

`SOUTH JORDAN CITY  
CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

June 20, 2023

**Present:** Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey, Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Brad Marlor, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Jason McGuire, City Manager Gary Whatcott, Deputy City Manager Dustin Lewis, City Attorney Ryan Loose, Director of Recreation Janell Payne, CFO Sunil Naidu, GIS Coordinator Matt Jarman, Senior IS Tech Phill Brown, City Recorder Anna Crookston, Arts Program Coordinator Tiffany Parker

**Absent:** Council Member Tamara Zander

**Others:** Sam Bishop, Marlene Teter

4:46 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 City Manager, Gary L. Whatcott*

City Manager Gary Whatcott offered the invocation.

**C. Mayor and Council Coordination**

Council Member McGuire discussed the email sent out regarding the theater production coming up, and asked the council to get back to Executive Assistant, Melanie Edwards about their attendance. This Thursday is the Bingham Creek Regional Park Grand Opening and celebration, with the ribbon cutting at 2:00 p.m. and the party happening at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Marlor mentioned the June 28 opening of the splash pad.

Mayor Ramsey just heard about a ribbon cutting Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. at 9800 South and Redwood Road for those interested, for the new Kum & Go Gas Station.

Manager Whatcott said they are doing a walkthrough of the new splash pad today with some of the staff.

Manager Lewis noted there will have to be some amendments to the council meeting schedule due to the election schedule this year. We will be meeting on the first Tuesday in November, but not meeting on November 21 because of the general election. They will also have to scrub the

date for the primary election in September, and everyone will get an updated list to reflect those changes.

#### **D. Discussion/Review of Regular Council Meeting**

##### **Action Item**

- **Resolution R2023-28**, Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Home Investment Partnership Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2026.

Manager Lewis shared that Planner David Mann was supposed to be presenting tonight on Resolution R2023-28, however he has had a family emergency and CFO Naidu will be presenting in his place during the regular meeting.

##### **Public Hearing Items:**

- **Resolution R2023-27**, Amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for the South Jordan City. The appropriation authority shall apply to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
- **Resolution RDA 2023-03**, Amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for the Redevelopment Agency of the City of South Jordan, Utah. The appropriation authority shall apply to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Manager Lewis noted that both public hearing resolutions are in the packet tonight, and they refer to an Exhibit A which follows the first resolution but not the second, as it's the same attachment for both and was left off after the second resolution to save some space.

#### **E. Discussion Items**

**E.1.** South Jordan's Art's Council member appointment. *(By Director of Recreation Janell Payne).*

Director Payne introduced Marlene Teter and shared some of her background, including being a featured artist in both City Hall and The Gale Center.

Marlene Teter shared that she wants to be a part of the Art's Council for two reasons. Ever since she moved here in 2011, 2012 was the first time she entered into the Art Show in South Jordan, and she won first prize. She exhibited four times at those shows, and won prizes three of those four times. She decided it's time to stop exhibiting and winning prizes, and to start participating and giving back; she has wanted to do that for a long time. The other reason is that art people are her people, and she wants to find her people. She has been involved in visual arts, she can't sing and her dancing years are behind her. However, she is very involved in the visual arts, both teaching and creating. She recently finished her BFA, completing it at UVU which incidentally is a very stringent program; she was unaware how stringent it was until she looked at other programs. Now that she's done with that, she's ready to jump in and be a part of the community.

She currently teaches art classes on a part time basis for an organization called Bad Dog Arts in Salt Lake City, a nonprofit very similar to Art Haven. She can't imagine an art practice that didn't include teaching in some way, and she is willing to teach anything she can pass on about art history as well. She is looking forward to doing some painting but her house is up for sale, and she will be staying in Daybreak when she moves. She also shared what she believes builds a strong art community, the first is getting artists together where they can share, mentor each other and critique each other which is a big part of the arts. The other thing that is really important to build a community of artists is education, and that can be as simple as having a vendor come and share their products or a guest speaker, it doesn't have to be something costly. There is such a growing arts community in Utah that she feels it would behoove the city to take advantage of those people that are out there, that want to share their knowledge. The third thing is the outreach, to schools and other communities within the community and share the arts; either in a teaching or creation situation. That applies to more than just the visual arts, giving others the chance to perform.

Council Member McGuire discussed the idea of outreach, noting that Ms. Teter shared that she is interested in reaching populations that may be overlooked and asked if she had any specific ones in mind.

Ms. Teter responded that she would like to reach the immigrants that come to this country without the sense of security of knowing their community; those who are struggling financially as well. In South Jordan most of us are pretty well off, but there are pockets of people in the city who could really benefit from the arts. For example, Alzheimer's patients; it is amazing the art they can create when you put a canvas and some paint, some glue and paper for a collage in front of them, they will create a work of art because they are using a part of their brain they don't normally use. Instead of feeling confused at that moment and going in and out of the present, or feeling that fear of not knowing the people around you, they are creating something and it interacts in a way that is very beneficial. As an artist she would love to do that, and it's not something she has to be paid to do; volunteerism is a very important thing, and she thinks we can reach out to artists in our community and engage them in volunteering.

Council Member Marlora asked what Ms. Teter's favorite art was.

Ms. Teter responded that she and watercolor have a strange relationship, and she will conquer it! She primarily paints with acrylics and oils, which is why she struggles with watercolor because it's completely different. Her favorite medium was the one exhibited at the Gale Center for her BFA. She makes artist books, which is a relatively new art form where artists create a sculptural work, based on the structure of a book or the book itself can contain art. She has a website that was done for her BFA that shows all of the works exhibited at the Gale Center, and she offered to email it to the council members per their request.

Mayor Ramsey asked when she finished her BFA.

Ms. Teter responded in May of 2023, and that it was worth it.

Mayor Ramsey thanked Ms. Teter for coming and talking with them.

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

***RECESS CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING AND MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION***

**F. Executive Closed Session**

**F.1.** Executive Closed Session for discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual

***ADJOURN EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION***

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Shelton motioned to adjourn the June 20, 2023 City Council Study Meeting. Council Member McGuire seconded the motion; vote was unanimous in favor. Council Member Zander was absent from the vote.**

The June 20, 2023 City Council Study meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**This is a true and correct copy of the June 20, 2023 City Council Study Meeting Minutes, which were approved on July 18, 2023.**

*Anna Crookston*

**South Jordan City Recorder**