



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
Wednesday, September 25, 2024 – 6:00 pm
Approved October 9, 2024
8000 S Redwood Road, 3rd Floor
West Jordan, UT 84088

CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL: Vice Chair Chad Lamb, Bob Bedore, Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Kent Shelton, Kayleen Whitelock

STAFF: Council Office Director Alan Anderson, Mayor Dirk Burton, City Attorney Josh Chandler, Budget & Management Analyst Rebecca Condie, Public Utilities Director Greg Davenport, Public Services Director Cory Fralick, City Planner / Zoning Administrator Larry Gardner, Policy Analyst & Public Liaison Warren Hallmark, Assistant City Attorney Duncan Murray, Council Office Clerk Cindy Quick, Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck, Assistant City Administrator Paul Jerome, Attendee Tangee Sloan

Vice Chair Lamb called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and noted that Chair Jacob was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Becky Condie led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chair Lamb opened the public comment period at 6:01 pm.

Comments:

Steve Jones, West Jordan resident, said 3200 West by Constitution Park was marked "no parking", but on Saturdays cars were parked along the road for ball games, sometimes blocking turn access to 7000 South. Mr. Jones said he felt the situation was dangerous, and should be taken care of. He said it happened every year, and his patience was wearing thin. Mr. Jones asked that enforcement occur, or that the no parking signs be taken down.

Dianne Sharp-Roberg, West Jordan resident and owner of Dance by Dee, spoke of traffic issues on Meadowlark Lane. She said vehicles were driven too fast, and expressed concern for the safety of her young dance students and their parents. Ms. Sharp-Roberg said radar speed signs on Meadowlark were no longer working, and said she was told by the City in 2018 that Meadowlark Lane qualified for speed bumps.

Bobby Morgan, West Jordan resident, said she and her husband lived along the canal just off Meadowlark Lane. Ms. Morgan said the canal gate next to her home was cut years ago and now

served as an access point for homeless, four-wheelers, and children playing in the canal. She said the canal company would not take responsibility. Trent Morgan said dirt bikes raced up and down the canal all day, drug deals occurred, and transients exited right next to their home. Mr. Morgan said the area was dark at night, and said he sent pictures to the City and asked for a streetlight. Ms. Morgan said the neighborhood needed help, and said a street light was needed.

Nick Hansen, West Jordan resident, said he was in attendance to support Dianne Sharp-Roberg and Bobby Morgan. He said his home faced the canal road. Mr. Hansen said he was disappointed that the promised speed bumps had not been installed. He said he was worried that his special needs son would be hit by a vehicle and had seen a lot of crime around the broken gate; he had personally reported drug deals. Mr. Hansen asked the City for help.

Christian Arambula, West Jordan resident, expressed the opinion that West Jordan was run beautifully.

Ann Marie Barrett, Bingham Creek Library Manager, shared summer reading numbers between the two libraries in West Jordan, and announced upcoming events at the library.

Vice Chair Lamb closed public comments at 6:16 pm.

4. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

a. City Council Reports

Council Member Whitelock welcomed West Jordan High School students in attendance, and encouraged them to register, study, and vote when they turned 18. She thanked City employees for responding when Council Members asked questions.

Council Member Green thanked City staff for the invitation to the annual employee corn hole luncheon. He said Public Works and Public Facilities employees were often the first responders to water line breaks and did a great job.

Council Member Shelton spoke of the “report a problem” feature on the City website, and said he was impressed with how quickly staff jumped on problems. He reported of events and ribbon cuttings he recently attended.

Council Member Bedore appreciated Council Member Shelton’s dedication to the Council and the City. He believed it was important for citizens to speak up and share issues and concerns with the Council; he felt the Council was there to listen and do what they could.

Council Member Bloom knew traffic was rough on 7800 South with current construction but emphasized that the work would be worth it when it was done. She wanted residents to know that public comments were heard and addressed by the appropriate people.

Vice Chair Lamb spoke of utility projects on 1300 West, and thanked staff for what they did. He said he was grateful to have water piped directly to his home.

b. Council Office Report

Council Office Director Alan Anderson highlighted mention of the Youth Council in the City Journal and spoke of an upgrade to agenda management software.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Dirk Burton reported on recent events and projects in West Jordan, and spoke of upcoming events in the community.

d. City Administrator's Report

Public Services Director Cory Fralick provided an update on the UTA Dog Park at 200 West 8200 South, reported plans for a gaga ball pit at McHeather Park, and announced of a new playground to be installed at Loneview Park.

