

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Ogden City Council held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, and via electronic meeting, on the third floor of the Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Boulevard, Ogden City, Weber County, Utah.

Present:	Chair	Ken Richey
	Vice Chair	Marcia L. White
	Council members	Bart E. Blair Angela Choberka Dave Graf Richard A. Hyer Shaun Myers

Council Executive Director Janene Eller-Smith
Council Assistant Executive Director Glenn Symes
Council Senior Policy Analyst Steve Burton
Communications Director Brandon Garside
Communications Specialist Eric Davenport

Also present:	Mayor Benjamin K. Nadolski Chief Administrative Officer Mara A. Brown City Attorney Gary Williams Management Services Executive Director Lisa Stout Finance Director Justin Sorensen Interim Police Chief Jacob Sube Public Services Executive Director Justin Anderson Public Services Assistant Executive Director Taylor Nielsen Community and Economic Development Executive Director Jared Johnson Community and Economic Development Assistant Executive Director David Sawyer Planning Director Barton Brierley Community Engagement Administrator Linda Lartigue Community Engagement Intern Brexton Oleksy-Lee Arts, Culture, and Events Director Christy McBride Arts Administrator Lorie Buckley Executive Assistant to Mayor/CAO Cindy Weloth Police Training Coordinator John Thomas Police Lieutenant Cameron Stiver City Recorder Tracy Hansen
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At the request of the Chair, all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alex Morales.

A moment of silence was observed.

Acknowledgements:

- Community Engagement and Opportunity Commission Recognitions. YCC Family Crisis Center's Love Better Program. Recognizing the YCC in honor of Domestic Violence Month (October).
- Gregory Noel – Weber State University and Two Brothas Counseling. Recognizing Mr. Noel in honor of Suicide Prevention Month (September).

Approval of Minutes

Council member Blair stated he had reviewed the minutes of the joint work session of September 3, 2024, and found them to be accurate to the best of his recollection.

Council member Hyer stated he had reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting of September 3, 2024, and found them to be accurate to the best of his recollection.

COUNCIL MEMBER HYER THEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAIR, ALL VOTING AYE.

Recognizing former Ogden Police Chief Eric Young for 32 years of service to Ogden City

A memo from Council staff regarding recognition of former Ogden Police Chief Eric Young for 32 years of service to

Ogden City came before the Council for consideration. Council member Choberka read the certificate of recognition issued by the Ogden City Council and Mayor Nadolski and presented former Chief Young with the certificate.

Mr. Young thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing him; he values the relationships he has built with the current and past members of the City Council, Mayors, and City Administration. He has been so grateful for the support for himself and the entire Police Department.

Individual Council members and Mayor Nadolski expressed their gratitude to Mr. Young for his years of service and leadership in the Ogden Police Department; they also commented on the sacrifice of Mr. Young's family in their support of him as a police officer and Chief.

Appointment of Police Chief. Consideration of the appointment of Jacob Sube as the Chief of Police for Ogden City

A memo from City Administration regarding the proposed appointment of Jacob Sube as the Chief of Police for Ogden City came before the Council for consideration. Deputy Chief Sube is currently serving as the Interim Police Chief. A press release announcing the Mayor's choice for police chief was issued September 12, 2024. The Council also issued a press release on September 12, 2024, requesting input from the public. Chief Sube will not have an employment contract but is entitled to severance pay if terminated involuntarily.

Mayor Nadolski summarized the memo and provided an overview of the public process employed by City Administration to select a new police chief. He also discussed Mr. Sube's professional background and highlighted the experience, recognitions, and personal characteristics that convinced him that Mr. Sube was the right person to lead the Ogden Police Department.

Chair Richey then called for public input regarding the proposal.

Linda Sanchez expressed her support for Mr. Sube; she has personally interacted with him and believes he is well suited to help the police officers of the City do their job. She believes he represents the values of the City and the Police Department and will help to ensure connection between the Department and the residents it serves.

Danielle Croyle stated she has had the privilege to work with Mr. Sube and she does not believe there is a better person to lead the Department; she recently worked with him in his representation of Ogden City on the National Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Utah Chapter, and he represents the Department well and has displayed great leadership.

Council member White added that she has heard from two or three additional community members who also expressed their support for the appointment of Mr. Sube as Ogden's Police Chief.

