

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

December 3, 2024

Present: Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Tamara Zander, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Kathie Johnson, Council Member Jason McGuire, City Manager Dustin Lewis, Assistant City Manager Jason Rasmussen, City Attorney Ryan Loose, Director of Strategy & Budget Don Tingey, Director of Planning Steven Schaefermeyer, Director of City Commerce Brian Preece, Director of Public Works Raymond Garrison, CFO Sunil Naidu, City Engineer Brad Klavano, Deputy City Engineer Jeremy Nielson, Director of Administrative Services Melinda Seager, Deputy Police Chief Robert Hansen, Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Lessner, Director of Recreation Janell Payne, Communications Manager Rachael Van Cleave, IS Senior System Administrator Phill Brown, GIS Coordinator Matt Jarman, City Recorder Anna Crookston, Meeting Transcriptionist Diana Baun

Absent: Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey

Others: Aaron Smith, Angela Law #11917, Kai Tohinaka, Tim Sullivan, Zanna Bruening, Sadie Henderson, Alexandra Franklin

4:42 P.M.
STUDY MEETING

Council Member Shelton motioned to appoint Council Member Harris as Mayor Pro Tempore in Mayor Ramsey's absence. Council Member McGuire seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

A. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introduction: *By Mayor Pro Tempore, Patrick Harris*

Mayor Pro Tempore Patrick Harris welcomed everyone present and introduced the meeting, noting that Mayor Ramsey was unable to attend this meeting and is trying to make it to the next meeting.

B. Invocation: *By City Commerce Director, Brian Preece*

Director Preece offered the invocation.

C. Mayor and Council Coordination

Council Member McGuire invited those available this Saturday to register to help with the Jordan Education Foundation's Christmas with Kids event, they are in need of additional chaperones.

Council Member Zander asked about judging the gingerbread house contest tonight.

Director Payne will give those available to help the information after the meeting tonight.

Council Member Shelton shared his plans to attend the Fullmer Open House this week, and asked if anyone else was planning on attending. The council and staff discussed the event.

Council Member Zander asked about Light the Night event coming up and Director Payne shared the instructions for the council members attending.

D. Discussion/Review of Regular Council Meeting

Presentation Item:

- Thank you & welcoming for elected officials.

Wheadon Acres Land Use Public Hearings:

- Resolution R2024-42 and Zoning Ordinance 2024-08-Z, all related to the Wheadon Acres Land Use Development, property located at 10537 S. 3010 W. & 10555 S. 3010 W.

Public Hearing:

- Resolution R2024-43, Adopting the South Jordan Trax Station Area Plan.
- Ordinance 2024-20, Amending City Code Section 5.12.020, 5.12.040, and 5.12.050 to create a South Jordan Package Agency License.

E. Discussion Item

E.1. Shield's Lane Solutions update. *(By Deputy City Transportation Engineer, Jeremy Nielson)*

Engineer Nielson introduced Kai Tohinaka with Parametrix and Tim Sullivan with Township + Range.

Kai Tohinaka reviewed the prepared presentation (Attachment A).

Council Member Zander asked if Concept 4 was the only option with an above grade component.

Mr. Tohinaka responded that Concept 3 is above curb as well, replacing the sidewalk with a wide, multi-use pathway.

Tim Sullivan continued reviewing the prepared presentation (Attachment A), discussing the last Public Open House held and the public response.

Mayor Pro-Tem Harris asked if the micro parks suggestion was from city staff or the public.

Mr. Sullivan responded that the micro parks were one of the many options presented to get feedback on from the public, and it was one of the most popular desires.

Council Member Zander noted that the majority of Shield's Lane is block walls, asked if adding these micro stops along the way are a realistic option.

Mr. Sullivan noted that it could include things like benches and agreements with adjacent schools to create that space.

Council Member Shelton noted the schools along the road are all along the north side, but the trail will be on the south side, and asked for more details.

