

COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maile Wilson Edwards; Councilmembers: Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips.

EXCUSED: Councilmembers Ron Adams and Terri Hartley.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; Executive Assistant Onjulee Pittser; Finance Director Jason Norris; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Public Works Director, Ryan Marshall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Henderson, Rob O'Brien, Teri Kenney, Wendy Green, Ray Vance, Tom Jett.

CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Melling gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Phillips.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Isom moved to approve the agenda order; second by Councilmember Phillips; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ **Isom:** With all that's being done with the widening of the bridge on I-15, have we had discussions with UDOT to put an on-ramp and off-ramp there? With so much development in town, and the people going to the airport, it would be convenient to have a 3rd off-ramp for the City. ■ **Paul B:** The feedback from UDOT has been along the lines of it's too close to the north and center interchange to put in another one and there's not enough property there. They are focusing more on the south end of town and out by Enoch.

Phillips: It definitely can't happen in this phase, because of the budget, but it's a good point. We should continue to push them on into the future. Our hospital is there, and I've had citizens ask me about it. We don't want to let it go off the radar. **Mayor:** The conversations we've had regarding that and further south and north continue every other month. The RTAC deals with transportation, and all the mayors in Utah and UDOT have conversations that deal with transportation projects that come up and are discussed. **Isom:** It seems that's one way to offload some pressure on Main Street. ■ **Phillips:** I'd like to know if we can get an update on the general plan at some point, whether it's the first meeting in October or something, and know what the holdup is, whether it's staff issues or consultant issues we need to get it moving. We can't get a town hall scheduled until we know where we're at in the process. ■ **Mayor:** Please be patient this weekend. This is SUU's homecoming week. Center Street will be closed so they can have the parade and for the football games. A lot of students will be in town. We had some resignations and different things happen with Planning Commission. We need to hold a Special City Council meeting this coming Monday to appoint individuals so there can be a quorum for a Planning Commission on Tuesday.

Melling: What time? **Phillips:** You may not have a quorum next week. Terri, Ron and I will be gone next week. **Romeril:** We can do it electronically if you're not here. **Paul:** Can we do it Friday? **Isom:** I'd be available Friday midday. Electronic is fine with me if it's legal. **Romeril:** We just have to post that. **Melling:** I can do it Friday if it's before 12:00. **Mayor:** We still have 2 positions to fill. Let's do it this Friday, September 24th at 11:00. It will be published in the morning. **Melling:** Is that a Special Work and Action meeting? **Mayor:** Yes. There's no City Council meeting next week because it's the 5th Wednesday. Yesterday, I spoke at a ribbon cutting that had been postponed for the Sandstone housing development. They have 39 of the units set aside and have partnerships with Canyon Creek Services, the Care & Share, and the Veterans Administration. They're affordable apartments and range from 1- to 4-bedrooms. They're looking at land to see if they can continue doing these types of projects and partnering with community organizations. They presented the City with a plaque for their appreciation of working with them through the building process. **Bittmenn:** They're on Canyon Commercial Avenue. They're blue 3-story units about a block off of Main Street. **Mayor:** 121 E. Canyon Commercial Drive. They were supposed to do this November 2020, but they had tenants on site. Having studio apartments and 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms was an interesting project that had all of that included. ■ **Melling:** On Planning Commission, will we have time to study? Are the appointees ready yet? Will we have discussion? **Mayor:** We're reappointing some and renewing their terms. We had Hunter Shaheen from ICSD. With the growth and development, I'd like to continue to have a school district representative on there. In speaking with the new superintendent, they were going to meet today and get us a name. I don't have the name yet, but it fills that niche we're looking for to be part of the discussions with planning and zoning and relating it back to the schools. **Melling:** That's important. **Isom:** Hunter had conflicts with the school board meetings. **Mayor:** We're working with him and the new superintendent to get someone that can fill that spot. ■ **Police Chief Darin Adams:** We do a bi-annual awards banquet and part of the challenge is presenting awards timely. I'd like to present Officer Syrett with the Medal of Valor for his extraordinary heroism. *Chief Adams read the citation for the Medal of Valor.* (See Exhibit "A".) Many people have come here today from other agencies that work with him on the SWAT Team.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■ The Mayor presented a Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to representatives from Canyon Creek Services. There were no other public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA: (1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 1 & 8, 2021; (2) APPROVE BILLS DATED SEPTEMBER 14 & 17, 2021; (3) APPROVE A SINGLE EVENT ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR WAREHOUSE BAR & KITCHEN TO HOLD A BEER GARDEN AT THE HERITAGE & LIVESTOCK FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 30TH AT CROSS HOLLOWES ARENA. PEYTEN CRAWFORD/CHIEF ADAMS; (4) APPROVE THE RFP FROM SONRISE ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$241,300 FOR THE STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN. JONATHAN

STATHIS: Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 4 as written above; second by Councilmember Melling; vote unanimous.