

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2024

Present: Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey, Council Member Tamara Zander, Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Tamara Zander, Council Member Jason McGuire, Council Member Kathie Johnson, City Manager Dustin Lewis, Assistant City Manager Jason Rasmussen, City Attorney Ryan Loose, Director of Commerce Brian Preece, Director of Strategy & Budget Don Tingey, Fire Chief Chris Dawson, Director of Administrative Services Melinda Seager, Director of Public Works Raymond Garrison, Director of Recreation Janell Payne, CFO Sunil Naidu, Director of Planning Steven Schaefermeyer, City Engineer Brad Klavano, Deputy Police Chief Rob Hansen, Communications Manager Rachael Van Cleave, Senior Systems Administrator Phill Brown, IT Director Jon Day, City Recorder Anna Crookston, Meeting Transcriptionist Diana Baun, Planning Commissioner Laurel Bevans, Associate Director of Recreation Brad Vaske, Customer Service Manager Mulligans Issac Willborne, Community Center Supervisor Jamie Culbertson, Parks & Rec Administrative Assistant Kaitlin Youd, Arts Program Coordinator Tiffany Parker, Strategy & Budget Analyst Abigail Patonai

Absent:

Others: Laura Gaillard, John Warnick, Grandparules, Jean Ashby, Colton, Zack, Carol Brown, Sam Bishop,

6:39 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

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

Mayor Ramsey welcomed everyone and introduced the meeting, excusing Council Member Harris who was absent but would be joining later.

B. Invocation – By Council Member, Tamara Zander

Council Member Zander offered the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance – By Fire Chief, Chris Dawson

Chief Dawson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Minute Approval

D.1. January 16, 2024 City Council Study Meeting

D.2. January 16, 2024 City Council Meeting

D.3. January 24, 2024 City Council Budget Meeting

Council Member McGuire motioned to approve the January 16, 2024 City Council Study Meeting minutes, January 16, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes, and January 24, 2024 City Council Budget Meeting minutes as published. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor. Council Member Harris was absent from the vote.

E. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Don Shelton:

- Attended Local Officials Day at the Capitol.
- Attended Gary Whatcott's funeral.

Council Member Jason McGuire

- Attended the State of County.
- Attended Local Officials Day at the Capitol.
- Attended many Legislative Policy Committee Meetings, including the daily briefing.

Council Member Kathie Johnson

- Received a letter from Scott Madsen, who lives south of Natural Grocers, discussing a state-owned open area nearby. He noted it has been an eyesore and asked if there was anything the city could do to help them with that. There are some spots that are breeding grounds for vermin as well, and she wanted to ask the council to look into that.

Council Member Tamara Zander

- Attended Gary Whatcott's funeral.
- Was able to see the presentation virtually from the Salt Lake Board of Realtors on the local real estate forecast.
- Attended a presentation with the Kem Gardner Institute, where Ron Wood was the speaker regarding the housing outlook for the area.
- Discussed the cement cylinders in a park in Daybreak that were placed for kids to play on in a park, and that she was able to watch a commissioned artist decorate those.
- She discussed the Pickleball Courts at Highland Park, where the lights were turned off in December and are scheduled to be turned back on in March. She went to play, along with many others during the dry weather, but couldn't because there were no lights. She advocated for being able to play at night during the winter since so many want to continue playing in the cold weather when there isn't snow on the ground.

Mayor Dawn Ramsey

- Attended Local Officials Day.
- Attended many Wasatch Front Regional Council meetings, where she is the Chair. This included the Regional Growth Committee meeting, as well as the regular council meeting. She also attended the weekly Policy Update meeting at the Capitol.
- Attended the Salt Lake Council of Governments where the new appointments for the year were made.
- Delivered grant checks from the Jordan Education Foundation to both South Jordan Middle School and Bingham High School.
- Attended and helped with Transit Day on the Hill, speaking about transit oriented communities.
- Attended LPC Meetings and thanked those who have attended as well.
- Attended a League Board Meeting.
- Attended Meetings with The Point.
- Attended Aspen Elementary Community Night.
- The Mayor, Dustin, and Ryan and she met with UTA, Chairman Christenson and members of UTA's senior administrative staff regarding working towards the third TRAX stop in the city, letting out directly to the ballfield.
- She was invited to attend new Primary Children's Larry H. and Gail Miller Family Campus in Lehi, opening this Monday for patients.
- She discussed the LHM Group conversations regarding the Athletics potentially coming to play here for three years. They are still unsure and there isn't a specific answer yet.
- She thanked everyone who came to and helped facilitate Gary's funeral.