COUNCIL MEMBER HYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JACOB SUBE AS THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR OGDEN CITY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MYERS AND THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: VOTING AYE – COUNCIL MEMBERS BLAIR, CHOBERKA, GRAF, HYER, MYERS, VICE CHAIR WHITE, AND CHAIR RICHEY. VOTING NO – NONE.

Chief Sube expressed his gratitude to the City Council for their diligence in the process of vetting the Mayor's recommendation of his appointment. He is committed to working with City Administration and the City Council to make Ogden City a safe and healthy place for people to live, work, and play. He thanked Mayor Nadolski and Chief Administrative Officer Brown for the trust they have placed in him and for giving him this opportunity. He also thanked former Chief Young for his mentorship and leadership, as well as his friendship. He also thanked his family for their support and sacrifice; he and his wife have been married for 25 years and she has always supported him. He recognized his two sons in attendance for their support and also noted he had two daughters who passed away when they were very young, but he believes they are looking down on him and are proud of him for his efforts to give back to the community. He looks forward to continuing driving forward and improving the community and he will involve the residents in those efforts; each person and their voice is important.

Proposed Resolution 2024-11 regarding amendments to the Ogden City Youth Council Bylaws

A memo from Council staff regarding proposed amendments to the Ogden City Youth Council bylaws came before the Council for consideration. The memo summarized the proposed amendments as follows:

- Rename the organization from Ogden Youth City Council to Ogden City Youth Council for consistency with Ogden City branding guidelines and replace all references of the abbreviations OYCC to OCYC accordingly.
- Rename the Ogden Youth Executive Council to Youth Council Executive Committee and replace all references of the abbreviations OYEC to YCEC accordingly.
- Allow exceptions to residency requirements on a case-by-case basis, approved by a majority vote of the OCYC.
- Change the meeting date from the first and third Wednesday of each month to the first and third Monday and allowing flexibility in the schedule depending on activities and availability of the OCYC.
- Requiring that in order to be eligible to serve as Chair, an OCYC member must have one full school year of experience serving on the OCYC.
- Change attendance policy to apply only to those elected to the Youth Council Executive Committee, including the potential loss of a YCEC position, which would then be filled through a special election within the OCYC.
- Clarification on the role of Recorder to avoid confusion regarding public notices. OCYC meetings are not public, and agendas are not required to be published by the Ogden City Recorder's office.
- Grammatical and typographical corrections as needed.

Council Communications Director Garside summarized the memo asked for Council support of the proposed bylaws

amendments. Each member of the Youth Council present then introduced themselves to the City Council and used the aid of a PowerPoint presentation to discuss past accomplishments and future goals of the group. For a copy of the presentation in its entirety, see the information packet for the meeting.

Chair Richey introduced in writing proposed Resolution 2024-11, entitled:

“A resolution of the Ogden City Council modifying the Bylaws of the Ogden City Youth Council.”

ON A MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GRAF AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CHOBERKA, RESOLUTION 2024-11 WAS ADOPTED UPON THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE – COUNCIL MEMBERS BLAIR, CHOBERKA, GRAF, HYER, MYERS, VICE CHAIR WHITE, AND CHAIR RICHEY. VOTING NO – NONE.

Public Comments

Emily Beeli stated it was great to hear from the Youth Council tonight and she stated it would be great for their events to be included on the City’s calendar. She also discussed upcoming events that the Youth Council could benefit from attending. She thanked Mayor Nadolski and Chair Richey for agreeing to an upcoming meeting with Ogden residents to discuss the City’s annual budget process and the laws regulating taxation in the State of Utah; she is hopeful this meeting will encourage residents to get involved in the annual budget process in the future.

Thomas Hardy shared his thoughts about the paid parking program in downtown Ogden; he has owned a business in downtown Ogden for over 40 years and he is grateful for the efforts of the City to improve 25th Street, but he is concerned about the impact the paid parking program could have on businesses. He employs 16 stylists in his salon and if they and their customers are required to pay to park, they may choose to move to another salon. There are many other business owners on 25th Street that share his concerns.

Weston Hardy echoed his father’s comments about the paid parking program; business owners and their employees should not be required to pay for parking, but they should also not be forced to park up to two blocks away in a parking garage in order to receive free parking. Many workers on 25th Street start their day before 5:00 a.m. or end their day after 12:00 midnight and it is unsafe for them to be walking a distance to and from their vehicles. He stated that business owners have not been engaged in the development of this program and many of them do not live in Ogden City, so they do not have the ability to vote for elected leaders in the community. He loves Ogden and wants to continue to work here, but he is very concerned about the implementation of the program. He suggested other free parking options for businesses and their employees on 25th Street and he is hopeful the Council will take these recommendations under advisement.

