



# MINUTES – CITY COUNCIL

**Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

City of Saratoga Springs City Offices

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

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## City Council Policy Meeting

**Call to Order:** Mayor Jim Miller called the Policy Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call:**

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

**Staff Present** City Manager Mark Christensen, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson, Public Relations and Economic Development Manager David Johnson, City Engineer Gordon Miner, Planning Director David Stroud, Public Works Director Jeremy Lapin, Fire Chief Jess Campbell, and City Recorder Cindy LoPiccolo.

Invocation by Council Member Willden.

Pledge of Allegiance by Council Member Poduska.

### **Public Input:**

Two Stillwater Community residents spoke in regard to issues and disturbances happening on the east side of the fence closer to the subdivision in an area opened up from recent construction, the water line trail is used for off-road vehicles running to the base of the mountains, rocks put in by the City were moved aside, the area is used for parking RVs and starting point for ATV's/off road, the neighborhood is disturbed by 24/7 noise, dust, domestic disturbances, campfires, shooting and traffic. Police have responded to calls, however, are unable to enforce without signs; requested signage and mitigation. Mayor Miller requested the residents contact Public Relations Manager David Johnson and review by staff.

### **REPORTS:**

Council Member Baertsch confirmed Public Works and Planning will be bringing a contract for updating the Parks and Trails Master Plan to Council in the near future.

Council Member McOmber advised a concern regarding the sidewalk on Pony Express on the southwest corner with a crosswalk crossing Redwood Road ending at gravel and a gully. He reported there is no access to the trail on the east side of Redwood Road, the connection from Redwood to the trail is approximately 400 yards away, high school and junior high school students have to walk down the bike trail on Redwood Road to get to it and he saw students running on the Redwood Road bike trail against traffic to get to the connection; staff was requested to review.

City Manager Christensen reported he had the opportunity to speak to the State Water Finance Board and would be happy to provide information and answer questions.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

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51 1) **Compensation Schedule for Employees, Elected, Appointed and Statutory Officers; Ordinance 18-26**  
52 **(8-21-18).**

53 City Manager Christensen introduced the Ordinance formally adopting the ongoing compensation schedule  
54 identifying hourly pay ranges for City employees and officers as included in the budget adopted in June,  
55 2018.

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57 Mayor Miller opened the Public Hearing and invited public input. There being none, Mayor Miller closed  
58 the Public Hearing.

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60 Council Member Porter noted at the time Council first adopted the pay plan he expressed opposition to  
61 the inclusion of Elected Officers.

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63 Motion by Council Member Porter to approve the Compensation Schedule Ordinance for Employees,  
64 Appointed and Statutory Officers excluding Elected Officers, Ordinance 18-26 (8-21-18), was seconded by  
65 Council Member Baertsch

66 Vote: Council Member Porter – Aye, Council Member Baertsch – Aye, Council Member McOmber – Nay,  
67 Council Member Willden – Nay, Council Member Poduska - Nay

68 Motion failed 2-3.

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70 Motion by Council Member McOmber to approve the Compensation Schedule for Employees, Elected,  
71 Appointed and Statutory Officers, Ordinance 18-26 (8-21-18), was seconded by Council Member Baertsch

72 Vote: Council Member Poduska – Aye, Council Member Willden – Aye, Council Member McOmber – Aye,  
73 Council Member Baertsch - Aye, Council Member Porter - Nay

74 Motion carried 4-1.

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76 **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

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78 1) **Code Amendment: Title 19, Section 19.18.06 3. Sign Illumination; Ordinance 18-22 (8-21-18)**  
79 **(Continued from 7-17-18).**

80 Planning Director Stroud presented the staff report and recommendation to consider the request by  
81 Maverik, Inc. to amend the City Code for an exception in regard to Sign Illumination. City Council discussed  
82 the proposed amendment on July 17, 2018 and consideration was continued in order to review the  
83 suggested distances. Staff recommends the exception language be stated as follows:

84 **Exception:**

- 85 i. **Illuminated signage may face adjacent residentially developed or zoned property if the signage is**  
86 **automatically dimmed by 50% so as to not exceed one foot-candle as measured one foot from the**  
87 **surface of the sign; and**  
88 ii. **The illuminated sign shall be a minimum of 150 feet from the nearest residential property line.**

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90 Leslie Mascaro, Entitlement Manager representing Maverik, Inc. confirmed Maverick has had an  
91 opportunity to review the proposed amendment language and is in agreement with the minimum distance  
92 of 150 feet from the illuminated sign to the nearest residential property line.

