

**CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
AGENDA**

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Meeting held at the City of Saratoga Springs City Offices
1307 North Commerce Drive, Suite 200, Saratoga Springs, Utah 84045

Councilmembers may participate in this meeting electronically via video or telephonic conferencing

City Council Work Session

6:30 p.m.

1. Discussion of the Resolution supporting HB 363 regarding additional 0.25% Sales and Use Tax for Transportation.
2. Departmental Update from the Planning Department.
3. Agenda Review:
 - a. Discussion of current City Council agenda staff questions.
 - b. Discussion of future City Council policy and work session agenda items.
4. Adjourn to Policy Session.

RESOLUTION NO R15-__ (6-16-15)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, UTAH, SUPPORTING HB 363 (2015) AUTHORIZING A 0.25% LOCAL OPTION GENERAL SALES TAX DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION, ENCOURAGING THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL TO VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2015, AND ENCOURAGING VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, a safe and efficient transportation system creates the foundation for economic growth, improved air quality and public health, and enhanced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the creation and maintenance of transportation infrastructure is a core responsibility of local government; and

WHEREAS, Utah's population is expected to grow by 2 million residents by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Saratoga Springs demand new comprehensive transportation options such as bike lanes, multi-use paths, off-road trails, and transit in addition to traditional roads; and

WHEREAS, due to a shortfall in transportation revenue, Saratoga Springs is using dollars from the general fund to supplement the Class C Fund revenue in order to try to meet the City's local transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, research from the Utah Department of Transportation indicates that road rehabilitation costs six times as much as road maintenance, and road reconstruction costs ten times as much as road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, investing in transportation results in economic development to Saratoga Springs and Utah County and accessible good-paying jobs for our residents; and

WHEREAS, improving comprehensive transportation in Saratoga Springs and Utah County will reduce private vehicle usage, which will in turn lead to improved air quality; and

WHEREAS, poor air quality discourages economic development, business recruitment, and tourism visits, and contributes to asthma and other health ailments; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 10 Utah adults suffer from asthma and struggle to breathe during poor air quality days; and

WHEREAS, nearly 57% of Utah adults are overweight, nearly 200,000 Utahns have diabetes, and diabetes and obesity related health care costs in Utah exceed \$700 million; and

WHEREAS, investing in safe and connected trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, and multi-use paths will encourage residents to be active, enable residents to spend more time with their families via active transportation, and result in improved personal and community health; and

WHEREAS, Utah has created a Unified Transportation Plan to address these comprehensive transportation and quality of life issues; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature recognized the local transportation needs and enacted HB 362 which authorized counties to impose and voters to approve a 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to local transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City will, upon county imposition and voter approval, receive 0.10 of the 0.25% sales tax to invest in critical local transportation needs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Support the 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax. The City Council supports the proposed 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax that the Utah County Commission may submit to votes in Utah County in November.

SECTION 2. Encourage Submission of Proposal to the Voters of Utah County. The City Council urges the Utah County Commission to submit the 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation to the voters of Utah County for the November 2015 election. The City Council also publicly supports the Utah County Commission in submitting the 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation to the electorate of Utah County.

SECTION 3. Encourage Voters to Enact the 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax. The City Council encourages voters to carefully consider the potential impact from the 0.25% general sales tax local option and to support the enactment of the 0.25% local option general sales tax because of the potential impact explained below.

SECTION 4. Road and Street Needs in City. The City has significant traditional transportation needs that the municipal 0.10 portion could address. For example, the city has a backlog of road maintenance projects such as (insert as much information about potential projects as city sees fit). Adoption of the municipal 0.10 portion would enable the City to invest in the critical projects that our residents expect.

SECTION 5. Active and Alternative Transportation Infrastructure Needs in the City. The City has significant active and alternative transportation needs that the municipal 0.10 portion could address. For example, our residents are demanding improved sidewalks and pedestrian safety modes, enhanced bike lanes, better connectivity with transit, more traffic calming devices, and other modern transportation infrastructure (insert as much information about potential projects as the city sees fit). Investment in active transportation options will encourage residents to travel via walking, biking, and transit, result in a healthier population, reduced emissions, decreased health care costs, and improved quality of life. Adoption of the municipal 0.10 would enable the city to invest in the critical projects that our residents expect.

SECTION 6. Investment in Transit (if applicable). The City supports continued investment in public transit because transit can help relieve traffic, promote walkable

communities, and improve air quality. The transit system will receive 0.10 of the county imposed and voter approved 0.25% local option general sales tax. The City expects the transit system to utilize the revenues collected within the City for projects that will expand local bus service, foster local and regional connectivity, and benefit the residents of the City.

SECTION 7. Distribution of this Resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Utah County Commission, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, the President of the Utah State Senate, state representatives and senators who represent the City, and the Governor of Utah.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

ADOPTED and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, Utah 16th day of June, 2015.

**CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
A UTAH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

Signed: _____
Jim Miller, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lori Yates, City Recorder

Date

	VOTE		
	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Shellie Baertsch	_____	_____	_____
Rebecca Call	_____	_____	_____
Michael McOmber	_____	_____	_____
Bud Poduska	_____	_____	_____
Stephen Wilden	_____	_____	_____



City Council Memorandum

Author: Kimber Gabryszak, AICP
Memo Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2015
Re: Planning Department Quarterly Update

SUCSESSES

The Planning Department has been working both on current projects as well as long-range planning in order to better implement the Council's goals of an effective planning process and support of the community vision. Some highlights include:

- Finalized a large number of code amendments to streamline process and close gaps in code
- Approved General Plan amendments to support the goal of a vibrant lake shore
- Increased transparency through website and communication
- Increased efficiency and accuracy with modified noticing process
- Approval of several large developments bringing significant benefits to the community, such as the Tickville Wash drainage improvement and the preservation of Right of Way for MVC
- Continued work to ensure that development in Saratoga Springs is of high quality

APPLICATIONS

While the total number of applications is lower than 2014, the typical seasonal lull has passed and the Planning Department has seen over two dozen new applications and resubmittals in the last several weeks. In addition, a large number of 2014 applications were submitted, of which a high percentage were major in scale. Planning staff has been reviewing and processing both new applications and holdovers from 2014. Some highlights are below:

- COMMERCIAL / NON-RESIDENTIAL
 - Riverbend Medical – approved
 - Vasa Fitness – approved
 - Utah Valley Turf Farm – under review
 - Autozone – in process
 - Crossroads Ranchettes – under review
 - Cahill Church (Jacob's Ranch) – under review
- RESIDENTIAL
 - Wildflower Rezone, MDA, Community Plan – approved
 - 1468 ERUs, ~180 acres preserved for Mountain View Corridor
 - The Springs Annexation, MDA, Rezone, General Plan Amendment – approved
 - 1770 ERUs, residential development in city instead of alternative
 - Legacy Farms Plats 1A-1F - approved
 - 240 units, first 6 plats in Legacy Farms, encompassing Village Plan 1
 - Talus Ridge Plats A & B – approved and in the ground
 - Talus Ridge Plat C – in process
 - Mallard Bay – preliminary approved and final plats under review