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Minutes of the **Work Session** of the **Lehi City Council and Planning Commission** held Tuesday, **August 1, 2023**, at Lehi City Hall, 153 North 100 East, Lehi, Utah. The meeting began at approximately 5:00 PM.

Present: Mark Johnson, Mayor
Paige Albrecht, Council Member
Chris Condie, Council Member
Paul Hancock, Council Member
Katie Koivisto, Council Member
Mike Southwick, Council Member
Heather Newall, Commissioner Chair
Scott Bunker, Commissioner
Tyson Eyre, Commissioner
Brent Everett, Commissioner
Emily Bitton, Commissioner Alternate
Scott Carlson, Commissioner Alternate

Others Present: Cameron Boyle, Assistant City Administrator; Cameron Boyle, Assistant City Administrator; Craig Chambers, Assistant City Attorney; Kim Struthers, Community Development Director; Lorin Powell, City Engineer; Andy Gowans, Management Analyst; and Teisha Wilson, City Recorder

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Johnson welcomed everyone and noted that all Councilmembers were present. Councilor Koivisto joined remotely.

2. Swearing-In of Planning Commissioners

Members of the Planning Commission were sworn in by Teisha Wilson, City Recorder.

3. Report on the Netherlands Transportation System.

Kim Struthers and Mike West, Community Development Department, gave a report on their recent trip to Netherlands, describing their transportation system and how Lehi City could apply elements to improve transportation in Lehi.

Mr. Struthers and Mr. West discussed topics related to urban planning and transportation. They focused on mobility, land use, and the overall quality of life. They referred to elements such as walking, biking, transit, and driving, highlighting how they all interact. They showed images and maps to illustrate the bike networks and road networks and pointed out areas of connectivity and ongoing improvements.

They shared information about a bike and pedestrian plan and emphasized the importance of the design of these networks to encourage usage.

Mr. Struthers and Mr. West then discussed land use and livability. They provide examples from the Netherlands, showing how compact urban areas can be built with underground parking to prioritize open spaces and pedestrian-friendly environments. They presented images of urban centers with mixed-use developments, underground parking, and dedicated pedestrian and bike streets. They highlight the effectiveness of having parking structures that feed into shopping centers instead of having arterial roads that conflict with pedestrian spaces. The conversation touched on the cost implications of underground parking and the considerations of land use in urban planning.

Discussion continued around the integration of transportation networks, land use, and urban design to create more sustainable and livable cities.

There was discussion of European countries' higher tax rates to support infrastructure. It was suggested that Lehi City could incentivize developers without raising taxes.

They discussed various projects that creatively use space, such as underground parking, mixed-use developments, shared parking agreements, and utilizing rooftops. They highlighted how proper design can lead to more efficient land use and reduced infrastructure costs.

The conversation moved on to the importance of promoting homeownership alongside rentals for equity building. They discussed cooperative ownership models that could be implemented in Lehi. There was an emphasis on the need for diversity in housing types and the benefits of creating livable, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods. They touched on concepts like biking infrastructure, reducing car dependence, and enhancing public spaces to promote happiness and well-being.

4. Discussion of Lehi City Flag Design

Mayor Johnson informed the Council of the need for a Lehi City flag design, rather than just using the City logo on the flag. He then showed a video on flag design and how the City might apply the principles taught in the video to create a new Lehi City Flag.

There was discussion regarding the complexity of designing flags and their symbolism. Mayor Johnson explained the significance of flags as representations of identity and pride, noting examples from other cities and states. He stated that various design attempts were made for a new Lehi flag, including incorporating historical elements, agricultural symbols like sugar beets and honeycombs, and elements representing technology and the future, such as semiconductors.

Other ideas were also considered, including incorporating the city's crossroads status and utilizing simple shapes and colors. They recognized the challenge of balancing past and future symbolism in a simple and recognizable design. The importance of involving the public in the

design process was discussed, with suggestions to create a flag design through crowdsourcing that adheres to specific criteria.

The Council agreed that the City would set up guidelines for flag submissions and seek public input on potential designs.

3. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the City Council at this time the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:56 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Johnson, Mayor

Teisha Wilson, City Recorder