

City of Washington Terrace

Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting

Held on June 18, 2024

City Hall, 5249 South 400 East, Washington Terrace City, Utah

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Mark C. Allen
Council Member Jill Christiansen
Council Member Zunayid Z. Zishan
Council Member Cheryl Parkinson
Council Member Jeff West
Council Member Michael Thomas
Parks and Recreation Director Carlos Grava
City Recorder Amy Rodriguez
City Manager Tom Hanson

Others Present

Mike Lawrence

1. WORK SESSION

5:00 P.M.

Topics to include, but are not limited to:

• Terrace Days 2024 Recap and Review

Grava supplied a recap on Terrace Days and the logistics of the event after a debrief with the Public Works Department, Fire Department, and staff. Grava's notes included:

- Portable restroom at the staging area for the parade.
- Possible use of school restroom during the parade set up.
- Have the Sheriff Department shut down 300 West earlier (at 3:30p.m.)
- Keep 4800 South shut down a little longer after the parade has passed so that cars will not try to pass at the route.
- Smaller buckets of candy for the Council Members to make it easier to throw.
- Added signage for the Grand Marshal
- Added signage for parking during the parade and set up of parade. Cones or A-frame signs may be used.
- Turn the lights off at the Pickleball Court before the Movie in the Park. Make sure to make an announcement before the lights are turned off (9:00 p.m.)
- Tape off the water tank area, as it is a fire hazard during the fireworks and cars were parked in the area.
- Place food vendors on the south side and all other vendors on the north side. Grava stated that there may be a logistic problem as to where to place port-a-potties if the vendors are separated. It will be reviewed next year.

- Create a Pickleball tournament before the event. Grava stated that the event should start at 7:00 a.m. and it must end at 11:00 a.m. for fireworks set up. Grava stated that there will be a budget cost to apply the idea of a tournament. It will be discussed next year during Terrace Days planning.

Mayor Allen stated that Janet Helstrom has approached him concerning a Pickleball Tournament. He stated that they may be a good resource to help run the tournament. Council Member Christiansen suggested that the tournament be held before the movie in the park (4:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.). Council Member Parkinson suggested that a Horseshoe Tournament can also be held on Saturday. Mayor Allen stated that the Horseshoe Association president lives in the city and he may be a good resource in which to tap.

Mayor Allen stated that there was a great turnout for the movie in the park. Grava estimated over a 250 head count. Mayor Allen stated that it was \$525.00 to rent the movie. The Lion's Club raises the funds for the sponsorship of the movie. Council Member West stated that he was contacted by a resident that organizes car shows, noting that a car show may overlap with other events and bring more people into the event. Council Member West stated that we have organizers for the events, it would be a matter of planning next year as to a time and location of the events. Hanson stated that the problem with the logistics of a car show is that they all come with a truck and trailer. They would need to be out of the area before the fireworks.

Council Member Zishan stated that heart patients, babies, veterans, and animals may have a hard time with fireworks. He suggested that drones may be a possible solution. Grava stated that he has looked into the pricing. He stated that a ten minute show with 120 drones was \$100,000.

Mayor Allen stated that once it gets dark, there are fights and issues, mostly by teenagers. He stated that the kids are from all cities. He suggested that we might want to end the event early and forgo fireworks. He stated that Clinton City decided to change their event to June because there were so many gang issues when they held the event in August. Mayor Allen stated that he heard from Clinton that there were less incidents this year. Mayor Allen stated that he understands that we are in a three-year contract with our fireworks vendor.

Council Member West stated that some of the tables in the table area by the food vendors are dirty and a little ratty. He suggested that adding a few more tables might cut down on trash. He stated that the tables are old and dirty. He asked if it was possible to have them cleaned, and possibly arranged in a different location. Council Member Christiansen stated that they may be arranged along the bounce houses for a better flow. Council Member West stated that the crowds were very thick around the vendors, which he noted is a good thing. Hanson stated that planning will be done to locate the best routes and locations for the vendors.

Hanson stated that the food vendors are 'anchor stores' that bring people to the other vendors. He stated that the vendors begin cleaning up when the fireworks start. Hanson stated that the vendors are allowed to leave through the south entrance.

Mayor Allen stated that the parking was better this year. He stated that the flow seemed to be working this year and the sheriff had a handle on the traffic.

Council Member West stated that he has been asked if the parade route will be changed every few years to move it to different parts of the city. Mayor Allen stated that there are more places on the current route for people to sit, as well as being centrally located. Council Member West agreed, noting that there are not many public places on the old route. He also noted that old parade route ended at Rohmer but caused congestion at the park.

Council Member Parkinson stated that we may want to beef up the parade. She asked how do we get all the businesses in the area to participate in the parade, (ie. Golden West, Mountain Star). She stated that the vehicles were not very decorated and would like to promote that type of parade. She would like to promote businesses and organizations to decorate floats and promote their businesses. She suggested that Council may be able to help get organizations on board. She stated that she would like to have a parade that looks like a parade, and not just vehicles driving down the road. Council Member Zishan stated that he has spoken to a lot of people in his generation, and they are not excited about parades.

