



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Approved June 14, 2023**

Thomas M. Rees Justice Center
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1. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL: Chair Christopher McConnehey, Vice Chair Pamela Bloom (via Zoom), Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, David Pack, Kayleen Whitelock, Melissa Worthen

STAFF: Council Office Director Alan Anderson, Public Services Director Isaac Astill, City Attorney Josh Chandler, Public Works Director Brian Clegg, Budget & Management Analyst Rebecca Condie, Public Utilities Director Greg Davenport, Associate Planner Lisa Elgin, City Planner / Zoning Administrator Larry Gardner, Senior PC Specialist Rodney Glore, Policy Analyst Cassidy Hansen, City Administrator Korban Lee, Council Office Clerk Cindy Quick, Community Development Director Scott Langford, Senior Planner Ray McCandless, Fire Chief Derek Maxfield, Economic Development Director Chris Pengra, Deputy Police Chief Jeremy Robertson, Police Chief Ken Wallentine

Chair McConnehey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and noted that Council Member Worthen would join shortly and Vice Chair Bloom was present via Zoom. Council Member Pack arrived at 6:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vern Waters led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair McConnehey opened the public comment period at 6:02 pm

Citizen Comments:

Vern Waters, Manager of West Jordan Library and Veridian Conference Center, reported on recent library activities and spoke of upcoming activities.

Council Member Worthen arrived at 6:05 pm

Ryan Wilkinson said he had been addressing the City Council for over a year regarding aircraft noise in the community from the South Valley Regional Airport. He expressed the opinion that the SVRA harmed the community.

Chair McConnehey closed public comments at 6:08 pm

4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. 2023 Western Stampede Royalty

Jennifer Mane with the Western Stampede Committee introduced the 2023 Western Stampede Royalty which included Queen Rachel Whitehead, First Attendant Reagan Wilson, and Second Attendant Olivia Parker who was absent. The Council and Mayor took the opportunity for photographs.

b. Resolution No. 23-036 providing advice and consent to appoint Randy Copeland to serve on the Healthy West Jordan Committee

Mayor Burton introduced Randy Copeland and recommended his appointment to the Healthy West Jordan Committee. Council Member Pack said the Mayoral Appointment Subcommittee reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed appointment.

MOTION: Council Member Pack moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 23-036 providing advice and consent to appoint Randy Copeland to serve on the Healthy West Jordan Committee. Council Member Worthen seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack, Kayleen Whitelock, Melissa Worthen

No:

Absent: Pamela Bloom

The motion passed 6-0.

5. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

a. City Council Reports

Chair McConnehey reminded the Council about the upcoming Community Meeting scheduled for June 7th at 6:00 pm. The meeting would take place at a park in the Fairway Estates Special Service Recreation District (FESSRD).

b. Council Office Report

Council Office Director Alan Anderson informed Council that residents of the FESSRD would be notified of the upcoming meeting via post card. He additionally reported of the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for the Wheels Park, scheduled for June 2nd.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burton reported attending the ICSC (International Convention of Shopping Centers) and congratulated the Economic Development Team for establishing valuable contacts during the event. The mayor encouraged Council Members to consider attending the event next year.

d. City Administrator's Report

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Resolution No. 23-033 approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2023 and authorizing the Mayor to sign associated agreements

Associate Planner Lisa Elgin introduced the CDBG budget for the 2023 annual action plan. She noted a few deviations from the norm, including two public service providers dropping out and one failing to submit an application. The committee discussed the emergency home repairs program, which had exceeded its usual expenditure, and requested an additional \$25,000 to avoid future shortfalls. Another change pertained to the housing rehabilitation revolving loan fund, where a significant amount of money needed to be spent by next spring. Approval was being sought to allocate these funds, having revamped the program and policies. There were also other potential projects in mind, and if necessary, an amendment would be presented later in the year.

Chair McConnehey opened a public hearing at 6:27 pm

Comments:

None

Chair McConnehey closed the public hearing at 6:28 pm

**MOTION: Council Member Worthen moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 23-033 approving the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2023 and authorizing the Mayor to sign associated agreements.
Council Member Jacob seconded the motion.**

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack, Kayleen Whitelock, Melissa Worthen

No:

Absent:

The motion passed 7-0.

