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Due to recent speculation within the community and media about the City of South Jordan and the Hale Center Theater, the City and Mayor David Alvord have decided to address the issue at this time.

Since the purchase by the City of what is referred to as the “Mulligans Property”, there have been conversations by each succeeding City Council regarding the best use of the Mulligans property. To aid in the discussion, a previous City Council commissioned a study from Forrest City, a nationally recognized land use consultant, to explore options for permanent future use of the Property. The Study examined 1,000 acres of land, which includes for example the Front Runner station along the I-15 corridor, the Mulligans area, and the River Front Parkway development. As part of its suggestions, Forrest City recommended that the Mulligans property (67 acres) could easily be developed in a way that significantly benefits all 58,000+ residents of the City as the Property is owned by the City. Forrest City suggested a mixture of recreational, retail, residential, and commercial space for that area.

The current City Council has also had discussions relative to the Property and recently formally received the Forrest City study as complete; however, neither does the City Council concur in all the recommendations of the Study, nor has the City Council decided upon the future use of the property. Irrespective of any decision by the City Council, it is anticipated that Mulligan’s Golf & Games will be open for the entire 2014 season.

The City approached the Hale Center Theater several years ago to determine the Theatre’s interest in potentially relocating to a site in South Jordan. Approximately six months ago, the Hale Center Theater and South Jordan City again began discussions. Due to the Forrest City study, a discussion to consider locating a future Hale Center Theater facility on the current Mulligans property has occurred.

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Much has to be done before bringing an institution like Hale Center Theater to the Mulligans property. For example, there are geotechnical concerns about whether or not the area near Mulligans could host a Hale Center Theater type use or any other development. To examine these concerns, the City asked a geotechnical company to examine the property at Mulligans.

The City of South Jordan has always had a desire to have family friendly entertainment and recreation, and the Hale Center Theater is such an amenity. No decision regarding Mulligans will happen without a transparent public process first. The process may include City Council meetings, community discussions, and other methods of gathering public comment.

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*The City of South Jordan, one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, is located 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, and home to 58,000 residents. In 2010 and 2012, South Jordan was named the #18 "Best Place to Live in America" by Money Magazine.*