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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES
Friday, January 13, 2017
Utah Local Government Trust
55 South Highway 89, North Salt Lake, Utah 84054

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8 **City Council Retreat**
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10 **Roll Call:**

11 Present Mayor Jim Miller, Council Members Chris Porter, Stephen Willden, Michael McOmber,
12 Bud Poduska, and Shellie Baertsch.

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14 Staff Present City Manager Mark Christensen, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Assistant City Manager
15 Spencer Kyle, Public Works Director Jeremy Lapin.
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17 **1. Welcome and Agenda Review.** Mayor Miller thanked everyone for attending and welcomed
18 them to the retreat.
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20 **2. Boards, Assignments, Committee Review**

21 **a. Mayor Pro Tempore.** Mayor Miller advised that Council Member Willden has been the
22 Mayor Pro Tempore for the last year. Council Member Porter agreed to be Mayor Pro
23 Tempore for the 2017 year.

24 Mayor Miller thinks that everyone has been doing well at attending the committees and
25 meetings they currently are assigned to. No changes were made for the year.
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27 **3. Planning Update.** Planning Director Gabryszak discussed developments in the City and their
28 status. They also discussed potential future building and possible sites in the City.
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30 Planning Director Gabryszak advised the Council that she has gotten a lot of positive
31 feedback on the code amendments they have been working on.
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33 **4. Capital Projects Review.** Public Works Director Lapin reviewed bids that have been done on
34 capital projects in the City. He also discussed capital projects that are currently being worked
35 on including water and sewer infrastructure.
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37 The Council and Staff then discussed parks and trails in the City.
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39 **5. Snow Removal Policy.** Assistant Manager Kyle advised the Council about issues the City is
40 having with removing snow on the City streets. The City does have the option to not allow
41 parking on the street overnight in the winter at all. There was not a decision made on this
42 issue.
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44 **6. Budget Overview.** City Manager Christensen asked the Council to give him specific

45 questions in regards to the budget that they can address later. He first gave a history of
46 different budget aspects in the City. He then reviewed a general overview of the budget to get
47 an idea of what priorities are, based on what the community is asking for.

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49 **7. Discussion – Elections Vote by Mail.** City Manager Christensen advised the Council that a
50 lot of Cities in the state have gone to vote by mail. He asked for the Council’s input on how
51 they would like the City to move forward for the next election.

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53 **8. Year in Review. a. Strategic Plan Review.** The Council and Staff discussed successes and
54 drawbacks the City has had over the last year.

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56 **9. Outstanding Projects, Goals, or Opportunities for Improvement.** The Council then gave
57 staff ideas on their goals for the next year. The Council agreed that they wanted to see current
58 projects finished rather than adding more.

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60 Council Member McOmber encouraged everyone to participate in 20 year celebration events.

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62 **10. Additional Capital or Operational Issue Review.** Assistant City Manager Kyle discussed a
63 storm drain rate update. They have been working with Zion’s Bank to do this.

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65 **11. Goal Review and Modification.** Mayor Miller advised that they would like to have a passport
66 office be one of the goals for the coming year.

67 **12. Closed Session.**

68 Motion by Council Member McOmber to enter into closed session for the purchase, exchange, or lease of property,
69 discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; pending or reasonably imminent
70 litigation, the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, was seconded by
71 Council Member Baertsch.

72 All Council Members were In Favor
73 Motion carried unanimously.

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75 The meeting moved to closed session at 6:16 pm.

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77 Present: Mayor Miller, Council Members Porter, Willden, McOmber, Baertsch, Poduska, and City Manager Mark
78 Christensen, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Public Works Director Jeremy Lapin, Assistant City Manager
79 Spencer Kyle.

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81 Closed Session Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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83 There being no further business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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87 Cindy LoPiccolo, City Recorder

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89 Approved: February 7, 2017