- b. Resolution No. 23-032 approving a substantial amendment to the Program Year 2022 Annual Action Plan for transfer of funds from Contingency to Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to sign associated agreements***

Associate Planner Lisa Elgin briefed the Council regarding an agenda item aimed at assisting applicants in increasing their expenditure beyond the usual amount. In 2020, the applicants received a higher funding allocation than usual, but had a reduced timeframe for spending it. As a result, they operated under an extended performance period that gradually decreased each year. However, last year's allocated funds only covered expenses for nine months, leading to increased costs. Additionally, the applicants had undertaken costly accessibility projects. Having exhausted all funds provided to them, they requested an additional \$175,000 to be sourced from the contingency fund, to support their operations until June 30, 2023.

**MOTION: Council Member Whitelock moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 23-032 approving a substantial amendment to the Program Year 2022 Annual Action Plan for transfer of funds from Contingency to Emergency Housing Repair and Accessibility Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to sign associated agreements.
Council Member Worthen seconded the motion.**

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack, Kayleen Whitelock, Melissa Worthen

No:

Absent:

The motion passed 7-0.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Resolution No. 23-040 authorizing the Mayor to execute an amended interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County, allocating TRCC Grant funds towards capital costs for the West Jordan Performing Arts Building

Senior Management Analyst Jeremy Olsen presented a proposed amended interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County allocating Tourism, Recreation, Culture, and Convention (TRCC) Grant funds toward capital costs for the West Jordan Performing Arts Building. Responding to a question from Council Member Whitelock, Mr. Olsen said the County would contribute the expected \$2 million even if the total project costs were less than the \$13 million listed on the form she referenced submitted by the City. He said the County's contribution would be guaranteed when the agreement was signed. Council Member Worthen commented that she did not believe the agreement correctly documented project costs and would vote against it. Council Member Whitelock expressed concern with the numbers included in the amended interlocal agreement.

Chair McConnehey oriented those present with history of the project. Council Member Worthen repeated her concern with the numbers, not the wording of the document. She pointed out that the \$5.6 million from the City and the \$2.2 million from the County together totaled \$7.8 million, which was short of the \$8 million projected project cost.

Council Member Jacob felt the numbers did add up noting \$800,000 was spent on architect services, leaving \$7.2 million. He commented that \$13 million would be the cost to build the original design, but the design had been simplified to stay within the \$8 million budget. Council Member Pack agreed with Council Member Jacob. He expressed the opinion that when you were gifted money, you took it and made things work, and pointed out the project had been scaled down. He believed the County would be amenable to providing more money when they saw the City was serious about moving forward.

City Administrator Korban Lee believed Council Member Worthen was looking at a document from the original project proposal. He said the TRCC Committee approved the amended scope on April 28, 2023 for \$8 million. The Council discussed the many documents attached to the meeting agenda, and the TRCC approval of the amended scope.

Responding to a question from Council Member Whitelock, Mr. Olsen said there was no deadline to approve the agreement, but the agreement should be signed before getting started on the project. Council Member Worthen asked to postpone the issue to obtain the correct documents with numbers that lined up. Mr. Lee said the Council could table the issue, but tabling would potentially slow down the project. He expressed a desire to

move before project costs escalated again. Council Member Worthen believed it needed to be done right, not fast. Council Member Green pointed out that the interlocal agreement did not commit the City to spending any funds.

**MOTION: Council Member Jacob moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 23-040 authorizing the Mayor to execute an amended interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County, allocating TRCC Grant funds towards capital costs for the West Jordan Performing Arts Building.
Council Member Pack seconded the motion.**

Chair McConnehey commented that a groundbreaking took place in 2018 [which was corrected to 2017 later in the meeting], and he did not feel the project was moving fast. He suggested the issue had drug on so long that historical and current elements were being confused. Chair McConnehey spoke in favor of the motion.

Council Member Whitelock wished she could speak in favor of the motion, but the packet did not have enough information to make her comfortable. She pointed out that ongoing operation costs for the building needed to be considered. Council Member Worthen said she did not think the Council should have the Mayor sign anything with incorrect numbers. She expressed a desire to put the matter out for a bond issue and let the people decide. Council Member Worthen said she wanted to postpone to get correct numbers.

