
Minutes
Workshop Meeting
August 23, 2016

Present: Mayor Kenneth Neilson, Council Members Troy Belliston, Kolene Granger, Garth Nisson, Thad Seegmiller, Jeff Turek, City Attorney Jeff Starkey, City Manager Roger City, City Recorder Danice Bulloch, Deputy Recorder Tara Pentz, Public Works Director Mike Shaw, Police Chief Jim Keith

Meeting commenced at 6:00 P.M.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Council Member Seegmiller made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Belliston seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

Council Member Belliston Aye
Council Member Granger Aye
Council Member Nisson Aye
Council Member Seegmiller Aye
Council Member Turek Aye

2. Discussion regarding the suspension of the procurement requirements for the repairs on Telegraph Street and related. City Manager Roger Carter

City Manager Roger Carter explained the purpose of suspending the procurement requirements for bidding of the Telegraph repairs. He then reviewed the proposed resolution with Council, which will be presented at the Regular Meeting for consideration tomorrow.

3. Discussion on water related issues. City Manager Roger Carter

City Manager Roger Carter explained this is a policy discussion continuation. He has asked Public Works Director Mike Shaw speak about Water issues in Washington City.

Public Works Director Mike Shaw gave a brief overview of the Washington City Water System. He then reviewed with Council the springs located in Washington City.

City Manager Roger Carter asked how Washington City fairs with the adjacent cities with

respect to springs.

Public Works Director Shaw stated Washington City is pretty similar with regard to springs. St. George, as well as Santa Clara have significant springs.

Council Member Granger asked for clarification on the State of Utah requires the use of culinary water on the lawns.

Public Works Director Shaw explained she was correct. There are ways to use treated grey water, but it has to through a treatment process and then be intermingled with another water source.

Council Member Granger asked if we water to start requiring a secondary water system in the new development subdivisions.

Public Works Director Shaw stated at this point, we cannot require a secondary water system. The requirement of a secondary lines in new development has been required, but the transmission lines between the large water sources are not in place. In the future the conservancy district is looking to place a dam in Warner Valley, which would be a secondary source, but until this is development those transmission lines would not be placed.

Council Member Granger asked how is the best way to conserve water.

Public Works Director Shaw stated Coral Canyon has a good landscape design standard and they use a third less water than the rest of the City.

Council Member Granger asked if we could put in place a landscape design standard.

Council discussed the pros and cons of a landscape design. Reduced landscaping can greatly reduce the ambient temperatures, which then raises air condition bills.

Council Member Seegmiller commented he feels the market is moving toward xeriscape on its own.

City Manager Carter stated the xeriscape works very well for those who have a second home, and do not have children. People who have young children, you do not want to send them out to play in the rocks.

Council Member Turek noted we have always tried to promote conservation through our tiered system. It includes not only water, but power as well.

Council Member Belliston asked how many homes have access to secondary lines.

Public Works Director Shaw stated the secondary lines have been required in development since 2004, which mean approximately 25% of the City has access to these lines.

Council Member Turek stated we may want to look at encouraging trees. St. George City

currently requires at least one tree in every front yard. There are some types of trees, which require a very low amount of water, but those trees provide a green shaded canopy.

Council Member Seegmiller asked about the Landfill Road and Telegraph pond. This is not connected to irrigation at this point, but it might lend to good storage location.

Public Works Director Shaw stated he would discuss the pond area with SITLA. They are the current owner.

4. Adjournment

Council Member Turek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Belliston seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

*Council Member Belliston Aye
Council Member Granger Aye
Council Member Nisson Aye
Council Member Seegmiller Aye
Council Member Turek Aye*

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Passed and approved this 28th day of September, 2016.



Washington City



Jeff Turek, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest by:



Danice B. Bulloch, CMC
City Recorder