

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

January 16, 2024

Present: Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey, 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, Battalion Chief Michael Richards, 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, Police Chief Jeff Carr, Communications Manager Rachael Van Cleave, Senior Systems Administrator Phill Brown, IT Director Jon Day, City Recorder Anna Crookston, Meeting Transcriptionist Diana Baun

Absent: Council Member Tamara Zander

Others: Sam Bishop, Grace Sadowski, Mitchell Sadowski

4:52 P.M.
STUDY MEETING

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

Mayor Ramsey welcomed everyone present and introduced the meeting.

B. Invocation: *By Council Member, Kathie Johnson*

Council Member Johnson offered the invocation.

C. Mayor and Council Coordination

Council Member McGuire motioned to amend the agenda to remove Item E, The Point Update, and to rearrange the order of the items in the Executive Closed Session to be F.1., discussion of safety and security; F.2., Discussion of pending or reasonably imminent litigation; and F.3., Discussion of the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Council Member Shelton seconded the motion; vote was unanimous in favor. Council Member Zander was absent from the vote.

Mayor, Council and Staff discussed Local Officials Day tomorrow at the Capitol. They also discussed the new structure and location of the “State of City” Address being planned for this year.

Council Member Harris motioned to recess the City Council Study Meeting and move to Executive Closed Session. Council Member Shelton seconded the motion; vote was unanimous in favor.

Council will return after closed session for the discussion/review of the Regular Council Meeting.

D. Discussion/Review of Regular Council Meeting

City Attorney Ryan Loose reviewed the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting. He gave some background information on Resolution R2024-13 regarding the dissolution of the Municipal Justice Court, reviewing what was discussed at the last Council Budget Meeting.

Council Member Johnson asked how long they have to decide whether they want to continue or back out.

Attorney Loose responded that they have until July, and the two year timeframe triggers at that point.

Council Member Shelton asked if the city would maintain its prosecutors.

Attorney Loose responded yes, the city's obligation as to everything but the court itself remains. That includes maintaining the prosecutors, sending them to the new court they are assigned to. He explained what cases would go to the county courts versus what would stay administrative. If everything went to the state, our city would become like Bountiful, Spanish Fork, and a number of other cities that don't have justice courts and don't go to a county justice court; they go right to the state district court. He also explained how South Jordan's decision and timing is influenced by the county's decision to dissolve their justice court. If the city is forced to go through a state process for dissolution, we will, but he would like to avoid that if possible. He also reminded the council that for the Consent Action Items, they can be all be approved with one motion; they do not have to be presented or approved individually. The council discussed it and they were all in favor of approving all Consent Action Items at once.

Council Member McGuire asked if the city judge was aware they were discussing dissolving the Municipal Justice Court.

Attorney Loose responded that yes, he is aware.

E. Presentation Item

E.1. The Point update. *(By The Point Executive Director, Alan Matheson)*

****Removed per previous motion***

RECESS CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING AND MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

F. Executive Closed Session

- F.1.** The deployment of security personnel, devices, or system.
- F.2.** Discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
- F.3.** Discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property.

Council Member McGuire motioned to recess the Executive Closed Session and return to the City Council Study Meeting. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion; vote was unanimous in favor. Council Member Zander was absent from the vote.

RECESS EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Shelton motioned to adjourn the January 16, 2024 City Council Study Meeting. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion; vote was unanimous in favor. Council Member Zander was absent from the vote.

The January 16, 2024 City Council Study meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

This is a true and correct copy of the January 16, 2024 City Council Study Meeting Minutes, which were approved on February 6, 2024.

Anna Crookston

South Jordan City Recorder