Council Member Green said the Council made promises to residents of the City to build an arts center. Council Member Whitelock said she promised a community center. Council Member Green said the Council agreed to build an arts center with a lower budget, and the proposed interlocal agreement was an extension of that agreement, ensuring the City would not lose the money from the County.

**MOTION: Council Member Jacob moved to CALL the question.
Council Member Green seconded the motion.**

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack, Kayleen Whitelock

No: Melissa Worthen

Absent:

The motion passed 6-1.

**MOTION: Council Member Jacob moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 23-040 authorizing the Mayor to execute an amended interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County, allocating TRCC Grant funds towards capital costs for the West Jordan Performing Arts Building.
Council Member Pack seconded the motion.**

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack

No: Kayleen Whitelock, Melissa Worthen

Absent:

The motion passed 5-2.

9. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approve Meeting Minutes

- *April 26, 2023 – City Council Meeting*
- *May 9, 2023 – City Council Meeting*
- *May 10, 2023 – City Council Meeting*

Council Member Green moved to reorder the agenda and approve the Consent Items as listed before moving on to Item 8b. Council Member Whitelock seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (7-0).

MOTION: Council Member Green moved to approve the consent agenda as listed. Council Member Whitelock seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack, Kayleen Whitelock, Melissa Worthen

No:

Absent:

The motion passed 7-0.

At 7:10 pm, Chair McConnehey moved to take a five-minute break. Council Member Green seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (7-0).

The meeting reconvened at 7:15 pm

8b. Overview and Discussion of the FY2024 Tentative Budget

Chair McConnehey explained that Council Members had provided a list of items for discussion and asked for a brief presentation of their items and determine whether or not there was consensus from Council to adjust the budget accordingly. Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck prepared slides in the order she received them from the Council.

Council Member Pack returned at 7:18 pm

Regarding the topic of a possible property tax increase, Chair McConnehey suggested waiting to discuss it until the County provided FY2024 numbers. Council Member Jacob viewed the issue as a policy discussion, and expressed the opinion that if the City did not implement a small regular increase, a large increase would be necessary in a few years to catch up. It was noted that the Council voted at a previous meeting to implement truth in taxation for FY2024 with a possible property tax increase of up to 5%. Council Member Worthen expressed support for a regular inflationary tax increase; however, she said she would not vote in favor of an increase in FY2024 with a “want” included in the budget.

Council Member Jacob believed if the budget included increased property tax revenues, he would be in favor of doubling the Urban Forestry Fund to increase ongoing tree maintenance (currently \$100,000). Council Member Whitelock and Chair McConnehey expressed support for adding \$50,000. Council Member Green was in favor of adding \$25,000-\$30,000. Chair McConnehey said he would want to increase the Urban Forestry budget in general, without clarifying the amount for ongoing tree maintenance. Council Member Jacob was willing to compromise on an amount that received consensus from the Council. After further discussion and answers from staff, a majority of Council agreed to allocate \$150,000 to the Urban Forestry Fund.

Council Member Jacob expressed interest in funding a public arts program at a suggested amount of \$75,000 in the FY2024 Budget. Council Member Worthen would be in favor if the program could be started without increasing property taxes. She emphasized that she would be in favor of an increase to pay for “needs”, but not “wants”. Council Member Jacob said the Council had expressed a desire to focus on how the City looked for years, and suggested a public arts program would contribute to that goal and would be an investment that would add interest and pay off in the long-term. Council Member Green suggested adding art to the construction budget for a planned roundabout project. Staff explained there were restrictions on how federal money could be spent for such projects. Chair McConnehey would be supportive at a lower dollar amount, closer to \$25,000 to begin with, and suggested working with sponsors. Council Member Pack suggested beginning with \$50,000. Council Member Jacob expressed support for \$50,000. Council Member Whitelock expressed support for getting sponsors and commented that art meant different things to different people. Council Member Worthen was willing to discuss a program. The Council continued discussion, and a majority of the Council appeared to support adding \$25,000 to the budget.

