



MINUTES – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

City of Saratoga Springs

City of Saratoga Springs City Offices

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

City Council Work Session

Present Mayor Jim Miller, Council Members Stephen Willden, Michael McOmber, Christopher Carn, Ryan Poduska, and Chris Porter

Staff Present City Manager Mark Christensen, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Director David Stroud, Community Development Director Ken Young, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Davis, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson, Senior Planner Tippe Morlan, Budget Analyst Spencer Quain, Deputy City Recorder Nicolette Fike, and Deputy City Recorder Kayla Moss

1) Code Amendments: Title 19, City-Initiated.

Council Member Willden asked why the drive thru vaccination or testing clinics are being proposed at six months right now. He thinks it makes more sense to have them be allowed for a year at a time right now because the need doesn't seem to be going away. He is okay with whatever limit is on it as long as they can renew the amount of time after it expires.

Council Member Porter is wondering in 19.06.08 if the City can actually allow artificial turf to be professionally installed. He thinks homeowners have to be allowed to perform those changes. He is okay with it as long as they aren't doing something that shouldn't be allowed. He also wondered where the 25% or less requirement for artificial turf came from.

Council Member McOmber likes the 25% requirement. He thinks they can always allow for more, but it's harder to go less. He also thinks that the 1 ½ foot requirement around the tree will not allow for bigger trees. He would rather allow for more room around trees and increase it to a 5 foot diameter.

Council Member Willden is in support of increasing the diameter around trees to five feet. With the 25% vegetation requirement and 25% artificial turf allowance he thinks the other 50% will be rock so that will reduce the possible heat islands.

Council Member Poduska mentioned that 25% vegetation would be covered by one tree. That would only be one quadrant and the other three will be artificial turf and rock. He's okay with 25% artificial turf.

The City Council agreed to reference the vegetation requirement for yards and strike a particular percentage for artificial turf and to increase the diameter allowance around trees to be 5 feet.

Council Member Carn referred to 19.05.11 and thinks that, although the City is allowing for food trucks in residential areas, he thinks this code is making it hard for them to operate. He specifically

pointed out having them close at 10 pm. It stays light outside until after 9 in the summer and he thinks 10 is early. He thinks parking requirements make it hard to operate as well.

Mayor Miller advised the noise is the biggest concern for allowing food trucks in residential zones past 10 pm.

Council Member Willden agreed that running a generator after 10 would be problematic.

Council Member Carn thinks that the noise is reduced if they are plugged into power at the home and not running a generator.

City Manager Christensen mentioned that they are going to be discussing food trucks at the legislature right now so the food truck code may have to change, or be removed completely. They will look at the code to make sure they aren't making it harder than it has to be to operate in residential zones. He also showed the Council the annexation boundary for the lake mountain area. This would be to prevent further mining operations in the area.

City Attorney Kevin Thurman mentioned that one thing to keep in mind is that you may not be able to prevent any mining operations. The State issues those permits so they may go ahead with the operations still.

The Council agreed that the ridgeline may be a good place to create the annexation boundary.

City Manager Christensen also showed the Council a map of where ADU's would be allowed. They are at 15% exclusion of IADU's right now. That allows for 10% more to be added in the future.

2) 2022 Council Assignments/Liaisons.

Council Member Willden was selected as Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2022. The rest of the assignments were kept the same for the year.

City Council Policy Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Roll Call:

Pursuant to the COVID-19 Federal Guidelines, this Meeting will be conducted with some members participating electronically.

Present Mayor Jim Miller, Council Members Stephen Willden, Michael McOmber, Christopher Carn, and Chris Porter

Staff Present City Manager Mark Christensen, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Senior Planner Gina Grandpre, Planning Director David Stroud, Community Development Director Ken Young, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Davis, and Deputy City Recorder Kayla Moss

Invocation: Council Member McOmber

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Willden

Presentation: North Utah County Transit Study, UTA Trustee Jeff Acerson. Trustee Acerson presented the UTA North Utah County Transit Study to the City Council. This has been a long time coming and he

thinks this is moving in the right direction. They are moving forward with providing more public transportation to Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain.

A.T. Stoddard with LSC reviewed the study they did with the City Council. He reviewed the history of transportation in the area. Their objectives are as follows: increase bus service, identify a definitive capital project, express bus services to Salt Lake and Provo, Park-and-Ride Lot, service to new Tyson Plant, provide more east-west service, and indicate where density should be increased. They have identified where possible park and ride lots could be placed. They will be creating a fixed-route bus service that will run more frequently. This service will go to the front runner stations. They will also be promoting the vanpool program that UTA already has in place. Microtransit is an on demand service and they would like to provide greater coverage in the community. They are also looking to preserve corridors for future service. Long term they are looking at bus rapid transit.

Mayor Miller mentioned that the intersection of Redwood Road and Pioneer Crossing is already so crowded that a park and ride lot there would be problematic. He thinks that property around the Public Works building would be more ideal.

City Council Member McOmber also mentioned property by public works that would work really well for a park and ride lot. He is also not a fan of microtransit because it is competition for Uber and Lyft. He would rather let them do their thing and focus on busses and other public transit.

Council Member Willden mentioned that the City has a plan for where density will increase and he hopes UTA will work with staff on where those places will be.

Trustee Acerson advised more studies have been done that would create double tracking on Fronrunner that could decrease rider time because they will be express stops. They will keep the City informed on when that may come to be.

Public Input: None

REPORTS: Council Member McOmber mentioned needing dog waste bags at Inlet Park. It takes up to half an hour to clean that up before maintaining the grass. He also thinks more bags are needed along trails. He has also noticed horse waste piles in parks and would like to figure out a solution for that. There is also a lot of tumbleweed on Pioneer Crossing when you are driving into the City and people are swerving to avoid them. That needs to be cleaned up to create safer roads.

Council Member Willden advised they met with Senator Anderegg. The Senator is not in favor with creating a special area around the lake.

Council Member Porter mentioned Traverse Mountain Sentinel lands met last week. They are looking at \$9 million dollars to preserve land and open space around Camp Williams.

Planning Director Stroud introduced Senior Planner Ken Page to the City Council. He most recently worked for Toquerville and worked with West Valley and a couple of counties in the past.

City Manager Christensen thanked the council for their time during the retreat. He also reminded the Council that the local officials' day at the legislature is tomorrow.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- 1) City Council Meeting Minutes: January 4, 2022.**

Motion by Council Member Carn to approve the consent item was seconded by Council Member Poduska.
Vote: Council Members Carn, McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden - Aye
Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Amendments; Resolution R22-2 (1-18-22).

Budget Analyst Spencer Quain advised this is budget amendment number 4. Most of the amendments deal with the retention plan and water rights purchases.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 7:29 pm. There were no comments so the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Carn pointed out all of the hard work staff has done to bring in grant funding. He thanked them for their effort. There are projects that wouldn't have happened without the grant money.

Council Member McOmber thanked the residents for buying local. The sales and use tax is coming in one million dollars higher than what was anticipated. There will be even more businesses coming in that will also increase buying locally.

Motion by Council Member Willden to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Amendments; Resolution R22-2 (1-18-22) was seconded by Council Member McOmber.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.



Jim Miller, Mayor

Attest:



Cindy LoPiccolo, City Recorder

Approved: *2-1-2022*