Sarge Morelli discussed concerns with speeding on 29th Street between Tyler Avenue and Waterfall Canyon; she has circulated a petition gathering signatures of residents who share her concerns, and she has purchased two poles, and two four-way stop signs that could be installed to help improve safety in the area. Ogden City needs to address the issue in an effort to preserve safety of residents living around Ogden High School.

Thaine Fisher referenced the comments made by Thomas and Weston Hardy regarding the paid parking program; one option for employees who are parking in a parking garage located a few blocks from 25th Street is to utilize the trolley system that operates on nights and weekends.

Linda Sanchez discussed citizenship classes offered in the community; it is her opinion that someone who is not a patriot is selfish. It is everyone’s duty to defend the Constitution, assert their rights, and recognize when their or another individual’s rights are violated. She has met with some who do not truly know the rights preserved by the First Amendment. She loves and appreciates all elected leaders of the community, but feels it is her duty to remind them of their responsibilities in service to the community.

Sue Wilkerson stated that she has owned two businesses on 25th Street and she is deeply concerned that the City has not adequately thought through the implementations of the paid parking program. Her employees often do not end their shift until 2:00 or 3:00 a.m. and requiring them to walk to the parking garage is ‘asking for trouble’. She stated she hears regularly that Ogden is a walkable city, but that is only true in the times of year when the weather is pleasant. There are months each year when people will avoid patronizing a business if they have to walk a distance to get there or to pay for parking. She urged the Council to rethink the program or – at a minimum – delay it until the WonderBlock project is completed. She also suggested offering two hours of free parking before a charge is imposed.

Amy Wicks stated she has not found a single business owner on 25th Street that supports the paid parking program. She believes the program will have a detrimental impact on many businesses in downtown Ogden because many customers will choose to shop elsewhere. It seems the only impetus for the program is to be able to finance a parking garage for J. Fisher as part of their WonderBlock project. There must a more sensible solution and the Council has ‘missed the mark’ in rolling the program out. Staff may have told the Council that they have talked to the businesses on 25th Street, but they haven’t; public engagement is missing in this process and for the Council to implement the program without engaging the businesses or residents on their own is irresponsible.

Deann Arms also discussed the paid parking program; she works on 25th Street all week and patronizes businesses there on the weekend; she rarely has trouble finding a parking spot and she hopes the Council will consider alternate solutions as suggested by Ms. Wilkerson and Ms. Wicks.

Chair Richey acknowledged the concerns expressed by the public regarding the paid parking program; he invited Mayor Nadolski to respond. Mayor Nadolski thanked those who provided input regarding the paid parking program and acknowledged the frustration in the community. He took accountability for the manner in which the program is being implemented. He respects those who have made such an investment in Ogden’s downtown, and he has instructed staff to delay further implementation of the

program responsive to the feedback he has received. He will not proceed further until some level of comfort can be achieved. A public engagement/outreach process will be launched to involve all stakeholders in the process before the paid parking program moves forward. He believes that there was some effort in the past to engage the business owners in the process, but it clearly was not enough, and he wishes to receive their input. He stated something similar occurred at the Ogden Airport and he will use the model he employed to engage the stakeholders there as he proceeds with further examination of the paid parking program. He will move forward in good faith, and he truly wants the businesses in downtown Ogden to succeed.

Chair Richey stated there has been a great deal of investment in downtown Ogden in the recent past and it is necessary to find a solution that will benefit all stakeholders in the community. Council member Choberka agreed and thanked Mayor Nadolski for his response to those that have asked for assistance from the City.

Council member White stated she supports the decision to pause implementation of the paid parking program, but also noted that what has been proposed for Ogden City is not unique and many other communities have a paid parking program, and she thinks it will be possible to move forward in a way that benefits all parties. She then acknowledged Ms. Morelli's comments about speeding in the community and she believes that something must be done to evaluate and address the problem.

There being no further business to come before the Council, **COUNCIL MEMBER MYERS MOVED THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 7:37 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HYER, ALL VOTING AYE.**

TRACY HANSEN, MMC/CRA
CITY RECORDER

KEN RICHEY, CHAIR

APPROVED: November 12, 2024