ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2015, 5:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Jon Pike
Councilmember Gil Almquist
Councilmember Jimmie Hughes
Councilmember Michele Randall
Councilmember Bette Arial
City Manager Gary Esplin
City Attorney Shawn Guzman
City Recorder Christina Fernandez

EXCUSED:

Councilmember Joe Bowcutt

OPENING:

Mayor Pike called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Scout Ash Brown and the invocation was offered by Pastor Joe Doherty with the New Promise Lutheran Church.

Mayor Pike mentioned the annual Crop Walk that will take place in November at Larkspur Park. He then asked Community Arts Administrator Gary Sanders to introduce the Ibigawa, Japan delegates and James McFadden with the Exchange Club.

Mr. Sanders stated that this is the 27th year that the City and Ibigawa have partnered for the marathon. He mentioned activities that have taken place since the arrival of the delegates.

Mayor Pike mentioned that he and others had the opportunity to travel to Ibigawa in the past; Councilmember Hughes will be representing the City this year.

Mr. McFadden explained that this is the 29th year for the Mayor's Walk which is held in conjunction with the St. George Marathon. The theme this year is "Making Tracks". A portion of the proceeds will go toward the All Abilities Park.

Mayor Pike noted that the Exchange Club has already donated $100,000 to the All Abilities Park.

Mr. Sanders introduced Chie Ito, tour guide translator for the delegates. Together, they introduced the delegates.

Mayor Pike introduced the St. George Youth City Council members who are job shadowing their counterparts with the City.

Steve Caplin, with the Dixie Regional Medical Center (DRMC) Governing Board, provided an update on their 2014 Statistics and Accomplishments. Additionally, he highlighted services DRMC provides and mentioned the fact that they are practicing level 2 trauma care; they will become certified by the end of this year. He explained what Genomics is and explained that DRMC houses their board. They will be expanding their campus next year.

City Manager Gary Esplin explained that the two bid openings will be tabled.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Jinx Dabney, citizen, thanked the Mayor and Council for installing the traffic signal at St. James Place and River Road. The signal will save people from getting hurt.

Jeanine Hauet, citizen, explained that they have lived here for about two and a half years. She mentioned an editorial she read in yesterday's paper and asked how accurate it was.

Mayor Pike stated that he believes parts of it are. There is no doubt that more trucks will be used to pick up the bins which may cause additional pollution. Recycling will divert trash from, and lengthen the life of, the landfill. Although some sorting will take place here, everything will be shipped out.

Ms. Hauet asked if the recyclables will be used to produce energy.

Mayor Pike explained that it would cost millions of dollars to do that, but this is a start. He explained that "binnies" will continue in some locations and glass can only be recycled using them. This is the second month of the opt-out phase; 7.8% of customers have opted out for a number of reasons. He explained how customers can opt-out.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Consider approval of the financial report for August, 2015.

City Manager Gary Esplin advised that this is the second month in the current fiscal year; sales tax is higher than estimated.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Almquist to approve the financial report for August, 2015.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randall.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mayor Pike mentioned that Councilmember Bowcutt could not be here tonight.

EASEMENT VACATION/ORDINANCE:

Consider approval of an ordinance vacating a drainage easement located at approximately 170 North 400 East Street.

City Manager Gary Esplin explained that the City failed to vacate this easement a number of years ago when the buildings were built.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Almquist to approve the ordinance vacating a drainage easement located at approximately 170 North 400 East Street.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

LOCAL LIMITS STUDY/RESOLUTION:
Consider approval of a resolution adopting the technically based Local Limits Study for the Pretreatment Program.

City Manager Gary Esplin introduced Pretreatment Coordinator Daniel Morrison from the Wastewater Treatment Department.

Councilmember Almquist stepped out.

Mr. Morrison explained that the resolution is to approve the 2014 technically based Local Limits Study for the Pretreatment Program. He read the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Almquist returned.

City Manager Gary Esplin noted that during a previous work meeting, the limits to allow commercial users to discharge into the sewer system was discussed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the resolution adopting the technically based Local Limits Study for the Pretreatment Program.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randall.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

City Manager Gary Esplin explained that the water collected is treated and reused on City parks and golf courses.

Mayor Pike introduced Brittany Hollinshead, Mrs. Ivins. He then read a proclamation proclaiming October as Dysautonomia Awareness Month.

Ms. Hollinshead explained that she has Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS), a form of Dysautonomia; it took seven years for her to be diagnosed. She introduced Cyndee and Aleena who have the same illness; they spoke about their experiences with this disease.

