



**Minutes of the
Millcreek City Council
October 21, 2019
5:30 p.m.
Work Meeting**

The City Council of Millcreek, Utah, met in a public work meeting on October 21, 2019 at City Hall, located at 3330 S. 1300 E., Millcreek, UT 84106.

PRESENT:

Council Members

Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor
Silvia Catten, District 1
Dwight Marchant, District 2
Cheri Jackson, District 3
Bev Uipi, District 4 (arrived 6:11 p.m.)

City Staff

John Geilmann, City Manager
John Brems, City Attorney
Elyse Greiner, City Recorder
Rita Lund, Communications Director
Laurie Johnson, HR-Finance Director
John Miller, Public Works Director
Mike Winder, Economic Development Director

Attendees: Bill Hodson and Marv Poulson.

REGULAR MEETING – 5:30 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 5:38 p.m.

Mayor Silvestrini called the meeting to order.

1. Discussion Items

1.1 Amendments to Various Code Sections (9.56.010, 9.56.020, 11.40.020, 14.12.100, 14.48.050 and Repealing section 14.04.140 and Chapter 14.28); Elyse Greiner, City Recorder

Elyse Greiner said when she and John Brems were reviewing the code for updates, they came across some sections that were no longer relevant to Millcreek. The term “real estate section” was from the County and the chapter on canyon and rural roads only applied to unincorporated County. She said Kurt Hansen told her that the code enforcement officers wanted the term “junk” as defined in Title 19 to be added to Title 9 for consistency. The amendment in code section 11.40.020 was to align city code with the practice of Unified Police Department. The Council said the code changes made sense. Brems said state statute required a car to be parked in the same place on the street for at least 48 hours before action could be taken in declaring it a nuisance, so the amendment would align city code with state code. Mayor Silvestrini said the parked cars issue was complaint driven. Bill Hodson, from the audience, asked about opportunity for public comment. Mayor Silvestrini said the Council would take public comment at its

regular meeting (on the second and fourth Monday of the month) and that supporting documentation to the meeting agendas could be found on the City's website.

1.2 Amendment to Code Section 2.04.130 Additional Committees; John Geilmann, City Manager

John Geilmann said staff recently discussed City-sponsored committees. He handed out a list of current committees recognized in some capacity by Millcreek, including the Recycling Committee, Youth Council, Utah Venture Outdoors, Millcreek Emergency Response Committee, Millcreek Arts Council, Envision Committee, Promise Committee, Millcreek Business Council, Wasatch Business Series, and Sustainability Committee. He said the meeting packet included text from City Code 2.04.130 which references required public meeting notices for committees and Utah State Code Ann. 52-4-103 which addresses the definition of a public body. Some of the City's committees could meet the public body definition if recognized by the Council through legislation. Mayor Silvestrini said some of the entities were independent of the City, such as the Millcreek Arts Council and community councils. Rita Lund said Millcreek also needed a US Census Committee. There was a conversation about whether some committees warranted public noticing for meetings. Council Member Jackson asked if there was a draw back to not noticing the committee meetings. John Brems said he could not think of one. Council Member Marchant asked what other cities do. Mike Winder said West Valley City notices some committee meetings. Brems said he would draft a proposed ordinance amending Millcreek Code 2.04.130.

1.3 Strategic Planning; Laurie Johnson, HR-Finance Director

Laurie Johnson said the Council added the term "Engaged Community" at their last strategic planning session to the strategic plan. She suggested the following definition for it, "Millcreek seeks to engage the community through communication and transparency to achieve long-term sustainable outcomes, process, and relationships." Mayor Silvestrini said the engagement was not the public to the Council but the Council to engage the public. Council Member Jackson said the communication should go both ways. Council Member Marchant suggested, "...be engaged with the community..." Mayor Silvestrini suggested, "Millcreek seeks community engagement..." The Council concurred with Mayor Silvestrini's suggestion. Johnson said the Council needed to establish strategic priorities for "Engaged Community." She suggested adding a strategic priority about fiscal responsibility. Council Member Marchant said governments could fail without fiscal responsibility and liked the idea of adding it. The Council agreed to adding that priority. Johnson said the strategic plan starts with strategic priorities, then strategic objectives, then strategies, then goals and accomplishments. She said the hierarchy came from the language of the General Plan. She said the Council would need to establish strategic objectives and strategies for "Engaged Community," establish a definition, strategic objectives and strategies for "Fiscally Responsible Government," and review and discuss a specific strategic priority each month moving forward. Johnson handed out draft copies of the strategic plan. She briefly went through the draft plan with the Council. She said by the next meeting, she would draft objectives and definitions. Mayor Silvestrini said a lot of the information needed could be found in the General Plan, but the Council needed to provide input for the "fiscally responsible" strategy. Johnson asked the Council to mark the draft plan handout and provide input on it to her within the next

couple of weeks. Mayor Silvestrini said the Council could review it at the work meeting on November 18th.

