



# MINUTES – CITY COUNCIL

**Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

City of Saratoga Springs City Offices

1307 North Commerce Drive, Suite 200, Saratoga Springs, Utah 84045

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## City Council Policy Meeting

**Call to Order:** Mayor Jim Miller called the Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **Roll Call:**

**Pursuant to the COVID-19 Federal Guidelines, this Meeting will be conducted electronically.**

**Present** Mayor Jim Miller, Council Members Chris Porter, Michael McOmber, Ryan Poduska, and Stephen Willden.

**Staff Present** City Manager Mark Christensen, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson, Economic Development and Public Relations Director David Johnson, City Engineer Gordon Miner, City Planner Rachel Day, Finance Justin Sorenson, Senior Planner Sarah Carroll, Human Resources Director Laura Gamon, Library Director Melissa Grygla, Finance Director Chelese Rawlings, Events AnnElise Harrison, Police Chief Andrew Burton and Deputy City Recorder Kayla Moss.

Invocation by Council Member Poduska

Pledge of Allegiance by Council Member McOmber

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None Submitted

**REPORTS:** Council Member Porter advised that he attended the briefing on the cares act to discuss the funding that was set aside for municipalities. Some of the cities decided to earmark the funding, \$20 million will go to economic development with the county and the remainder will be split 50/50 to county and the cities. Our share looks like it will be about \$2.4 million. He and a couple of other cities tried to push for dividing it among the cities but the greater majority decided to give a good amount of the money to the county to control.

Council Member Poduska advised that a lot of residents have been in touch with him from the Fox Hollow area. They want to know what can be done to protect the residents from gun activity in the mountains that are causing the fires.

City Manager Christensen advised there have been 5 fires in the City within the last week. He wants to make sure the word is spread that this year is extra dry and citizens need to be careful in their July 4<sup>th</sup> activities. On Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> a joint meeting is going to be held with Lehi City at the Marina.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

#### **1) Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Amendments; Resolution R20-26 (6-16-20).**

Finance Specialist Justin Sorenson advised that this is the 7<sup>th</sup> budget amendment for the Fiscal Year. This is the chance to clean up the budget and make sure everything is in order for the fiscal end. They are

accounting for money coming for the cares act, some appreciation of costs and other changes to make sure the budget is ready for the next year.

Mayor opened Public Hearing at 6:15 pm. No comments were submitted and the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Council Member Willden made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Amendments; Resolution R20-26 (6-16-20) was seconded by Council Member Porter.  
Vote: Council Members McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden– Aye.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**2) Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budget and Pay Plan for Elected and Appointed Officials; Resolution R20-27 (6-16-20).**

Finance Specialist Justin Sorenson advised that this should be the same format that they are used to seeing. Each department head has worked diligently to reduce how much they are planning to spend this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

Council Member McOmber thanked staff for being cognizant of the need to reduce the budget due to COVID-19. He hopes that everything will bounce back and the money can come back to the departments for the budget but we will have to see what the economy does.

Council Member Porter also thanked staff for decreasing their planned spending for the year. He would also like to cap the pay increase for elected officials at a 5% increase each year. He thinks that pay has almost doubled since the pay plan has been enacted.

Council Member Willden does not want to go to an automatic increase. He wants to make sure it is based on what the market calls for.

Council Member McOmber believes that they should stick to the pay plan set up 6 years ago. If they want to be treated like employees then they should look at retirement, 401k and all of the other benefits that employees get.

Mayor Miller advised that they set up the pay structure to de-politicize it and it is in place for a reason.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 6:26 pm. There were no submitted comments so the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Council Member McOmber made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budget and Pay Plan for Elected and Appointed Officials; Resolution R20-27 (6-16-20) was seconded by Council Member Willden.  
Vote: Council Members McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden– Aye.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1) Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Certified Tax Rate; Resolution R20-28 (6-16-20).**

Finance Director Chelese Rawlings advised that the certified tax rate this year is .001446 which is a decrease from .001570 last year. This is due growth in the City.

Council Member McOmber advised that because of the fiscal impact that has happened because of COVID-19 he is not pushing for a tax decrease but he would like to discuss it in the future.

Motion by Council Member Poduska made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Certified Tax Rate; Resolution R20-28 (6-16-20) was seconded by Council Member Porter.

Vote: Council Members McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden— Aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

**2) Authorization for Participation in the Employer “PickUp” of Public Safety and Firefighter Employment Retirement Contributions; Resolution R20-29 (6-16-20).**

Human Resources Director Laura Gamon advised that this has been implemented by Utah Retirements System and this would allow the City to make the adjustment.

Motion by Council Member Porter made a motion to approve the Authorization for Participation in the Employer “PickUp” of Public Safety and Firefighter Employment Retirement Contributions; Resolution R20-29 (6-16-20) was seconded by Council Member McOmber.

Vote: Council Members McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden— Aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

**3) Library Board Appointment, Christy Jepson; Resolution R20-30 (6-16-20).**

Library Director Melissa Grygla advised that Christy has been with the library board for three years and she would like to serve another term. They are also adjusting the amount of years so that the term expirations are staggered.

