

Minutes of the Work Session meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on February 28, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present: Councilmembers: Craig A. Johnson
Karianne Lisonbee
Douglas Peterson
Larry D. Shingleton

Planning Commissioners:
Tyler Bodrero (arrived at 6:18 p.m.)
Greg Day
Kenneth Hellewell
TJ Jensen
Curt McCuiston
Gary Pratt
Braxton Schenck

Mayor Jamie Nagle
City Administrator Robert Rice
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:

Finance Director Steve Marshall
IT Director TJ Peace
City Attorney Will Carlson
Community Development Director Michael Eggett
City Planner Kent Andersen

The purpose of the Work Session was for the Governing Body to review agenda for Special Council Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m., receive a presentation from MBG+A Consulting Firm regarding the findings of the State Road (SR) 193 Study, receive a presentation from the Planning Commission regarding the Trails Master Plan, discuss ordinance updates regarding animal control, review City Council Rules of Order and Procedure, Discussion regarding Council appointments and assignments, and discuss Council Business.

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Agenda review

Mayor Nagle stated that she would like to move the work session agenda item for discussion regarding Council appointments and assignments to the next work session meeting since the Council will be appointing a new member this evening. City Recorder Brown stated that staff added that because they understood that the Council would be reconvening in a work session following the business meeting and the new Councilmember would have been sworn into office by then. Mayor Nagle stated her preference is to wait because tonight's agenda is very heavy.

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Presentation from MGB+A Consulting Firm regarding the findings from the State Road (SR) 193 study.

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Community Development Director Eggett explained the reason MGB+A is here tonight is because the City pursued a grant in 2008 from the Federal Government for planning and to study this area of the community as it was expanding related to the SR-193 project. He stated that Syracuse City wanted to work with neighboring communities to identify land uses where appropriate and get some assistance from a professional planning group to assist in that process. He stated staff has been working with MGB+A for six to eight months and he is excited to see their findings and he hoped the Planning Commission and City Council will have great value in what they have to present.

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The MGB+A presentation was conducted by Jay Bullwinkle, Bob Springmeyer, and Dan Sontaag. They reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that was included in the City Council packet.

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Presentation from the Planning Commission on the Trails Master Plan

A staff memo from the Community Development Department explained that in an ongoing effort to update the Syracuse City General Plan, the Syracuse City Planning Commission created a Transportation Subcommittee to examine and update the transportation section of the General Plan. The Transportation Subcommittee, a selection of Planning Commissioners, a Councilmember, City staff, and members of the public, chose first to examine the trails component of the General Plan. The proposed amendment to the trails component is significant, as the existing trails component within the General Plan does not involve much detail.

On February 7, 2012, the Syracuse City Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the General Plan, specific to the Trail System Master Plan, in which one comment was received regarding implications to the West Davis Corridor. On February 7, 2012, the Syracuse City Planning Commission approved recommendation to the Syracuse City Council the attached amendments to the Syracuse City General Plan, Trail System Master Plan. This amendment includes the omission of the Trails portion of the General Plan, revised to reference Appendix I, which is the new Trail System Master Plan. Also included is a Syracuse City Trails Master Plan map.

The Community & Economic Development Department hereby recommends, following recommendation from the Syracuse City Planning Commission, that the Mayor and City Council review the proposed amendments to the General Plan – Trail System Master Plan.

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Planning Commissioners TJ Jensen and Curt McCuiston reviewed the staff memo and began reviewing the draft Trails Master Plan, which was included in the City Council packet. Other Planning Commissioners provided their input throughout the presentation.

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Discuss Ordinance Updates regarding animal control.

A staff memo from the Community Development Department explained that on September 27, 2011, staff presented a recommendation to the City Council for approval from the Planning Commission for an amendment to the Animal Ordinance to include pigeons in the point table as well as a small language change. At the September 27 meeting, City Council discussion moved beyond the changes presented and requested that staff and Planning Commission include additional changes such as a point allocation for quarter-acre lots, an example of the use of the point system, etc. During the period in which staff and Planning Commission was formulating additional recommendations to the Animal Ordinance, Davis County informed staff that the County was considering making changes to the County Animal Ordinance. Davis County requested City staff to hold onto any changes to the Syracuse Animal Ordinance until Davis County was able to make their changes. Davis County also requested that Syracuse amend the Animal Ordinance to mirror the County Ordinance to ease the burden on County animal enforcement officers of knowing every city animal ordinance. Syracuse City is under no obligation to make this change and Davis County has reflected that they will continue to enforce our ordinance as written. On January 3, 2012, Davis County Commissioners approved the attached amendment to the County Animal Control Ordinance, which went into effect on January 24, 2012. Primary changes includes: addition of cat registering and licensing requirements, allowance of maximum of three cats and dogs in any combination, if a third dog is owned the dog must be acquired from a legitimate animal shelter, etc. If the Syracuse City Ordinance does not address a specific issue, then the County Ordinance then the State Ordinance is applicable.

On February 7, 2012, the Syracuse City Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the Animal ordinance, in which comments were received. At that time, the Syracuse City Planning Commission chose to table the approval of the animal ordinance so that additional changes could be included. On February 22, 2012, the Syracuse City Planning Commission approved recommendation to the Syracuse City Council the attached amendments to Title Ten, Chapter 6, General Land Use Regulations within the Syracuse City Code. This amendment includes the following: addition of a point allocation to lots that are a quarter of an acre or larger, examples of use of the point system and square footage conversion, reclassification of large animals, addition of a small fowl group in the points table, maintain that no more than two of the same species for household pets shall be kept, a limit on the maximum number of dogs a kennel permit allows, an additional exception to the point system, language regarding the harvesting of farm animals, the exemption of service animals from number of animals allowed through the use of a minor conditional use permit, a few definition changes, and other minor changes (see attached changes). Two dissenting opinions from Syracuse City Planning Commissioners have also been provided and are subsequently attached.

The Community & Economic Development Department hereby recommends, following recommendation from the Syracuse City Planning Commission, that the Mayor and City Council review and comment on the proposed amendments to Title Ten, Chapter Six General Land Use Regulations - Animals within the Syracuse City Code.

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City Planner Andersen reviewed the staff memo.

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Councilmember Lisonbee stated that the Mayor has asked her to recuse herself from this discussion. She stated she has done her own research and sought legal counsel and she will not recuse herself because she has done nothing wrong and her actions have not been unethical or illegal. She stated she will not recuse herself.

Mayor Nagle stated that she made her request because Councilmember Lisonbee has been present in advising the Planning Commission on the language for the Animal Ordinance. She stated that it is Councilmember Lisonbee's choice to not recuse herself.

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Council discussion regarding the agenda item then ensued. Questions asked by the Council were answered by various members of City staff and Planning Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at [7:07:52 PM](#) p.m.

Jamie Nagle
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, CMC
City Recorder

Date approved: February 12, 2013