

MINUTES OF THE WORK/STUDY MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

Mayor Richard J. Child presided. In addition to Mayor Child, the following were present: Councilmember Christopher Creer, Councilmember Craig Jensen, Councilmember Brett Nelson, Councilmember Jason Miller, Councilmember Michael Snelson, City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald, Assistant City Administrator/City Attorney John Penrod, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Bruce Riddle, and Deputy City Recorder Jennifer Grigg.

Also present were: Public Safety Director Craig Martinez, Power Director Leon Fredrickson, Public Works Director Brad Stapley, Building and Grounds Director Brad Neel, Library Director Dan Mickelson, Operations Manager Rod Oldroyd, Golf Pro Craig Norman Recreation Director Corey Meredith and Community Development Director Josh Yost.

Excused: Recorder Kim Crane, and Museum of Art Director Rita Wright

CALL TO ORDER- 5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Calendar

- Oct 15 - Work/Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 31 - City Main Street Safe Halloween Event 3:00 p.m. (Thursday)
- Nov 3 - Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov 5 - Municipal General Election Day
- Nov 5 - Work/Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Child added the Chamber of Commerce *Meet the Candidates* night tomorrow night in the Council Chambers.

2. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

a) UTA Briefing, Current Transit Developments - Kent Millington

Mr. Millington started his presentation by introducing the UTA board of trustees and explaining the governance change put in place by the state legislature last year. Now there are three full time board members appointed by the governor; Carlton Christensen representing Salt Lake County, Mr. Millington, representing Tooele and Utah County and Beth Holbrook, the immediate past president of ULCT (Utah League of Cities and Towns) representing Weber, Davis and Box Elder counties. The UTA board hired a Californian, Carolyn Gonot, as UTA executive director. He reported that UVX has 10,000 riders a day. Councilmember Nelson asked if that met the projected ridership when the project was proposed. Mr. Millington answered that even in the summer, ridership exceeded expectations. Both colleges sold fewer parking permits this year. 18,000 people rode Frontrunner to the Utah/BYU game in Provo. Because of these projects, there is a decrease in cars on the road, pollution and aggravation. Councilmember Nelson asked when UTA would break even. Mr. Millington answered no transportation authority in the United States breaks even. Tokyo has 25 million people in an area from Ogden to Provo so they move 10 million people a day and cannot break even. Utah population is projected to be 5 million in 25 years. UTA does not anticipate ever being wholly reliant on the fare box revenue to cover expenses. UTA operating

expenses are \$300 million per year. The proposed budget for operating expenses for all UTA services for 2020 is \$319 million. Fare box revenue is about one sixth of the budget at \$54 million.

Councilmember Miller asked how much the UVX project cost. Mr. Millington answered it cost about \$120 million to build. Because of a federal grant UVX is free for three years. UVU and BYU pay UTA a \$1 million a year each. Councilmember Nelson asked about the fare when the grant is over. Mr. Millington answered ridership will be \$1-2 per ride after the grant expires, but UTA is trying to continue to make UVX free with CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement) funds, from federal grants or Utah County. Councilmember Jensen explained that the \$2 million from the universities almost covers current fare box/ridership from the students travelling to the universities. He complimented the university solution because it gets people used to riding the bus.

Mr. Millington moved on to discussing a new bus connecting the Frontrunner station to businesses near Thanksgiving Point. In addition, Ogden has a streetcar eliminating traffic. Taylorsville near SLCC (Salt Lake Community College) and Murray will get expanded service. Expanded service to Payson and West Valley City are being considered. UTA already owns the right of way to Payson. Mr. Millington asked the Council to identify a place for a station with a transit-oriented development. Mayor Child added that is already included in our general plan.