Council Member Parkinson stated that she has heard of parades where everyone joins in at the end of the parade, and a huge water party ensues after the parade. She stated that the fire truck can spray down the crowd. She would like to make it a fun event.

Council Member Zishan stated that he is not a fan of parades, noting that a lot of the younger generation are not either. Council Member West stated that he agrees that parades are a generational thing. He stated that if people in the community love what is currently happening, then we should just try to excel at what we already are doing.

Council Member Parkinson asked how Council can help Grava expand the parade. Hanson stated that staff is limited in capacity with the event. Hanson stated that we will have to rely on Council for increased level of service if we want to expand the parade and event. Council Member Zishan stated that this is a Washington Terrace thing. He stated that this is our capacity and we should keep it Washington Terrace. He stated that if we are going to push it or expand it, we will need more capacity and more funding for the event. Council Member West stated that if it expands to more than our community, that would be another issue. He stated that we should keep it in our community and work with the resources that we have. Council Member Parkinson stated that she believes that people do want to bring their kids to the parades, however, it must be an event worth seeing.

Hanson stated that it would be too costly for the vendors when the events were all day long. He stated that it was mostly teenagers hanging around the park.

Council Member Thomas suggested having two different locations for events that can occur concurrently. Mayor Allen stated that the band was fantastic.

181 **Roll Call Vote**

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185 **7.2 MOTION/RESOLUTION 24-05: TO APPROVE THE BUDGET DOCUMENT FOR**
186 **FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 FINAL BUDGET, FEE SCHEDULE; AND ADOPT THE**
187 **COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFIED PROPERTY TAX**

188 Mayor Allen stated that there were no substantial impacts to the certified tax rate.

189 Council Member Zishan thanked Garrett and Hanson on educating Council through the budget
190 process and answering all their questions. He stated that he appreciates that the process starts
191 early.

192 Garrett stated that she will be sending out a survey to Council to help understand their experience
193 with the budget process this year, and look for suggestions on the process so that she can do her job
194 better and improve communication and educational opportunities with Council.

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196 **Motion by Council Member Parkinson**
197 **Seconded by Council Member Christiansen**
198 **To approve Resolution 24-05 to approve**
199 **The Budget Document for Fiscal year 2024-25 Final Budget**
200 **Approved unanimously (5-0)**
201 **Roll Call Vote**
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205 **8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF**

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207 Council Member Christiansen stated that she received a lot of feedback on the free rock climbing wall at
208 Terrace Days this year. She gave her kudos to Grava for putting on a great event.

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210 Council Member Parkinson stated that she looks forward to next year's Terrace Days. She stated that she
211 is very pleased with the 300 West Road Project and how residents have been able to access their properties
212 without too much impact.

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214 Council Member West asked Hanson to pass along Council thanks to the Public Works Crew as well for
215 their hard work and efforts with the Terrace Days event.
216 He stated that he has been asked if the traffic light sequence at 4400 South and 300 West could be changed
217 during the construction project to allow for longer lights.

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219 Council Member Thomas stated that a handful of people on the northeast side of the park stated to him that
220 they witnessed smoking and drinking at Terrace Days. He would like a friendly reminder and signs noting
221 that the event is a no smoking/alcohol event. Hanson stated that several residents were escorted out of the
222 park. Mayor Allen stated that he would like our signs to be updated to include vaping.

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224 Mayor Allen thanked Public Works and Meibos for their work on the road construction projects
225 throughout the city.
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227 **9. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

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229 Hanson stated that he will try to bring the speed sign back to 500 West during the road projects.
230 Hanson thanked Council for their work to help set and guide policy within the city to help us deliver a
231 balanced budget. He stated that staff appreciates working with Council throughout the budget process.
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233 Hanson stated that he is working on the Affordable Housing Plan Compliance. He stated that he will be
234 meeting with the Planning Commission to review information. He stated that he will also meet with the
235 Planning Commission on recommendations for a backyard chickens ordinance.
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237 Hanson stated that the Public Works Crew has been diligently working with residents during the road
238 construction projects so that they are able to access their homes. He stated that they are happy to make the
239 efforts needed to have the project run smoothly.
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242 **10. UPCOMING EVENTS**

243 June 27th: Planning Commission (tentative) 6:00 p.m.
244 July 2nd: Council Work Session (5:00) and Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
245 July 4th: City Offices closed in observance of Independence Day
246 July 16th: City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
247 July 24th: City Offices closed in observance of Pioneer Day
248 July 25th: Planning Commission Meeting (tentative)
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250 **11. ADJOURN THE MEETING**

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252 **Motion by Council Member West**
253 **Seconded by Council Member Thomas**
254 **To adjourn the meeting**
255 **Approved unanimously (5-0)**
256 **Time: 6:25 p.m.**
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258 **12. ADJOURN INTO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

259 The Council adjourned into an RDA meeting immediately following the regular meeting.
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265 **City Recorder**