



MINUTES – CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

City of Saratoga Springs City Offices

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

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 Ryan Poduska, Michael McOmber, Shellie Baertsch, Stephen Willden, and Chris Porter.

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, Fire Chief Jess Campbell, Special Events Coordinator AnnElise Harrison, Recreation Manager Heston Williams, Library Director Melissa Grygla, and City Recorder Cindy LoPiccolo.

Invocation by Council Member McOmber.

Pledge of Allegiance by Council Member Poduska.

Presentation:

Saratoga Springs Youth Council. Special Events Coordinator AnnElise Harrison presented the Saratoga Springs Youth Council for Introduction and Oath of Office. Youth Council Advisor Cassidy Gonzales introduced the Council Board and members in attendance:

Heather Sherman, Mayor

Kelsie Durrant, Mayor Pro Tem

Kaycie McKee, Council Member

Race Crowe, Council Member

Addison Jenson, Council Member

Katie Baertsch, Member

Tyler Hudson, Member

Talia Woodbury, Member

Mayor Miller presented the Oath of Office and with the City Council thanked the members for their participation and service. The Council Board members joined the Mayor and Council at the dais to assist with the conduct of the remainder of the meeting.

Public Input:

Tamara Peterson, W. Anders Lane, spoke in representation of citizens attending in support of the continued closure of the 800 West during the construction period. She reviewed the information and safety reasons for the decision to close that were posted and provided to residents by UDOT prior to closure to allow people to adjust their traffic pattern. Ms. Peterson noted the current construction work which will increase, the primary concern of safety during construction, and requested 800 West be kept closed.

50 Scott Gill, Aspen Hills Boulevard, commented in favor of keeping 800 West closed, presented maps
51 identifying alternative routes and comparative timing, noted 400 West provides connectivity, safety is a
52 top concern and requested continued support for UDOT's decision to close the road during construction.

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54 Brian Ricks, Vineyard Way, spoke on behalf of those attending in support of re-opening 800 West,
55 commented in regard to safety concerns caused by the closure, 400 West is not an adequate replacement
56 for 800 West as there is no traffic light and unsafe, alternate routes needed other than the necessity of
57 crossing 2-3 lanes of traffic, low visibility, compounded traffic on Redwood Road, unsafe travel routes for
58 young drivers, difficulty for bussing and school traffic. It is their opinion the decision to close should have
59 only been made following a reliable quantitative traffic study.

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61 Cameron Sorenson, Pumpkin Patch Way, commented in opposition of the closure without provision for an
62 adequate alternative for safe travel, and safety for playing, schools and kids driving.

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64 Audrey Barton, Charles Place, commented in opposition of the closure due to lack of safety for young
65 drivers on Redwood Road, 400 West is not an alternative because of lack of traffic light, and drivers should
66 have another safe way out with a signal until completion of the Mountain View Corridor construction.

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68 **REPORTS:**

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70 Council Member Porter reported he attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Conference,
71 issues facing the city such as affordable housing and growth were topics and useful data driven information
72 was given and shared with the City Manager. He reported the first meeting of the Sentinel Lands group
73 working with Camp Williams was held to focus on land use for training and compatibility with the adjacent
74 city. General Smith is Chair and they are making good progress. He requested staff fix the street line paint
75 missing at the 400 West roundabout.

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77 Council Member Baertsch reported she attended the Mod Pizza grand opening, it was fun and the pizza
78 was good. She reported she and City Engineer Miner met with UDOT representative Matt Parker
79 concerning trail connectivity in relation to Mountain View Corridor, trail improvements may cost the City
80 initially with UDOT reimbursement; City Engineer Miner reported staff at this time is making requests to
81 UDOT, offering betterments, and negotiating.

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83 Events Coordinator Harrison reported concerning the successful Walk the River event enjoyed by children
84 and parents with viewing and education on river corridor wildlife and fauna. There was a free yoga class
85 offered and participation was substantially higher than last year.

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87 Council Member McOmber requested staff notify Legacy Farms nearly half of the trees they recently
88 planted are dead and they should contact the landscaper. He reminded Fall Festival is scheduled for
89 October 5, 5 – 8 p.m. at Shay Park.

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91 Council Member Willden reported he and Council Member Porter met with Assistant City Manager Jackson
92 and Facilities Manager Allison Cowder concerning the Council Chamber's technical equipment and are
93 excited with what is planned for improvement of the system. He would like to recognize the City Manager
94 and staff for jumping on the goals set by Council only a month ago and appreciative of staff's work in
95 general.

