



**Minutes of the
Millcreek City Council
December 10, 2019
8:00 a.m.
Special Meeting**

The City Council of Millcreek, Utah, met in a special public meeting on December 10, 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 at 9:10 a.m.)

City Staff

John Geilmann, City Manager
Elyse Greiner, City Recorder
Laurie Johnson, HR-Finance Director
Mike Winder, Economic Development Director
Francis Lilly, Planning & Zoning Director
Kurt Hansen, Legislative Policy Director
Jim Hardy, Building Department Director
Rita Lund, Communications Director
John Miller, Public Works Director

Attendees: Representative Patrice Arent, Representative Carol Spackman Moss, Representative Mark Wheatley, Representative Stephanie Pitcher, Representative Karen Kwan, Senator Gene Davis, Senator Jani Iwamoto, Dave Spatafore, and Ashley Spatafore.

SPECIAL MEETING – 8:00 a.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 8:21 a.m.

Mayor Silvestrini called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

1. Status of Millcreek; Mayor Jeff Silvestrini

Mayor Silvestrini said he wanted to talk about Millcreek's legislative priorities and thanked the Legislators for attending the meeting. He gave the Legislators an overview of Millcreek's characteristics. He said during the General Plan process, the public asked where Millcreek's downtown was. As a result, the City asked residents where it should be, and residents said around 3300 S. between 1300 E. and Highland Drive. There is development pressure in that area with multi-family housing, so the City has been trying to shape that development into something the public wants for a city center. Millcreek has engaged the community with a small area plan for the City Center and staff is working on an overlay zone for the area. The City Center will include a plaza for the public to gather. Millcreek recently got a AA+ bond rating and has borrowed \$20 million for the open space in the City Center. The City has actively been purchasing land in the area for the City Center. The working title for the open space is "Millcreek Common."

The Mayor announced that the Council was successful in negotiating a boundary adjustment with Salt Lake City that will take effect July 1, 2020. One area is in the City Center and the other is the roundabout on 2300 E. off of I-80. The Council adopted a resolution to participate in H.B. 411 Community Renewable Energy Act and are looking at an anti-idling ordinance, reducing plastic bag use, a tree canopy preservation ordinance, green building standards, and impervious surface limitations. Staff is working on public engagement on accessory dwelling units, setting aside money for affordable housing, and on a historic preservation ordinance. The City has aging infrastructure and the Legislature can help with maintenance and transportation funding. Millcreek has a healthy tax base and it has been growing. Millcreek started a program called the Promise Program to build bridges in the community by supporting elementary schools with tutoring and after school programs. He said there were a lot of refugees in Millcreek, so the goal is to lift people up all over the City, not just in the west side. Francis Lilly said the Promise Program was able to organize a grant for after school programming at Mill Creek Elementary.

2. Open Discussion: Legislator Priorities and Items of Interest; State Legislators

Senator Jani Iwamoto said campus safety and elections were her legislative priorities during the next session. Senator Gene Davis said he was working with seniors and people on fixed incomes with property taxes. Mayor Silvestrini pointed out that Millcreek has an older population. Representative Stephanie Pitcher said she was working on criminal justice issues and a pilot program for state employees to bring their 0-6-month-old children to work. Representative Karen Kwan was working on ERA, blue zones (health related), reducing barriers for immigrant populations, and getting a crosswalk on 3900 S. near the refugee center. Representative Carol Spackman Moss said she was working on hands free driving, continuing education for refugees, improving conditions in county jails, and overdose reporting amendments. Representative Patrice Arent said she was working on air quality funding for car charging stations availability and building efficiencies, updates to baby drop off laws, eliminating straight ticket voting, and working with coalitions to change sick leave for employees' family members. Representative Mark Wheatley said he was working on fixing the wage gap between genders, noise pollution with modifying mufflers on vehicles, and the use of solitary confinement in prisons and jails. Mike Winder said he was working on eminent domain authority on trails and state benefits for opportunity zones.

3. Funding for After School Programs and Promise Program Update; Francis Lilly, Planning and Zoning Director

Francis Lilly said there are three areas for the Promise Program; education, health and safety, and economic wellbeing. The program has worked with Mill Creek Elementary with reading and math assistance volunteers and partnered with Salt Lake County for an after-school program there. He expressed that he would like to expand the program to other schools and explore opportunities to partner with other entities. He asked the Legislators to keep funding for after school programs on their radar during the legislative session. He said the program collaborates with other organizations to compile resources and receive support. Representative Arent said there was a family promise program in Millcreek which helps with housing. Lilly said he would connect with that program. Mayor Silvestrini said Millcreek started the program because he liked what South Salt Lake City was doing with it. He said the program was an investment in society.