F. Public Comment

Mayor Ramsey opened the public comment portion of the meeting; there were no comments and public comment was closed.

G. Presentation Items:

G.1. Chinese New Year's Celebration. *(By Herriman High School Chinese program students)*

The Herriman and Bingham High School students shared about the Chinese New Year Celebration at Herriman High School this week (Attachment A) and performed for the Council.

G.2. South Jordan Art's Council annual update. *(By South Jordan's Arts Council Chair, Laura Gaillard)*

Laure Gaillard reviewed her prepared presentation reviewing the 2023 year (Attachment B).

Council Member Zander motioned to amend tonight's agenda to add an Item H.5., Resolution R2024-16, Appointing members to the South Jordan Planning Commission. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion; vote 4-0, was unanimous in favor. Council Member Harris was absent from the vote.

H. Action Items:

H.1. Resolution R2024-11, Amending the South Jordan Fee Schedule. *(By Director of Recreation, Janell Payne)*

Director Payne reviewed background information from the Staff Report.

Associate Director of Recreation Brad Vaske reviewed his prepared presentation regarding fees at Mulligans (Attachment C).

Council Member Shelton asked about the potential for not running the range during certain parts of the year to save money.

Council Member Johnson asked if the membership was taken down to nine instead of 12 months, would that mean the facility would also be closed for those three months as well.

Associate Director Vaske responded that no, they are still planning on keeping the facility open year-round, but having that break during the winter from the high volumes of membership range use would help to save the grass and avoid the damages caused by the excessive ball collection during that time.

Council Member Zander thanked Mr. Vaske for the well prepared presentation and noted that in the private sector, if you aren't running a profit that's a problem. This is a government run facility, but it is still a business, and while it isn't his fault the amount of profit we are missing is bothering her. She doesn't think the fee raises being presented are close to sufficient, and that they should be looked at again. She also asked to look at the times Mulligans is open, and that many other facilities are closed during winter, noting that Mulligans is only open because we can't afford to lose that money.

The Mayor noted that this is an Enterprise Fund, and it does currently sustain itself and does not use taxpayer money.

Council Member Zander noted that the 50 members using the course should be reined in and either paying more or having limits on playing availability.

Council Member Shelton noted that there is a difference between course and driving range fees, and the course at Mulligans is drastically different from other courses being compared in the presentation.

Director Payne noted that she and Mr. Vaske have had many conversations about the fees, and the plan is to look at and update them very regularly, showing a value as they invest in the facility and continue to make improvements.

Council Member Zander also suggested lowering the number of balls in the large bucket to make a smaller difference.

Associate Director Vaske discussed the current trend of golfers wanting to be able to go out and hit ball after ball, rather than hitting a smaller amount and having to go back to the machine for more.

Council Member McGuire gave the cost per ball amounts for the comparable ranges, agreeing that raising that amount just a few cents would help make up a huge difference.

Director Payne shared that staff can certainly look at it from that angle, as the last time she heard from the Council they instructed staff to keep Mulligans as the cheapest option in the area.

Council Member Shelton motioned to approve Resolution R2024-11, Amending the South Jordan Fee Schedule; Council Member McGuire seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Shelton – Yes

Council Member McGuire – Yes

Council Member Johnson – Yes

Council Member Zander – No

Council Member Harris – Absent

Motion passes 3-1 vote in favor. Council Member Zander casting a NO vote, and Council Member Harris being absent from the vote.

H.2. Resolution R2024-14, Amending the South Jordan Art's Council Bylaws. *(By Director of Recreation, Janell Payne)*

Director Payne reviewed background information from the Staff Report.

Mayor Ramsey, Council Member, and Attorney Loose discussed who qualifies as an ex-officio member and their current versus proposed duties.

Mayor Ramsey had no issues with the ex-officio members voting here, but she would like to see continuity throughout all the city's committees.

Council Member Shelton shared that as a Council Member attending a committee meeting, he feels like he could have an inordinate amount of influence on the direction of the committee and would be more comfortable not voting.

Attorney Loose mentioned that the Art's Council is unique in that they have members from outside the city, where most other city committees and boards are made up solely of South Jordan residents. Also, the Art's Council has a budget that is separate from staff and can appropriate money to projects that fall within the established budget.

