

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL ELECTRONIC MEETING

January 5, 2021

Present: Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey, Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Brad Marlor, Council Member Jason McGuire, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Tamara Zander, CM Gary Whatcott, ACM Dustin Lewis, City Attorney Ryan Loose, Engineering Director Brad Klavano, Police Chief Jeff Carr, Administrative Services Director Spencer Kyle, Planning Director Steven Schaefermeyer, Public Works Director Jason Rasmussen, CFO Sunil Naidu, City Recorder Anna Crookston, Communications Manager Rachael VanCleave, City Commerce Director Brian Preece, Strategic Services Director Don Tingey, Fire Chief Chris Dawson, Attorney Greg Simonsen, IT Director Jon Day, City Council Secretary MaryAnn Dean

Others: Attendance electronically via Zoom.

6:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING

A. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introduction to Electronic Meeting: *By Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey*

Mayor Ramsey welcomed everyone present. All members of the City Council were present. She introduced the electronic meeting.

B. Invocation – *By Council Member, Patrick Harris*

Council Member Harris offered the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance – *By City Attorney, Ryan Loose*

City Attorney Ryan Loose led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Minute Approval

- D.1. December 1, 2020 Council Study Meeting
- D.2. December 1, 2020 City Council Meeting

Council Member McGuire made a motion to approve the December 1, 2020 Council study meeting minutes, and the December 1, 2020 City Council meeting minutes, as printed. Council Member Zander seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

E. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Harris thanked the staff for the cards he received, for the kind thoughts, and the hard work that was done in 2020.

Council Member Marlor said a resident called him about a cougar sighting, and staff has tried to narrow that situation down. He has had some residents ask him about the closure of 2200 West. He will be glad to get that project completed.

Council Member McGuire said he met with the Arts Council. They are preparing to come before the City Council to present some ideas, similar to what they did last year. He also attended a Salt Lake County study session where Daybreak Communities deeded over some land to Salt Lake County to use for a Performing Arts Center. It will be awhile before that is built and operational. It is a win for South Jordan.

Council Member Zander thanked CM Whatcott and staff for the kind Christmas gift. She said she had a resident ask what is the city's action plan, in the case of an emergency. She asked for clarification about the city's reverse 911 system.

CM Whatcott recommended that the resident call Emergency Manager Aaron Sainsbury so they can discuss the city's contingencies on all sorts of emergencies.

Council Member Shelton indicated that he retired from full time work at the end of the year. He also noted that he tested positive for Coronavirus. He said his family is on the mend and doing well.

Mayor Ramsey said there were several regular meetings that she attended this last month. She said they met as the Council of Mayors and discussed homelessness and services for homelessness. Some of the Mayors asked others to help house the homeless population. She said she met with the Southwest Mayors with the visioning project. She met with Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, Envision Utah, EDCUtah, and attended the Salt Lake County meeting. She said it is good planning and vision to have the property set aside for the Performing Arts Center. She said that is huge that it is going to go in South Jordan. She said she met with Utah League of Cities and Towns. She also met with the Editorial Boards of the Deseret News and Salt Lake Tribune. They discussed the partnership with the City and Ivory Homes. She presented the key to the State to Governor Herbert on behalf of the cities in Utah to thank him for his service. She attended the inauguration of Governor Cox. She thanked the City Council and staff for their work during 2020, which was not an easy year. She said she is aware of residents that have been lost due to the virus. She said the future is bright in South Jordan and there is nowhere she would rather be. She is not interested in other opportunities and would like to continue serving as Mayor. She said she would love to serve a second term as Mayor.

F. Public Comment:

None.

G. Presentation Item: Proclamation, support of South Jordan City Radon Action Month. (By Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey)

Mayor Ramsey read the proclamation in support of South Jordan City Radon Action Month.

H. Action Item: Resolution R2021-01, recognizing Religious Freedom Day January 16, 2021. *(By Assistant City Manager, Dustin Lewis)*

ACM Lewis reviewed the background information on this item.

Council Member Zander made a motion to approve Resolution R2021-01. Council Member Harris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

I. Action Item: Resolution R2021-03, support for Western Growth Coalition 2021 Legislative Priorities. *(By Council Member, Don Shelton)*

Council Member Shelton reviewed the background information on this item. He discussed the formation of the Western Growth Coalition. He said he is the current elected leader of that body. He said they have tried to influence legislation that will help with transportation needs for the west side of the Salt Lake Valley. He said there are a list of projects that are needed, but not funded. They have talked to some legislators. They understand that there is some appetite for some bonding for these projects. If the \$2 billion bond passes, the projects listed on that list would be completed. The projects are listed in the order that they would like to see them completed. He hopes that all of the cities pass this Resolution and muster their lobbying efforts to help pass that bond.