Economic Development Director David Dobbins reported Rio Tinto had agreed to sponsor the new wheels park with an annual contribution of \$140,000 for three years. Mr. Dobbins expressed appreciation for the donation of funds and materials for the park.

Utilities Manager Greg Davenport provided an update on the Zone 1 Cemetery Tank noting walls were expected soon and answered questions from the Council.

Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck reported on a recent successful bond sale to fund planned projects, and thanked the Council for their support.

e. Informational Presentation on the Salt Lake County (SLCo) Public Safety Bond

SLCo Human Services Director Kelly Colopy and SLCo Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy for Corrections Bureau Matthew Dumont presented information about a bipartisan Public Safety Bond that would be on the ballot in November. Ms. Colopy said the bond aimed to: balance public safety and human services needs; realign and set up the SLCo Jail and Human Services systems for success; create structured and secure environments to reduce repeat offenses and put people on a path toward self-reliance; fund a critical missing element of the broader system; and replace outdated infrastructure and treatment programs. The total capital cost of the bond would be \$507,000,000, with a \$4.91 per month impact on the average residence, and \$8.93 per month8 for businesses.

Council Member Bloom commented on the current shortage of needed medical and mental health personnel. Ms. Colopy spoke of a five-year plan to build additional work force in medical and behavioral health.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Ordinance No. 24-33 amending West Jordan City Code regarding procedures for the Senior Housing Overlay District and other Overlay Zoning Districts in Sections 13-6H-12, 13-7D-4, 13-7D-6, and 13-7I-5

City Planner/Zoning Administrator Larry Gardner summarized proposed amendments to City Code. The amendments would require separate applications for an underlying zone and an overlay zone, and would require an underlying zone to be approved prior to an overlay zone. Mr. Gardner presented four criteria for an amendment to the Zoning Map or removal of any overlay zone.

Vice Chair Lamb opened a public hearing at 7:04 pm.

Comments:

None

Vice Chair Lamb closed the public hearing at 7:05 pm.

MOTION: Council Member Green moved to APPROVE Ordinance No. 24-33 amending West Jordan City Code regarding procedures for the Senior Housing Overlay District and other Overlay Zoning Districts in Sections 13-6H-12, 13-7D-4, 13-7D-6, and 13-7I-5.

Council Member Whitelock seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NO:

ABSENT: Zach Jacob

The motion passed 6-0.

b. *Ordinance No. 24-43 amending West Jordan City Code section 1-4-1 and 1-4-2 regarding Elected Official Compensation*

Council Office Director Alan Anderson explained changes in State law regarding elected official compensation, and noted elected official compensation was last increased in West Jordan in 2014. During a previous Committee of the Whole meeting, the Council directed staff to draft amendments that would set Council compensation at 20% of mayoral compensation and add an annual COLA linked to that given to City employees, with an effective date of July 1, 2025.

Vice Chair Lamb said he believed the proposed amendments would avoid some of the negativity associated with discussions of elected official compensation.

Vice Chair Lamb opened a public hearing at 7:10 pm.

Comments:

Steve Jones, West Jordan resident, had a problem with the proposed amendments. Mr. Jones suggested tying Council compensation to mayoral compensation was a conflict of interest, and expressed the opinion the process was not supposed to be easy. He said residents should be consulted to determine if increases were warranted, and said he did not personally get a COLA. Mr. Jones said he believed there was a long list of individuals who would like to sit on the dais.

Jim Bird, West Jordan resident, said Council compensation probably did need to increase, but expressed the opinion that the path chosen was not appropriate. He suggested the start date for Council compensation should be after the election cycle. Mr. Bird said he knew Council Members put more time into Council work than a part-time job, but suggested the Council needed to rethink implementation.

Vice Chair Lamb closed the public hearing at 7:15 pm.

Council Member Whitelock read aloud a statement. She was not aware that Council Members were compensated when she was first elected. She had been told the City would need to pay more to get better candidates, but did not agree. Council Member Whitelock did not want the pay and benefits to be the reason someone ran for office and would prefer a committee of residents be tasked to study compensation and provide a recommendation. She said all residents who had reached out to her on the subject had not been in favor, and she would vote against the proposed amendment. She would rather the funds were used for road maintenance.