Motion by Council Member Porter made a motion to approve Library Board Appointment, Christy Jepson; Resolution R20-30 (6-16-20) was seconded by Council Member Poduska.

Vote: Council Members McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden— Aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4) Lake Mountain Estates Plat B-30 Preliminary-Final Plat, Nathan Coulter Applicant, ~3600 South McGregor Lane.**

City Planner Rachel Day made the presentation on this plat to the City Council. It is a three lot subdivision on McGregor Lane. The zoning is R1-10, it matches everything around it. They are seeking approval for a fee in lieu for open space. The planning commission recommended approval for this preliminary plat.

Motion by Council Member Willden to approve the Lake Mountain Estates Plat B-30 Preliminary-Final Plat, Nathan Coulter Applicant, ~3600 South McGregor Lane with all staff findings and conditions was seconded by Council Member Poduska.

Vote: Council Members McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden— Aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

**5) Saratoga Dignity Senior Community Development Agreement Amendment and Concept Plan, Rimrock Construction Applicant, ~700 West 1400 North / ~1590 North Cozy Lane / ~1538 North Foothill Boulevard; Ordinance 20-22 (6-16-20) to Approve Said Development Agreement Amendment.**

Senior Planner Sarah Carroll presented this item to the City Council. This first came to the City in 2018 and the applicant is now requesting a decrease in the number of the senior community units and an increase on the bed size of the assisted living facility.

The applicant Mark Hampton advised that the facility in Lehi is completely full and they have found that many of the people going to that facility are from Saratoga Springs. The demand for assisted living has created this amendment request. They plan to have 71 parking stalls on the site.

Council Member McOmber asked if the parking in front of the clubhouse is counted from the assisted living facility. He is concerned that the clubhouse needs parking stalls as well as the assisted living facility. He's not sure there is enough parking for the facility. He's a little concerned about how much traffic will be generated from the amount of beds they are now proposing.

Council Member Poduska asked how many employees they would need to have now for the 90 bed facility.

Mr. Hampton advised that at peak time the number of employees is 21.

Council Member Porter agrees that parking may be kind of tight. He thinks the 12 bed facility fit in well with the neighborhood and the 90 bed facility has a more commercial feeling that may not blend in with the neighborhood as well.

Council Member Willden thinks that there is a need within the City for this facility. He does think parking could be a substantive concern. He doesn't know what the appropriate numbers would be. He also is concerned about what this would do to open space and other things in the community. He would be more comfortable with a 74 bed facility.

Council Member Poduska is in support of adding more parking on the eastern side. If the east wing is eliminated and reduced to a 74 bed facility he is in support of that.

Council Member McOmber advised they need to be conscious of the street lighting. There needs to be good shielding in place to make sure the light doesn't travel to the R-3 zone.

Motion by Council Member Willden to approve the Saratoga Dignity Senior Community Development Agreement Amendment and Concept Plan, Rimrock Construction Applicant, ~700 West 1400 North / ~1590 North Cozy Lane / ~1538 North Foothill Boulevard; Ordinance 20-22 (6-16-20) to Approve Said Development Agreement Amendment including all staff findings and conditions and amending conditions one to allow for 74 units instead of 90 and removing 3 cottages was seconded by Council Member McOmber.

Vote: Council Members McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden— Aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **6) Chapter 18.02, Flood Damage Prevention, Repeal and Replace; Ordinance 20-23 (6-16-20).**

City Engineer Gordon Miner advised that the City participates in the national flood prevention program. FEMA has made a change in their recommended ordinance. The City took that and made it applicable to the City.

Motion by Council Member Poduska to approve Chapter 18.02, Flood Damage Prevention, Repeal and Replace; Ordinance 20-23 (6-16-20) was seconded by Council Member McOmber.

Vote: Council Members McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden— Aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

**7) Reconsideration of Ordinance 20-19 (5-19-20) Regarding Engineering Standard Drawing LP-6A.**

City Engineer Gordon Miner advised some adjustments were made to the small cell tower drawing.

City Attorney Kevin Thurman advised the state statute did not allow for the tower to be as tall as what the drawing was showing. The drawing was supposed to be illustrative in nature but not regulatory. It was changed so that it would just illustrate the idea.

Motion by Council Member McOmber to approve the Reconsideration of Ordinance 20-19 (5-19-20) Regarding Engineering Standard Drawing LP-6A with all staff findings and conditions and removing "50 feet" from the picture was seconded by Council Member Willden.

Vote: Council Members McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden—Aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:**

1. June 2, 2020.

Council Member Willden asked for a change on line 45 to add "when you consider the state unemployment rate".

Motion by Council Member Porter to approve the Minutes of June 2, 2020, with the submitted and posted changes, was seconded by Council Member Poduska.

Vote: Council Members McOmber, Poduska, Porter, and Willden—Aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

  
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Jim Miller, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Cindy LoPiccolo, City Recorder

Approved: *July 21, 2020*

