

**MINUTES OF THE WEST JORDAN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HELD
DECEMBER 19, 2023 IN THE THOMAS M. REES JUSTICE CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM**

PRESENT: Ammon Allen, Kent Shelton, Matt Quinney, Trish Hatch, Jay Thomas (remotely), and George Winn. Catherine Richardson was excused.

STAFF: Scott Langford, Larry Gardner, Duncan Murray, Julie Davis, Cory Fralick

The briefing meeting was called to order by Ammon Allen with a quorum present. The agenda was reviewed. Larry Gardner provided training on subdivision regulations and improvement guarantees.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Approve Minutes from December 5, 2023

MOTION: George Winn moved to approve the minutes from December 5, 2023. The motion was seconded by Kent Shelton and passed 5-0 in favor. Matt Quinney and Catherine Richardson were absent.

2. Text Amendment – Streetlights; Amend the 2009 West Jordan Municipal Code Section 8-6-2: Streetlight Installation Required; City-wide Applicability; City of West Jordan (applicant)

Cory Fralick, Public Service Director, said the proposed text amendment came about from a recommendation of City Council. There are lapses in crosswalk lighting and the new code in Section 8-6-2 would require a streetlight on each side of a marked crosswalk with new development. After installation, the lights would be dedicated to the city and maintained by city staff.

George Winn said this ordinance will help to alleviate problem areas where accidents may be occurring and to help prevent future accidents.

Cory Fralick said he was aware of some of those situations. His department is in full support of the amendment, which will take steps in preventing new accidents. The city engineering team created a map that shows dark spots in the city where they can check for needed maintenance, but right now the code is for new development. The goal is to one day be able to install lights as the budget allows.

Matt Quinney returned to the room at 6:05 p.m.

Trish Hatch was concerned that the older areas would not be able to have improved lighting at crosswalks since they are not part of new development.

Cory Fralick said Section 8-6-2B allows residents in those areas to install lights at their own expense that would then be dedicated and maintained by the city.

Trish Hatch said many people could not afford that.

Duncan Murray explained that the council could fund a program similar to the sidewalk replacement program that appropriates money each year to improve areas in need. The purpose of this text amendment is to establish a rule that developers will install streetlights for new construction going forward. The city will then commit to maintaining them.

Mayor Dirk Burton explained that the streetlight fund on the utility bill is partly in place to install streetlighting in needed locations as complaints or recommendations are made. The newly adopted budget increased that amount by \$1 per resident to help eliminate the dark areas.

Duncan Murray said Section 8-6-3 is regarding that streetlight fund.

Cory Fralick said the city already follows UDOT and national highway guidelines with regards to required lighting. Crosswalks are considered an enhancement, and this amendment will take care of the issues proactively.

Ammon Allen opened the public hearing.

Further public comment was closed at this point for this item.

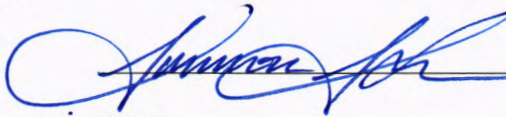
MOTION: George Winn moved, based on the information and findings of the required criteria set forth in the staff report and upon the evidence and explanations received today, to forward a recommendation of approval to the City Council for the Text Amendment regarding Streetlighting, finding that an affirmative determination has been made for the criteria found in 13-7D-6B; 1 through 4. The motion was seconded by Matt Quinney and passed 6-0 in favor. Catherine Richardson was absent.

3. Message of Appreciation

Mayor Dirk Burton expressed appreciation for Commissioners Matt Quinney and Catherine Richardson whose terms have ended and to Commissioner Kent Shelton who was elected to the City Council. He presented them with an award and certificate.

MOTION: Matt Quinney moved to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Vice Chair



ATTEST:

JULIE DAVIS
Executive Assistant
Community Development Department

Approved this 2nd day of January, 2024