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Roy City Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024– 5:30 p.m.
Roy City Council
5051 S 1900 W Roy, UT 84067

Minutes of the Roy City Council Meeting held in person in the Roy City Council Chambers and streamed on YouTube on September 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the Utah Public Notice Website at least 24 hours in advance. A copy of the agenda was also posted on the Roy City website.

The following members were in attendance:

Mayor Dandoy
Councilmember Jackson
Councilmember Joe Paul
Councilmember Scadden
Councilmember Saxton
Councilmember Sophie Paul

City Manager, Matt Andrews
City Attorney, Matt Wilson
City Recorder, Brittany Fowers

Excused:

Also present were: Assistant City Manager, Brody Flint; Police Chief, Matthew Gwynn; Police Captain, Armando Perez; Fire Chief, Theron Williams; Deputy Public Works Director, Brock Durain; Parks and Recreation Director, Michelle Howard; Michael and Nghia Mansfield, Glenda Moore, Micheal Ghan, Judy Stokes, Dave & Brenda Griggs, Richard Jensen, Dennis Brown, and Rhonda DeGroot.

A. Welcome & Roll Call

Mayor Dandoy welcomed those in attendance and noted Councilmembers Jackson, Saxton, and Scadden were present.

B. Moment of Silence

Councilmember Scadden invited the audience to observe a moment of silence.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Scadden led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Consent Items

1. Surplus Vehicles – see list in packet

Councilmember Jackson motioned to approve the consent items. Councilmember Saxton seconded the motion, all present Councilmembers voted "Aye", and the motion passed.

E. Public Comments

Mayor Dandoy opened the floor for public comments.

Dave & Brenda Griggs, 2009 W 4350 S spoke first. Mrs. Griggs discussed their trailer concrete pad. She explained that throughout the entire process of getting an estimate, cutting the curb, and getting the concrete poured they had not been told that they were in violation of the City Code. She said it

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had been there for the last eight years, and reported that a Code Enforcement Officer had given them a verbal approval in the past. Mr. Griggs said that he and his wife and recently gone on a camping trip and when they returned home, they received a notice informing them that their trailer pad was in violation of the Code. Mr. Griggs said that the Code Enforcement Officer had told them that someone had reported them for violating the Code. Mr. Griggs said that the Code Enforcement Officer had told them that a verbal approval was not sufficient, and that it did not matter that there were several other residences in the City that also had trailer pads. Mr. Griggs stated it would cost him over $25,000 to put the curb back in and take out the cement, and it was not an option to park their trailer in the backyard.

Mr. Griggs said he understood the Code Enforcement Officer was just doing his job and he appreciated the work, though he noted there were many other houses in their neighborhood that were in violation of the home. To that end, he and his wife had opted to speak with Mayor Dandoy, who was sympathetic to their cause. Mr. Griggs relayed that Mayor Dandoy had told them the ordinance they were in violation of was an outdated law from the 1950s.

Mrs. Griggs expressed that she and her husband loved living in Roy City and did not want to move. She discussed how they had worked to keep their home from being an eyesore and had done xeriscaping in their yard in order to save water, per guidance from the City. She said it challenged their lifestyle to not be able to park their trailer and side-by-side on their own property. She said she and her husband were very worried about being in violation and proposed that the ordinance be changed and updated. She said there were many other houses in Roy City who were in similar situations.

Mayor Dandoy said the Griggs were not alone in this issue. He said while theirs was a specific case, there was a broader issue. He said the Griggs would come back before the City with a more in-depth presentation for the Council so they could explore the issue more.

Councilmember Jackson asked if the Griggs were going to be fined in the meantime and Mayor Dandoy said it was a Code violation, but the City Staff were working with them.

Councilmember Scadden spoke to the Griggs and said their trailer pad most likely looked fine, and he commented that he did not even know things like this could be an issue until he had started working on the Council. He said if it looked aesthetically pleasing there should not be an issue.

