MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023, IN THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1020 EAST PIONEER ROAD, DRAPER, UTAH

PRESENT: Councilmembers Mike Green, Tasha Lowery, Fred Lowry, Cal Roberts (Mayor Pro Tempore), and Marsha Vawdrey

EXCUSED: Mayor Troy Walker

STAFF PRESENT: David Dobbins, City Manager; Mike Barker, City Attorney; Kellie Challburg, Chief of Staff; Scott Cooley, City Engineer; Rich Ferguson, Chief of Police; Bret Millburn, Assistant City Manager; Rhett Ogden, Recreation Director; Laura Oscarson, City Recorder; Linda Peterson, Communications Director; Clint Smith, Fire Chief; and Jake Sorensen, Network Administrator

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Study Session

1.0 Presentation: Convention Tourism Assessment Area (CTAA)

1.1 Clay Partain, Executive Director of Sports Salt Lake (under the umbrella of Visit Salt Lake), gave a presentation regarding creation and potential benefits of a Convention Tourism Assessment Area in Salt Lake County, and encouraged the Council to vote in favor of participation.

2.0 Report: Annual Fire Report

2.1 Fire Chief Clint Smith presented a 2022 Annual Fire Department Report, and answered questions from the Council.

3.0 Report: Traffic

3.1 Chief of Police Rich Ferguson provided a traffic report for the month of March 2023.

4.0 Update: Draper Days

4.1 Kellie Challburg and David Wilks updated the Council regarding plans for Draper Days. Assistant City Manager Bret Millburn reported on donations received.

5.0 Update: Trails Plan

5.1 Staff requested feedback from the Council regarding a proposed Trails Plan that would include a list of all existing and proposed trails. Parks and Recreation Director Rhett Ogden emphasized a desire to establish a framework with the City Council for future trail development.

5.2 Suggestions were made to: include statistics regarding trail usage; reach out to specific property owners regarding potential land acquisition for trail access; mitigate user conflict when possible; identify the values for which the City was aiming; create a plan for Corner Canyon; and include the Parks and Trails Committee in the process.

6.0 Council/Manager Reports

6.1 No reports

Business Session

1.0 Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Cal Roberts

2.0 Thought/Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

2.1 Carolynn Jennings from the Corner Canyon 4th Ward, Corner Canyon Stake, offered a prayer. Network Administrator Jake Sorensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month

3.1 Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts read aloud a proclamation recognizing April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

3.2 Anna Roberts with the Family Support Center thanked the Council for taking a stand against child abuse, and spoke of the mission of the Family Support Center.

4.0 Public Comments

4.1 David Shurtliff, Draper resident, referred to the City's mission statement and said in recent weeks it had begun to feel like Draper City versus Draper citizens, with neighbors helping neighbors with flooding, but elected officials and City staff hiding from responsibility.

4.2 Paul McCarty, Draper resident, spoke of a request for insulation and connection of the Willow Springs Canal to the East Jordan Canal, and request for sandbags and sand in that area, spoke of City responsibility, and expressed a desire to work together with Draper City to be proactive rather than reactive.

4.3 Ron Smith, Draper resident, spoke of past experience as the Draper City Engineer, flooding in 1983 and 1984, and his understanding that all canals in Draper would be connected to the East Jordan Canal. He asked why the Willow Springs Canal was not built with a connection to East Jordan Canal.

4.4 Curtis Carter, Draper resident, read aloud a request from residents of Willow Springs Lane and adjacent neighborhoods for the City Council to authorize an emergency connection of Willow Springs Canal to the East Jordan Canal to prevent imminent flooding of homes along Willow Creek.

4.5 Jeff Johns, Draper resident, said he appreciated City efforts when his home flooded in February for the first time in his 28 years of residence, said he was doing the best he could to prevent further flooding but was scared of what was coming, and asked the City to please help.

4.6 Ben Bringhurst, Draper resident, said this was the first year his home flooded in his 28 years of residence, spoke of past experience with flooding, said he had learned to never underestimate the power of water, and spoke of work that needed to be done to keep water in the creek bed and prevent flooding.

4.7 John Watson, Draper resident, spoke of the importance of planning for the future and mitigating issues, referred to a water table graph, and spoke of the need to plan for potential spring flooding as record snow levels melted.

4.8 Rob Urry, Draper resident, spoke of flooding in 1983, and requested the City take necessary measures and provide sandbags to prevent property damage.

4.9 Mike Mainzer, Draper resident, spoke of property damage from ground water, referred to the City's message that HOAs were supposed to take care of

drainage issues, said his property was not in an HOA, and said he was not aware of the un-mapped in-ground drainage running through an easement on his property when he purchased. Mr. Mainzer said the problem went beyond the capability of HOAs, and the City was needed to step in for a long-term solution.

4.10 Dave Davis, Draper resident, said he was an attorney, said his backyard was adjacent to Willow Springs Canal, spoke of liability, referred to the many pleas for help from the City, spoke of needed improvements to infrastructure regardless of the precedent that might be set, and said he knew the people would come together to help.

4.11 Devin Stoker, Draper resident, said his property had already experienced significant flooding from ground water, and asked the Council for public relief and help.

4.12 Craig Vielstich, Draper resident, expressed concern about collecting debris, and asked for City help and support.

4.13 Aubrey McMillan, Draper resident, spoke of several issues on her property that caused health problems, commented that someone at the City approved the way her home was originally built, and said the ground water problem was never disclosed to her by the City.

4.14 Louise Popp, Draper resident, said many of her neighbors' properties had flooded, said no one knew where the culvert running through their neighborhood was, said she and her neighbors were willing to help fund efforts to find the culvert, and asked for City help.

4.15 Elizabeth Bringhurst, Draper resident, thanked the Council for their service, said her home already flooded that year along with at least 125 other homes in the area, spoke of the cost to repair and replace, and spoke of a desire to know if the City had a plan in place.

4.16 City Manager David Dobbins described current City efforts for flood prevention, and spoke of communication with Salt Lake County regarding County plans.

4.17 The Council emphasized that they and City staff cared and wanted to do what they could to help.

5.0 Consent Items

a. Approval of the March 4, 2023, City Council Retreat Minutes
b. Approval of the March 7, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes
c. Approval of the March 10, 2023, Draper City Council Special Meeting

5.1 Councilmember Vawdrey moved to approve the Consent Items. Councilmember T. Lowery seconded the motion.

5.2 A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Roberts	X		
Councilmember Vawdrey	X		

6.0 Adjournment

6.1 Councilmember T. Lowery moved to adjourn the meeting.

6.2 A voice vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

6.3 The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.