

COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

The City Council held a retreat on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Garth O. Green; Councilmembers: Terri Hartley; Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips; Ronald Riddle.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; City Recorder Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Public Information Officer Gabbie Costello; Library Director Steve Decker; Water Superintendent Robbie Mitchell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Cagle, Laura Henderson, Teri Kenney, Rich Wilson, Val Kofoed, Ryan Blanchard.

REVIEW MISSION STATEMENT: Paul – in past we have went through each paragraph, if there were any proposed changes we would discuss and make them at that time. “Attached Exhibit “A” was reviewed. Phillips – I think courtesy, civility and respect are still important. Phillips – a family of 2022 is different from 1950. Tyler – it is broad enough that it should apply to all. Phillips – is the broadband still a value we want to look at as a whole. Melling – I agree, if it was broader on infrastructure that enables residents and businesses to remain current. Phillips – is broadband the issue? Isom – I pushed that last time. Hartley – it is important, we want multiple, and we have one. Melling – maybe communications infrastructure, we don’t want it to fall.

Strategic Goals were reviewed. Riddle – if we come to the top, what do we consider non-clean, dirty industry? Paul – Economic Development produced a ranking sheet; it gives a tool for a new industry to rank and rate them to make it objectively. Low water usage is next. Danny Stewart, Economic Development – it goes back to the Economic Development Committee that went through an exercise with EDC Utah, if it fits zoning, they are welcome. If we recruit there is a matrix such as air quality and low water use. With high water usage, we cannot prohibit, but we will not incentivize them. Any business is welcome to look, but to incentivize and recruit we can pick. Riddle – we always think of dirty industry as something in the air, but it can also be a chemical on the ground. Melling – instead of clean we could use sustainable. Riddle – I think clean is ok. Paul – zoning ordinance, I&M-I we have manufacture facilities, I&M-II is to host dirty, dusty, noisy things such as gravel pits, mining, heavy industrial. We do provide for them as well. There are State clean air and water and discharge rules that have to be followed. We are particular about what is flushed down our sewer system to protect our plant. Isom – we have followed stuff back and called people out. Paul – we have done that, we had a company turn our treatment plant orange, they put a die down the sewer drain and we were orange. Phillips – we are doing better. Paul – we have water, general plan and transportation and active transportation plans all in the works right now. Phillips – on long term assets, we are on the way with that? Paul – the Department Heads have been engaged over the past 2 years in conjunction with 5 County AOG, we do a casi, which is an inventory of all our assets. The long-term maintenance, we are still working on that. As you see with the HVAC on this building, we are having issues.