



MINUTES
Springville City Council Work/Study Meeting - July 02, 2024

MINUTES OF THE WORK/STUDY MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 02, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

Presiding and Conducting: Mayor Matt Packard

Elected Officials in Attendance: Craig Jensen
Logan Millsap
Jake Smith
Mike Snelson
Mindi Wright

City Staff in Attendance: City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald, Assistant City Administrator/City Attorney John Penrod, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Bruce Riddle, City Recorder Kim Crane, Community Development Director Josh Yost, Administrative Services Director Patrick Monney, Internal Services Director Scott Sensanbaugh, Museum of Art Director Emily Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Child, Public Works Director Brad Stapley, and Public Safety Director Lance Haight.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Packard welcomed everyone and called the Work/Study meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Calendar

- Jul 04 - Independence Day Observed (Civic Center Closed - Thursday)
- Jul 09 - Work Study Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- Jul 16 - Work Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Jul 24 - Pioneer Day Observed (Civic Center Closed - Wednesday)

2. **DISCUSSION ON THIS EVENING'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Invocation - Councilmember Wright
- b) Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember Smith
- c) Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes for the work meeting held on June 11, 2024, and the work meeting and regular meeting held on June 18, 2024
2. Approval of the Mayor's appointment of Emily Bastian to the PAR Board

Mayor Packard asked if there was any discussion on the consent agenda. There was none.

3. DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a) Discussion regarding the 620 South Canyon Road Intersection - Brad Stapley, Public Works Director

Brad reviewed the traffic and pedestrian flow near Springville Junior High was reviewed. A progress update was given, noting that staff had met with the school district and the seminary, and that signs had been ordered. Public Safety offered to assist with crosswalk education. There is a possibility of installing fencing if the current measures are insufficient.

An update was provided regarding the Allen's block and the 400 South median. It was reported that UDOT was willing to share costs with the city to install a raised concrete median in this section.

The ongoing street micro surfacing and paint striping projects were discussed. Active transportation initiatives were underway on 1750 West, from 900 South to 1300 South, where plans for a buffered bike lane were being developed. Due to the changing road width near 400 South, further review would be needed to integrate active transportation measures. Buffered bike lanes and some parking would be implemented on 400 East to 1400 North, with confirmation that these lanes would accommodate both parking and bike lanes. Beyond 200 North, the road would narrow and would not have marked bike lanes.

Brad reviewed the roundabout proposal for the 620 South Canyon Road intersection, estimating its cost at approximately \$2.2 million without property acquisition. An alternative traditional four-way stop was estimated at about \$991,000. Staff had engaged in open discussions with residents, addressing concerns about potential property value decreases, secondary driveway access, and lower speed limits.

There was a discussion on the four-way stop intersection, focusing on how driveway access would affect traffic flow and the need to slow down for stops. Concerns about pedestrian safety were raised, with considerations for installing RRFB crosswalks or possibly a traffic signal. It was noted that city property in the area might lead to the creation of a non-conforming lot.

Brad also provided historical context, explaining that the master plan from years ago had envisioned connections north-south and into Mapleton. The Canyon Road parcel purchased 15 years prior for a new roadway, was intended to connect roads from the junior high to the new high school, forming part of a connector network through 1200 South Mapleton to 1600 South Springville.

Mayor Packard inquired about considering less expensive traffic options to slow traffic, suggesting alternatives to a four-way stop. Brad responded that additional traffic studies would be conducted to compare a four-way stop versus a two-way stop on Canyon Road, along with an extended speed limit study.

Councilmember Snelson added that despite some options not being included in the master plan, they should still be considered.

Mayor Packard expressed concern about the potential increased impact on 400 South with the addition of a new high school, compared to Canyon Road. Brad indicated that while the model predictions would be close, more accurate data would be available once the changes were in use.

Councilmember Snelson inquired whether the property acquisition required was minimal, to which Brad confirmed it was. Councilmember Millsap asked about enhancing active transportation in the area for safety, noting that the intersection also affected the trail system.

Brad reassured that the staff's recommendation for a two or four-way stop would not affect the master plan and could be completed by October.

Mayor Packard allowed for public comment:

Melissa Brookes, a resident of Canyon Road within the proposed roundabout area, expressed her concerns. She clarified that despite being told that property acquisition was not required, both proposed plans would still impact her and other residents living at the intersection. Melissa described frequent use of her driveway for activities such as sporting events and family functions, emphasizing that the changes would block driveways and worsen their situation. She highlighted that the intersection modifications would decrease property values despite the significant time and money invested in their homes.