Councilmember Creer asked about what needs to happen for UTA to move forward with the extension of Frontrunner to Payson. Mr. Millington listed an environmental study as well as an engineering study. The existing track needs improvements and UTA is looking into double-tracking. UTA prefers double-track from Brigham City to Payson. After the studies, UTA needs to come up with the funding. Councilmember Jensen asked why delay single-track construction waiting on double-tracking. Mr. Millington agreed and explained that because of recent commuter rail accidents all trains are federally mandated to have PTC (Positive Train Control) which detects problems and automatically stops the train. PTC makes reliability hard with one track. Councilmember Snelson asked if UTA will double-track to Brigham City before Utah County gets a single track. Mr. Millington answered no, because UTA already owns single-track right of way in Utah County. Currently they are buying right of way from Ogden to Brigham City. Administrator Fitzgerald interjected that UTA does not own double-track right of way in Springville. Mr. Millington agreed and added that MATC (Mountainland Technical College) and UVU (Utah Valley University) are building campuses in Payson.

Councilmember Creer asked if Utah County must meet a population number or build the MATC campus in Payson before UTA starts the environmental study. Mr. Millington answered the project will start when UTA finds the \$2-\$3 million to start the environmental and environmental studies. He said the process will be underway within the next eight years. After the study, UTA will not implement a Frontrunner project in Utah County until there is a guaranteed amount of ridership. He said there is an example between Ogden and Pleasant View where Frontrunner ridership was two or three people. That route was terminated. Councilmember Nelson added that in terms of population, south of Salt Lake City is becoming the population center of the state, not north.

Mr. Millington said population and funding are part of the consideration. Councilmember Nelson said the projections for Utah County population increase are astounding. Administrator Fitzgerald said Springville City is frustrated because the amount of revenue generated for UTA from Springville sales tax would easily pay for both studies and the two bus routes UTA has allowed in Springville. For years and years UTA has allotted a smaller and smaller amount to service in Springville. Mayor Child said UTA even removed a bus line and Springville is not getting the attention it deserves from UTA. Mr. Millington said that is the kind of criticism he is looking for. He suggested there could be additional bus service from



Springville and Payson headed north. Councilmember Jensen asked if UTA knows the large number of Springville residents that are driving from here to Provo Frontrunner. He continued by stating the bus routes are not reliable and take too long. Councilmember Nelson agreed with Administrator Fitzgerald. He said Springville is already financing more than enough UTA services and has the population projection UTA needs to get started on expanding Frontrunner south to Payson.

Administrator Fitzgerald said there was a meeting with UTA where Springville City agreed to participate in both studies. Everything Mr. Millington is saying is old news, at least five to seven years old. UTA already paid for a preliminary study of the location of the proposed transit station in Springville as well as a plan for transit-oriented development around that future station. UTA also offered to purchase property to build an express bus stop in that planned location to get residents trained to use the future Frontrunner location. All of that happened years ago and nothing happened. Springville City is frustrated at the idea of starting over again with UTA when it has all been done before and nothing happened last time. Mr. Millington said he understands that Springville City wants to see results, not hear about future plans. Councilmember Nelson said you have our support. Mr. Millington said he mentioned this meeting to Mary Delamare Schaeffer (Timpanogos Regional General Manager at Utah Transit Authority.)

Administrator Fitzgerald said the urgency we are trying to convey is the location of the Frontrunner station is the hole in the donut and development is closing in on that property. Springville City planned for transit-oriented development and wants to be prepared and be part of that solution. Suburban homes line the existing single line easement where a double-line should have been planned. Staff asked UTA years ago for details on the space needed for double-lines and never got an answer. Because of that lack of follow up by UTA, there are homes that should not have happened. Mr. Millington promised to relay that information. Councilmember Nelson asked for a follow-up process on the answer to the double-track question. Attorney Penrod said there are rumors that UTA plans to skip Springville and build a station in Spanish Fork. Mr. Millington answered not as long as I am on the board. Councilmember Jensen said he asked Mary Delamare Schaeffer the same question and she agreed. Administrator Fitzgerald said the forecasts show Springville Frontrunner ridership near term projections would be 5,500 daily riders, 100 times more than Spanish Fork.

