MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN
CITY COUNCIL AND LOBBYIST WORKSHOP

Wednesday, May 30, 2018
5:30 p.m.
Schorr Gallery
8000 South Redwood Road
West Jordan, Utah 84088

COUNCIL: Mayor Jim Riding, and Council Members Dirk Burton, Chad R. Lamb, and Kayleen Whitelock. Council Member Alan Anderson, arrived at 5:48 p.m. Council Member Zach Jacob arrived at 6:01 p.m. Councilmember Chris M. McConnehey was excused.

STAFF: David Brickey, City Manager; Joel Lineras, Administrative Services Manager; Melanie Briggs, City Clerk, and Rob Wall, City Attorney.

LOBBYIST: Frank Pignanelli, Renae Cowley, Machi Johnson, and Melissa Worthen, West Jordan Chamber of Commerce.

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting began at 5:40 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ITEM
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
Frank Pignanelli stated the legislative session moves extremely fast with some bills changing hour to hour. Developing a position quickly on these matters which all members of the City’s government support was paramount to success. Lack of consensus or being slow to take a position often times means the City’s lobbyists are not able to effectively represent or communicate the position of the City resulting in the City being left out of important negotiations.

Once a process was established for development policy positions. A priority list should be decided upon. This would identify the top three issues the City would like to tackle every year as well as preliminary positions on other issues that will likely arise during the legislative session or interim.

OPTIONS FOR PROCESS:
Option #1 – Legislative Committee. A three-member sub-committee can be created charged with developing the City’s position on various bills and policy issues. A smaller group would enable decisions to be made more quickly. Decisions should only require a majority not unanimous consent. This committee could be comprised of the City Manager, Mayor, and one designee from the City Council. This committee should make regular reports back to the City Council as a whole as often as is feasible.

Option #2 – Authorize majority vote by email. This would need to have very clear parameters. This should only be applied to positions on legislation, nothing else. It would also be important to establish rules to ensure discussion was not misconstrued as an indication of a vote. A clear question needed to be asked by the City Manager, Mayor, or any member of the City Council. Valid responses would need to be a clear ‘yes’ or ‘no’. This option ensures each member of the City Council and the Mayor had the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process.
Rob Wall address the concern of an ‘email vote’. He felt it could turn into a public record of the City Council.

**Option #3 – Legislative Liaison.** One individual would be tasked with discussing options and communication information to each member of City Council and the Mayor, but would be the single deciding voice that communicated the position of the City. This gives them the flexibility to make decisions in a short time frame. This liaison could be the City Manager, Mayor, or a member of the City Council. This liaison should make regular reports back to the City Council as a whole as often as was feasible.

**Policy Priorities to Consider:**
1. Airport
2. CRA 10%
3. CRA fees assessed by the County
4. Transportation funding
5. Billboards
6. Land Use

**Communicating Policy Positions:**

**Representation on Significant Entities:** As a crucial part of developing the process for deciding legislative positions and developing priorities was communicating these priorities to the appropriate entities and solicit their support on the positions. Some of these entities include:
1. Utah League of Cities and Towns
2. Western Growth
3. Wasatch Front Regional Council
4. Council of Governments (Mayors)

The representative participating in the meetings should then report back to the Council as a whole on any action taken.

Those in attendance discussed the following issues:

- The City could establish tremendous influence if the Council would work well with the Utah League of Cities and Towns on issues
- Other cities set policy by a resolution before the end of December each year
- Airport property and potential usage of the open space surrounding (may require Federal and State legislation)
- Provide Salt Lake City Airport Board a clear plan on what the City wants near the South Valley Airport
- Senate Bill 54 regarding the process for citizen initiatives
- Focus on the northwest quadrant of the valley
- Engage with the League, Wasatch Front Regional Council, Western Growth Coalition, and the Council of Governments

**III. ADJOURN**
The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

JIM RIDING
Mayor

ATTEST:

MELANIE BRIGGS, MMC
City Clerk

Approved this 13th day of June 2018