4. H.B. 411 Update and Suggested Modifications; Kurt Hansen, Legislative Policy Director

Kurt Hansen said Millcreek had adopted a resolution to opt into H.B. 411 Community Renewable Energy Act. He asked if the Legislators were happy with the process so far and if they saw any future amendments. Mayor Silvestrini said there could be opportunities for improvements to the program, like a tiered approach for participation because there was no flexibility with the current legislation. Senator Davis asked about rates. Mayor Silvestrini said the more cities that join, the lower the cost will be. He said based on comments received, about two-thirds to three-fourths of the residents want Millcreek to participate in the program. The other residents were worried about the solar energy they already had and the renewable energy storage availability. He said a lot of residents had informed opinions on the matter. Representative Arent said there was a lot of time and work put into the bill and if the Mayor wanted amendments to it, he should talk to Representative Handy. Ashley Spatafore said she would provide a list of bills, updates, and Millcreek's stance on them to the Legislators during the session. Representative Arent asked for the reasoning for the position as well.

5. Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force Update; Ashley and Dave Spatafore, Capstone Strategies, LLC

Dave Spatafore said there had previously been discussion on changing the local option sales tax, but he did not see an impact of municipal budgets this session. Representative Arent said she received a packet of letters endorsing the bill including one from the Wasatch Front Regional Council which had Mayor Silvestrini's signature on it. Mayor Silvestrini said the letter had more to do with thanking the Legislators for not affecting local government and continuing to support transportation. Ashley Spatafore said the Utah League of Cities and Towns did not take a position. Senator Davis said there were pitfalls in what was being proposed. Dave Spatafore said there would be a legislative special session on December 12th to discuss the issue.

6. Tier II Police and Fire Retirement Update; Ashley and Dave Spatafore, Capstone Strategies, LLC

Dave Spatafore said there would be a cleanup bill to the 2019 S.B. 129 Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Retirement Enhancements. The City's concern is that no additional cost be created upon the agencies. The police and fire fighter associations do not support picking up any additional costs. He said in the bill a year ago, the cost to of Tier 2 for associations was 12-16%, but after the analysis the cost was actually 16.27%. He said there would be an extra cost to compensate for increased salaries. He said the bill sponsors may take that cost to 16.5%. The employer picks up the first 14% and the employee picks up anything above 14%, or the agency can choose to pay for all of it. The other part of the bill is a death benefit for Tier 2. If a police officer or fire fighter worked past retirement and was killed off duty, families got a lesser benefit. Tier 1 allows for the retirement to start one day before death, so the legislators want to add that benefit to Tier 2 for all public safety.

7. Commission on Housing Affordability Update; Ashley and Dave Spatafore, Capstone Strategies, LLC

Ashley Spatafore said last year a bill focused on planning for cities to do moderate income housing plans and this year the focus would be on funding for housing. She said there would be gap financing for affordable housing at \$15 million and two voucher programs. One voucher program would be statewide with an ask of \$10 million to be facilitated through other entities. The second would be a specific voucher for McKinney Vento families with children who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. There are an estimated 10-12,000 children that

fall within that category. She said there was an unclaimed property fund and a percentage of it goes towards the uniform school fund. She said stable housing was necessary for education, so they have proposed that at least \$5 million from that fund every year be used for housing vouchers for eligible families. Dave Spatafore said the school districts' homeless coordinators know the families that need assistance. Senator Davis said the Legislators needed to look at the voucher funding system. Ashley Spatafore brought up keeping people in their homes and said they have worked with the United Way on evictions. Dave Spatafore said they were looking to change the pay or vacate notice from 3 calendar days to 3 business days. They would also like applicants to be able to obtain their credit report and take it with them until they are housed so they did not have to pay for one multiple times. He said there are 400 court eviction processed a month in Utah and 80% are solely financial. He also brought up a proposed revolving one-month loan fund for good tenants who get in trouble. Ashley Spatafore said there may be a pilot program for that.

Mayor Silvestrini thanked the Legislators for coming and told them that he could be contacted at any time. The meeting ended at 9:32 a.m.

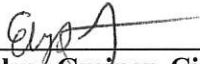
APPROVED:



Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor

Date Jan. 13, 2020

Attest:



Elyse Greiner, City Recorder