Council Member Green did not have a problem with developing a policy for regular and appropriate compensation increases for the Council. However, he did not like the idea of tying Council compensation to mayoral compensation and would not be in favor of any pay increase unless benefits were addressed. He wanted Council compensation to be reasonable and planned to vote against the amendment as proposed.

Council Member Bloom understood public perception was crucial in the process and appreciated dialog with residents. She believed an adjustment was needed, having not occurred in 11 years, and expressed concern that if nothing was done an even bigger change would be needed in four or five years. She would prefer something incremental that would not affect the budget as much as if the issue were put off again. Council Member Bloom would like to readdress the matter and find a solution that did not have the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Council Member Shelton did not choose to run for City Council for the compensation. He did not want to appear self-serving and expressed the opinion that tying Council compensation to mayoral compensation with a COLA would be inappropriate but a vote regarding Council compensation was difficult. He liked the idea of considering options that did not involve mayoral compensation and would likely vote in favor of the proposed amendments if the COLA were removed.

Council Member Bedore agreed the subject was difficult and noted that giving a raise to yourself was an odd thing. He said that while he had not realized he would be paid as a Council Member, he had also not realized just how much time he would put into the position. He felt that ten years without an increase was tough and hoped tying Council compensation to something that would make it less of a political issue. He agreed with pulling back, but stated something needed to be done to ensure the Council was fairly compensated. Council compensation should not be something held against Council Members. He suggested there would need to be specific criteria for any citizen committee involved in setting Council compensation and was not in favor of the COLA. He wanted a policy for setting Council compensation and hoped the Council could come together on the topic.

Vice Chair Lamb felt further discussion was needed. He said a policy was in place to discuss mayoral compensation every four years, but there was no policy in place to ensure discussion of Council compensation.

MOTION: Vice Chair Lamb moved to REFER Ordinance No. 24-43 regarding Elected Officials Compensation to a Committee of the Whole within 60-90 days. Council Member Shelton seconded the motion.

Council Member Green said he was concerned with the possibility of citizen council fatigue and would prefer the process to be cleaner.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Chad Lamb, Bob Bedore, Pamela Bloom, Kent Shelton, Kayleen Whitelock

NO: Kelvin Green

ABSENT: Zach Jacob

The motion passed 5-1.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Ordinance No. 24-41 Amending Certain Sections of Title 1, Chapter 15 (Elections), including qualifications for office, campaign finance disclosures, and use of city logos. (City Code Sections 1-15-2, 1-15-4, 1-15-8, and 1-15-9)

City Recorder Tangie Sloan introduced proposed amendments to City Code regarding qualifications for office, campaign finance reports, use of City logo, compliance with Utah election laws, candidate filing fee, and grammatical/clerical changes.

Ms. Sloan presented two options regarding financial disclosures:

- Option 1: Allows compliance up until 30 days before the next municipal candidate filing period.
- Option 2: Prohibit a candidate from filing a declaration of candidacy at the next municipal election if any late or unfiled campaign finance report was more than 30 days late.

Regarding use of the City logo, Ms. Sloan proposed the following:

- Exception: incidental use in a background or on a person's clothing in a video is allowed.
- Not permitted: on any election or campaign material to infer endorsement of a candidate by the City.
- Enforcement: procedures in Title 16, fines listed in the Consolidated Fee Schedule, and possible pursuit of other consequences.

Vice Chair Lamb preferred Option 2 regarding the campaign financial disclosure. Council Members Whitelock and Green expressed agreement.

MOTION: Council Member Green moved to APPROVE Ordinance No. 24-41 amending Sections 1-15-2, 1-15-4, 1-15-8, and 1-15-9 regarding Elections, including qualifications for office, campaign finance disclosures, and use of city logos adopting Option 2.

Council Member Whitelock seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NO:

ABSENT: **Zach Jacob**

The motion passed 6-0.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approve Meeting Minutes

- September 11, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting*

MOTION: **Council Member Green moved to APPROVE the Consent Agenda as listed.**

Vice Chair Lamb seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NO:

ABSENT: **Zach Jacob**

The motion passed 6-0.

8. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Lamb adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent an accurate summary of what occurred at the meeting held on September 25, 2024. This document constitutes the official minutes for the West Jordan City Council meeting.

Cindy M. Quick, MMC
Council Office Clerk

Approved this 9th day of October 2024