



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 04, 2021, at 5:30 PM
Court Room/Council Chambers (2nd Floor) and Online

Minutes

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Nick Miller
Council Member Betsy Montoya
Council Member Lynn Mecham
Council Member David Hathaway
Council Member Jennifer Bowman

ABSENT

Mayor Kirk Hunsaker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Betsy Montoya.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Offered by Norm Beagley.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation: Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) - Jason Bond BYU MPA Capstone Project

Community Development Director Bond thanked the Council for their support of his educational pursuit the past three years in the BYU Master of Public Administration program and he is looking forward to applying his education to help the city. Jason Bond graduated in April of 2021 with his Master of Public Administration from BYU and his presentation was his capstone project on Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).

2. Presentation: Enhancing Community Engagement - Norm Beagley BYU MPA Capstone Project

Assistant City Manager Beagley thanked the Council for their support of his educational pursuit the past three years in the BYU Master of Public Administration program and he is looking forward to applying his education to help the city. Norm Beagley graduated in April of 2021 with his Master of Public Administration from BYU and his presentation was his capstone project on Enhancing Community Engagement.

A discussion was had between Norm and the Council.

3. Review: ULCT Training & Enhancing Community Engagement

City Manager Reeves presented some points from a Utah League of Cities & Towns presentation at their last conference. With the demand in the market, developers are increasingly not bothering to show up to convince city councils that high density development is needed and instead going straight to the state legislature, both by means of being elected to

political office and by lobbying, to incrementally take away city control on zoning and other planning aspects. Cities are increasingly having their hands tied and as the governmental body closest to their residents cities are hearing serious concerns, not only development related, those concerns are coming to city staff and elected officials. While Santaquin City meets all state transparency requirements in accordance with the Open Public and Meeting Act (OPMA) it's becoming very apparent that those requirements are well below public expectations in regard to public engagement and communication.



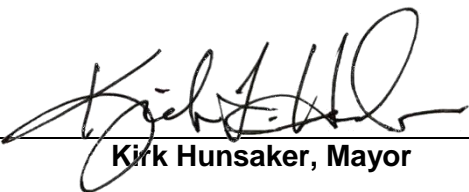
To address this the the recommendation is to create a position in the budget that is in effect a public information officer that directs the public communication efforts outlined in the infographic above. Staff and Council will in effect become a resource at the public information officers disposal and in the future a team structure for public information can be developed as funding and additional resources come into the city. This will help the city balance the demands of the public with what is being pushed onto the city by developers in the state legislature.

4. Review: Tentative Budget for FY2021-2021
5. Review: Upcoming Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

ATTEST:


Kirk Hunsaker, Mayor


K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorder