

CITY OF OREM  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
56 North State Street Orem, Utah  
August 13, 2024

**4:00 P.M. WORK SESSION - CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**

CONDUCTING	Mayor David A. Young
ELECTED OFFICIALS	David Young, David Spencer, LaNae Millett, Chris Killpack, Jenn Gale, Jeff Lambson and Tom Macdonald
APPOINTED STAFF	Brenn Bybee, City Manager; Ryan Clark, Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director; Keri Rugg, Deputy City Manager/Management Services Director; Steve Earl, City Attorney; Josh Adams, Police Chief; Chris Tschirki, Public Works Director; Brandon Nelson, Finance Director; Ben Williams, Fire Division Chief; Bryce Merrill, Library and Recreation Director; Taggart Bowen; City Engineer; Jason Bench, Assistant Development Services Director; Carlo Okotowitz, IT Division Manager; Peter Wolfley, Communications Manager, PIO; Teresa McKitrick, City Recorder

**NOTE: The referenced report and presentation documents for each discussion may be viewed at [orem.org/meetings](http://orem.org/meetings) under “City Council Presentations”**

**Canyon Park Tech Center Tour**

The Mayor, City Council and the Executive Staff toured the Canyon Park Tech Center. The center has 12 buildings with many amenities for their business tenants.

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Mr. Tschirki introduced Mr. Lambson who is the project manager for the Alpine Aqueduct project. The Alpine Aqueduct is the main water line that comes through the upper part of the Cascade Golf Course area. This area has experienced landslides and seismic activity over the years. Approximately 60% of Orem’s drinking water comes through this pipe.

Mr. Lambson explained that the Alpine Aqueduct is a key component of Utah's Central Utah Project, which aims to efficiently use the state's Colorado River water allocations.

Specifically, the Alpine Aqueduct is part of the Bonneville Unit, designed to transport water from the Provo River Basin to the Bonneville Basin.

The aqueduct system includes the municipal and industrial (M&I) system, which conveys water from various mountain lakes and dams to the Jordanelle Reservoir and then via the Provo River to Deer Creek Reservoir where the water is discharged into the Lower Provo River and then diverted to CUWCD's Don A. Christiansen Regional Water Treatment Plant at the Olmsted Diversion. From there, water travels through aqueducts to north Utah and Salt Lake Counties, with deliveries reaching up to 21st South in Salt Lake.

Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1, which was originally constructed in 1980 and since repaired in 2001, is critical for water distribution because it supplies approximately 60% of Orem's drinking water and serves over 1.6 million people along the Wasatch Front as supplemental water.

Recent geological studies revealed the aqueduct crosses an ancient landslide (Paleo slide) and several fault lines, necessitating a redesign to avoid the slide and address fault movement. A proposal includes rerouting the aqueduct to bypass the slide and crossing the fault at a right angle to handle displacement. With a significant earthquake risk in the region (43% chance of a 6.75 magnitude quake in the next 50 years), ensuring the aqueduct's resilience is crucial.

The new design involves a tunnel and vertical shaft, with construction expected to start in the fall. The project will use specialized pipe manufactured in Japan, which can handle seismic displacement. This update will take two construction seasons, with tunneling beginning on the east end while pipe fabrication continues.

The Council and staff asked questions about how this will affect the residents in that area and how it will be coordinated with those residents.

The city facilities project involves significant updates, including the rebuilding of sewer, water, and storm drain systems, with either full or partial reconstruction based on the location. Residential streets used as haul routes for heavy trucks will be damaged but will be repaired with milling and overlaying once construction is complete. Emergency access will be maintained by coordinating with the contractor and Orem's Fire Department and Police Department. CUWCD will be requesting a non-exclusive easement on 1060 North and 1360 East where the pipeline will be constructed. Currently, the project is in the final stages of acquiring the necessary easements and pre-qualifying contractors. The design is 90% complete and the target completion date is October 14.

The City Council had questions about the current pipeline and how it works, as well as how the new pipeline will work. They also discussed who residents will contact if they have questions. Central Utah Water will have a hotline for questions and will let the City Council know when the neighborhood meetings are held.

Station Area Plan Presentation *Presenter: Grant Allen, Senior Planner*

Mr. Allen presented the Orem Station Area Plan. The overall objectives are to maximize development potential in appropriate areas and have cities (and citizens) determine how best to meet shared objectives. The shared objectives are to increase the availability and affordability of housing, promote sustainable environmental conditions, and increase transportation choices and connections. The public visioning and station area plan process is first, a public workshop for brainstorming. Second, hold an open house to consider preferences. Third, have a vision concept celebration to show vision scenarios. Fourth, Implementation strategy and adoption of the station area plan. The 2023-2024 public engagement includes 1 planning commission meeting, 3 city council meetings, 7 stakeholder meetings, brainstorming workshops, brainstorming real time and online surveys, scenarios evaluation workshop, scenarios evaluation real time and online survey, vision celebration public meeting and outreach postcard, newsletter, and social media.

The Orem Station Area plan scenario chosen will be presented to Mountainland Associated Governments (MAG). MAG is the approval body selected by the state. The plan scenario will be presented tonight to the City Council. Mr. Allen displayed images of the chosen plan scenario. The station area plan certification process includes applying 45 days prior to scheduled SAP Policy Committee meetings, delivering needed documents to MAG for review, and MAG will circulate the application to UTA for a two-week review and comment period. After the review MAG will deliver a list of deficiencies, the applicant responds to MAG and UTA comments, and then Orem will present the Orem Frontrunner SAP to SAP policy Committee Meeting on September 18. Following the SAP Committee Meeting, MAG SAP Policy Committee will issue a conditional certification, Orem SAP will return for final adoption in the General Plan and any applicable zoning updates, and MAG will issue the final certification following receipt of applicable resolutions. The deadline for all plans is December 31, 2025.

Ms. Millett is concerned about some parts of the station area plan and would like to table or postpone the proposed resolution in today's meeting. She would like to see the plan more targeted and less general. The City Council questioned and discussed the station area plan proposal. The Council plans to table this station area plan for today's City Council meeting.

Lori Criman, Executive Assistant Introduction

Mr. Bybee introduced Ms. Criman. She will be the new executive assistant to the City Manager's office. She will be working directly with the City Council.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, NEW BUSINESS, ETC.)

Mr. Spencer serves on the following committees: Senior Center Advisory Commission, Recreation Advisory Commission, Planning Commission, and Public Safety Advisory Commission. The Senior Advisory Commission is doing well under Gina Bertelsen's leadership and the senior center is now cooking meals which improved the food quality at the center. The Recreation Advisory Commission had success with the opening of Hillcrest Park and the soccer

fields. The fall sports will be starting soon. The Planning Commission is moving forward and doing a good job of evaluating proposed projects. The Public Safety Advisory Commission is not currently active.

## AGENDA REVIEW & PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

### 6:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### CONDUCTING

Mayor David A. Young

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#### CALL TO ORDER

**INVOCATION / INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT** – Caleb Duncan

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Peter Duncan

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT/ ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**MyHometown Update** *Presenter: Jennica Jones, Strategy and Innovation Division Manager, the Barrys, Orem City MyHometown Chairs, and the Riries, Geneva Heights MHT Executive Directors*

Ms. Millett expressed her gratitude for those who have helped coordinate the myHometown efforts. Mr. Killpack introduced the Barrys and the Ririers who will be helping Orem with the myHometown program. Mr. Barry explained the myHometown objective is to revitalize neighborhoods, improve lives, create friendships, offer educational learning

experiences, foster a sense of belonging and pride in one's neighborhood, and create opportunities to be of service to one another.

The Riries will be the directors of the Orem Geneva Heights myHometown community. Mr. Ririer explained that Jim and Marilyn Barry are over all of Orem and Brent and Beverly Ririe will be over the Orem Utah Geneva Heights Stake area. The program has three parts. The first part of the program is the community resource center. Bart and Renae Mangum and Howard and Vicki Gardner will be the directors of the community resource center (CRC). The educational classes offered could include ESL/SSL classes, beginning piano, basic computer skills, beginning sewing, community courses, homework tutoring lab and a children's center.

The second part of the program is Neighborhood Services. Claire and Sandy Call and Bill and Joyce Kuttler will be directors of the Neighborhood Services. There will be 6 annual days of service projects a year. Each service day will consist of 5 to 10 projects. These projects could include home repairs, painting, landscaping, clutter and debris removal, and community parks improvements.

The third part of the program is Community Activities/Parties. This will be run by Amy Green and will work with the Orem City Events Coordinator. Three times a year there will be large parties for the community. A spring party, a summer swim party, and a fall party.

The implementation status is as follows: leadership is in place, there are 40+ service missionaries and volunteers, the CRC has been established and is being equipped, teachers are being identified, assigned and trained, outreach has started for community and faith groups, the website will be launched this week, neighborhood services are being outfitted, the dates for 2025 Days of Service have been determined, and the Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for August 24th.

**Citizen's Budget Presentation** *Presenter: Jennica Jones, Strategy and Innovation Division Manager and Trevor Bell, Budget Division Manager*

Mr. Bell explained that this citizen's budget is an approach to make complex financial information accessible and understandable to the citizens. It is meant to simplify the 297 page fiscal City budget that represents 9 months of planning and forecasting, 6 public meetings, and countless hours of staff work. Going forward the citizen budget will be presented to the City Council at the same time as the full budget.

Ms. Jones explained that this citizen's budget will be available digitally on the City website on the financial page and transparency portal. Printed copies will be available at the 311 help center and the Orem library. The City Council were grateful for the staff involved in creating this budget.

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**Opened at 6:38 PM**

Caleb Duncan is here with his son, Peter Duncan, to encourage the City of Orem to get a pump track in the City. A pump track is a rideable playground. Pump tracks serve many different age groups, they are a good workout, and they build community. There are currently seven pump tracks in the state of Utah.

Peter Duncan wants a pump track in Orem because it is fun for all ages. He wants one in Orem to be closer to our residents.

Kevin Elmer is here to request a feasibility study on the possibility of a crosswalk be installed in the area of 600 North and 800 East. The speed limit is 35 MPH and no crosswalk is available for the children to safely cross.

**Closed at 6:45 PM**

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes - July 9, 2024**

#### **Metropolitan Water District of Orem Appointment**

Dave Faux

**Mr. Macdonald moved** to approve consent items. **Seconded by** Mr. Lambson. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Jenn Gale and Chris Killpack. The motion **passed**.

## **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

### **Appointment and Swearing in for Taggart Bowen as City Engineer**

Mr. Earl introduced Taggart Bowen as the new City Engineer. Ms. McKittrick swore in Mr. Bowen. Mr. Bybee expressed gratitude and support for Mr. Bowen in this position.

**Mr. Macdonald moved** to approve Taggart Bowen as the new City Engineer. **Seconded by** Ms. Millett. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Jenn Gale and Chris Killpack. The motion **passed**.

### **Resolution - Designation of Kindness Week** *Presenter: D. Jacob Summers, Deputy City Attorney and Jennica Jones, Strategy and Innovation Division Manager*

Mr. Summers explained that designating the first week of May as Kindness week. This is part of the process to become a 'City of Kindness'. Ms. Jones explained that this is part of the 'One Kind Act a Day' group that presented to the City Council last month. Mr. Summers

reiterated that this resolution will establish a specific week for the kindness week and allow the City to appropriate funds to support these efforts.

**Mr. Spencer moved** to approve by resolution designating the first week of May to be Kindness Week, **seconded** by Ms. Millett. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Jenn Gale and Chris Killpack. The motion **passed**.

**Resolution - Temporary Judge for Justice Court** *Presenter: D. Jacob Summers, Deputy City Attorney*

Mr. Summers presented a resolution that authorized the appointment of temporary judges for the Orem Justice Court. The City of Orem has a full time judge, Judge Parkin, but there are times when the City will need to seek an appointment of a temporary judge. This resolution allows any judge appointed as a Justice Court judge within the 4th District Court or any adjacent county, and any senior judge to fill in temporarily for Judge Parkin.

**Mr. Spencer moved** to approve by the appointment of temporary judges to serve in the Orem Justice Court, **seconded** by Mr. Lambson. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Jenn Gale and Chris Killpack. The motion **passed**.

**Resolution - Approving as to Form the Orem Frontrunner Station Area Plan for Station Area Plan Certification.** *Presenter: Grant Allen, Senior*

**Mr. Macdonald moved** to table the approval as to Form the Orem Frontrunner Station Area Plan for Station Area Plan Certification, **seconded** by Mr. Lambson. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Jenn Gale and Chris Killpack. The motion **passed**.


**CITY MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Bybee invited the City Council to the annual Orem employee appreciation party. He spoke of other upcoming events including employee appreciation party on Thursday, the 'Come Together Festival' on Friday and Saturday, and on Monday the American Legion is sponsoring a car show. Mr. Bybee informed the council that the Orem City employee giving campaign has been launched.


**ADJOURN**

**Ms. Gale moved to adjourn. seconded** by Mr. Killpack. Those voting yes: David Young, LaNae Millett, David Spencer, Tom Macdonald, Jeff Lambson, Jenn Gale and Chris Killpack. The motion **passed**.

**PASSED and APPROVED this 27th day of August 2024.**

  
**David A. Young, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Teresa McKittrick, City Recorder**

**COUNCIL MEMBER**

**AYE   NAY   ABSTAIN**

<b>Mayor David A. Young</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Chris Killpack</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>David Spencer</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Jeff Lambson</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Jenn Gale</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>LaNae Millett</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tom Macdonald</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

