

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM Court Room/Council Chambers (2nd floor) and Online

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present included Councilors Adcock, Hathaway, Mecham, Montoya, and Siddoway.

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Assistant City Manager Jason Bond, Police Chief Rodney Hurst, Recorder Amalie R. Ottley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Mecham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Manager Beagley offered an invocation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Main Street and 100 South Vision

Mayor Olson introduced the vision that the current council and past councils have had for architecture, walkability, etc. along Santaquin Main Street and 100 South in the approved General Plan. Assistant Manager Bond discussed the land uses and code amendments that have occurred perpetuating more auto oriented businesses on Main Street. Mr. Bond brought up the potential for 100 South to have an opportunity for great architecture and character that would also allow for more/better walkability and the feel that everyone wants in a small town. Mr. Bond presented a draft parks master plan sheet showing the block surrounding the new City Hall Building that will open on 100 South in 2023. Mr. Bond also discussed the current zoning in the area and requested that council members think about options for appropriate zoning in that area in the future.

Councilor Hathaway mentioned the work completed by Utah State University that addressed the type of amenities that residents would like. He stated that there should be a mix of commercial opportunities opposite of a pedestrian oriented street along 100 South. He also pointed out that the width of 100 S. is a good fit for the vision presented. He expressed that encouraging amenities around city hall will then bring other beneficial businesses to the area.

Mayor Olson expressed his concern about calling 100 S. "Main Street." He wanted to make clear that the name shouldn't be changed at this point so that businesses currently on Main Street can

remain supported by the city. He stated that 100 S. should be considered an extension of downtown Santaquin and coincide with the opportunities already granted on Main Street.

Councilor Adcock stated that if adequate parking could be provided, that he'd like to see 100 S. as a pedestrian only road. He pointed out that in other areas, pedestrian only rights-of-ways are successful and provide for a better atmosphere for families. Assistant Manager Bond agreed that parking will have to be taken into account when planning for the road. Manager Beagley discussed that any zone changes or use changes would be policy decisions directed by City Council members. Mr. Bond asked that council members consider what priorities are for the city and how to slowly implement goals for the 100 S. area so that the city can encourage development and inform residents accordingly.

2. Water Efficiency Standards (CUWCD)

Mayor Olson spoke to recent discussions that the City Council has had regarding the Central Utah Water Conservancy District proposing guidelines for cities to adopt in order to preserve water. Mayor Olson addressed meetings that he and Manager Beagley have had with directors at CUWCD to discuss the concerns of the council adopting a one-size-fits-all constraints onto city residents when the city already participates in major water conservation efforts.

Manager Beagley stated clarification was provided by CUWCD, should Santaquin City choose not to adopt the regulations being proposed such as members of the community not being eligible for rebates in programs such as "Flip Your Strip." Manager Beagley spoke to the numbers of residents in the city who have applied for the rebates in the "Flip Your Strip" and other water conservation programs offered by CUWCD. Manager Beagley also stated that some cities have already adopted the CUWCD standards, and some cities haven't. Manager Beagley spoke about the positives of greenery in cities and the place for thoughtful landscaping. Mayor Olson clarified that CUWCD would be willing to work with the city should they decide to implement the standards in the near future. Manager Beagley indicated that Provo City will be passing their own standards that would fit the needs of their city better and suggested that the council wait to understand what Provo City is doing as a possible example.

Councilor Mecham and Councilor Siddoway agreed that by waiting for the Provo ordinance to be approved, it would allow for the council to understand better what Santaquin could possibly adopt to support water wise landscaping efforts. Councilor Montoya inquired what the process or thought would be in implementation of buy in or incentives for residents to participate in a local program versus a CUWCD program in order to keep trees in the city alive. Councilor Montoya and Siddoway discussed the cons of trying to enforce codes that may or may not be adopted as well as authority imposed by HOAs. Mayor Olson directed Manager Beagley to write a letter to CUWCD to let them know that the city is still considering and paying close attention to the actions of cities in the area and will decide in the near future whether or not to adopt the proposed water conservation standards.

3. Introduction of New Police Officers

Chief Hurst introduced three new police officers working for the department. Braydon Golding, Jake Terry, and Clayton Jefferson were welcomed by the City Council

4. Upcoming Agenda Items

Council and staff reviewed the upcoming Regular City Council Meeting Agenda and the items therein.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Montoya motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock

Yes

Councilor Hathaway

Yes

Councilor Mecham

Yes

Councilor Montoya

Yes

Councilor Siddoway

Yes

Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Daniel M. Olson, Mayor

Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder