

MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025, IN THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1020 EAST PIONEER ROAD, DRAPER, UTAH

PRESENT: Mayor Troy K. Walker, and Councilmembers Mike Green, Bryn Heather Johnson, Tasha Lowery, Fred Lowry (by Zoom), and Marsha Vawdrey

EXCUSED:

STAFF: Mike Barker, City Manager; Kellie Challburg, Assistant City Manager; Scott Cooley, City Engineer and Public Works Director; Spencer DuShane, Assistant City Attorney; Rich Ferguson, Chief of Police; Jennifer Jastremsky, Community Development Director; Malena Murray, Human Resources Director; Rhett Ogden, Parks and Recreation Director; Laura Oscarson, City Recorder; Linda Peterson, Communications Director; Anders Pritchard, Fire Captain; Jake Sorensen, Network Manager; and John Vuyk, Finance Director

Study Session

Discussion: Town Center Station Area Plan

Community Development Director Jennifer Jastremsky presented design concepts for the Town Center Station Area Plan (SAP). Councilmember Green said he would prefer to focus housing on the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) side and try to alleviate traffic on Pioneer Road, with Pioneer Road designed as more of a gathering place. Councilmember Green commented that the community was not used to anything higher than two stories along that corridor, and said he did not think the community would be supportive of putting taller buildings on City property. Ms. Jastremsky said throughout the process UTA had indicated five stories was the minimum for them. Councilmember T. Lowery encouraged staggered heights to avoid the appearance of a big block of building. The Council and staff discussed parking options.

Ms. Jastremsky explained the next steps in the SAP process, including a meeting with the stakeholder committee, and a public open house.

Council/Manager Reports

Councilmember Johnson invited the Council to join with the Engagement Committee in passing out encouraging messages for Random Act of Kindness Day.

City Recorder Laura Oscarson introduced Nicole Smedley, who would replace her as City Recorder.

Councilmember T. Lowery said a resident had reached out to her with a desire for farmstands to be legal in Draper. She said she was also approached by a resident asking about regulations for short-term rental units. A majority of the Council indicated a desire to look at possible regulations, and staff agreed to bring back suggested language for review.

Mayor Walker spoke of the 2025 Legislative Session.

Business Session

1. **Call to Order by Mayor Troy K. Walker**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Jake Sorensen, Network Manager**

3. **Oath of Office**

Police Chief Rich Ferguson introduced new Officer Brighton McCubbins, and newly promoted Master Officers Bryce Okland, Clancy Morley, Andy Klett, and Christopher Boruch. The Oath of Office was administered by City Recorder Laura Oscarson.

4. **Presentation: Upcoming 2025 Utah State Legislative Session**

Utah House Representative Cal Roberts said he was grateful to serve in his new capacity on the House of Representatives and encouraged residents to reach out to him. Representative Roberts said he believed key issues during the 2025 Legislative Session would be: higher education and aligning higher education with workforce development; energy production; and housing affordability.

5. **Public Comments**

Christopher Dye, a Draper resident near the amphitheater, said there were many dog owners in his neighborhood, but nowhere for dogs to legally run

off-leash. He said he was not looking for anything huge, just a walkable area where dogs could play together off-leash.

Ron Steed, a Draper resident, proposed reallocating some of the unused City land, even temporarily, to create a dog park. He said a dedicated dog park would address an existing need, and serve as a gathering space, promoting inclusivity and a stronger sense of belonging in Draper. Mr. Steed suggested a dog park only needed to be a fenced-in area and did not need to be elaborate.

6. Consent Items

6.a Approval of January 7, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

6.b Approval of Resolution #25-03 reappointing Walt Rosemann to the Draper City Tree Committee

6.c Approval of Resolution #25-04 authorizing the Mayor of Draper City to appoint Nicole Smedley as City Recorder for the City of Draper

Councilmember Green moved to approve the Consent Items. Councilmember T. Lowery seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0. Due to technical issues, Councilmember F. Lowry was unable to vote.

	Ye	No	Absent
	S		
Councilmember Green	X		
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry			X
Councilmember Vawdrey	X		

7. Items for Council Consideration

7.a Public Hearing: Providing Local Consent for a Single-Event Permit for Craft Culinary Concepts LLC dba Vermilion Hospitality Group

Business License Official Travis DeJong explained the request for local consent for a Single-Event Permit for Craft Culinary Concepts at the Living Planet Aquarium on February 14, 2025. He said the application met established qualifications.

Mayor Walker opened a public hearing and closed the public hearing seeing no one come forward.

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to approve Local Consent for a Single-Event Permit for Craft Culinary Concepts LLC dba Vermilion Hospitality Group.

Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Ye	No	Absent
	S		
Councilmember Green	X		
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Vawdrey	X		

8. Adjournment

Councilmember Green moved to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember T. Lowery seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.