

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 16, 2021

Present: Mayor Dawn Ramsey, Council Member Brad Marlor, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Jason McGuire, Council Member Tamara Zander, City Manager Gary Whatcott, City Attorney Ryan Loose, Strategic Services Director Don Tingey, CFO Sunil Naidu, GIS Coordinator Matt Jarman, City Recorder Anna Crookston, Director of Government Affairs Melinda Seager, Project Accountant Abigail Patonai, Director of Commerce Brian Preece, Director of Planning Steven Schaefermeyer, Meeting Transcriptionist Diana Baun

Others: Carolyn Walker, Brian Synan, Luann Jensen, gwing

6:43 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

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

Mayor Ramsey welcomed everyone present and introduced the electronic meeting.

B. Thought – *By Resident Carolyn Walker*

Ms. Walker offered a thought for the meeting.

C. Pledge of Allegiance – *By Council Member Patrick Harris*

Council Member Harris led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Minute Approval

- D.1. October 12, 2021 Strategic Planning Meeting
- D.2. October 19, 2021 City Council Study Meeting
- D.3. October 19, 2021 City Council Meeting
- D.4. October 26, 2021 City Council Special Meeting

Don Shelton noted the October 12, 2021 Strategic Planning Meeting was a public meeting, but was not an electronic meeting. He also pointed out an error in the minutes during the same meeting where Assistant City Manager Dustin Lewis made a statement about the city of “Winfield”, it was actually the city of Midvale. City Recorder Anna Crookston made the above corrections to the appropriate minutes.

Council Member Shelton motioned to approve the October 12, 2021 Strategic Planning Meeting with the above changes; the October 19, 2021 City Council Study Meeting as printed; the October 19, 2021 City Council Meeting as printed; and the October 26, 2021 City Council

Special Meeting minutes as printed. Council Member Harris seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous in favor.

E. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Patrick Harris congratulated those who were re-elected during our recent city election. He attended the Gale Center Theater Open House and appreciated the efforts being taken to keep the facility running, as well as the new displays. He had the chance to attend the South Valley Chamber Titan Awards meeting. He also attended one of his favorite events, the Veteran's Day Breakfast.

Council Member Brad Marlor attended the South Jordan Compensation Committee meeting where they discussed the current challenges the city is facing with fewer and fewer resources, but more demands. He attended the Wasatch Choice virtual workshop, which was very informative. He attended the Summerfest Planning Meeting and is looking forward to it this upcoming year. He attended the Election Party for Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey; he also congratulated the other council members who were re-elected. He attended the awards dinner honoring Fred Lampropoulos and others. He attended an Architectural Review Committee meeting, which included discussion of a new Ultradent building. On a personal note, he is thrilled to announce that he has acquired a new business condo here in South Jordan.

Council Member Don Shelton attended the Wasatch Front Regional Council virtual meeting. He enjoyed attending and helping judge the city's pumpkin carving contest. He attended a meeting for the Independent Redistricting Commission and testified there; the map outcomes were exactly what he expected. He also attended the Senior Advisory Committee, the Titan Awards, as well as Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) and Western Growth Coalition meetings. At the LPC meeting they discussed things in the works currently, at Western Growth Coalition they had a number of legislators come and speak to them. There were a few comments on redistricting and it was interesting to hear the minority leader of the senate's thoughts on redistricting, compared to Representative Teuscher. Representative Teuscher is excited about the fact that we get a new district in our city; House District 33 will include the western area of our city. He thanked staff for their help in handling a few resident issues over the past few weeks, it makes him feel like we are really in the business of trying to help people.

Council Member Tamara Zander congratulated those who were re-elected in our city, and thanked those who have previously served or are currently serving. She attended the South Valley Chamber Meeting; she loved hearing about the civic leaders and went home grateful to have heard former Governor Leavitt speak, as well as Fred Lampropoulos and another woman. She volunteered to host the Daybreak Realtor's Meeting and enjoyed being able to do that at her local office. The guest speaker at the meeting was our own City Manager Gary L. Whatcott, who did a terrific job. She attended the South Valley Mosquito Abatement District board meeting; everything there is fine, they continue to meet virtually on Zoom. Lastly, on a personal note, she had the chance to play pickleball at the Highland Park courts; she thanked the city staff for doing such an amazing job on those courts.