Councilmember Miller said he is a daily rider. He agreed with Councilmember Creer's suggestion of a UTA advisory group for southern Utah County seeking input from the community. Mr. Millington agreed and said he wants to duplicate the advisory group in Thanksgiving Point which has proved to be successful. Councilmember Miller continued by asking for solutions to the bottlenecks on the mainline to increase ridership. He said the service is so unreliable and daily riders pay \$200 a month to ride Frontrunner while subsidizing the UVX project. Every day there is a mechanical or PTC delay or a bottleneck because of single-track.

Councilmember Miller said Provo is four times bigger than Springville so where is Springville's \$10 million project. Mr. Millington answered the double-track will help with the bottlenecks and is well underway between Vineyard & American Fork, South Jordan & Draper, and Clearfield & Roy. The Vineyard & American Fork double-track should be done by next November. UTA is waiting for a modest grant from the federal government. Councilmember Miller said it is a great route from Provo to the Airport, but a delay means a missed flight. Councilmember Jensen interjected that the problems cause ridership to go down. Councilmember Miller agreed and added the conductors never acknowledge the problems on the trains and there is no up to date information on the platforms. Mr. Millington concluded by saying



UTA is aware of the delays and bottlenecks due to PTC and single-track and he really appreciated the information and will follow up on the double-track question by Friday.

3. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

b) Discussion with Department Directors

Director Yost stated he is still catching a breath and busy and excited to get going.

Director Meredith reported soccer is over; inside sports are beginning; high school swim teams are starting. Mayor Child asked about the field house. Director Meredith said it is booked from November to February from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and most Saturdays. Director Fredrickson thanked Director Meredith for painting the field house and complimented how nice it looked. Councilmember Jensen suggested getting new windows donated.

Director Mickelson reported a fun program and thanked Shannon Acor and *Ceñtro Español*. There were about 200 people in attendance. Friday is *Star Wars Reads* day and invited everyone to cosplay.

Director Neel reported Bartholomew Family Park parking fee collection is closed from September 30, 2019 until May 1, 2020. Staff will start installing Christmas lights along Main Street by the end of October. Mayor Child asked if parks are getting winterized. Director Neel answered yes and pressurized irrigation turns off soon.

Director Fredrickson reported Power Week was very successful with over 750 5th grade students, adults and parents seeing what they own in the Springville electrical systems. The UAMPS Payson Nebo project is refunding their bond to save \$80,000 on debt service which means there are only 5.5 years left. 2026 we will have saved \$1.3 million savings debt service which should give us the opportunity to expand our resource portfolio. Councilmember Nelson said Director Fredrickson is a new father-in-law with a successful wedding recently.

Director Stapley reported the Center Street project is on schedule and paving is scheduled for next spring after the trenches settle. Councilmember Snelson said the trenches are nice. Director Stapley continued by saying the paving project in the spring will include milling down 1.5 inches east of 400 East to the lip of the gutter removing up to four inches of asphalt to improve the profile. Staff will be working through November to get Center Street water services done. The Mayor just signed a \$2.2 million contract for the new Bartholomew tank. The old tank will come down in the winter and analysis shows the city will have enough water to be supplied through the penstock.

Deputy Recorder Grigg reminded that the director's meeting packets are now quarterly.

Chief Martinez invited everyone to the party at the Fire Department on Wednesday. Administrator Fitzgerald said the quarterly city employee lunch is returning and designed for all employees to get to know what other departments do.

c) Commission, Board and Committee Minutes

d) Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember Snelson invited all to *Meet the Candidate Night* and the Chamber meeting when Mayor Child is speaking. He complimented the new bike lane striping from UDOT.



4. **CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED - TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MOTION**

The Springville City Council may temporarily recess the regular meeting and convene in a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, as provided by UCA 52-4-205.

There was none.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCILMEMBER NELSON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE WORK/STUDY MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL AT 6:28 P.M. COUNCILMEMBER JENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTED AYE.

This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Council Work/Study meeting held on Tuesday, October 08, 2019.

I, Jennifer Grigg, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Recorder for Springville City, of Utah County, State of Utah. I do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true and accurate, and complete record of this meeting held on Tuesday, October 08, 2019.



Jennifer Grigg
Deputy City Recorder

