5 - 0.
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80 **2. The Crossing Community Plan Major Amendment/Village Plan 2, Thane Smith SLR Applicant, Redwood Road**
81 **and Pioneer Crossing; Ordinance 18-5 (2-20-18).**
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83 Dave Stroud, Planning Director, advised that they are requesting two LED signs, allowing auto and
84 repair uses as permitted uses and to increase the maximum building height to 125 feet.
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86 Council Member discussion addressed the following:
87 -Auto repair and sales as a permitted use in the zone. Council agreed that it should remain as a
88 conditional use for the project.
89 -LED signs for the project. In general the Council agreed with allowing the signs with a change of the
90 image transition time of 8 seconds to increase to 12 seconds. Council Members Baertsch and
91 McOmber would like to only allow for a 50 square foot sign size. A couple of Council Members were
92 concerned that the sign is 7 feet high because of the damage that can be done to it by people since it
93 is so easily touched.

- 94 -The increase of building height to 125 feet. The Council decided to allow office uses to have a
95 maximum height of 125 feet.
96 -The look and elevations of the Les Schwab building.
97 -Lighting on the Fat Cats building.
98 -Landscaping throughout the project.
99 -Pedestrian pathways on the outside perimeter of the project.
100 -Fire lane plan and making sure a fire truck will be able to access the site.
101 -Distance between the monument signs and pylon signs.

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103 Motion made by Council Member Baertsch to approve The Crossing Community Plan Major Amendment/Village
104 Plan 2 with the exception of considering the conditional uses and pylon signs with all staff findings and
105 conditions and to also direct staff to fix the pedestrian connectivity on the roads and to the pads sites, to fix the
106 fire lanes according to guidelines from the fire official, to keep the trees and make them consistent with code,
107 increase height of office use up to 125 feet; Ordinance 18-5 (2-20-18). Seconded by Council Member McOmber.
108 Aye: Council Member Baertsch, Council Member McOmber, Council Member Poduska, Council Member Porter,
109 Council Member Willden, Motion passed 5 - 0.

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111 Motion made by Council Member Baertsch to approve The Crossing Community Plan Major Amendment/Village
112 Plan 2 pertaining to keeping auto repair and sales as a conditional use; Ordinance 18-5 (2-20-18). Seconded by
113 Council Member McOmber. Aye: Council Member Baertsch, Council Member McOmber, Council Member
114 Poduska, Council Member Porter, Council Member Willden, Motion passed 5 - 0.

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116 Motion made by Council Member Baertsch to approve the LED signs restricting the size to both at 50 feet and
117 allow for two in the community plan and increase the change copy to every 12 seconds and to include that this
118 is an on premise sign for the crossing community plan; Ordinance 18-5 (2-20-18). Seconded by Council Member
119 McOmber. Aye: Councilwoman Baertsch, Councilman McOmber, Nay: Council Member Poduska, Council
120 Member Porter, Council Member Willden. Motion failed 2 - 3.

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122 Motion made by Council Member Porter to approve the LED signs restricting the signs to on premise use,
123 restricting the number of signs to 2 in the community plan with only one being at 70 square feet and changing
124 the change time to 12 seconds; Ordinance 18-5 (2-20-18). Seconded by Council Member Willden. Aye: Council
125 Member Poduska, Council Member Porter, Council Member Willden Nay: Council Member Baertsch and Council
126 Member McOmber Motion passed 3 - 2.

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128 **3. Proposed Mountain Bike Park, vicinity of the North Fire Station.**

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130 Rick Kennington, Parks Superintendent, presented the mountain bike park plans to the Council. Much
131 of the work to be done is going to be completed by volunteers. It is a good space for this use and
132 comes at very little cost to the City. There will be a beginner track, more intermediate, and a skills
133 track.

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135 **4. Final Economic Development Plan; Resolution R18-10 (2-20-18).**

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137 David Johnson, Economic Development and Public Relations Director, presented this plan to the City
138 Council. The approach was to get everyone's expectations on the same page.

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140 The Council Member discussion addressed the following:

- 141 -Changing Lakefront to Waterfront to also include the Jordan River.
142 -Include incentives for commercial down zoning.

143 -When the water front properties and other projects will be started. No definitive plans have been
144 made yet.
145 Motion made by Council Member Porter to approve Final Economic Development Plan with the change to page
146 11 that was discussed; Resolution R18-10 (2-20-18). Seconded by Council Member Poduska. Aye:
147 Councilwoman Baertsch, Councilman McOmber, Councilman Poduska, Councilman Porter, Councilman Willden,
148 Motion passed 5 - 0.

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150 **5. Mayor Pro-Tempore Appointment; Resolution R18-11 (2-20-18).**

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152 Motion made by Council Member Baertsch to appoint Councilman McOmber as Mayor Pro-Tempore;
153 Resolution R18-11 (2-20-18). Seconded by Council Member Poduska. Aye: Council Member Baertsch, Council
154 Member McOmber, Council Member Poduska, Council Member Porter, Council Member Willden, Motion
155 passed 5 - 0.

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157 **6. Legacy Farms Village Plan 3 (VP 3) and Box Culvert Saratoga Road Public Improvements Reimbursement**
158 **Agreement; Resolution R18-12 (2-20-18).**

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160 City Manager Mark Christensen advised that this is the final reimbursement to wrap up this phase of the plan.

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162 Motion made by Council Member Willden to approve Legacy Farms Village Plan 3 (VP 3) and Box Culvert
163 Saratoga Road Public Improvements Reimbursement Agreement; Resolution R 18-12 (2-20-18). Seconded by
164 Council Member Baertsch. Aye: Councilwoman Baertsch, Council Member McOmber, Council Member Poduska,
165 Council Member Porter, Council Member Willden, Motion passed 5 - 0.

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167 **MINUTES:**

168 **1. February 6, 2018.**

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170 Motion made by Council Member McOmber to approve the minutes of February 6, 2018. Seconded by Council
171 Member Poduska. Aye: Council Member Baertsch, Council Member McOmber, Council Member Porter, Council
172 Member Willden, Motion passed 5 - 0.

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174 **CLOSED SESSION:**

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176 Motion made by Council Member Willden to enter into closed session for the purchase, exchange, or lease of
177 property, discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; pending or reasonably
178 imminent litigation, the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, was
179 seconded by Council Member McOmber. All Council Members were In Favor. Motion carried unanimously.

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181 The meeting moved to closed session at 9:14 p.m.

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183 Closed session commenced at 9:17 p.m.

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185 Present: Mayor Miller, Council Members: Porter, Poduska, Willden, McOmber, and Baertsch. City Manager
186 Mark Christensen, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson, Public Relations and Economic Development Manager
187 David Johnson and Deputy Recorder Kayla Moss.

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189 No action was taken during Closed Session.

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191 Closed Session Adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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193 ADJOURNMENT:

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195 There being no further business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

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Jim Miller
Jim Miller, Mayor

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202 *Cindy LoPiccolo*
Cindy LoPiccolo, City Recorder

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204 Approved: *3-6-18*

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