

Minutes of the Work Session meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on June 25, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Work Session Room, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present: Councilmembers: Brian Duncan (participated via telephone)  
Craig A. Johnson  
Karianne Lisonbee  
Douglas Peterson  
Larry D. Shingleton

Mayor Jamie Nagle  
City Manager Robert Rice

City Employees Present:

Finance Director Stephen Marshall  
City Attorney Will Carlson  
Community Development Director Sherrie Christensen  
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley  
Parks and Recreation Director Kresta Robinson  
Police Chief Garret Atkin  
Fire Chief Eric Froerer  
Information Technologies (IT) Director TJ Peace  
Human Resources Specialist Monica Whitaker

The purpose of the Work Session was for the Governing Body to review the agenda for the regular meeting scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and discuss Council business.

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**Public Comment**

TJ Jensen stated he wanted to quickly comment on the City's water situation; one thing he noticed was that at 4:00 in the afternoon about one week ago Jensen Park was so low that the water level was below the cattails where baby fish live. He stated the pond serves two purposes; one is to provide secondary water to the City and the other is to provide recreational opportunities. He stated that he wanted to point that out because if anyone wonders if the City is struggling relative to secondary water, the struggles were very real a couple of weeks ago. He then stated that he wanted to reiterate comments he has made in the past regarding culinary water rates. He stated instead of rate increases he thinks the City needs to change the amount of water someone can use when paying the base water rate. He stated people using more water should pay for it. He stated he also wanted to point something out regarding the scope of the Planning Commission, which may or may not be discussed in the closed session to be held by the City Council later this evening. He stated that the City Code Title Three, Section Four states that the acquisition or acceptance of land for any public property, public way, ground, play structure, also the sale or lease of municipally property and the location of public buildings, parks, and other open spaces. He stated in the past this has been missed, but according to City Code the Planning Commission is supposed to weigh in on any sale or purchase of property and for leasing the property. He stated the City Hall is municipal property and the City Council should have solicited a recommendation from the Planning Commission when determining whether to lease half of the building. He stated it would be a recommendation and the Council could choose to accept or reject any recommendation from the Planning Commission, but it is clear under the scope that the Planning Commission should be asked its opinion.

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Earl Thurgood stated he is the last of the old clan that homesteaded Syracuse City and he is concerned about a goldmine the City has that it is not using; in three minutes he cannot say what he needs to say, but he will try. Councilmember Peterson asked Mr. Thurgood if he plans to talk about the equestrian park; he explained that is a separate agenda item. Mr. Thurgood answered yes. Mayor Nagle stated that Mr. Thurgood can address the Council during that agenda item and he will have longer than three minutes.

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Terry Palmer stated he personally objects to an increase in utility rates and if the Council chooses to raise the utility rates he would like to see property taxes reduced. He then stated that as he has gone through the City talking to the citizens about different things, their biggest concern is the instability in the City between the Mayor and Council. He stated that since there are two people leaving that need to be replaced he would hope the Mayor would give a two week notice to all of the

Councilmembers so they have time to look at the applicants and, at the same time, he would ask the Council to put forth the effort to know information about all candidates for those positions.

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**Discussion regarding Syracuse City Equestrian Park**

A staff memo explained the City received emails from several members of the Syracuse posse regarding concerns they have about the Syracuse City Equestrian Park. The item was addressed briefly during the public comment period of the June 11 meeting and the Council decided it would be appropriate to discuss the item further during an extended work session meeting.

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Mayor Nagle invited those in attendance to discuss this issue to introduce themselves and express their concerns to the Council. Those discussing the issue were the Council were Russ Peterson, Earl Thurgood, Mike Jones, and Christine Gardner.

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Council discussion regarding the item commenced, with input from staff throughout the discussion. The discussion concluded with Mayor Nagle asking the group to work with staff to arrive at a proposal regarding a way forward relative to use and maintenance of the Equestrian Park.

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**Discussion regarding updating and amending the consolidated fee schedule, which includes proposed changes to the utility rate structure.**

A staff memo from Finance Director Marshall explained on June 11, 2013, the Council voted for the proposed minor adjustments to the fee schedule, but needed to discuss the proposed changes to the City's utility rate structure.

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Mr. Marshall stated he has nothing to add to this discussion and reminded the Council he has made a proposal to the Council regarding this item in past meetings. He invited the Council to discuss the issue and provide staff with some direction.

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Council discussion of the item commenced. The Council reached a conclusion regarding the amount that rates should be increased and agreed to vote upon the recommendation at the July 9, 2013 Council business meeting.

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**Discussion regarding culinary water rates.**

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Councilmember Lisonbee during the most recent City Council Meeting.

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Councilmember Lisonbee provided an explanation for her addition of this agenda item.

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Council discussion regarding the item commenced. There was no direction given to staff regarding this item.

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**Discussion regarding fireworks.**

A memo from Chief Froerer explained he would like to update the Council regarding recent legislative changes to fireworks restrictions and the potential for any necessary restrictions in the future.

Chief Froerer summarized his memo and provided an update regarding legislation pertaining to fireworks restrictions.

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Council discussion regarding the agenda item then commenced with the outcome being that the Council would support fireworks restrictions ordinances similar to those that were adopted last year.

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**Discussion regarding special meeting agenda  
item 3, recommendation of Award of Contract for Marilyn  
Drive Road Improvement Project.**

A staff memo from Public Works Director Whiteley explained this culinary waterline project is one that was identified on our list presented to city council as a high priority due to the age, consistent leaks and restrictions the existing 6” lines place on the system. This project will involve the replacement of an existing 6” culinary main with an 8” main at the following locations:

- Marilyn Drive from Antelope Drive to Valerie Drive
- Valerie Drive
- Valerie Court
- David Street (Portion of David will be completed with Phase I)

In addition, to help preserve the asphalt in the subdivision, new storm drain will be installed at the intersections of David Street and Dallas Street, Marilyn Drive & David Street and Marilyn Drive and Melanie Lane. Asphalt will be replaced full width on all the above mentioned streets. Marilyn Acres Subdivision Culinary Waterline Project Phase I included culinary main replacement on a portion of David Street and was bid out separately from Phase II. The low bidder on the Phase I project was Ormond Construction, Inc. with a bid price of \$132,642.51. Phase I will use up the remaining amount left on the City’s culinary water STAGG grant which expires December, 2013. Since the City was bidding these projects so late in the construction season, we were uncertain how competitive the bid prices would be. Knowing we needed to use the remainder of the STAGG grant this construction season, Phase I and II were bid separately with the anticipation if the bid prices came back higher than expected, only Phase I would be awarded this year and Phase II would be rebid next spring. Public Works is pleased with the bid results for both phases I and II and recommends constructing both projects this year. The construction will begin as soon as contract documents are in place and will be completed by fall of 2013. The bid amount for the total project for Phase II is \$645,397.45

Mr. Whiteley reviewed his staff memo.

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**Council business**

There was a brief discussion regarding events to take place during the upcoming Heritage Days celebration.

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Councilmember Peterson’s report began at [8:56:56 AM](#) and he was followed by Councilmembers Johnson, and Lisonbee.

The meeting adjourned at [9:01:49 AM](#) .

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Jamie Nagle  
Mayor

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Cassie Z. Brown, CMC  
City Recorder

Date approved: July 30, 2013