Council Member Jason McGuire attended the Gale Center Open House for the new exhibit. He is thankful to have that museum in our city and even his teenager enjoyed browsing the antique kitchen

items and trying to identify them. He also attended the Veteran's Day Breakfast with his son, they both enjoyed being involved in that event. He was supposed to have an Arts Council meeting but it fell on Veteran's Day and was rescheduled for a later date.

Mayor Dawn Ramsey said she attended most of the same meetings and events reported by the council members. She thanked Luann Jensen for her amazing work on the Veteran's Day Breakfast, especially since she was unable to attend. She specifically thanked Ms. Jensen, members of our Historical Committee, the Scouts, our Youth Council, Mindy Taylor and her Counterpoint performing group, and everyone else who had a hand in making the breakfast a success. This breakfast is a very small way of expressing our gratitude for their service and sacrifice. She attended the Gale Center opening with the Youth Council, they have done a beautiful job. She met with the Managing Director of Kennecott at their corporate offices and they had a fantastic visit. She mentioned the Legislative Policy Committee, there is a great deal of work going on there. A lot of what came out of the board meeting is related to the Economic Opportunities Commission, which she gave an update on in the previous meeting. She had a subcommittee meeting today to follow up and take the next steps as a subcommittee on what was discussed yesterday. Tomorrow night there is a small dedication of Aspen Elementary and Bryce Dunford from the school board asked if she would speak; she was already committed to another event so she sent a video to represent the mayor and council. This morning she welcomed, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance, sod farmers from across the US and the world for the annual BioGrass Conference. She attended the first annual Major Brent Taylor Scholarship Gala. She was asked to serve on the Affordable Housing Commission of Utah and has decided to accept the invitation. This is an opportunity our city has not had in the past and she has been asked to serve as one of two public sector representatives on the Olene Walker Affordable Housing Commission for the State of Utah; she thinks this is a great opportunity for the city to have a seat at that table. On a personal note, her friend bought a home in Daybreak and Mayor Ramsey was able to take her on a little tour of the area, including visiting the fire station and some local firefighters. The next day, her friend's daughter accidentally locked her kids in the van and the same firefighters they met the day before were the ones who came to help. They were so grateful for how awesome our fire department was. Those firefighters were professional and compassionate, which was greatly appreciated in the situation. Lastly, she had a chance to go on a tour of the city with the governor and show him the growth we've experienced, what's still coming and some of the city's accomplishments and work in progress. She also mentioned the Special Board of Canvass Meeting this afternoon that was held to discuss and accept the election results. She thanked everyone, from staff to residents, who have supported her and helped the city be successful. She also thanked her family for their support and sacrifice, she is humbled at the outcome of the election.

F. Public Comment

Mayor Ramsey opened up the public comment portion of the meeting.

Luann Jensen (Resident) thanked the city for being willing to help and supply the funds for the Veteran's Day Breakfast; she greatly appreciates it. Forty two veterans attended, including a WWII Veteran who was 97 years old. When he was introduced, people stood up for two minutes and clapped for him. He was not in a wheelchair, he had a cane and walked out, and he was so appreciative; that made the whole day for everyone there, including herself, as it could have been her dad, her uncles, and it brought back a lot of memories. With the 42 veterans, their families and

