



MINUTES – City Council Off-Site Work Session

Mayor Jim Miller

Mayor Pro Tempore Audrey Barton

Council Member Christopher Carn

Council Member Michael McOmber

Council Member Lance Wadman

Council Member Stephen Willden

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS - Friday, April 18, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.
Stay Bridge Hotel, 1301 Sunland Dr, St. George, UT 84790

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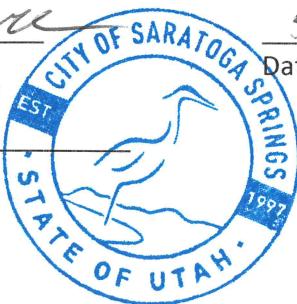
Present: Mayor Jim Miller, Councilmember McOmber, Councilmember Willden, Councilmember Carn, Council Member Barton, Councilmember Wadman, City Manager Mark Christensen, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson. Via Zoom: Public Works Director Jeremy Lapin, Recreation Director Heston Williams.

1. Capital Projects – Council reviewed the needs to meet the recreation demands of the city and possible community center. Director Williams reviewed feasibility studies and resident comments. Public Works Director Lapin reviewed capital projects including roads, trails, cemetery, parks, & marinas. City Manager Mark J. Christensen brought up leasing the old city building to the new school district as an option. The council considered various factors including city & district growth and maintenance costs.
2. ULCT - City Manager Mark J. Christensen reviewed building and planning data and legislative bills.
3. NLCT – Membership Renewal. - Council discussed the merit of attending this and other conferences and how many persons they felt should be budgeted for to attend.
4. Budget Discussion - City Manager Mark J. Christensen updated council on investments of funds and employee benefits and the health care Share program.
5. Central Utah Water Update - A review of water purchases coming through. It was brought up that Central Utah Water may be amenable for flipping-a-strip incentives in Saratoga later this year. City Manager Mark J. Christensen noted that the state is interested in our metered water data.
6. Election Update - Council discussed the merits of having a filing fee for candidates to run for office.
7. Development Update – City Manager Mark J. Christensen reviewed the need for development agreements to be ironed out before upcoming annexation. PIDs were discussed as they are becoming more popular.
8. Citizen Outreach – the subject of a citizen's academy was approached for after the new city hall is complete. Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson lead discussion on parks and rec advisory committees. Mayor Miller suggested citizen committee(s) could help prioritize what was needed.
9. Other Topics – Council felt it was time for a review of the strategic plan and gathering data. City Manager Mark J. Christensen noted there would be a wellness survey coming through future staff packets. Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson received direction that we needed more data before approaching a North County Library co-op again. Council reviewed other topics and concerns to review in the future.
10. Closed Session – No closed session was held.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned without objection at 4:37 p.m.

Jim Miller, Mayor

Attest: Nicolette Fike
Nicolette Fike, City Recorder



5/6/2025