

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2024

The North Ogden City Council convened on October 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Ogden City Public Safety Building at 515 East 2600 North.

Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on October 17, 2024.

Notice of the annual meeting schedule was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on December 13, 2023.

Note: The time stamps indicated in blue correspond with the recording of this meeting, which can be located on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriqbePBxTucXEzRr6fclhQ/videos> or by requesting a copy of the audio file from the North Ogden City Recorder.

PRESENT:

S. Neal Berube	Mayor (Joined via Zoom at 6:15 p.m.)
Ryan Barker	Council Member
Blake Cevering	Council Member (Zoom)
Jay D Dalpiaz	Council Member
Chris Pulver	Council Member
Christina Watson	Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
Rian Santoro	City Recorder
Dave Espinoza	Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager

VISITORS:

Kevin Burns	Colton Bryan
Sandy Cochran	Lonny Eldridge
Brenda Ashdown	Cheryl Stoker
Stefanie Casey	Randy Edmunds
Phil Swanson	Jacque Hoggan (Zoom)
Charlotte Ekstrom	Susan Kilborn (Zoom)
Travis Taylor	

0:00:06 Mayor Pro Tempore Barker called the meeting to order and Council Member Watson offered the thought, sharing insights from a recent training for the North Ogden City Youth Council.

Cheryl noted that speeding near her home is a persistent problem, with most vehicles traveling over 35 mph. She also shared several incidents of property damage, including a broken window and damage to her garden caused by speeding vehicles. She urged action to address the issue before it leads to a serious accident.

0:05:40 Lonny Eldridge, a North Ogden City resident, expressed concern about speeding on 1510 North, stating that vehicles travel too fast down the short, hilly road. He echoed similar concerns raised by the previous speaker and requested any assistance in addressing the issue, though he was unsure of the exact solution.

4. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2024-20**
ANNEXING 20.500 ACRES LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1661 NORTH
WASHINGTON BLVD

0:07:01 City Recorder Rian Santoro discussed an Annexation Petition filed by Westates Companies on behalf of property owner Jim Hill for the property located at 1661 North Washington Boulevard. The annexation process began with the Weber County Surveyor's review and approval of the annexation map on July 2, 2024. The North Ogden City Council accepted the petition on August 6, 2024. The property falls within North Ogden City's annexation declaration policy and no protests were received for this annexation.

City Manager/Attorney Jon Call presented a map showing the location of the property in relation to Washington Boulevard, 1700 North, and other properties that have been or will be annexed into North Ogden.

- a. Public Hearing to receive comments on the Petition of Annexation

Council Member Dalpiaz motioned to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted aye.

0:10:10 No public comment was made.

Council Member Pulver motioned to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Dalpiaz seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted aye.

The postponement allows time for the City to work through key concerns, such as the location and scale of parks, ensuring the annexation aligns with the City’s long-term goals for development, open space, and balanced housing options. It was agreed that this item will be brought back before the Council in December.

Council Member Watson motioned to table Ordinance 2024-20 annexing 20.500 acres located at approximately 1661 North Washington Blvd. Council Member Cevering seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpiaz	nay
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	aye

The motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 07-2024, AMENDING THE NORTH OGDEN CITY POLICY FOR CITY SPONSORSHIPS AND EVENTS TO INCLUDE THE WEBER CTC (COMMUNITIES THAT CARE)

0:44:17 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call presented a revised policy regarding the use of City facilities for partner organizations. The revision arose in response to a request from Weber Communities That Care (CTC) to use the Senior Center for a private recognition event without a fee, despite not being previously listed as a City partner. Jon proposed adding Weber CTC to the list of recognized partners and creating a new category for non-public, partnered events that would allow partners to use City facilities for free, even if the events were not open to the public.

Council Members expressed mixed opinions. Council Member Pulver voiced concerns about the potential for the policy to be extended too broadly, allowing more groups to request free use of facilities. Jon clarified that while the current policy tied the City’s hands, it would have allowed staff to waive the fee in the past without issue.

Council Member Dalpiaz noted that this was the first real test of the new policy and shared initial hesitation but recognized the importance of supporting organizations like Weber CTC.