Mr. Tohinaka responded they recognize the schools being on the opposite sides, but the trail on the south side lines up with the pedestrian bridge at Bangerter. They are looking at other options for crossing 9800 S like larger islands, etc. He continued reviewing the presentation (Attachment A), noting they are proposing a multi-use path with a wider park strip.

Council Member Zander asked how many trees would be preserved with the proposed plan.

Mr. Tohinaka responded the north side trees would be untouched, but the south side park strips will be moving into the street and will require replacement of all current trees.

Mayor Pro-Tem Harris asked about the types of trees being removed.

Mr. Tohinaka responded they are mostly Sycamore trees, but they are also the kind that cause the most damage. He also noted the majority of overhead power lines are on the north side, which was another reason for proposing the path on the south side. He continued reviewing the presentation (Attachment A).

Council Member Zander asked about the cost to line the entire corridor with trees.

Mr. Tohinaka responded that will be touched on later in the presentation. He continued reviewing his presentation (Attachment A), discussing the implementation strategy and potential funding options.

Engineer Nielson shared the proposed option was presented recently to UDOT and WFRC representatives, with both representatives agreeing the cost estimates were in line with other projects they are seeing, and were interested in the results of the study and the proposed concept.

Mr. Tohinaka continued reviewing funding options from the presentation (Attachment A).

Mayor Pro-Tem Harris asked about the estimated costs, and the city's estimated share of the funding.

Engineer Nielson responded the lowest match funding available is a 7% match, with other grants for up to 40% match being looked at.

Mr. Tohinaka reviewed the specific funding options and agencies from his presentation (Attachment A) and shared how the city can also work on immediate benefits from this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Harris asked about the city's plans to pay their portion of the project.

Manager Lewis noted there are many options out there, and Finance will have to sit down and look at those as this moved along to see where they can get additional money.

Director Klavano responded that coordinating the construction with resurfacing could count for part of the city's match amount.

Council Member Zander asked for the likelihood of being awarded the grants.

Director Tingey said Mayor Ramsey will be very important politically, as this type of funding is very competitive. The city's current trail funds being received are for Bingham Creek and he discussed how those in charge of the funding look at the trails being proposed in terms of importance. The funding for current trails and projects is being awarded to the city in segments as well, and they will work with that to see how and if it can be incorporated.

Council Member Zander asked how that construction will work without blocking off the entire road.

Director Klavano gave some examples of how they would do that work and make the transition smooth as they go to allow the road to stay open.

Council Member McGuire added that the public seeing the work being started and the progress will also help with resident buy-in in terms of patience with the interruptions along the road.

Council Member Johnson also added that developing the canals as pathways will additionally help increase the usability of the trail systems in that area.

Mr. Tohinaka said they have been reviewing self-reported public data about the use of current trail systems, and in the areas with multiple connections the desire to use those trails grows exponentially.

Council Member Zander thanked Mr. Tohinaka and Mr. Sullivan for their presentation, which gives more of a bigger and broad picture, allowing her to see how this would affect residents throughout the entire city, versus the more narrow presentation given last time that left her wondering how this was going to benefit those living further away from this area.

Council Member Shelton asked if this study should be adopted as part of the city's master plan or other planning schedules for reference.

Director Klavano responded that would be a good idea and would help with applications for funding.

Mr. Tohinaka noted that for certain government funds these types of plans and studies do need to be adopted by the elected body for reference and suggested adopting it into the Active Transportation Plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked if coordinating with the schools on this project to increase safety would help with lobbying efforts.

Director Klavano noted that the more agencies shown supporting this project for the grant applications, the better chance the city has for being awarded funding.

Attorney Loose added that pedestrian bridges are expensive and usually don't get a lot of use, and starting the construction of this collector trail at the bridge on 9800 S would encourage many more users at the beginning to use the bridge.

After a short discussion, all council members agreed that Concept #3 was their first choice.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member McGuire motioned to adjourn the December 3, 2024 City Council Strategic Planning Study Meeting. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion; vote was 5-0 unanimous in favor.

The December 3, 2024 City Council Study meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.