Mayor Dandoy closed the floor for public comment.

F. **Presentations**

1. Oath of Office – Newly Promoted Captain Perez

Chief Gwynn said both of the police officers being promoted that evening were former Marines. He spoke first about Captain Perez and listed his previous positions with the Roy City Police Force, including investigation sergeant and patrol sergeant. Chief Gwynn also detailed Captain Perez's service with the Marine Corps. Chief Gwynn said that Captain Perez was a natural leader and was very protective and supportive of his staff. He identified that Captain Perez's wife Whitney was there with him to pin his badge at his swearing-in.

Captain Perez introduced his wife, his three children, his mother, his parents-in-law, his sister, and his uncle who were there that evening to support him.

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City Recorder Fowers led Captain Perez through his swearing-in.

Councilmember Jackson thanked Captain Perez for saving residents over the summer when a house had caught on fire in her neighborhood.

2. Oath of Office – Newly Promoted Sergeant Cunningham

Chief Gwynn then spoke about Sergeant Cunningham. He reported that Sergeant Cunningham had been a police officer for 14 years and had begun his service with Roy City in 2021. Chief Gwynn said during his time on the Roy City force, he had trained new officers and served as defensive tactic instructor. Chief Gwynn shared Sergeant Cunningham's service with the Marines as well. He indicated his wife Tasha was there to pin his badge that evening.

Sergeant Cunningham introduced his friends and family present, and then City Recorder Fowers swore Sergeant Cunningham into office.

Councilmember Jackson expressed she was grateful Sergeant Cunningham had come to Roy City from Clinton. Mayor Dandoy said it was a testament to Sergeant Cunningham that he had the trust of Roy City residents, which was not the case in all cities across the country. He thanked both of the newly promoted officers and expressed that the Council would always assist them in any way they could.

G. Discussion Items

1. Community Commercial (CC) Zoning Update and Changes

Assistant City Manager Flint went over a proposed change to the Community Commercial zone. He said the Planning Commission had proposed some changes to the uses in the zone and also suggested a new name. He said the idea was to model this zone after the downtown mixed-use zone, which would allow for greater flexibility and the ability to do the kind of developments that the City wanted to see in that area. Assistant City Manager Flint said the updates would allow for residential uses on some of the deeper lots. He said these changes would be in alignment with State-level transportation plans, namely the widening of 3500, and said they wanted to plan for the future growth that would come with that.

Assistant City Manager Flint indicated some photos that showed where the current Community Commercial zones were located throughout the City as well as some photos as to what the zone could possibly look like. He asked the Council for any thoughts and feedback before they brought this back for a final vote.

Mayor Dandoy elaborated on the widening plans for 3500. He said 5600 was currently being developed and noted the souths ide was already paved. He said by the end of the year, all traffic would be shifted to the south side. He also explained there was dirt on top of the bridge in order to add weight, and it would not be permanent. Mayor Dandoy anticipated that the 5600 project would be completed by 2025. He also stated there was currently survey work being done on 3500, and he hoped that he and City Manager Andrews would be able to see a preview of the design by the end of the year. He said construction on 3500 should begin sometime in 2026 or 2027, and said the plan was to have five lanes that ran all the way from Antelope Drive in Syracuse to Midland Drive in Roy City.

Mayor Dandoy explained that this road widening plan was inevitable and Assistant City Manager Flint's plan would allow Roy to determine what they wanted the corridor to look like once the widening projects were implemented. He said the Council could take some time to consider adopting the new Urban Corridor, and asked for their initial thoughts.

Councilmember Jackson said she did not want to see people buying properties on 3500 only for those

properties to be taken out by UTA in 2026 or 2026, as had been the case on 5600. Mayor Dandoy thought UTA might start contacting residents for right-of-way acquisitions as early as the end of 2025. He then clarified what happened on 5600. Mayor Dandoy said they had removed between 60 to 70 business and houses for the 3500 widening and reported had not been a single complaint from residents. Mayor Dandoy said UTA was fair in the negotiations for right-of-ways on 3500 and had even given bonuses to property owners in some cases.

