

SOUTH JORDAN CITY  
CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

December 5, 2017

**Present:** Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Brad Marlor, Council Member Chris Rogers, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Tamara Zander, CM Gary Whatcott, City Attorney Ryan Loose, ACM Dustin Lewis, Development Services Director Brad Klavano, City Recorder Anna West, IT Director Jon Day, City Council Secretary MaryAnn Dean

SPECIAL STUDY MEETING – 5:00 PM

**Council Member Marlor nominated Council Member Rogers as Mayor Pro Tempore for the study meeting.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Rogers welcomed everyone present. He noted that Mayor Alvord would not be present for the study meeting.

A. Invocation: *By Council Member Patrick Harris*

Council Member Harris offered the invocation.

B. Mayor and Council Member Committee/Board Assignments and Appointments

City Recorder West gave the City Council a worksheet of what citizen committee appointments are needed. CM Whatcott said they would like to have the names submitted so the appointments can be made in the January 16, 2018 Council Meeting.

City Attorney Loose said citizen committee appointment nominations are made by City Council Members. The City Council as a whole ratifies that decision. The City Council collectively can remove an individual. Appointments don't have to be made within the City Council member's District. All citizen committee appointments have to be South Jordan residents, except the Arts Council.

The City Council, including Mayor Elect Ramsey and Council Elect McGuire, discussed committee/board assignments to begin in 2018. City Recorder West passed out a committee appointment worksheet. The City Council determined the various committee assignments, as listed in (Attachment A).

The City Council had a discussion about the audit committee and if that is still needed. The committee was originally put together to help select a new auditor. The committee also heard an audit review that first year. Currently, the committee also meets and requests specific things for the auditor to look into.

Council Member Marlor said he feels the City Council as a whole should go through the financial review. If there are concerns, that should be brought to the entire body. They should meet as an entire group so they all hear the same message.

City Attorney Loose said they could dissolve the committee and review it as a Council. Council Member Harris expressed concern that if there was an issue or concern they wanted looked into, it would be discussed in an open meeting and there is potential for people to cover their tracks of a potential problem. He said if there is a random area that they want audited, he is concerned about people knowing ahead of time. He feels announcing it ahead of time is wrong. City Attorney Loose said there are ways to address those issues without having a full council recommendation.

Council Member Harris said having all of the City Council involved is open and transparent but reiterated his concern that people would know ahead of time if they are looking into a specific issue. He recommended that they keep the committee in place, but any City Council member would have access to the auditor to have issues looked at. Additionally, any City Council member should also be able to get feedback from the auditor.

Mayor Elect Ramsey said she feels the risk is small that people would delete or falsify records, and they would likely be caught anyway. She said they could discuss it in 1-2 work meetings. Council Member Harris said everyone gets the audit report. The committee just meets ahead of the audit and sees if there are any areas they want looked into further.

Council Member Shelton said the State auditor recommended the audit committee.

The City Council determined to discuss with each other before the audit begins if there is a special request for the auditor to look into. The audit committee will remain.

Council Member Zander indicated that she would like more interaction with the Youth Council. ACM Lewis said there is a night where they invite the Mayor and members of the City Council to a youth council meeting. He said they discussed making attendance at a City Council meeting a requirement for the Youth Council, but that has proven problematic with their schedules. The Youth Council is typically high achieving kids that are involved in a lot of stuff.

#### C. Discussion: 2018 Study Meeting Schedule (*By City Council*)

Council Member Zander said she feels meeting on Monday is helpful for the new City Council because it gives them time to get their questions answered before the City Council meeting. Council Member Elect McGuire indicated that he is not available Monday during the day. He could possibly attend electronically.

Council Member Harris said the current schedule is the most convenient. If the City Council members do their due diligence beforehand, they can get their questions answered by staff.

Council Member Marlor said they don't talk about the agenda much at the current work sessions. They did when the meetings were on Monday. On Tuesday, it is a different type of meeting.

Council Member Harris said when they go over the agenda ahead of time, sometimes they formulate decisions based on those discussions. He personally does not like reviewing the agenda in a work session.

Council Member Marlor said because they have not been reviewing the agenda recently, he would rather do the work meeting on Tuesday.

CM Whatcott said they do not discuss the agenda in the work session so that the City Council will make up their mind on issues. The purpose is to clarify the finer points of the issue.

Council Member Elect McGuire, Council Member Marlor, and Council Member Harris all prefer to keep the work session on Tuesday. Council Member Marlor said he would be open to a Monday evening meeting.

Mayor Elect Ramsey said she likes the idea of getting the information in advance. She said they need to figure out how to efficiently get through all of the agenda items. Her concern is not getting everything done in the work session.

The City Council determined to meet in work sessions on Tuesday's at 4:30, with the City Council meeting starting at 6:00 for the 2018 schedule.

D. Discussion: 2018 Budget Meetings Schedule (*CFO, Sunil Naidu*)

This item was not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The December 5, 2017 City Council study session adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

**This is a true and correct copy of the December 5, 2017 City Council Study Meeting Minutes, which were approved on December 2, 2018.**

  
**South Jordan City Recorder**