



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, June 05, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Approved June 26, 2024
8000 S Redwood Road, 3rd Floor
West Jordan, UT 84088

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1. *CALL TO ORDER*

- COUNCIL:** Chair Zach Jacob, Vice Chair Chad Lamb, Bob Bedore, Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Kent Shelton, and Kayleen Whitelock
- STAFF:** Council Office Director Alan Anderson, City Attorney Josh Chandler, Budget & Management Analyst Rebecca Condie, Public Utilities Director Greg Davenport, Public Services Director Cory Fralick, Policy Analyst & Public Liaison Warren Hallmark, Assistant City Administrator Paul Jerome, City Administrator Korban Lee, Fire Chief Derek Maxfield, Council Office Clerk Cindy Quick, Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck

Chair Jacob called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

WJ Police Cadets led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. *SPECIAL RECOGNITION*

a. West Jordan Fire Department Badge Pinning

Chief Maxfield supervised a badge pinning ceremony recognizing Mike Jensen for completing the Fire Officer Designation and honoring promotions and new hires: Travis Ball, Captain Mike Moon, Abraham Masalvis, Dillan Ricks, Daniel Contraris, Tea Jepson, Anne Gardner, Jordan Himas, and Ben Hoe. Additionally, three new firefighters, Shelly Jones, Clara Acey, and Steven Webster, were introduced. The Council congratulated the honorees and took pictures to commemorate the event.

b. Introducing the 2024 Western Stampede Royalty

Community Affairs/Events Manager Ashley Dupler introduced the 2024 Western Stampede Royalty, highlighting their strong academic backgrounds and upcoming college plans. These students earned their titles by demonstrating what it means to be an American Cowgirl.

Royalty Chair Jen Mane, a long-time resident of West Jordan, expressed her excitement about working with the Western Stampede Royalty, sharing that the Western Stampede has been a cherished event in her family.

The 2024 Western Stampede Royalty includes:

- **Rodeo Queen Isabella Lenthe:** recently graduated from Morgan High School. Her speech emphasized courage in adversity and the legacy of cowgirls like Annie Oakley and Amberley Snyder.
- **First Attendant Raegan Wilson:** from South Jordan, majoring in Veterinary Science, and served as first attendant last year. During her speech, she shared how she overcame a challenging performance to improve and embody the resilient spirit of an American Cowgirl.
- **Second Attendant Victoria Gurlov:** attends Mt. Heights Academy, passionate about leadership and serving others, has overcome horse allergies to participate in competitions. Her speech emphasized the importance of authenticity and self-acceptance.

Chair Mane expressed her gratitude for working with these exceptional representatives, noting their skills and dedication. The Council took the opportunity to congratulate the royalty and take pictures with them.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Jacob opened the public comment period at 6:27 pm

Comments:

Paul Zuckerman from the Humane Society of the United States raised concerns about puppy mills. He highlighted issues such as lack of transparency about animal origins, absence of health records, warranties favoring stores, high prices, and predatory financing. He noted that many pets from these sources suffer from emotional and health problems, advocating for better consumer and animal protections.

Amy Motta from Bailing Out Benji discussed a 2021 audit on USDA's handling of complaints about breeders. The audit revealed that about half of the complaints were mishandled. Despite USDA's claims that breeders meet their standards, most people consider them inhumane, with animals lacking proper space and enrichment. The USDA's breeder database is poorly managed and often requires manual record searches. While approximately 2,000 mills are USDA-licensed, it's believed there are over 10,000 unlicensed, highlighting a significant problem.

Julie Barfuss expressed her disappointment to the council regarding a recent offensive and disturbing display at the public works building. She mentioned that she had sent emails to the council regarding the issue. Despite it being considered freedom of speech, she felt there were several violations and was unhappy with how it was handled, urging the council to do better.

Chair Jacob closed public comment at 6:36 pm

5. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

a. City Council Reports

Vice Chair Lamb thanked staff for organizing the Memorial Day events. He mentioned

that the events were well-received, 100 cars had to be turned away due to space limitations, indicating high attendance and popularity.

