



MINUTES – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

City of Saratoga Springs

City of Saratoga Springs City Offices

1307 North Commerce Drive, Suite 200, Saratoga Springs, Utah 84045

Call to Order: Mayor Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present Mayor Jim Miller, Council Members Christopher Carn (electronically), Audrey Barton, Michael McOmber, Stephen Willden, and Lance Wadman

Staff Present City Manager Mark Christensen, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson, Public Outreach Specialist AnnElise Harrison, Planning Director Sarah Carroll, Public Works Director Jeremy Lapin, Finance Director Chelese Rawlings, Budget Analyst Spencer Quain, Senior Planner Austin Roy, Sergeant Carl Hamer, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Police Chief Andrew Burton, and Deputy City Recorder Kayla Moss

Others: Logan Johnson, Ryan Hales, Elizabeth Cole, Rachel Fox

Invocation: Council Member Wadman

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Willden

Recognition for Promotion to Sergeant for Officer Carl Hamer: Police Chief Andrew Burton presented Carl Hamer to the City Council for promotion to Sergeant. The testing for these promotions are intensive and Carl came out on top.

Public Input: Sonya Hand advised that she is a school bus driver for Alpine School District. They are looking forward to the new school district coming. They would like to see what the Council could help facilitate in the future. She suggested that a maintenance bay and wash bay could be added and possibly introduce electric busses.

Laura Whitney is also a bus driver for Alpine School District who lives in Eagle Mountain. She is appreciative to the councils from Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs. This proposition was a hard one but she appreciates that they listened to what the citizens wanted. She gave some ideas on what they could do to help maintain the busses. She said they break down all the time.

Matt Isaacson advised that he has 5 kids in the public school system. He is excited to see what will happen in the future with the district split. He asked the Council to create a forum to keep residents aware of next steps in the school district split process. He mentioned that we are three years ahead of projected numbers of enrolled kids in one the school. He is concerned that the high school build was canceled because of the district split.

REPORTS:

Council Member McOmber mentioned that he had a great time at the National League of Cities and Towns conference. He was proud to represent the City of Saratoga Springs. Many cities around the world are dealing with similar changes and it was great to collaborate with others on ideas.

Council Member Wadman mentioned that he attended the Citizen Academy graduation. He is very impressed with the program and the experience. He thanked the police department for their efforts.

Council Member Barton thanked the district employees and citizens that came together to have their voices heard regarding the split.

Mayor Miller advised that the garbage service approved the new fee cycle. Rates did go up, but we are still the cheapest in the nation.

City Manager Mark Christensen advised that the sewer district also have a rate increase that will be effective next year. It is just an increase to cover costs, no profit is being made on it.

BOARD OF CANVASSERS:

1. **Canvass of Election Results. Resolution R24-56 (11-19-24).** Proposition 13 was approved. 12,124 people voted for the issuance of a .1% RAP Sales and Use Tax. 8,755 people voted against the issuance of .1% RAP Sales and Use Tax. Total votes cast came to 20,879 with 939 under votes to bring contest totals to 21,819. 647 provisional ballots were counted and 717 were received. Of those 717 there were 3 ballots that were already counted, 9 had incomplete registration, 1 was invalid, 25 had no ID, 14 had no proof of residency, 18 voted in the wrong precinct.

Motion by Council Member McOmber to approve the Canvass of Election Results Resolution R24-56 (11-19-24) seconded by Council Member Willden.

Vote:

Council Member Chris Carn **Yes**

Council Member Lance Wadman **Yes**

Council Member Audrey Barton **Yes**

Council Member Stephen Willden **Yes**

Council Member Michael McOmber **Yes**

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Resolution R24-57 (11-19-24).**

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 6:25 pm and there were no comments so the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Council Member Willden to approve the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Resolution R24-57 (11-19-24) seconded by Council Member Wadman.

Vote:

Council Member Chris Carn **Yes**

Council Member Lance Wadman **Yes**

Council Member Audrey Barton **Yes**

Council Member Stephen Willden **Yes**

Council Member Michael McOmber **Yes**

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. **Intent to Annex Pony Express Well Site. City Initiated. Resolution R24-58 (11-19-24).**
2. **Bid Award for ARPA Grant Funded Concrete Pond Lining. Resolution R24-59 (11-19-24).**
3. **The Big Green Major Site Plan Amendment. Located at 1532 N Exchange Drive, Stephen Sayada as applicant.**
4. **Northshore Commerce – Picklr Pickleball Courts Parking Determination, located at 629 N Saratoga Rd. Elizabeth Cole and Rachel Fox as applicants.**

5. Intent to Annex West Saratoga, 162 Acres. Resolution R24-60 (11-19-24).
6. Update to Contracting and Purchasing Policy. Resolution R24-61 (11-19-24).
7. Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2024.

Motion by Council Member McOmber to approve the Consent Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and move item 4 to business items seconded by Council Member Barton.

