

COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2022

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 5:30 p.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; City Planner Don Boudreau; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Henderson, Ann Clark, Nathan Bracken, Dale Corry, Juli Corry, Kirk Huffaker, Erik Kjellgren, Teri Kenney, John & Kris Orton, Lance Duffield, Tom Jett, Josh Nowell, Alysha Lundgren, Dallas Buckner.

CALL TO ORDER: Pastor Joe Carroll of Calvary Chapel Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Melling.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the agenda order for City Council & RDA meetings; second by Councilmember Melling; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■Mayor – this is an action meeting where we make decision. There is a public comment section where anyone can comment. The public comments are held to 3 minutes. On the action items, the Council can ask for anyone speak. The Department of Transportation will hold their Commission meeting in Cedar City; it is good to have them in Cedar City. ■Phillips – one thing, I don't know if it is City property or Leavitt's, but on Harding Ave. and 100 West next to Johnson Center, the weeds are about 4 feet tall. Paul – I don't believe it is the City's. Phillips - the Transportation meetings will be at 10 a.m. at the Great Hall, they will talk about all kinds of things. ■Melling – I was coming out of Wal-Mart parking lot onto Cross Hollow, and we have talked about large trucks. From the driveway to the west, that is now the spot where the trucks park, and I had no line of site. During the day it would be hard to avoid an accident. Coming out of the driveway that faces Lupita's, there is no way until you are in the road to see. Phillips – I think that is no parking. Isom – the curb is flakey red, but I think it is no parking. Melling – it is like with the PUD access, it is an issue we can spot treat, but city wide we will continue to have issues and may need a long-term policy change. ■Gabbie – I want to provide a communications update and introduce you to people visiting our city. We have been having a successful time on social media, especially Instagram, about 115 followers per month. We are working on redesigning our website, we get a complete redesign, and we will have some of the top hitting pages completely redesigned, Events, Leisure Services. Airport, Economic Development, pulling the analytics for those visiting our website is astronomical, this is on a 6-8 month timeline.

We are getting a calendar promoting activities at this time also. We are embarking on developing a new Cedar City App, we got a great deal from a Utah Developer a great opportunity to go digital, we want information closer to people and it will integrate with the calendar system, it will let you know if things are cancelled. I have no doubt it will be popular. We can also do a quick poll to engage with the community, we can give reminders, etc. that will be launching in September; we will have a great campaign to promote it. We are partnering with CGI digital, a national company, they have worked closely with cities, most recently St. George, you could go to their web page and see what it will be like. They will work with businesses. They have a videographer and will do videos about Cedar City. We are working with the Visitors' Bureau, the School District and businesses. Joshua and Mike are in the community this week. Joshua, Senior Program Director, I get to pick and choose where I go. I want to thank the community, people have been welcoming, Jennie Hendricks provided us with a tour. Tessa at Rotary invited us, and Carter invited us to the Chamber luncheon tomorrow. I am looking forward to a continued relationship; you may have a new resident. Gabbie – we are going quick projects to be able to get information out to people quickly. Mayor – I am glad to see interface with cell phones will be better. Gabbie – it will be much easier to use. Hartley – thank you for all you do, you are doing what we were asking for. ■ Melling – last Tuesday there was a significant amount of rain in the Cove Drive area, I was pleased with the staff, going down Cody Drive there was a river on the side of the road, and the channel was working as designed. The diversion to keep the water out of Sunset Canyon neighborhood worked as intended. There was one potential issue with a temporary measure and Johnathan has worked on that to get it fixed. I appreciate our staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■ Phillips – one of my assignments is the Cedar City Historic Preservation Commission, we have been working 3.5 years, first with the State getting a grant for a reconnaissance survey, there were historic landmarks and finding what it would take. Kirk did that report 1.5 years ago. We determined we want to continue to take the information and put it in a more intensive look in the community on the NW quadrant and Main Street. We were worried about businesses being closed; we engaged again and received a grant on an intensive area.

CLG Grant-Findings regarding Cedar City Historical Districts and Buildings. Kirk Huffaker, Kirk Huffaker Preservation Strategies. Exhibit "A" was presented. Mayor – why is the Rock Church not included? Kirk – that was discussed, and I will look into that. We also discussed about dropping the boundary further south to include more of Main Street for some motels, the old Coca Cola Bottling Company and Ron's Sporting Goods. Mayor – the Catholic Church is not included on Harding either. Kirk – I will look into that also. Mayor - also the corner of 300 West and Center. Kirk – we talked about expanding the residential historic district to include those.

Phillips – I will be in a position when we get it more final and can bring it back. Kirk – this has been very fun for me and a pleasure to work with the community and staff.

■ Ann Clark – I want to thank you so much for the Historic Preservation. I am upset about a lot of residential houses being torn down for high density. The Plum Creek is a done deal, it was for single family and now it is more high and medium density. I went back from January and counted 22 zone changes from low to high density, I only looked at action