Council Member Green also expressed gratitude to the events staff for the Memorial Day events and Car Show. He appreciated the city staff that attended and supported the event. He highlighted the flagpole event, praising the tradition and the moving speech given. He acknowledged the attendance of Congressman Owens and the substantial turnout as a success.

Council Member Bedore echoed the positive sentiments about the Memorial Day event. He thanked Council Member Green for organizing a tour of the National Guard facilities, describing it as an inspiring experience.

b. Council Office Report

Council Office Director Alan Anderson announced plans for the upcoming Western Stampede event mentioning the availability of golf carts and candy for distributing during the event. He noted more information would follow.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burton praised the parks department for their beautification work at Pioneer Hall and announced plans to redo the parking area. He reported on improvements to the 7125 S Trailer Court Landscape project, the completion of striping on 7800 South, and a major landscaping project at Station 55, thanking the firefighters for their efforts. He announced a partnership with UTA for the Western Stampede, where every event ticket gets a free ride on UTA, and sought feedback on the initiative. He highlighted community events such as food trucks at Ron Wood Park every Tuesday, a "Meet with the Mayor" session on June 6, a First Friday Concert on June 7 featuring local artists, and noted that city offices will be closed on June 17 in observance of Juneteenth.

Mayor Burton left the meeting.

d. City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Korban Lee announced a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of HMart this Friday, expressing excitement for the completion of the project.

Utilities Manager Greg Davenport informed Council that every year, staff submits a report titled the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program (MWPP) Survey to the State of Utah Department of Environmental Quality. This report helps communities better understand wastewater systems and identify any issues, covering financial aspects like master plans, impact fees, and rate studies, as well as collection aspects like pipe inventory, capital plans, and overflow incidents.

Chair Jacob thanked the Mayor and street staff for the newly added stripes on 7800 South, noting the positive feedback he had received and appreciating their efforts on the project.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Receive public comment regarding Resolution No. 24-026 authorizing the transfer of monies from enterprise funds to other city funds in FY 2025.**

Council Office Director Alan Anderson explained that utility bills included a notice for be a public hearing regarding the transfer of enterprise funds to other city funds. However, Council will receive public comments with a formal public hearing on June 26, 2024. This gives residents an opportunity to speak twice on the matter, with no action being taken tonight.

Chair Jacob opened the public comment period at 6:50 pm

Comments:

None

Chair Jacob closed public comment at 6:51 pm

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Resolution No. 24-025 authorizing the pick-up of certain public safety and firefighter employee retirement contributions.**

Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck oriented the council regarding the resolution authorizing the pick-up of contributions for public safety and firefighter employee retirement pensions. This action would increase the previously approved rate from 2.59% to 4.73%. The rate will remain in effect until URS requires a pickup rate that exceeds the approved rate.

MOTION: Council Member Green moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 24-025 authorizing the pick-up of certain public safety and firefighter employee retirement contributions.

Vice Chair Lamb seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Zach Jacob, Chad Lamb, Bob Bedore, Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Kent Shelton, Kayleen Whitelock

NO:

ABSENT:

The motion passed 7-0.

- b. Presentation of the Annual Fraud Risk Assessment for FY 2024.**

Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck presented the Annual Fraud Risk Assessment, initiated in 2020. The city's score remained high, missing only 20 points due to the absence of an internal auditor function.

Council Member Green inquired about the necessity and benefits of gaining those 20 points. Director Steck explained that the city's score remained high comparable to most other cities and while assigning the role to a finance team member or hiring a suitable person could cover the points, efforts might be excessive and ultimately not impactful for the city.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approve Meeting Minutes

- **May 15, 2024 – Committee of the Whole Meeting**

MOTION: Vice Chair Lamb moved to APPROVE consent items listed on the agenda.
Council Member Shelton seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Zach Jacob, Chad Lamb, Bob Bedore, Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Kent Shelton, Kayleen Whitelock

NO:

ABSENT:

The motion passed 7-0.

9. ADJOURN

Chair Jacob adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent an accurate summary of what occurred at the meeting held on June 5, 2024. This document constitutes the official minutes for the West Jordan City Council meeting.

Cindy M. Quick, MMC
Council Office Clerk

Approved this 26th day of June 2024