Police Chief Wallentine answered questions about estimated costs of an Explorer Program and a Citizen Academy. He expressed the desire not to add more to the workload in his department without additional staff support. The Chief said his department was trying to connect with the community in ways the community wanted to connect. Chair McConnehey suggested the Police Department employ someone to focus on community engagement and voiced support of \$100,000 for the Chief to use for personnel and community engagement. Chief Wallentine spoke of federal grant possibilities. Council Member Jacob wanted to add funding to the Police Department Budget for programs not currently in the Budget if a property tax increase were implemented. Council Member Whitelock expressed support. Chief Wallentine described planned programs and programs he would implement with sufficient funding. He said being able to provide the best training in the State was important to maintaining the Department and expressed support for making sure the Fire Department also received needed training.

Council Member Whitelock said she would support \$40,000 for the Explorer Program and Citizen Academy with the personnel already included in the budget. Council Member Worthen agreed. Council Member Jacob felt there were always more needs and reiterated that his idea was to provide additional funding to the Police Department if a property tax increase was approved. A majority of the Council expressed support for including \$40,000 in the budget for the Explorer Program and Citizen Academy.

Council Member Jacob suggested a transfer of \$618,030 for capital improvement projects (CIP). Council Member Green agreed that funds needed to be transferred for CIP. Council Member Whitelock agreed money needed to be included in the annual budget for CIP. A majority of the Council indicated support for transferring any remaining balance for CIP.

Council Member Whitelock voiced her belief that using reserves was not a good budget practice. She spoke in favor of substantially increasing cemetery fees for non-residents because of the limited number of plots remaining in the cemetery. She shared rates in other cities and suggested increasing the non-resident fee from \$1,650 to \$2,200. A majority of the Council expressed support. Council Member Whitelock also believed the Council needed to consider a perpetual care fee/fund. Chair McConnehey agreed and believed the city needed to find additional property. He suggested the matter needed further discussion at a later date.

Council Member Whitelock commented that a big portion of the Healthy West Jordan Committee Budget used to be spent on the Linda Butters Fun Run. She suggested that since funds were no longer put toward the fun run, the budget should be cut by half (from \$10,000 to \$5,000). She was hoping this would be a place to save money. Vice Chair Bloom suggested the Committee could request more if needed. Chair McConnehey liked providing funds up front so the Committee could partner with other entities for events when opportunities arose. A majority of the Council indicated support for reducing the funding to \$5,000. City Administrator Korban Lee suggested one option was to remove funding for all committees until specifically requested or enter a total program amount to be allocated based on requests from committees. However, Council Member Whitelock was not in favor of Mr. Lee's suggestion.

Council Member Whitelock pointed out one of the budget requests to reclassify a budget position from part-time to full-time. Her preference would be to obtain supportive software rather than reclassifying the position. A majority of the Council expressed support for obtaining software rather than reclassifying the position.

Council Member Whitelock proposed vouchers as part of the dumpster program. The Council discussed use of reserves and Council Member Jacob noted that a small annual property tax increase would help prevent the need to use reserves. The council did not reach consensus to proceed with the proposal.

Vice Chair Bloom proposed including one LUCAS CPR-aid device in the FY2024 Budget (\$20,000). She noted that Council Member Green proposed one for every fire station in the City (4 devices), and she would support that direction if a majority of the Council were in favor. Fire Chief Maxfield explained benefits of the LUCAS CPR device. Council Member Green expressed support for using \$80,000 from one-time reserves for four devices and a majority of the Council expressed support to fund one device for each station.

Vice Chair Bloom proposed increasing water use rates for landscaping and commercial users and Council Member Whitelock agreed. Chair McConnehey did not have the appetite to go through water rate discussions again at that point and voiced opposition. Council Member Green felt the subject was worth discussing further, but not that

evening. A majority of the Council appeared to agree with scheduling further discussion at a future meeting. Chair McConnehey suggested a work session in July.

Vice Chair Bloom suggested the Council start budgeting an amount each year for emergency preparedness supplies. Council Member Whitelock agreed with spending money on emergency preparedness and wanted the source to be one-time funding. She proposed \$40,000 in FY2024. All Council Members indicated support.