Council Member Shelton asked to clarify that the proposed change in voting is for the council member and appointed staff member to vote.

Director Payne confirmed that was correct.

Council Member Johnson suggested removing the word “ex-officio” members, and just calling them staff/council member.

Manager Lewis suggested changing the verbiage to say the council consists of 11-14 members, made up of 12 members appointed by the Mayor and Council, a member of the City Council, and a member of staff. Doing that would allow for the removal of the term “ex-officio” and make things cleaner.

Attorney Loose shared the process, that whatever the council approved tonight, with or without changes from the proposed resolution, if the Art’s Council then approves that same thing, it would go into effect from there. However, should the Art’s Council not approve what is sent by the City Council it would come back to the council for discussion.

Council Member McGuire shared that he has been told “no” before in meetings, and that the members of the Art’s Council are not afraid to share their opinions, even if they disagree with his. As such, he doesn’t feel that he has any additional power in terms of voting.

Mayor Ramsey reviewed what she believes the council wants an amended Section 1 to say:

“The Art’s Council shall consist of between 11 and 14 voting members, knowledgeable in the field of public art, education, community affairs. Membership shall be composed of everything listed in A; B – one member of the City Council; C – one staff liaison appointed by the City Manager.”

She then asked the council if that is how they are expecting it to read, and if that is, to the best of their knowledge, doing what the Art’s Council is asking to have done in the bylaws.

Council Member McGuire motioned to approve Resolution R2024-14, Amending the South Jordan Art’s Council Bylaws, with the amendments as stated above by Mayor Ramsey. Council Member Zander seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member McGuire– Yes

Council Member Zander– Yes

Council Member Johnson – Yes

Council Member Shelton – Yes

Council Member Harris – Absent

Motion passes 4-0, vote in favor, with Council Member Harris absent from the vote.

H.3. Resolution R2024-15, Authorizing an application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a matching grant for water conservation projects in the City and affirming the availability of matching city funds. *(By Director of Public Works, Raymond Garrison)*

Director Garrison reviewed his prepared presentation regarding the matching grant for water conservation in the city (Attachment D).

Mayor Ramsey asked Director Garrison to discuss the letters of support received by the city for the grant.

Assistant City Manager Jason Rasmussen shared that the city's lobbyist, Ryan Leavitt, has forwarded letters of support from Senator Romney, Senator Lee and Representative Owens.

Council Member Zander asked about the city's response should we not be awarded the grant during this cycle.

Director Garrison said they would have to wait and apply again next year, and explained that is part of the reasoning for doing this in two different applications, because doing the grants together would put us in a more competitive environment and less likely to get any of the money.

Mayor Ramsey expressed her sincere appreciation for Senator Lee, Senator Romney and Representative Owens' willingness to put forth so much effort to create and share their letters of support for this project.

Council Member Shelton asked to confirm that the city's approach to these projects will not impact the cost to our residents in terms of their water rates.

Director Garrison noted that many of the large ticket related items are set to fall off the city's billing, which will help offset any additional costs.

Council Member Johnson asked for details on how long it would take for the city to recoup the cost from the savings.

Director Garrison looked at those numbers ahead of time, but noted that with our current Jordan Valley rate, we would be saving a little over \$50,000 annually. The recoup will take some time, and the number is hard to share exactly, but there will be huge savings, especially during the summer.

Manager Rasmussen added that this frees up 30 million gallons that can be redeployed somewhere else in the city, and is a resource that can be put towards growth.

Director Garrison added that the artificial turf would also allow for more programming since the healing time between uses wouldn't be necessary.

Council Member McGuire is okay with the grant, but asked for future replacement needs with the artificial turf. Are there any other cities around us who have done this type of conversion, as this does give the city some additional prestige being able to lead the way in this.

Director Garrison noted that the information is in the Council Report for the grant, but artificial turf needs replacement, on average, at around 15 years, depending on the type used.

Manager Rasmussen added that there has been talk of using this in other areas of the city, but cost is a big part of the ability to make those changes.

Council Member Zander motioned to approve R2024-15, Authorizing an application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a matching grant for water conservation projects in the City. Council Member Shelton seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Zander – Yes

Council Member Shelton – Yes

Council Member Johnson – Yes

Council Member McGuire – Yes

Council Member Harris – Absent

Motion passes 4-0, vote in favor, with Council Member Harris absent from the vote.