Council Member Zander clarified that they are not endorsing the bond with this Resolution, just passing a list of priority projects. Council Member Shelton said that is correct.

City Attorney Loose said they will work with Senator Harper and their lobbyist. He said these projects won't happen without bonding.

Council Member Shelton said more than one person has noted that the bond interest rates are significantly lower than construction inflation costs. From that perspective, it would be a mistake to not do the projects earlier rather than later.

CM Whatcott said UDOT told him today that they funded all of the environmental work on all remaining intersections of Bangerter highway.

Council Member Shelton made a motion to approve Resolution R2021-03. Council Member Zander seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

J. Staff Reports and Calendaring Items

Mayor Ramsey said she, Susan Pulsipher, and Tracy Miller delivered packets of thank you cards and a \$50 visa gift card to all 1000 teachers in the city. She said Live Daybreak donated the money for the gift cards and Mountain America helped facilitate that and waived the fee to do the cards. They delivered those gifts the day before the teachers went off for Christmas break.

Mayor Ramsey said she was asked to serve on the transition team for Governor Cox. They did a comprehensive review of UDOT. It was a great project.

Strategic Services Director Tingey said when Covid hit, the TRCC fund at the County was put on hold. They had a grant pending for the Midas Creek Trail. The trail project qualifies for transportation funding, and the County will be funding that from a different funding source. It will now come from the regional transportation 4th quarter fund. They will get \$155,000 so they can proceed with that project.

Strategic Services Director Tingey said there is a priority based budgeting and resource group, which is a national group based out of Denver. Tomorrow at their meeting, South Jordan will be getting the Leveraging All Your Community Resources Award. The city is being nationally recognized for their partnership for the Bingham Creek Regional Park that will save the residents money and resources over the lifetime of the park and the fitness center.

CM Whatcott noted the extra City Council meetings planned for this month.

Mayor Ramsey said the Legislative Session is about to start. CM Whatcott said there are many bills that will effect local government this year. They discussed changes in meetings and protocols during session this year.

Mayor Ramsey said it was proposed that a smaller group representing local governments meet with representatives from the Governor's office. Mike Mower will be the Governors representative. They will be meeting weekly during the legislative session. It gives them a strong place to be represented.

CM Whatcott said he believes there are at least 100 bills on law enforcement issues alone.

Police Chief Carr gave an update on the Love, Listen, and Lean project. He said he has been on the task force. They have been listening to different stakeholder groups including the ACLU, Black Lives Matter, etc. and they have a variety of viewpoints on law enforcement topics. They are tracking close to 70 bills, but it is hard to tell which topics will gain traction during the legislative session.

CM Whatcott said from a police and fire dispatch perspective, they have always had good interlocal agreements. They have always tried to dispatch the closest unit to the call. Over the past couple of years, they have had problems with different type of dispatch systems. For the first time, Salt Lake County will now have every law enforcement agency on one dispatch system. He said this is a large accomplishment and was a significant investment from the state. He said it will help them to be able to work with the same information.

CM Whatcott said he sits on a board for statewide public safety radio systems. They are in the middle of a significant upgrade. There were some areas in the state that did not have access to 911. When the project gets done in 2022, they will have something the state can be proud of. He said from almost anywhere in the state, you should be able to call 911 for help from a mobile

phone. Those are significant improvements that provide safety and reliability to the public in emergency situations.

City Engineer Klavano said 2200 West is closed for 4-6 weeks for the canal crossing. The road closure was important to do to get the project done and for safety reasons. He said they will get the curb, gutter, and sidewalk done as well. They are planning to start work in April or May.

City Engineer Klavano said his understanding is that 9800 South and 4700 South and Bangerter should be done quicker than the rest of the intersections on Bangerter. He said he hopes they will be ready to do the project in a year or two. He said 12600 South will be closing in the next few weeks.

Mayor Ramsey said usually, the state of the city happens at the Chamber of Commerce event in January. That will not be happening this year, so there is an article in the FOCUS, and they put it on the city's website.

City Attorney Loose said staff sent out information to the City Council earlier regarding the upcoming Legislative session. It will be a busy session. Some topics they are watching are about land use, annexation, and vesting. They also sent a list of bills that their local legislators are sponsoring.

Council Member Zander said in the past, they have had a lunch with the legislators to tell them the city's priorities. How will they relay that message this year? City Attorney Loose said he and Melinda are working on that. Representative Teuscher and Representative Pierucci want to meet with the Council. Council Member Zander said they should prioritize meeting with Representative Teuscher, Representative Pierucci, and Senator Fillmore. They have a good open relationship with Representative Pulsipher.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Marlor seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The January 5, 2021 City Council meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

This is a true and correct copy of the January 5, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on January 19, 2021.

Anna Crookston

South Jordan City Recorder