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97 Council Member Poduska reported he also attended the ULCT Conference, another session highlighted
98 how new technology e.g. automated self-driving cars and home deliveries would affect community
99 planning e.g. parking lots. Noted the City should watch for possible State legislation concerning accessory
100 building units as other states have passed bills requiring them available in any single family zoning; Council
101 Member Baertsch noted this is available in some areas in the city and developers have looked into it,

102 however, it did not financially pencil out favorably. Council Member Poduska reported the tour of the
103 assisted senior living facilities was very good and showed the functionality of services. Advised the Colin
104 Kartchner message and data about the effect of social media/smart phone usage on the current rise in teen
105 depression/suicide has come to the attention of citizens, and school Principals are being requested to
106 integrate this information into the curriculum.

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108 City Manager Christensen reported Planning Director Dave Stroud is absent tonight as he is attending the
109 Utah County Planning Commission meeting concerning the potential Lake Mountain rezone and will
110 provide a update to Council.

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112 In response to Mayor Miller concerning fire staff and efforts, Fire Chief Campbell gave an update concerning
113 the two current local fires, two Type 1 teams were brought in to manage, however, because these teams
114 worked day hours, two of the City's firefighters started running night a division with other local strike teams.
115 Incidents of unexpected flaring due to lower temps causing downdraft were tackled and there was
116 tremendous effort. It has been good to witness the outpouring of citizen's support and his department
117 part of it. Mayor Miller commented the Department has done an excellent job with fire crew training and
118 equipment and having our crew involved speaks loudly. Mayor Miller requested the City Manager
119 communicate and share information with affected City Managers/Mayors concerning post fire triage for
120 mud slides.

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122 **Department Quarterly Updates:**

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124 **Library** – Library Director Melissa Grygla presented the Library quarterly report outlining current status and
125 2-5-10 year projections for annual visitors and checkouts, registered cardholders, monthly visitors, monthly
126 checked out items, reference questions, and computer usage/Wi-Fi tracking. Council Members Porter and
127 McOmber noted Library space and collection size have an impact on the Library's growth and usage and it
128 is time to begin discussion about expansion in order to be prepared.

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130 **Recreation** – Recreation Manager Heston Williams presented the Recreation quarterly update with review
131 of performance measures, quality of existing programs, addition of quality programming, building
132 relationships with the community and Alpine School District (gym rentals), current and projected program
133 growth. He reported the new fall programs include fall basketball, cross country, men's basketball,
134 women's volleyball, flag football and soccer, and the Patriot Park Program Plan is being developed to
135 include boy's baseball, girl's fast pitch softball, adult softball, competitive baseball, tournaments, adult
136 soccer, adult flag football, and pickleball. Council Member Baertsch commended the work and people
137 management by the volunteers, some very young. In response to Youth Council Mayor Pro Tem Durrant,
138 Manager Williams responded the department has enough staff and volunteers to cover the growth of the
139 programs and accomplishes that with three main hirings during each year.

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141 **Communications & Economic Development** – Public Relations and Economic Development Manager David
142 Johnson presented the Quarter 1 of fiscal year 2019 quarterly update for Economic Development, Events,
143 and Public Relations with review as follows:

144 • Economic Development – Public Presentations; Current (in progress) and Completed Projects;
145 Available Space; Current, Available & Completed Commercial Sq. Ft. 232,862

146 • Civic Events Attendance and Sponsorships - Summer Celebration Series; Get Into The River; Fall
147 Festival; Celebrate in Saratoga; Patriot Park. Manager Johnson reported there has been
148 improvement in capturing actual participation counts at events.

149 • Public Relations - Media News Article highlights and Press Releases; Public Outreach; Website –
150 Top visited pages, top searches, top page durations; Social Media – Instagram, Twitter, YouTube,
151 Facebook. Manager Johnson reported a mailer combining Library and Civic Events has gone to
152 residents and provides good information about what is going on in the city.

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154 Manager Johnson noted there has been no recent citizenship participation at the open house public
155 outreach concerning water billing and issues. Assistant City Manager Jackson reported there will be an app
156 available by spring allowing residents to review water usage in real time. Council Members discussed
157 discontinuing the open houses; Council Member Baertsch suggested a web site link to a simple video that
158 helps educate residents in regard to water usage.

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160 **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

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162 1) **2300 West Boundary Adjustment with the City of Lehi, Resolution of Intent; Resolution R18-45 (9-
163 18-18).**

164 City Attorney Kevin Thurman introduced the Resolution of Intent to adjust the 2300 West Boundary
165 between the cities of Lehi and Saratoga Springs in order to provide efficiencies in the provision of
166 municipal and other services. He advised there will be a minor modification made on the plat to include
167 the dedicated road coming into Saratoga Springs.