Council Member Green proposed early redemption of general obligation bonds to free up \$755,000. Ms. Steck explained that with current market conditions potential interest income would be lost by paying off the bonds early. Council Member Green suggested RDA reimbursement to reduce anticipated sales tax revenue in the budget. Council Member Whitelock was in favor of reducing the sales tax revenue amount in the budget. Chair McConnehey commented that the sales tax revenue numbers were projections, and he preferred to leave the projections where they were at that time.

Council Member Green expressed the opinion that the Consolidated Fee Schedule needed to be modified to comply with State law. Council Member Whitelock suggested increasing the non-resident rental fee for Pioneer Hall to discourage use by non-residents. Chair McConnehey was comfortable increasing the non-resident rate and noted a preference to convert Pioneer Hall into a museum. Council Member Green agreed with the proposed rate increase and with examining long-term use of the building. A majority of the Council indicated support for increasing the non-resident rental fee for Pioneer Hall to \$400 for half-day and \$550 for full day.

Council Member Green proposed using one-time funds for budget software. Chair McConnehey would support acquiring the software but wanted an RFP and would not want to use one-time funds since the expense would likely be ongoing. He preferred to direct staff to obtain estimates and come back with a budget amendment using one-time funds in FY2024, and budget the software as an ongoing expense in the future. Council Member Green agreed with building ongoing subscriptions into the budget. Chair McConnehey believed implementation of software could take significant staff time and anticipated the cost would be higher than the proposed \$40,000. He suggested allocating an amount in FY2024 for a consultant. Ms. Steck suggested placing funds in the IT budget for the purpose of supporting technology and come back with technology solutions. After further discussion, a majority of the Council expressed support for transferring \$100,000 in one-time funds to the IT Fund to explore possibilities.

Council Member Green suggested eliminating the new receptionist position from the budget to save money. Council Member Whitelock agreed, and suggested tasking other employees to take turns. She was not in favor of another employee at that time, and suggested reevaluating again in six months. Chair McConnehey mentioned the option of a virtual receptionist. Mr. Lee explained that the remodeled City Hall had a front reception desk with the intent to move toward centralized reception for the entire building, which would reduce future staff requests. Council Member Worthen spoke in favor of having a human being present when individuals walked into City Hall. Council Member Jacob agreed and expressed that he believed it was a customer service issue. The council did not give consensus with the proposal and Council Member Green expressed the opinion that cuts had to be made somewhere.

Council Member Green proposed increasing Council salaries to \$24,000 and eliminating health and dental insurance benefits for Council Members. He noted the proposed would save approximately \$175,000. Vice Chair Bloom and Council Member Worthen were not in favor. Chair McConnehey liked the idea of parity among Council Members and suggested giving \$24,000 with an option to use some for insurance. Council Member Jacob believed eliminating health and dental benefits for Council Members would reduce the number of residents who would be able to hold the position. He was against the proposal. Council Member Green noted that the model had been adopted by another city in the Salt Lake Valley, and the number of candidates did not change at the last election. Council Member Jacob responded that an actual could not be compared to a theoretical.

Council Member Pack questioned how the \$6,000 increase was determined. He also believed that eliminating the health and dental benefits would preclude a big demographic from being able to fill the position. He felt there was a threshold of time in service positions where the work could not be solely pro bono. Council Member Green explained that the \$6,000 was to offset the insurance benefits. Council Member Green acknowledged a lack of support for the proposal and continued with his items.

Council Member Green proposed putting property tax revenue from new growth toward reducing projected sales tax revenue in the budget, or perhaps toward CIP. He emphasized the opinion that projected sales tax revenue was overestimated. Chair McConnehey spoke in opposition to the proposal. Council Member Whitelock said she was not opposed but would want to wait for more information.

Council Member Green proposed removing funding for City-wide election mailers from the FY2024 Budget because the mailers went to far more households than the number of residents who actually voted. Council Member Jacob was opposed to the idea because he would always support having a more informed populace. Council Member Worthen asked if it would be possible to mail just to registered voters. Chair McConnehey liked the idea from a cost-saving perspective but felt there was too much potential for it to be viewed as an attempt to make information more difficult to find. Tauni Barker mentioned that the City typically spent around \$2,000 on election mailers. Council Office Director Alan Anderson said the line item in the budget (\$50,000) would fund election mailers, a meet-the-candidates night, swearing-in ceremony, and costs of changing five elected officials. Council Member Green said his proposal was simply an effort to save money.