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94 Motion by Council Member Willden to approve amendment of Title 19, Section 19.18.06 Sign Illumination  
95 and Ordinance 18-22 (8-21-18), was seconded by Council Member McOmber

96 Vote: Council Members Baertsch, McOmber, Willden, Poduska, and Porter – Aye

97 Motion carried unanimously.

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99 2) **Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) Water Supply Agreement.**

100 City Manager Mark Christensen presented the agreement and terms of the proposed Water Supply  
101 Agreement between Central Utah Water Conservancy District and the City of Saratoga Springs for the sale  
102 of Central Utah Water Conservancy District Water Development Project (CWP) water. City Manager  
103 Christensen reminded development water fees changed in January and the City no longer has water rights,  
104 and advised under this agreement the City (Purchaser) will make the purchased water available for  
105 municipal and industrial (M&I) development purposes, has three years to sell the 300 acre feet of water to  
106 development. Currently development has purchased 60 acre feet of this water. In the event the City fails  
107 to sell the water the City has sufficient funds to pay for the water, however, noted 240 acre feet is  
108 approximately 500 homes and with the current pace of development there may be discussion for another  
109 purchase contract the same time next year.

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111 Motion by Council Member Porter to approve the Water Purchase Agreement with Central Utah Water  
112 Conservancy District (CUWCD), was seconded by Council Member Poduska

113 Vote: Council Members Willden, McOmber, Baertsch, Porter, and Poduska – Aye

114 Motion carried unanimously.

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116 3) **City Council Goals Prioritization.**  
117 Assistant City Manager Jackson advised the list of goals identified by Council at the City Council Retreat has  
118 been provided for Council review. If there are additional items, staff would include on the list and then  
119 issue a survey for Council Members to rank/prioritize the items and formal approval. Council Member  
120 McOmber recommended those items/projects the City is already working on and in process be identified  
121 separately. Council concurred.

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123 **MINUTES:**

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125 1. August 7, 2018.

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127 Motion by Council Member McOmber to approve the Minutes of August 7, 2018 with the submitted  
128 changes, was seconded by Council Member Porter

129 Vote: Council Members Poduska, Porter, McOmber, Baertsch, and Willden - Aye

130 Motion carried unanimously.

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132 **REPORTS (Continued):**

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134 **Department Quarterly Updates:**

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136 **Engineering** – City Engineer Gordon Miner presented a quarterly report outlining department workload,  
137 performance measures, and project goals, and reported a new Engineer has been hired with ten years of  
138 municipal experience who starts work on September 10.

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140 **Planning** – Planning Director David Stroud presented the quarterly update with review of 2018 highlights  
141 and accomplishments, annual applications, and historical application complexity comparison. He reported  
142 a job offer has been extended for a Code Compliance Inspector and waiting response, reviewed current  
143 code compliance issues being addressed. He reported five Planning Commissioners are registered for ULCT  
144 training, and the weekly planning application update will continue to be submitted to Council.

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146 **Public Works** – Public Works Director Jeremy Lapin presented the quarterly update with review of Electrical,  
147 Water, Sewer, Parks, Public Improvements, Streets and Storm Drain department goals and performance  
148 measures. He reported the 400 N. roadway project and Pony Express through 8<sup>th</sup> West was completed in  
149 time for start of school, and UDOT is meeting with Maverick to coordinate the Ring Road signal installation.  
150 Council Member Poduska confirmed Public Works staff was recognized/acknowledged for quick response



151 to basement flooding. Council Member Baertsch noted loss of diagonal parking and suggested temporary  
152 striping for diagonal parking and lose the bike lane for the seven Splash event days; Director Lapin  
153 responded staff will look at that option next year and also check if parking at the school and on the  
154 undeveloped Patterson lot would be allowed. Council requested 'post no bills' plaque be placed on the  
155 black street lamp poles at main arterial and collector intersections due to damage being done to the poles  
156 by signs being taped on them; Code Compliance to remove garage sale signs quickly before the sun bakes  
157 the tape to the pole; Code Amendment to impose fines as a deterrent as residents subsidize cost for repair  
158 of the poles. Public Works Director Lapin reported a second vendor has been found for an equivalent street  
159 light product, design is close to approval and developers will have a choice.

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161 Council expressed appreciation for the work of in-house staff on City projects such as the Library remodel,  
162 trail connector by Sergeant Court, the trail by the Fire Station, the mountain bike trail with volunteer help,  
163 and other projects in place of contracting that work out which saved the City thousands of dollars and asked  
164 this thanks be passed along to the staff and the volunteers.


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166 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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168 There being no further business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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172 Jim Miller, Mayor

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174 Attest:

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177 Cindy LoPiccolo, City Recorder  
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179 Approved: *9-4-2018*  
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