Vote:

Council Member Chris Carn **Yes**

Council Member Lance Wadman **Yes**

Council Member Audrey Barton **Yes**

Council Member Stephen Willden **Yes**

Council Member Michael McOmber **Yes**

Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

4. **(From Consent) Northshore Commerce – Picklr Pickleball Courts Parking Determination, located at 629 N Saratoga Rd. Elizabeth Cole and Rachel Fox as applicants.** Planning Director Sarah Carroll presented this parking determination for an indoor pickleball court to the City Council. There is not any comparable use in our code so they are asking for an allowance to have 178 stalls.

Council Member McOmber likes to have open discussions when anyone is ever asking for a variance. He is okay with the parking at this site. He is always tough with parking because of the issues that have arisen at different businesses in the City. He thinks that they have enough data from other sites to show that this will be sufficient parking.

Council Member Barton asked if this would limit what type of businesses could occupy other parts of the building because of parking being used by this business.

City Manager Christensen advised that it theoretically could but that depends on the type of requests and uses that apply later.

Elizabeth Cole who represents the developer advised that their intention is to not have any more recreational or entertainment uses in the rest of this building so they don't foresee any issues with parking for potential tenants.

Council Member Willden doesn't have any concerns with the parking. He thinks the estimate parking needed during peak times is conservative.

Motion by Council Member McOmer to approve Northshore Commerce – Picklr Pickleball Courts Parking Determination, located at 629 N Saratoga Rd. Elizabeth Cole and Rachel Fox as applicants with all staff findings and conditions including conditions 2 and 3 that were added seconded by Council Member Carn.

Vote:

Council Member Chris Carn **Yes**

Council Member Lance Wadman **Yes**

Council Member Audrey Barton **Yes**

Council Member Stephen Willden **Yes**

Council Member Michael McOmber **Yes**

Motion carried 5-0.

1. Thrive Drive Daycare Site Plan, Located Approximately 204 E Thrive Drive. Logan Johnson as Applicant.

Senior Planner Austin Roy advised that the applicant is proposing amending this plat to combine Lot 3 and Lot 4. Currently, Lot 4 has two owners so the Utah County Recorder's Office shows three parcels on these two lots. The total acreage is approximately 1.39. The proposed site plan incorporates 31% landscaping. Access to the lot will be from the south side off of Thrive Drive. This item was tabled at the September 3, 2024 City Council meeting until the plans could meet code requirements. They are asking to have an eight foot fence to screen mechanical equipment on Thrive Drive.

Council Member Willden would like to see the fence be a color that blends in to the rest of the building.

Council Member McOmber mentioned that he doesn't think the lattice on the top of the fence will shield the equipment very well. He is willing to compromise but would like to see an earth tone colored fence. He also mentioned that there is a fiberglass material that looks like rock that could be used for the fence instead of vinyl that could easily break. He won't make that a condition but he would like to make sure the color is not white.

Logan Johnson, the applicant, advised they are okay with changing the color of the vinyl fence and he is happy to look at the other material. He mentioned the mechanical set up at this site is unique. They are required to have water filtration at the daycare and the system they found is taller than normal. He clarified with the council that they would rather have a solid fence all the way up to eight feet rather than having the lattice on top.

Motion by Council Member Wadman to approve the Thrive Drive Daycare Site Plan, Located Approximately 204 E Thrive Drive. Logan Johnson as Applicant with findings and conditions with addition of having a solid 8 foot earth tone fencing and all of the fencing be earth tone seconded by Council Member Barton.

Vote:

Council Member Chris Carn Yes

Council Member Lance Wadman Yes

Council Member Audrey Barton Yes

Council Member Stephen Willden Yes

Council Member Michael McOmber Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

2. Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP). Resolution R24-62 (11-19-24). Public Works Director Jeremy Lapin advised that this item is for the consideration of adopting the updated Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP) that has been established to provide a plan and schedule to properly manage, operate, and maintain the sanitary sewer collection system to reduce and prevent sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), as well as minimize impacts of any SSOs that occur. The City provides sewage collection to over 64,000 people. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the proposed updates to the Sanitary Sewer Management Plan, which has been prepared by an experienced engineering consultant in collaboration with the Sanitary Sewer Division of the Public Works Department and the Trust. The SSMP supports the effective and efficient operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system and establishes a framework for addressing SSOs.

Motion by Council Member Willden to approve the Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP). Resolution R24-62 (11-19-24) with all staff findings and conditions seconded by Council Member McOmber.

Vote:

Council Member Chris Carn Yes

Council Member Lance Wadman Yes

Council Member Audrey Barton Yes

Council Member Stephen Willden Yes

Council Member Michael McOmber Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Council Member McOmber to enter into closed session for the purchase, exchange, or lease of property, discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; pending or reasonably imminent litigation, the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, was seconded by Council Member Wadman.

Vote:

Council Member Chris Carn Yes

Council Member Lance Wadman Yes

Council Member Audrey Barton Yes

Council Member Stephen Willden Yes

Council Member Michael McOmber Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting moved to closed session at 6:51 p.m.

Present: Mayor Miller, Council Members Willden, Carn, McOmber, Wadman, and Barton, City Manager Mark Christensen, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Deputy City Recorder Kayla Moss.


Closed Session adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.


Jim Miller, Mayor

Attest:


Nicolette Fike, City Recorder

Approved: 12-3-2024

