

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

August 19, 2025

Present: Mayor Dawn Ramsey, Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Kathie Johnson, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Tamara Zander, Council Member Jason McGuire, City Manager Dustin Lewis, Assistant City Manager Jason Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager Don Tingey, City Attorney Ryan Loose, CTO Matthew Davis, Senior System Administrator Phill Brown, GIS Coordinator Matt Jarman, City Recorder Anna Crookston, Deputy City Recorder Ambra Holland

Absent:

Other (Electronic) Attendance:

Other (In-Person) Attendance: Cordelia Franklin, Jonathon Franklin

4:35 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

A. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introduction - *By Mayor, Dawn R. Ramsey*

Mayor Ramsey welcomed everyone present and introduced the meeting.

B. Invocation – *By Assistant City Manager, Don Tingey*

Assistant City Manager Tingey offered the invocation.

Council Member Zander joined the meeting.

C. Mayor and Council Coordination

Mayor Ramsey reminded the council to have the upcoming Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) meeting on their radar and encouraged those planning to attend to ensure it is on their calendars. She mentioned she was not officially invited to LPC and did not initially have it on her calendar but added it after learning about the meeting. She noted that while she may need to join electronically due to a scheduling conflict, it is an important meeting with significant topics, and attending in person would be beneficial.

Council Member Zander shared that a community member had inquired about the possibility of South Jordan City hosting an interfaith choir concert.

Mayor Ramsey asked whether the community member was looking to organize an interfaith choir independently or if she was coordinating through the existing interfaith group.

Council Member Zander clarified that the group is not seeking to host the event themselves but would like the City to take the lead in order to maintain a non-denominational appearance. The group already has an interfaith choir organized and is requesting the City's assistance in coordinating with the school to secure a venue, specifically the auditorium at Bingham High School, similar to how Riverton City has supported a comparable event at Riverton High. They are also asking the City to help promote the event through its communication channels, including the newsletter and email. She expressed her support for the proposal, noting that if the City is going to invest time and effort, this would be a meaningful and worthwhile event to support during the Christmas season.

Mayor Ramsey noted that the City may have existing policies that do not fully permit this type of involvement and indicated that staff would need to review potential ways to work within or around those limitations.

City Manager Dustin Lewis noted that policies vary between cities and emphasized that coordination with the school district would be necessary. He pointed out that the request seems to involve City staff taking the lead and asked for clarification on whether the group expects the City to coordinate directly with the school and why they have not reached out to the school themselves. Council Member Zander clarified that the event would consist of multiple choirs and musical groups coming together for one evening in November or early December.

City Attorney Ryan Loose asked whether the group is requesting that the City cover the cost of using the school facility. Council Member Zander noted they have not asked for the City to pay. City Manager Lewis noted that the City would be responsible for paying the school district to use the facility if it were to coordinate the event. Council Member Zander explained that the group is hoping the event can be presented as a South Jordan City or City-hosted interfaith Christmas concert. She suggested that someone from the group could be directed to contact a staff member for further coordination.

Mayor Ramsey noted that additional information is needed and suggested that the individual could submit a formal proposal to clearly outline the City's expected role in the event.

City Manager Lewis suggested that the group could coordinate with the school district to schedule the event and potentially invite the Mayor to MC or host it. He noted that if the City were expected to handle all arrangements, cover fees, and manage advertising, it would create a significant burden. He added that the group could reach out to Assistant City Manager Don Tingey to provide more details about their request. He asked Council Member Zander if she wants the City to allocate funds or commit staff time to support the event.

Council Member Zander expressed that, in her opinion, the City should assist with facilitating the event if possible. She noted that allocating budget dollars may not be necessary and questioned what was previously spent on a similar interfaith event at the baseball stadium. Mayor Ramsey noted that the City did not spend any funds on the previous interfaith event, as the City was not involved in its coordination.

Council Member Zander suggested that the City could support the event by attending and showing approval, as well as connecting the group with relevant contacts to facilitate the event. She noted she will have the group contact Assistant City Manager Don Tingey.

D. Discussion/Review of City Council Meeting

Presentation Item:

- **South Jordan Senior Advisory Committee annual report.**

Action Items:

- Resolution R2025-50
- Resolution R2025-44
- Resolution R2025-45
- Resolution R2025-47
- Resolution R2025-48

Bess Dental Office Land Use Public Hearing Items:

- Resolution R2025-41
- Resolution R2025-42
- Zoning Ordinance 2025-06-Z

Public Hearing Item:

- Ordinance 2025-15

City Attorney Loose noted that the regular City Council meeting agenda can be amended to include Resolution R2025-50. He explained that while the City typically uses proclamations or motions for recognitions, adopting a formal resolution for fallen officers is an appropriate and commonly used approach. He referenced examples from Congress and various states, which often recognize groups of officers annually through resolutions naming those who have fallen that year.

Council Member Shelton shared that he attended a funeral and learned from a Tremonton community member that the recent officer fatalities deeply affected the local community, which is small and close-knit.

Mayor Ramsey noted that she had reached out and left a voicemail for the Mayor of Tremonton to express condolences and support following recent officer fatalities. She emphasized that South Jordan stands ready to offer assistance if needed and acknowledged the difficult and heartbreaking nature of the events.

Mayor, City Council, and staff reviewed the agenda for the upcoming regular City Council meeting. Key items include the Senior Advisory Committee report, multiple action items and resolutions, land use public hearing items, and a public hearing on an amendment to the City's e-bike ordinance to ensure compliance with state statute. Discussed recent incidents involving non-pedal motorized bikes, including accidents on the Jordan River Trail and interactions with residents, highlighting the ongoing public safety concerns.

The group discussed terminology for clarity, distinguishing between pedal-assist e-bikes and other motorized non-pedal bikes, and emphasized the importance of aligning with state statute while also using public education materials to inform residents. Staff described recent outreach efforts, including media events and coordination with bike retailers, to help educate purchasers about safety and compliance. Council members noted the potential need for legislative clarification at the state level and staff will follow up with regarding any developments.

Council Member Johnson motioned to recess the City Council Study Meeting and move to Executive Closed Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and to discuss the character, professional competence, physical or mental health of an individual. Council Member McGuire seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING AND MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

E. Executive Closed Sessions:

- E.1. Discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.
- E.2. Discuss the character, professional competence, physical or mental health of an individual.

For the record, Item E.2. was not addressed during the meeting due to insufficient time remaining on the agenda.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

Council Member Zander motioned to adjourn the Executive Closed Session and move back to the City Council Study Meeting. Council Member McGuire seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

Council Member Johnson motioned to adjourn the August 19, 2025 City Council Study Meeting. Council Member Shelton seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

The August 19, 2025 City Council Study Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.