Mayor Dandoy added the main thing they needed to consider was what they wanted to do with the vacant lots that were left over once the businesses and homes were taken down. He said in many cases, people would give these lots to the City and they would become the City's responsibility. Mayor Dandoy said most of these lots would be too small for a house to be built on it and expressed he was not sure what the best use of the lots would be. Councilmember Scadden thought this gave them more options from a development perspective and that this was in the long-term best interest of the property owners along 3500.

Councilmember Jackson added that the residents had always been clear that they did not want to see skyscrapers in Roy City and said she liked that the height for buildings was capped at 40 feet in the zone. Mayor Dandoy commented he thought 40 feet was reasonable as well. Councilmember Jackson noted as well that the new zone had commercial spaces on the bottom floor of the mixed-use buildings and she pointed out that could be a good space for the businesses taken out by 3500 to fill in. She expressed she did not want to see vacant properties along 3500 and thought this would be a good way to bring in more property taxes into Roy. She stated she was in favor of the idea.

Councilmember Saxton thought mixed-use was the best solution, noting that they needed commercial coming into the City. He thought the plan made sense and said he was in favor of the 40-foot height limit. Councilmember Scadden echoed Councilmember Saxton's comments and said he was in favor of having this come back before the Council for official consideration and approval. Mayor Dandoy summarized that the Council was in favor of the plan and directed Assistant City Manager Flint to continue to fine-tune the proposal and then bring it back before the Council.

2. Flashing Beacon Lights on 4800 South Pedestrian Crossing

Councilmember Jackson led this portion of the meeting and recalled this was a continuation of a previous Council discussion. She discussed how the crossing at 4800 South was dangerous for pedestrians and so the Council had directed flashing lights to be added to the crosswalk. She hoped the flashing beacons could go up before Homecoming on September 27th so that students on their way to and from the dance would be safe from passing cars. She commented that while most students were careful, some kids did not look where they were going and walked out into the street. Mayor Dandoy said the City now kept a pair of flashing beacons on hand and said they could use those backup beacons for this crosswalk.

The Councilmembers unanimously agreed to move forward with this plan.

H. City Manager & Council Report

City Manager Andrews first announced a save-the-date for the Fire Prevention Night Out on October 9th at the fire station. He also reminded the Council that Trunk-or-Treat was cancelled this year due to budget cuts. He acknowledged there had been a lot of discussion online about Waste Management and so Waste Management was going to come to Council to give a presentation about their work, and he added this would be primarily centered around recycling. He also announced the CTC was holding a dinner on October 7th and invited the Council to attend. Lastly, he reported some trees had blown down at the cemetery due to a storm and they had needed to temporarily close the cemetery while the City repaired the damage and removed the trees.

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Councilmember Jackson reported that Mosquito Abatement was coming to spray in advance of the Homecoming Dance.

Youth City Councilmember Quincy Johnson spoke about the upcoming Homecoming festivities at Roy High and shared the schedule for the various events as well as the route for the Homecoming Parade. Councilmember Jackson said Miss Johnson was a great asset to Youth City Council.

Councilmember Scadden asked if the Council was still interested in formalizing the Truth in Taxation meetings and holding them every year, which was something they had discussed during a previous work session. Councilmember Scadden said there needed to be interest from at least one other Councilmember before he could direct the Staff to update the ordinance to include a formal meeting for Truth in Taxation. Mayor Dandoy suggested Councilmember Scadden set up a work sheet with a basic framework for how the meeting would be structured, and they could discuss it at the next meeting and determine from there if the Council was interested in pursuing that option. Mayor Dandoy thought it would be a good conversation to have.

I. Adjournment

Councilmember Scadden motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Saxton seconded the motion, all present Councilmembers voted "Aye" and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Robert Dandoy
Mayor

Attest:

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Brittany Fowers
City Recorder

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