1.4 Mayor and Council's Discretion on Discussion Topic

Mayor Silvestrini said there was a code violation complaint at the property on 900 E. and Van Winkle owned by Salt Lake City Public Utilities (SLCPU). The complaint was that the area was being used by transients and was littered with syringes and the like. He said Millcreek code enforcement had been in contact with SLCPU. He said SLCPU had offered to turn the property into a park of sorts and Millcreek could join an interlocal agreement with them for the use of the property. Council Member Catten suggested that if the property was cleared out, it may become more of a resting place for transients and suggested turning it into a different green space, like a dog park. Mayor Silvestrini brought up water shed issues with Big Cottonwood Creek nearby. Rita Lund said part of the property was designated as wetlands and she would reach out to the Army Corp of Engineers about jurisdiction. Council Member Jackson asked if there would be money in the budget to maintain it. Council Member Catten asked about having conversations with Murray City because a new mixed-use development was developing in the old Kmart on 900 E. and those residents would use the space too. Mayor Silvestrini said he would explore possibilities with the property. Council Member Jackson asked about access to the property. Geilmann said the property could be accessed by foot through a gate on Van Winkle. He said the property used to be a park because there is rock work for creeks and ponds on the property and an access road to it on Murray Holladay Road. John Miller said the property had a high water table. The Council said they were interested in Mayor Silvestrini pursuing possibilities with the property.

Mayor Silvestrini said a young resident had reached out to him about the possibility of a bike park or pump track in the City. The Council explored potential property locations for one on an aerial map, especially near Wasatch Boulevard.

Mayor Silvestrini said he met with the joint Sustainability Coordinator, Samantha DeSeelhorst, about her duties. Millcreek is entitled to 6 hours of her week for Millcreek specific projects. That said, he did not want her to come to a lot of city meetings. He said they talked about doing a sustainability inventory for the contracted cities (Cottonwood Heights, Holladay, and Millcreek). He said the Council needed to decide what she should be doing for Millcreek and provide Kurt Hansen with feedback.

Mayor Silvestrini said the Unified Police Department (UPD) salary survey was completed. The Department got a 6 percent salary increase in the current fiscal year. He said other cities gave increases, so Millcreek held ground instead of advancing the Department's position against other departments in the County. He said Unified Fire Authority (UFA) Station 112 would be rebuilt from the current fiscal year budget and mentioned that other stations in the system need to be replaced and would be done through a bond. He said a five-foot stretch of property would be sold to UFA from the Olympus Hills Shopping Center for a reasonable price for inclusion in the Station 112 site.

Mayor Silvestrini said he had been telling the public that the Council would take public comment on H.B. 411 Community Renewable Energy Act at the October 28th Council

meeting. Council Member Jackson asked if there should be a resident survey on H.B. 411. She said she would draft something and give it to staff to publish. Council Member Uipi asked if the Council would act on the feedback from the survey. Council Member Jackson said it would be more for their education of the bill. Council Member Marchant said the survey should be to get feedback, not on whether or not the City should opt-in to the program. The Council decided to send out a frequently asked questions (FAQs) sheet instead of a survey.

Council Member Marchant said Helen Blood, a former Mill Creek Elementary School teacher, passed away that week. He suggested doing a proclamation for her as a valued member of the community because she was very engaged in her students' lives. The Council agreed. Council Member Jackson said Nate Gibby was working on finding speakers for a symposium and asked for recommendations. Council Member Marchant suggested writing a city newsletter article on Leigh Harline (deceased) who wrote, "When You Wish Upon a Star."

Council Member Uipi said she would call in to participate in the October 28th Council meeting. Mike Winder gave the Council an overview of the City Center presentation that he would present to staff the following day which involved timelines and upcoming projects. Lund mentioned that the city center open space consultant, John Kelsh, would be meeting with city stakeholders in the coming weeks.

Council Member Jackson moved to go into closed session at 7:18 p.m. per Utah State Code Ann. 52-4-205(1)(c), to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Council Member Marchant seconded. The City Recorder called for the vote. All Council Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Jackson moved to go back into the public meeting at 8:00 p.m. Council Member Marchant seconded. The City Recorder called for the vote. All Council Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

1.5 Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items

There were none.

ADJOURNED: Council Member Uipi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Council Member Marchant seconded. All Council Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor

Date

11-12-19

Attest:



Elyse Greiner, City Recorder