

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 23, 2021, IN THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1020 EAST PIONEER ROAD,
DRAPER, UTAH**

PRESENT: Mayor Troy K. Walker, and Councilmembers Mike Green, Tasha Lowery, Fred Lowry, Cal Roberts, and Marsha Vawdrey

EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: David Dobbins, City Manager; Mike Barker, City Attorney; David Harris, Police Lieutenant; Laura Oscarson, City Recorder; Linda Peterson, Communications Director; Clint Smith, Fire Chief; Don Buckley, Fire Marshal; Spencer DuShane, Assistant City Attorney

Business Session

1.0 Call to Order: Mayor Troy K. Walker

2.0 Action Item: Ordinance #1495, an Ordinance of Draper City Council Prohibiting the discharge of Fireworks in specified areas.

2.1 Mayor Walker introduced the item, stating that fireworks have been the “hot topic” in the state. He reminded the Council that based on the state code, Draper cannot ban fireworks in the city. The Council can restrict fireworks and has for several years. Using a map displayed on the screen, he pointed out the red area where the ignition of fireworks is prohibited. It is a crime and a \$1000 penalty and Draper City will enforce the law. The State law allows cities to protect themselves as best they can.

2.2 Fire Chief Clint Smith will present the recommendations for the restrictions. The Chief used the map to show where fireworks were restricted in past years. The areas in red are a high-risk area since much of it is in the Wildland Urban Interface Area.

Chief Smith showed on the map, the references to the state code that allows cities to change the restriction map after the May 1st deadline for the map to be published.

Chief Smith pointed out the areas to be included in the new restrictions map. The areas to be added are overgrown and have accessibility issues. Chief Smith reviewed the fuels in Utah and Energy Release Component which measures the fuels. Utah has the highest rate in the country.

Councilmember F. Lowry pointed out that although the leaves on trees look green, the moisture content is very low.

- 2.3 Mike Barker, City Attorney, asked that if the council passes this ordinance, that the code box on the map be updated to include 1.1.3
Mayor Walker also mentioned the code reference 1.1.1 should also be added to the code box.
- 2.4 Lieutenant Harris stated the police have four days covered with four extra people for those shifts with an understanding of zero tolerance.
- 2.5 Fire Chief Clint Smith stated the fire department will have about 10 additional staff scheduled for the weekend
- 2.6 Councilmember T. Lowery thanked Chief Smith and the police department for their preparedness.
- 2.7 Mayor Walker reminded everyone that Draper City is offering 3 free fireworks shows during Draper Days and asked if people could take this year off from personal fireworks.
- 2.8 Councilmember F. Lowry wanted to encourage residents to be vigilant and be careful and to educate each other.
Mayor Walker stated there had already been a fire, started by fireworks set off in a banned zone, in Utah this year.
- 2.9 Councilmember T. Lowery moved to approve Ordinance #1495.
Councilmember Vawdrey seconded the motion.
- 2.10 Councilmember Vawdrey asked if the addition of 1.1.1 and 1.1.3 should be added to the motion.

Councilmember T. Lowery stated that she would amend her motion to include the addition of 1.1.1 and 1.1.3 in the Utah Code box of the map.
Councilmember Vawdrey stated that her second still stood.

- 2.11 A roll call vote was taken with Councilmembers Green, Lowery, Lowry, Roberts, and Vawdrey, voting in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2.13 Don Buckley, Fire Marshal, stated that a map had been created with a QR Code that once scanned, takes the user to an app, he or she can put in their address and it will tell them if their address is in a restricted zone. These maps will be everywhere fireworks are sold in Draper.

3.0 Adjournment

3.1 Councilmember F. Lowry moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Vawdrey seconded the motion.

3.2 A roll call vote was taken with Councilmembers Green, Lowery, Lowry, Roberts, and Vawdrey, voting in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

3.3 The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.