Council Member Green commented that no amount was included in the Mayor's Office Budget for event tickets. The Council Office Budget included \$3,500 for event tickets but nothing in the Mayor's budget. It was confirmed that event tickets had been omitted from the budget proposed. Ms. Steck answered questions from Council Member Green regarding an employee compensation market study. She said the Council Budget Subcommittee provided a recommendation for Council Office staff compensation based on the market study and years of experience. Council Member Green said he disagreed with treating Council Office staff compensation differently from compensation of other City employees.

Chair McConnehey proposed adding money to the budget for an industrial drone with

Lidar software (\$40,000). Council Member Worthen wanted further discussion and information. Council Member Green would possibly support use of one-time funds. Council Member Whitelock wanted more information. Mr. Lee said staff had been looking at options available. He expressed the opinion that an industrial drone would be beneficial, but it would take time to be able to fully utilize all the capabilities. Council Member Whitelock said she could support use of one-time funds. A majority of the Council indicated support for using \$40,000 in one-time funds for an industrial drone.

Chair McConnehey proposed allocating funds for a grant writer position. He expected the position would more than pay for itself in grant funds. Council Member Pack expressed support. Council Member Worthen and Whitelock said they were supportive, but not for FY2024.

Chair McConnehey proposed increasing the streetlight fee by \$1 to increase new lighting projects. Council Member Jacob expressed support. Council Member Pack said he agreed, and would want the lights to shine down, not up, with a possibility of incorporating a dark-sky initiative. A majority of the Council expressed support for a \$1 increase to the streetlight fee.

Chair McConnehey proposed allocating \$25,000 for a neighborhood clean-up program. Ms. Steck strongly suggested putting the expense under Public Works Administration. Chair McConnehey felt it was important to ensure the new program was properly administered. Council Member Worthen suggested starting with \$10,000. Council Member Green believed there were a lot of variables involved. He emphasized that fee waivers were the role of the Council and executing an ordinance was the role of the Mayor's Office. Council Member Whitelock expressed the opinion that the Council had already asked administration to put together a program, and she was still waiting for that program. Chair McConnehey noted there was not a majority in support.

Chair McConnehey asked if Council Members would support an adopt-a-storm-drain program. Council Member Green expressed disappointment that West Jordan chose not to take a lead in the Valley with such a program and were beaten to the punch by Salt Lake City a year ago.

Council Member Worthen proposed funding a part-time administrative assistant for the Council Office (\$40,986) as an ongoing expense. Council Member Jacob said he would be more interested if a property tax increase were implemented. Council Member Pack said he wanted to support staff and was in favor of increasing efficiency and lowering stress to increase retention wherever possible. Vice Chair Bloom and Council Member Pack requested additional information.

Council Member Worthen raised concerns regarding the Community Arts Building, noting that the current estimate exceeded the allocated budget by \$200K. She expressed reservations about supporting a tax increase for the project. She emphasized that she was not against the arts but did not believe the proposed community art building made sense. She did not want to build a small box, she wanted to build something that would work for the community in the long term. She spoke in favor of seeking out a sponsorship plan.

Council Member Worthen suggested removing the funding for the community art building from the budget to focus on a longer-term plan. Council Member Whitelock supported this idea, wanting to wait for the Request for Proposals (RFPs) before making a decision. Council Member Pack expressed a desire for a grander community art building in the City Center but acknowledged the need to work within the current budget, considering the proposed project as a reasonable compromise. However, the majority of the Council did not agree with removing the item from the budget.

10. COUNCIL MEETING WRAP UP

a. Closing Remarks from City Council and Mayor

None

b. Council Administrative Items

None

11. ADJOURN

Council Member Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair McConnehey seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack

No: Melissa Worthen, Kayleen Whitelock

Absent:

The motion passed 5-2.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent an accurate summary of what occurred at the meeting held on May 24, 2023. This document constitutes the official minutes for the West Jordan City Council Meeting.

Cindy M. Quick, MMC
Council Office Clerk

Approved this 14th day of June 2023