



EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL JOINT WORK MEETING – SPECIAL SESSION

January 6, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

Eagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce

3688 E. Campus Dr., Ste 101, Eagle Mountain, UT 84005

11:00 A.M. WORK SESSION

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Senator Daniel Thatcher; Representatives Heidi Balderree, Stephanie Gricius; and Jefferson Moss.

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Tom Westmoreland, Councilmembers Donna Burnham, Melissa Clark, Rich Wood, and Brett Wright. Councilmember Jared Gray was excused.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Paul Jerome, City Administrator; Fionnuala Kofoed, Assistant City Administrator/City Recorder; and Cliff Strachan, Director of Legislative Affairs.

Mayor Westmoreland called the meeting to order.

1. MAYOR'S WELCOME

Mayor Westmoreland welcomed everyone and opened the joint discussion.

2. JOINT WORK MEETING WITH STATE LEGISLATORS

2.A. Discussion Items of Mutual Interest

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Upcoming Utah State bills that will impact the authority of City representatives, master planning, and funding of infrastructure, parking, water usage, and education;
- Possibly putting out a statement regarding concerns with the findings of the General Auditor's report;
- Councilmembers' desire for the development of smaller homes on larger lots in Eagle Mountain;
- Concerns with developer influence, profit-driven decision-making, and policies that do not fit the unique characteristics of many cities like Eagle Mountain;
- Legislature support of the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT);
- Changes to voting districts and legislator consideration of the needs of all their constituents;
- The impacts of compensation for the infrastructure costs of affordable housing on other residents;
- Negotiating a compromise by making amendments prior to the vote rather than voting against a bill that will pass;
- Working with the legislators to prepare proposal documents to submit to the ULCT;
- Forming caucuses with other cities with similar concerns;
- The dire need for road infrastructure funding; and
- A Utah Valley University (UVU) professor's plan to conduct a data study of Mountainland Associations of Government (MAG) operations.