FINAL PLAT:
Assistant Public Works Director Wes Jenkins presented the final plat for Bridle Gate Estates Phase 3, a 32-lot residential subdivision located at 3030 East Street and approximately 2550 South; zoning is RE-12.5. He showed the final plat and explained that there is an easement that goes along lot 50. Some of the lots fall within a high

ground water table; therefore, any basements will be required to have a geotechnical design to deal with the ground water.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the final plat for Bridle Gate Estates Phase 3.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almquist.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

FINAL PLAT:
Assistant Public Works Director Wes Jenkins presented the final plat for Bridle Gate Estates Phase 4, a 10-lot residential subdivision located at approximately 3210 East 2550 South; zoning is RE-12.5. He showed the final plat and explained that a number of the lots that fall in the high ground water table; therefore, any basements will be required to have a geotechnical design to deal with the ground water.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Almquist to approve the final plat for Bridle Gate Estates Phase 4.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Arial.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

FINAL PLAT:
Assistant Public Works Director Wes Jenkins presented the final plat for Desert Plateau Phase 3, a 15-lot residential subdivision located at Deserts Edge Drive at approximately 6270 South; zoning is R-1-10. He showed the final plat.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Arial to approve the final plat for Desert Plateau Phase 3.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randall.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

FINAL PLAT:

Assistant Public Works Director Wes Jenkins presented the final plat for Desert Plateau Phase 4, a 12-lot residential subdivision located at Barrel Roll Drive at approximately 3550 East; zoning is PD-R. He showed the final plat.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Arial to approve the final plat for Desert Plateau Phase 4.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almquist.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Pike recommended appointing Lance Himelright and Jamie Moore to the SunTran Appeal Panel. He explained that one of the panel members will be an employee appointed by the City Manager.

City Manager Gary Esplin recommended Public Works Director Cameron Cutler be appointed to the panel as well.

City Attorney Shawn Guzman advised that one of the members needs to be a physician. He suggested waiting to appoint Mr. Himelright until there is further clarification.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Randall to appoint Jamie Moore and Cameron Cutler to the SunTran Appeal Panel.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Arial.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Pike recommended re-appointing Gil Almquist ending December 31, 2018; Brooks Pace ending December 31, 2019; and Kim Campbell, as the Chair, through December 31, 2019 to the Historic Preservation Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to appoint the board members as recommended.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randall.

Councilmember Almquist explained why and when the board meets.

Mayor Pike explained that the board members have a specific expertise and mentioned their names.

VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

MINUTES:
Consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on June 25, 2015.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Arial to approve the minutes from June 25, 2015.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almquist with a minor correction to line 34 on page 1.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

MINUTES:
Consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on July 30, 2015.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Almquist the minutes from July 30, 2015.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Arial.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

MINUTES:
Consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on August 6, 2015.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Arial to approve the minutes from August 6, 2015.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Almquist.

VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

MINUTES:
Consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on August 13, 2015.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the minutes from August 13, 2015.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randall.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

MINUTES:
Consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on August 20, 2015.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Arial to approve the minutes from August 20, 2015.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

MINUTES:
Consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on August 27, 2015.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the minutes from August 27, 2015.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Arial.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye

Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

MINUTES:
Consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on September 3, 2015.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Randall to approve the minutes from September 3, 2015.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

MINUTES:
Consider approval of the minutes from the meeting held on September 10, 2015.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the minutes from September 10, 2015.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Arial.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER:
Councilmembers Randall and Almquist had no reports.

Councilmember Hughes mentioned the recent Homeless Coordinating Council meeting. Carol Hollowell at SwitchPoint heard a lot about the need for help with mental health on her bike ride across the country.

Councilmember Arial mentioned the Art Museum tour that will take place on October 23rd and 24th.

Mayor Pike mentioned some events taking place this month. He mentioned the BLM Resource Management Plan and encouraged everyone to learn all they can about it. The City could potentially lose 10% of the water it owns to the north. In his opinion, this is not only anti-growth, it is anti-human. All citizens can respond at www.wascho.utah.gov.

The consensus of the Council is to respond with a letter.

Councilmember Hughes noted that there was no input from elected officials and those planning for transportation issues.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Almquist to discuss a potential property sale.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes.

VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Randall to adjourn.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Arial.

VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye
Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

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Christina Fernandez, City Recorder