



**Minutes of the
Millcreek City Council
November 25, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Work Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting**

The City Council of Millcreek, Utah, met in a public work meeting and regular meeting on November 25, 2024, at City Hall, located at 1330 E. Chambers Avenue, Millcreek, UT 84106. The meeting was recorded for the City's website and had an option for online public comment.

PRESENT:

Council Members

Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor
Silvia Catten, District 1
Thom DeSirant, District 2 (excused)
Cheri Jackson, District 3 (electronic)
Bev Uipi, District 4

City Staff

Mike Winder, City Manager
Elyse Sullivan, City Recorder
Francis Lilly, Assistant City Manager
John Brems, City Attorney (electronic)
Kurt Hansen, Facilities Director
Rita Lund, Communications Director
Lisa Dudley, HR-Finance Director
John Miller, Public Works Director

Attendees: Chief Petty-Brown, Rick Hansen, Laura Renshaw, Steven Kuhlmeier, Bryce Albrecht, Marty Asay

WORK MEETING – 6:00 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Silvestrini called the work meeting to order. He excused Council Member DeSirant.

1. Wasatch Boulevard Multi-Use Path and Bike Lane Project Design Update; John Miller, City Engineer and WGC Project Team

John Miller said the multi-use path on Wasatch Boulevard came about through a TLC grant from Wasatch Front Regional Council for a study in conjunction with Holladay. The study recommended separated bike lines and a multi-use path. The cities then approached the county and got transportation choice funds, about \$4.3 million. He then explained the design phase of the project and the typical cross section of Wasatch Boulevard from 4500 S to 3800 S, including center turn lanes, travel lanes, buffered bike lanes, and the multi-use path, highlighting the differences between the southern and northern sections of Wasatch Boulevard.

Mayor Silvestrini asked if the bike lanes would exist in addition to the multi-use path. Miller said there would be both. Miller showed the proposed design lines of Wasatch Boulevard over an aerial image of the street. Mayor Silvestrini asked how much it would cost to restripe Wasatch Boulevard to the Mt. Olympus trailhead. Miller said Holladay would seamlessly meet Millcreek's border and run the path to 6200 S and that they had received \$800,000 for the project from the county. Council Member Uipi asked if the bike lane would be phased so bicyclists would know they were no longer in a dedicated bike lane. Miller highlighted how that would look. The Porsche dealership would install the multi-use path in front of their property and would follow the same design.

Council Member Uipi asked if the same contractor was doing the Holladay portion. Miller said no. Council Member Uipi asked about the timelines for completion. Miller said the timelines were not yet determined but the project team was aware of the various parties at play.

2. Salt Lake County Public Works Operations Snowplow Presentation; Steven Kuhlmeier, Division Director

Steven Kuhlmeier said the operations team consisted of 81 department employees operating 60 large plow trucks. The team is on standby 24 hours a day to address snow and ice events within 36 hours after the end of a storm. The county's snow control policy establishes priority roads: major arterials, minor arterials, collector streets, remaining streets, and cul-de-sacs and dead ends. Dispatch monitors weather for prompt action. Personnel are dispatched when a roadway hazard is anticipated (pre-storm brine, plowing, and salt distribution). He showed the plow routes map and schedule for Millcreek with a main shift (12am-3pm), night shift (3pm-12am), and sidewalks (12am-3pm). The night operations focus on critical routes and are comprised of reduced crews.

Kuhlmeier addressed the many challenges plow drivers face: cars parked on the road, people blowing snow back into the road, timing of storms and traffic, trees that are not trimmed, garbage day, and storage space for snow. If cars are parked on the road, the drivers will not plow it. He showed a video highlighting the difficulty of storing snow in cul-de-sacs. He asked residents to not park on the street, understand smaller roads are lower priority, be patient in large snow events, not blow snow in the road, put snow downhill when cleaning driveways, and understand emergency plowing versus "pretty" plowing. There are online tools for tracking snowplows and to report concerns. He reported in 2023, 17,500 tons of salt was used for snow and ice removal. In 2022, it was 35,000.

Mayor Silvestrini appreciated the county's work. He asked about employee turnover. Kuhlmeier said it was a challenge getting drivers and they put new drivers on simpler streets and experienced drivers in difficult areas. They do an annual training for drivers. Council Member Catten asked for the best placement of garbage cans for the snowplows. Kuhlmeier would get back to her. Council Member Uipi wondered if there were repeat offenders of people putting snow back in the road. Kuhlmeier had not heard. Mayor Silvestrini noted that violated city ordinance and could be reported.

3. Staff Reports

Mike Winder reported the 50/50 sidewalk program had been allocated \$50,000 for the fiscal year and it had already been expended. The council was in favor of allocating an additional

\$50,000 for the program that fiscal year. Winder described the pole banner program. Often the local high school wanted banners for athletic programs. He highlighted a map of the city and the location of the poles. They were along 3900 S, 2300 E, 900 E, 300 E, and Highland Drive. The schools did not want to participate in the program.

Council Member Uipi asked if Holladay was open to the program. Winder said the city was not. Council Member Catten suggested a lottery system for the schools for a part of the year. Council Member Uipi wanted to have a banner policy. She expressed concern for minors' pictures and names on public banners. Mayor Silvestrini wanted the city to be more equitable. He suggested spotlighting the Mayor's Star of Excellence Award recipients for high academic achievement. Council Member Uipi suggested offering banner space in Millcreek Common for all the schools. Council Member Jackson liked having student banners on city streets because it created a hometown feel and she wanted more banner poles installed where the students would see them. Council Member Catten suggested there be funding to support the lottery system she had proposed. Winder would look to draft a policy. Council Member Uipi asked about liability with minors be considered.

4. Discussion of Agenda Items, Correspondence, and/or Future Agenda Items

There was none.

Council Member Catten moved to adjourn the work meeting at 7:06 p.m. Council Member Uipi seconded. Mayor Silvestrini called for the vote. Council Member Catten voted yes, Council Member Jackson voted yes, Council Member Uipi voted yes, and Mayor Silvestrini voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 7:08 p.m.

1. Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Silvestrini called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. He excused Council Member DeSirant.

1.2 Unified Police Department Millcreek Precinct Officer of the Month for October 2024

Chief Petty-Brown announced Officer Mark Curley as the Officer of the Month for October 2024. Officer Curley investigated a hit and run and arrested the suspect.

1.3 Public Comment

Laura Renshaw, Millcreek Library Manager, announced the library reopened from their temporary closure. She announced upcoming events and programs.

2. Business Matters

2.1 Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 24-52, Adding Chapter 3.10 to Title 3 of the Millcreek Code of Ordinances, Thereby Establishing a Tax on the Gross

Receipts of Telecommunications Service Providers, Setting the Rate for Such Tax, and Establishing the Effective Date of the Tax

Mayor Silvestrini said the council had a presentation of the item at their last meeting on November 12th.

Council Member Uipi moved to approve item 2.1, Ordinance 24-52. Council Member Catten seconded. Council Member Catten noted the council had discussed the topic multiple times throughout the year and so she hoped people who wanted to comment on it had the opportunity to do so. Council Member Uipi noted the council may hear from residents once the tax was in effect. The city had advertised it in the electronic and printed newsletter. Mayor Silvestrini said it was wise for the city to broaden its revenue base and lower the property tax rate. Nearly every city in the state had adopted this tax, which spreads to more users. The revenue would help fund the police service contract.

The Recorder called for the vote. Council Member Catten voted yes, Council Member Jackson voted yes, Council Member Uipi voted yes, and Mayor Silvestrini voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2.2 Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 24-24, Approving an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with The Utah State Tax Commission and Millcreek that has Imposed the Municipal Telecommunications License Tax

Council Member Uipi moved to approve item 2.2, Resolution 24-24. Council Member Catten seconded. The Recorder called for the vote. Council Member Catten voted yes, Council Member Jackson voted yes, Council Member Uipi voted yes, and Mayor Silvestrini voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports

3.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Silvestrini reported he had met with the Division of Outdoor Recreation which had granted Millcreek funding for the climbing wall on City Hall and Millcreek Common. The city would be applying for additional funding for Millcreek Common Phase II in the coming year. The legislative interim committee positively voted for a legislative change Millcreek was seeking which would enable cities to use the same collection mechanism that special districts use for amounts that are owed to the city, like the storm water utility fee, in the form of a real property lien. He wished the council a happy Thanksgiving.

3.2 City Council Member Reports

There were none.

3.3 Treasurer's Report

Council Member Jackson reported as of that day the total amount of shared cash, which is the combination of the operating account and state fund account, was \$34,147,569. The current property taxes received for this year were 18.74% in the amount of \$2,232,559, the general sales tax revenue for the first three months of the year was almost 25% in the amount of \$3,798,399. The city had received \$637,354 in building permits. The total general fund revenue was \$10,437,504. For disbursement, the city had written 207 checks in the amount of \$4,186,667, 18 EFT bank drafts in the amount of \$1,341,941, and three

payroll periods in the amount of \$518,857, for a total disbursement of \$6,047,465. She reminded residents of the importance of sales taxes and to shop locally.

3.4 Staff Reports

Mike Winder showed the council a “welcome to the neighborhood” packet with coupons to offer to apartment complexes around Millcreek Common for new tenants.

3.5 Unified Police Department Report

Chief Petty-Brown reported the October 2024 crime statistics. There were 2,744 calls for service, 909 new police reports, 448 citations/tickets issued, and 21 booking arrests. She presented a bar graph of Millcreek response times to priority 1 (3 minutes), 2 (6 minutes), and 3 (12 minutes) calls. The Directed Enforcement Unit had 15 arrests, 10 search warrants, 5 assists, 3 recovered stolen vehicles, and seized 1 firearm. The Motors Unit had 55 crashes, 11 hit and runs, and 286 citations. The Violent Crimes Unit had 10 new cases, and the Special Victims Unit had 8 new cases. The SWAT team had 4 new call outs, CAR team had 5 new call outs, and K9 Unit had 26 new callouts. In Millcreek, there were 37 assaults, 12 burglaries, 11 drug offenses, 79 family offenses, 75 larcenies, 5 robberies, 5 sex offenses, and 18 stolen vehicles. Millcreek detectives were assigned 44 cases and 16 were submitted for charges. There were 27 transient calls and 53 mental health calls.

Chief Petty-Brown relayed that during a graveyard shift, several Millcreek patrol officers responded swiftly to a burglary alarm at a local bike shop. Upon arrival, officers observed signs of forced entry and noted that property inside had been moved and was missing. Assisting officers located a male suspect at a nearby gas station riding what appeared to be a brand-new bike. The suspect was detained, read his Miranda rights, questioned, and found to be in possession of burglary tools and additional stolen items. Thanks to the quick response of the officers, the burglary was identified, the suspect apprehended, and the case resolved efficiently. The stolen property was returned to its rightful owner, and the suspect was charged. Furthermore, Millcreek detectives are actively investigating this case to determine potential connections to similar burglaries that occurred around the same time.

Mayor Silvestrini noted a non-uniform social worker was being hired to work with the mental health officer.

4. New Items for Subsequent Consideration

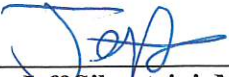
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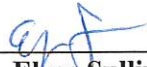
5. Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

- Mt. Olympus Community Council Mtg., 12/2/24, 6:00 p.m. (not meeting)
- Millcreek Community Council Mtg., 12/3/24, 6:30 p.m. (December 9th)
- City Council Special Mtg., 12/4/24, 9:00 a.m.
- Canyon Rim Citizens Association Mtg., 12/4/24, 6:30 p.m. (not meeting)
- East Mill Creek Community Council Mtg., 12/5/24, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Mtg. 12/9/24 7:00 p.m.

Rita Lund reported that some of the community councils were not meeting or had changed meeting dates for December.

ADJOURNED: Council Member Uipi moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Council Member Catten seconded. Mayor Silvestrini called for the vote. Council Member Catten voted yes, Council Member Jackson voted yes, Council Member Uipi voted yes, and Mayor Silvestrini voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:  Date 12-16-2024
Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor

Attest: 
Elyse Sullivan, City Recorder