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169 Motion by Youth Council Mayor Pro Tem Kelsie Durrant and Council Member McOmber to adopt the
170 Resolution of Intent for the 2300 West Boundary Adjustment with the City of Lehi, Resolution R18-45 (9-
171 18-18), was seconded by Youth Council Member Addison Jenson and Council Member Poduska

172 Vote: Council Members Crowe, Porter, McKee, Baertsch, Durrant, McOmber, Willden, Jenson, and Poduska
173 – Aye

174 Motion carried unanimously.

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176 2) **Award of Contract for the Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan Update to Landmark
177 Design; Resolution R18-46 (9-18-18).**

178 Assistant City Manager Jackson presented the staff report and recommendation for the award of contract
179 to update the City's Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan. Council Member Baertsch
180 reported although the bids were equitable, the award is recommended to go to Landmark Design, they
181 submitted a more robust proposal, have better experience and top people working on the project; the City
182 has worked with them before and she believes they will do a great job.

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184 Motion by Youth Council Member Kaycie McKee and Council Member Baertsch to award the City's Parks,
185 Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan Update project to Landmark Design in the amount of
186 \$39,995.00, was seconded by Youth Council Member Race Crowe and Council Member Porter

187 Vote: Council Members Jenson, Poduska, Willden, Durrant, McOmber, McKee, Baertsch, Crowe, and Porter
188 – Aye

189 Motion carried unanimously.

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191 3) **Contract Amendments with VanCon, Change Order #3 on the North Zone 1 Reservoir Project, and
192 Change Order #1 for the Redwood Road to Riverside Sewer Extension Project; Resolution R18-47 (9-18-18).**

193 City Manager Christensen presented the staff report and recommendation for approval of contract
194 amendments with VanCon for the North Zone 1 Reservoir with a reduction of \$177,057.67, and Redwood
195 Road to Riverside Sewer Extension projects to address piping through rock material if necessary. The
196 funding source would be the Sewer Revenue Bond.

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198 Motion by Youth Council Member Race Crowe and Council Member Porter to approve Resolution R18-47
199 (9-18-18) approving Change Order #3 on the North Zone 1 Reservoir project in the amount of \$177,057.67,
200 and Change Order #1 for the Redwood Road to Riverside Sewer Project in the amount of \$171,375.00, was
201 seconded by Youth Council Mayor Pro Tem Kelsie Durrant and Council Member McOmber

202 Vote: Council Members Crowe, Porter, McKee, Baertsch, Durrant, McOmber, Jensen, Poduska, and Willden
203 – Aye

204 Motion carried unanimously.

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206 4) **Pending Ordinance Doctrine Regarding Sensitive Lands; Resolution R18-48 (9-18-18).**
207 Senior Planner Nora Shepard presented the staff report and recommendation for adoption of the Pending
208 Ordinance Doctrine to allow additional time for work on code amendments.

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210 Motion by Youth Council Member Addison Jensen and Council Member Poduska to approve the Pending
211 Ordinance Doctrine regarding Sensitive Lands, Resolution R18-48 (9-18-18), was seconded by Youth Council
212 Member Kaycie McKee and Council Member Baertsch
213 Vote: Council Members Durrant, McOmber, Crowe, Porter, Willden, McKee, Baertsch, Jensen, and Poduska
214 - Aye
215 Motion carried unanimously.

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217 **MINUTES:**

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219 1. August 29, 2018; September 4, 2018.

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221 Motion by Youth Council Member Kelsie Durrant and Council Member McOmber to approve the Minutes
222 of August 29, 2018 and September 4, 2018 with the submitted changes, was seconded by Youth Council
223 Member Race Crowe and Council Member Porter
224 Vote: Council Members Jensen, Poduska, Durrant, McOmber, McKee, Baertsch, Crowe, Porter, and Willden
225 - Aye
226 Motion carried unanimously.

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228 **CLOSED SESSION:**

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230 Motion by Council Member Willden to enter into closed session for the purchase, exchange, or lease of
231 property, discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; pending or
232 reasonably imminent litigation, the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an
233 individual, was seconded by Council Member Baertsch
234 Council Members were unanimously In Favor


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236 The meeting moved to closed session at 7:29 pm.

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238 Present: Mayor Miller, Council Members Willden, Baertsch, Poduska, and Porter, City Manager Mark
239 Christensen, City Attorney Thurman, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson, Public Relations and Economic
240 Development Manager David Johnson, City Recorder Cindy LoPiccolo.


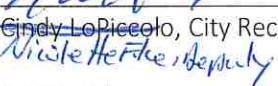
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242 Closed Session adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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244 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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246 There being no further business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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249 Jim Miller, Mayor

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254 Cindy LoPiccolo, City Recorder
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City Council Minutes September 18, 2018