Melissa appreciated the council's visit last year to observe how the intersection functioned and invited them to come again, park in her driveway, and experience the difficulties of getting onto the road firsthand. She emphasized that safety would be a major issue and inquired whether the land to the north could be traded to mitigate the impact on her and her neighbor.

Norm Evans emphasized the critical importance of pedestrian safety and the need to slow down traffic on Canyon Road. He expressed concern that roundabouts could be dangerous for pedestrians.

Ben Nielsen agreed that the master plan could be adjusted and noted that the school district map covered about 8.8% of the district. He acknowledged the danger of the current intersection but expressed concern about creating another hazardous intersection on Houtz Avenue. Ben stated his discomfort with the available options and questioned the necessity of the section on Houtz if the school district would not be using it. He suggested that a four-way stop would be a preferable solution.

Councilmember Snelson asked if granting the property north of the Brookes and Nielsens to the homeowners would improve safety. They wondered if disposing of the property would enhance the safety of the residents. Brad explained that there were options such as using a deed or an easement, along with various traffic movement solutions.

Mayor Packard clarified that the objective was not to make an immediate decision but to conduct further studies. However, Brad emphasized the need to adhere to the schedule with the school district, noting that something needed to be built by October. He expressed a preference to proceed with the staff recommendation of either a two-way or four-way stop with the roadway going through Houtz.

Councilmember Wright suggested not having a connecting road from Houtz and instead either maintaining the current intersection or conducting a study for stop signs.

Councilmember Jensen expressed a preference for a two-way stop and indicated interest in the results of a study on a four-way stop. Jensen emphasized the importance of finding a win-win solution for the residents and requested that staff coordinate the property considerations.

Councilmember Millsap supported saving funds by opting for traffic calming measures instead of a roundabout, favoring the use of stop signs. Millsap also noted the value of the city property and urged the council to consider it.

Councilmember Snelson suggested using the property for an egress, implementing a stop sign, and allowing staff to conduct a study.

Councilmember Smith supported a two- or four-way stop and inquired about the possibility of using a raised walkway. Troy responded that he would investigate the feasibility of a raised walkway, emphasizing the importance of having a connector road.

Mayor Packard emphasized the need for connectivity and ensuring safety for the Brookes and Nielsens, suggesting that the property could be used to enhance this safety.

b) Discussion regarding an update to Springville City Code Title 3 Chapter 7 Animal Control - Chief Haight, Public Safety Director

Chief Haight introduced the department's Animal Control Officer, Dirk Wilson, during the meeting and addressed the current city code, highlighting that it prohibits the ownership of wild animals as pets, including venomous and constricting snakes. He mentioned that all snakes are currently outlawed under the code. Chief Haight requested the council to review the code and presented a recommended amendment. He acknowledged the presence of the Laidlaws, owners of Clint's Reptile Room on Main Street, and appreciated their attendance at the meeting.

Chief Haight addressed the limitation on the number of dogs and cats in Springville, noting that it is an issue primarily concerning cats and justifying the need for such limitations. Dirk Wilson, in his report, mentioned that the issue extends to snakes and lizards as well, prompting Chief Haight to raise the question of whether there should also be a limit on the number of snakes and lizards that can be kept within the city.



Councilmember Jensen proposed exploring alternative methods of managing the issue rather than setting a specific numerical limit. Councilmember Millsap expressed interest in researching the regulations regarding snakes and lizards in other cities.

Chief Haight presented potential code amendments for dogs and cats, while Troy indicated the need to remove the honeybee code.

The council reached a consensus and would like the staff to investigate what regulations other cities have in place regarding snakes, lizards, and other animals, with a plan to gather information and report back.

- c) **Art City Days Debrief - Stacey Child, Parks and Recreation Director**
Postponed until July 09, 2024

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no reports.

ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED - TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MOTION

The Springville City Council may temporarily recess the meeting and convene in a closed session as provided by UCA 52-4-205.

ADJOURN

Motion: Councilmember Snelson moved to adjourn the work meeting at 7:03 p.m. **Councilmember Millsap seconded** the motion. **Voting Yes Councilmember Jensen:** Councilmember Jensen, Councilmember Millsap, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Snelson, and Councilmember Wright. The motion **Passed Unanimously; 5-0**

This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Council Work/Study Meeting held on Tuesday, July 02, 2024.

I, Kim Crane, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Recorder for Springville City, of Utah County, State of Utah. I do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate, and complete record of this meeting held on Tuesday, July 02, 2024.

DATE APPROVED: July 16, 2024



Kim Crane
City Recorder