H.4. Resolution R2024-17, Appointing a representative to the South Valley Sewer District Board of Trustees. *(By City Manager, Dustin Lewis)*

Manager Lewis reviewed background information from the Council Report.

Council Member McGuire motioned to approve Resolution R2024-17, Appointing Council Member Harris as a representative to the South Valley Sewer District Board of Trustees. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member McGuire– Yes

Council Member Johnson – Yes

Council Member Shelton – Yes

Council Member Zander – Yes

Council Member Harris – Absent

Motion passes 4-0, vote in favor, with Council Member Harris absent from the vote.

H.5. Resolution R2024-16, Appointing Ray Wimmer and Sam Bishop to the South Jordan Planning Commission.

Director Schaefermeyer shared that Council Member Shelton's nominee for the Planning Commission is Ray Wimmer, and Mayor Ramsey's nominee is Sam Bishop, both of whom were introduced to the Council during the Study Session earlier this evening. If appointed, both would serve through the end of Council Member Shelton and Mayor Ramsey's terms of office, which is December 31, 2025.

Council Member Shelton motioned to approve Resolution R2024-16, Appointing above nominees to the South Jordan Planning Commission. Council Member Zander seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Shelton – Yes

Council Member Zander – Yes

Council Member McGuire – Yes

Council Member Johnson – Yes

Council Member Harris – Absent

Motion passes 4-0, vote in favor, with Council Member Harris absent from the vote.

I. Public Hearing Item:

I.1. Ordinance R2024-04, Vacating a portion of Right-of-Way on the north side of Lake Avenue running east from Watercourse Road approximately 223 feet. *(By Director of Planning, Steven Schaefermeyer)*

Council Member Harris joined the meeting.

Director Schaefermeyer reviewed the background information from the Council Report.

Mayor Ramsey opened the public hearing for comments; there were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Council Member Zander discussed parking concerns with The Cove House nearby and prior resident parking complaints regarding other public gathering spots in Daybreaks and asked John Warnick, who was in attendance on behalf of LHM, to pass those concerns on.

Council Member Zander motioned to approve Ordinance R2024-04, Vacating a portion of Right-of-Way on the north side of Lake Avenue running east from Watercourse Road approximately 223 feet. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Zander – Yes

Council Member Johnson – Yes

Council Member Shelton – Yes

Council Member McGuire – Yes

Council Member Harris – Yes

Motion passes 5-0, vote in favor.

J. Staff Reports and Calendaring Items

Manager Lewis shared the news that a former employee of the city, Matt Tanner, passed away recently. He then led a discussion between the Council and staff about the date of the next

Budget Meeting, scheduled for February 28, and the possibility of moving and combining it with the Work Meeting on February 20.

Council Member Zander will not be here on February 20, and will be unable to attend that meeting virtually.

After discussion, staff informed Manager Lewis that there were more items planned for the meeting that he was unaware of and there would not be time to combine the two meetings. The Budget Meeting will be left as is, scheduled for February 28.

Attorney Loose discussed the possibility of disbanding the city's justice court, and shared that after extensive research they discovered the County changed from this legislative session to the next legislative session and will not ask to disband their courts until 2025. Legal has not sent the letter requested by the Council to disband the court, as they were waiting until the end of the budget process. They will continue to hold that and not send it unless, through the budget process, the Council authorizes it and they can address undoing that resolution at that point. He also briefly discussed the legislative session and ensured that staff and the council knew about the end of day briefings from The League.

Mayor Ramsey brought up a bill, regarding salaries of select staff, proposing a separate public hearing to approve salaries for positions including the City Manager, Recorder, and other officers as directed by the Council. It was discussed between staff and the council and the details clarified.

Attorney Loose asked the Council and Mayor for direction regarding inviting Legislators to a meeting after the session is over to thank them, and this was discussed between the Council members and staff. He also mentioned he is working on a tour of the mining operations with Rio Tinto since there have been staff changes, and he will get everyone dates when he has the options.

Mayor Ramsey asked if anyone was available to attend the State of the Chamber Event on February 14, as she will be unable to attend.

Council Member Zander motioned to adjourn the City Council Meeting and return to the Executive Closed Session from the previous meeting. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion; vote was 5-0 unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

The February 6, 2024 City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.