helpers, there were 100 people there. She was surprised, she didn't know how many would attend. They delivered a few flyers and put up a few banners; they had no idea who was going to show up. The mayor created and sent a video, everyone was very appreciative of that. Council Member Harris gave a talk that was short and to the point, as well as bringing his wife and kids. His wife and children greeted the veterans, happily filled in to write names on nametags when asked. She appreciated Council Member McGuire and his son coming, that was a pleasant surprise. She gave him a bottle of syrup and asked him to pour, he happily obliged. Community Center Supervisor Jamie Culbertson was great, she helped them so much at the Community Center; anything they needed she was right there giving it to them. The Youth Council was awesome, there were about seven of them that showed up and they jumped right in to wash and prepare fruit, helped with all the food and served the veterans. She jokingly mentioned that the mayor of the youth council could give Mayor Ramsey some competition. She had five of her Eagle Scouts there who are always welcome to help. They did the flag ceremony, served the beverages and were right there ready to serve; they love doing this and always come up to her at church before these kinds of holiday events to ask what help she needs. She feels bad that in about three years they'll all be on missions, but they'll find others to step in. The Historical Committee was there cooking and doing whatever else was needed. They had several people say they wanted to help. She has many people that call her and ask if they can please help her, and they really enjoy it. It truly is an honor to be there and be able to do that. City staff stepped up to help with some glitches here and there, they even took her around to go to Zurchers and Costco to purchase whatever she needed the day before. It worked out that they purchased the exact amount of food they needed, it was amazing and it worked out really well. Whatever is left over they always leave with Ms. Culbertson there at the Senior Center. As the mayor said, Mindy Taylor and her youth choir were happy to come perform and have already asked to come back next year. Ron Trantner, who used to be the commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) came. She had called him to ask if he'd like to be on the program, he replied that maybe he could do a poem or play the trumpet; she told him he could do anything he wanted, so he did both. He played Taps and it was very moving, everyone stood up. The veterans are so appreciative, and she is so glad that this city wants to do this. When they left, they said "we'll be here next year if we're above ground" and she said "me too." They were so appreciative; they would poke their heads in the kitchen and thank everyone there. While she was dropping off flyers to the different places, like the senior apartments and assisted living, there was a gentleman behind the law office off 10400 South who saw the flyer and showed up. He said he wasn't a veteran, but asked if he could come in the kitchen and help. He helped stir the pancake mix, which is hard to do, and he even did all the dishes so there was none left to do at the end. They had people coming in from off the street that wanted to help. She just wants to thank the city and she hopes that one day when she's six feet under, the city will continue to do this. People ask her why she's doing this, and she replies that if all she has to give is twice a year at the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day when these veterans have given their time away from their families, been in war, accumulated physical, mental and emotional problems, this is a spit in the ocean to what they've done.

Mayor Ramsey closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

G. Action Item

G.1. Proclamation: Small Business Saturday. *(By Mayor Dawn Ramsey)*

Mayor Ramsey read the proclamation honoring Small Business Saturday, November 27, 2021.

H. Staff Reports and Calendaring Items:

Mayor Ramsey discussed the commemorative opening ceremony for the Bangerter and 10400 South intersection on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member McGuire mentioned the Light the Night Event coming up the first Friday in December.

Mayor Ramsey asked to be excused from Light the Night this year so she can spend time with her family. She asked if someone could stand in for her to welcome everyone and do the countdown for the event.

Assistant City Manager Dustin Lewis congratulated those who were re-elected, and reminded them that also means they need to re-appoint their board members to their committees and groups. He asked those re-elected to check in with the current appointees to see if they want to be re-appointed, or to let him know if they desired to appoint someone else. He will have them come in and meet with them during the work session before the January meeting.

Mayor Ramsey asked to have a conversation in January to look at the committees they are serving on to represent the city and see if everybody is still okay with how things are. That would be the time to make any changes that need to be made. There is one change specifically that she would like to make, as she is always unable to make the meetings.

CFO Sunil Naidu reminded everyone there is a budget meeting on November 30.

City Attorney Ryan Loose said everyone involved should have the information on breakfast with the legislators.

Director of Government Affairs Melinda Seager said the dates will be December 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and December 8 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Representative Pulsipher has been called away, she will be moving from the 3 to the 8 and they will be rearranging some schedules for that. An invitation was also sent to Ken Ivory, so she is hoping he will be able to meet them on December 8. On December 1, they will have Senator Fillmore, Representative Teuscher, and she is trying to do some rearranging so they can have three available for each date.

Mayor Ramsey discussed the Jordan Education Foundation's Christmas for Kids and their need for volunteers. Volunteers get to accompany middle and high school kids in the Jordan School District while they shop for Christmas at Walmart on Saturday, December 11 early in the morning. Volunteers can sign-up on the Jordan Education Foundation website.

Council Member Marlor motioned to recess the combined City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting and move to a combined City Council and Redevelopment Agency Executive Closed Session. Council Member McGuire seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous in favor.

*RECESS COMBINED CITY COUNCIL & RDA MEETING AND MOVE TO
COMBINED CITYCOUNCIL & RDA EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION*

- I. Executive Closed Session:** To discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property.

*ADJOURN COMBINED CITY COUNCIL & RDA EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION
AND RETURN TO COMBINED CITY COUNCIL & RDA MEETING*

Council Member Zander motioned to adjourn the combined City Council and RDA meeting. Council Member Marlor seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

The November 16, 2021 City Council meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

This is a true and correct copy of the November 16, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on December 7, 2021.

Anna Crookston

South Jordan City Recorder