7. **DISCUSSION ON THE NORTH OGDEN CITY GREEN WASTE FACILITY**

1:08:47 Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager David Espinoza addressed the ongoing practice of burning green waste at the Green Waste Facility, a method utilized for over 12 years. Each fall, the City collects green waste and burns it as a cost-effective means of managing the material. David explained the alternative options, such as chipping the waste, which would require significant investment in equipment, or hiring a company, which would cost around \$25,000 annually. Chipping has historically posed challenges, including difficulties in disposing of the resulting mulch, which often contains unwanted materials like weeds, making it less appealing for residents. The Council acknowledged the complaints from nearby residents regarding the unpleasant odors during burning days, which typically occur for two or three days each year. Despite these concerns, Council Members emphasized the economic advantages of the current approach, noting that it allows them to keep costs low for residents using the green waste service. David assured the Council that all operations comply with State and Federal air quality regulations and that safety measures, including fire hoses and personnel on-site, are in place.

Council Members shared insights from their own experiences and interactions with constituents. Some expressed that discontinuing the burning would likely lead to an increase in individual yard burning, further complicating the issue. The Council discussions highlighted the importance of maintaining the Green Waste Facility for the overall benefit of the community, balancing residents' concerns with the need for effective waste management.

In conclusion, the Council agreed to continue the current practice while remaining open to periodic discussions about its effectiveness and potential improvements.

8. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE FINAL PLANS FOR THE 2025 CHERRY DAYS CELEBRATION**

1:21:31 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call emphasized the need to begin preparations for next year's Cherry Days celebration, as the process typically starts with vendor and parade applications in January. Various activities were proposed, including a small concert at Barker Park followed by fireworks, with Council Member Dalpiaz suggesting a more manageable schedule focused on a Thursday to Saturday timeframe. Concerns were raised about the workload on Council Members, with several expressing reluctance to take on extensive planning duties. Jon suggested potentially engaging an events consultant to help coordinate activities, which received support from the Council.

Council Member Watson also mentioned that the launch of the new City website is imminent, with dedicated efforts underway to prepare for its November debut.

c. City Manager/Attorney Jon Call – Capital Projects

1:37:12 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call provided updates on several projects, including the relocation of the detention pond, where they are exploring an agreement with the NRCS for reimbursement once funds become available.

The new 2100 North reservoir is nearing State approval, and the contractor for Water Works Park is ready to start work, prioritizing asphalt completion before winter.

Regarding playground upgrades, Orton Park and Oaklawn Park are expected to receive new equipment, with plans to update Mountain View Park and Barker Park afterward, aligning all parks to a 15-year replacement schedule.

Additionally, bids for upgrades at the Aquatic Center are underway, with a proposal expected for the Council in November or December, detailing budget and project specifics. The Council will review bids for a new pool liner, which range significantly in cost, and approve the process for moving forward with selected contractors.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1:41:07 Phillip Swanson, a North Ogden City resident, raised a concern about the difficulty hearing Council Members during meetings, urging them to speak up and into the microphone to ensure that audience members can clearly understand the discussions. Phillip emphasized the importance of speaking loudly and slowly, as many attendees struggled to hear what was being said.

1:42:01 Sandy Cochran, a North Ogden City resident, urged the Council to be transparent when discussing new developments, specifically requesting that they use clear terminology like "apartments" instead of vague descriptions. She pointed out that there are already 480 apartments planned at the Village at Prominence Point, and the Council does not yet know if these units will be occupied. Sandy advised the Council to consider this uncertainty before approving additional apartment developments.

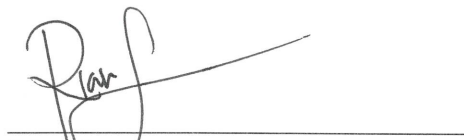
1:43:00 Randy Edmunds, a North Ogden City resident, addressed concerns about the Green Waste Facility, which he lives close to. While he appreciates the service it provides, he emphasized that the smoke from the facility affects residents more than just during the two designated burn days. He noted that winds often blow smoke directly into homes, leading to health concerns and lingering odors that saturate fabrics.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Watson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.


S. Neal Berube, Mayor


Rian Santoro
City Recorder

11.12.24
Date Approved

