

Minutes of the Work Session meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on June 26, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Work Session Room, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

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

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 receive public comments; discuss a cost breakdown for a SIRE proposal vs. the Fortis system upgrade cost; discuss the format of City Council minutes; discuss the potential creation of a cul-de-sac on Bluff Road near Antelope Drive; discuss the City Newsletter format; discuss the solid waste hauling contract between Syracuse City and Robinson Waste Services Inc.; discuss the Administrative Title of the Syracuse City Code; and discuss Council Business.

Public Comments

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Julie Bachman stated she wanted to speak about the cul-de-sac issue and the impacts of alternative B for the West Davis Corridor. She stated she thinks the cul-de-sac issue is premature because no corridor route has been selected or announced by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). She asked why the City is spending tax payer dollars on this at this time since it should not be looked at until after UDOT has made their announcement. She stated there will be time for comments after UDOT makes their selection. She stated that the reason she has been told is that the cul-de-sac puts two homes in between roads and Huckleberry Subdivision, but as far as she knows there are no plans to dead-end Bluff on the south side. She asked if that is correct. Mayor Nagle stated she is not sure what the answers to those questions are. City Manager Rice stated that there is an agenda item to discuss this issue tonight. Ms. Bachman stated that she knows the subdivision behind Bluff Road. . .the contractor was given an exception to make the roads narrower because he did not have the land to provide homes on both sides of a normal width road. She stated that if the City tries to make that road a thoroughfare, that will not work and will create a burden for the homeowners living in that subdivision. She stated that on the south side there are several homes on Antelope Drive and this design will put Bluff Road through their backyards and leave them as an island. She stated those homes have not have been addressed as the homes on the north side have. She stated that when UDOT widens Antelope Drive they will not take the homes because the Antelope Drive design has been driven northerly so they are going to take the homes on the north side and not the south side. She stated that she has heard the Mayor and others say that they think this road will bring people to the town center of Syracuse. She stated the West Davis Corridor will mainly be a commuter road and these same people will not want to go through all the traffic lights and intersections. She stated she counted the intersections with traffic lights from 2000 West to 3000 West if Alternate B is constructed; there will be six intersections with traffic signals. She names the locations of the potential future signals and stated that is a very small area for six intersections.

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Tricia Roundy stated she was under the impression that the cul-de-sac issue was voted on and was finished at the last City Council meeting and she is curious as to why that decision is not satisfactory. Councilmember Shingleton stated Ms. Roundy is referencing two different cul-de-sac issues. Ms. Roundy stated that the Council adopted an ordinance. Councilmember Duncan stated that the Council adopted an ordinance that changed the way the City handles cul-de-sacs throughout the entire City, but tonight's agenda item is focusing on just one cul-de-sac. Ms. Roundy stated that answers her question about the cul-de-sac issue. She then stated that she has also been thinking about what she learned at the last Council meeting about the town center; it seemed that the City put up some money to develop the town center, but it seems that since

the economy has slowed that was maybe not a good business decision and maybe the City should not be in business. She stated that trying to force the West Davis Corridor to be farther east is adding a mistake on top of another mistake. She stated that there is more room for expansion if the road were constructed out west and there could be a gas station and maybe a hotel. She stated that moving it further to the east will be cramming it in to an overcrowded area where there are already homes, a school, and a golf course and no developer wants to consider buying small parcels of ground to build something like a gas station.

Discussion regarding SIRE's cost breakdown vs. Fortis system upgrade

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This item was originally discussed by the Council during their June 12 work session meeting. At that time the Council asked for a detailed cost breakdown for the services that SIRE provides. Included in the Council packet were the product demonstration presentation provided by SIRE as well as an updated price quote.

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City Recorder Brown introduced the item and reviewed the price quote.

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City Council discussion regarding the item then began. The conclusion of the discussion was for the Council to ask staff to get further price breakdowns regarding the document management and agenda automation systems. They also determined that in order to improve the quality of the meeting recordings on UStream, staff should eliminate the filming of meetings and simply provide a digital audio recording.

Discuss format of City Council minutes

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A staff memo from the City Recorder explained that she wanted a moment to address the Council regarding the format of City Council minutes. A growing trend in Utah is that municipalities are getting away from overly detailed Council meeting minutes in favor of a summary document that includes time links to the digital meeting recording when any given item was discussed. She proposed that the Council consider following that trend and allow her to provide an action/summary document immediately following a Council meeting. That document could also serve as the minutes of record if time links are included. Utah Law previously dictated that audio recordings of meetings were only to be kept for one year after approval of the written minutes. The same law was recently changed to dictate that audio recordings must be kept for three years after minutes are approved. Several cities have adopted a policy that is stricter than State Law whereby they will retain the digital recordings permanently so that they can be included in the minutes of record.

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Ms. Brown reviewed her staff memo.

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Council discussion regarding the item then began. The final conclusion was to add an action item to a business meeting agenda and receive public comment on the issue before taking a vote.

Discussion regarding the creation of a cul-de-sac on Bluff Road near Antelope Drive

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A staff memo from the Community Development Department explained that in staff conversations with Randy Jefferies of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) regarding the proposed West Davis Corridor Alternative B, an idea has been explored of the potential of preserving homes with the creation of a cul-de-sac on Bluff Road heading south towards 1700 South/Antelope Drive (see attached UDOT cul-de-sac drawing and cul-de-sac length aerial). This amendment to Alternative B, according to UDOT, would appear to save two homes. Mr. Jefferies explained to staff that UDOT has been in conversation with the residents of the two homes and each desire to retain their homes. If it were the City Council's preference that UDOT explore a cul-de-sac on Bluff Road, UDOT would need to evaluate how this might affect traffic circulation and emergency response. Mr. Jefferies asked staff to inquire of Syracuse City Council its preference of this cul-de-sac possibility.

The Community & Economic Development Department recommends that the Mayor and City Council discuss the merits of a cul-de-sac on Bluff Road, heading south towards 1700 South/Antelope Drive and determine a preference.

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City Planner Andersen reviewed the staff memo.

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Council discussion regarding the item began. Mayor Nagle summarized the conclusion of the discussion that all Councilmembers agree to recommend to UDOT that the option described in the staff memo, whether it includes the cul-de-sac, is not preferable.

Discuss City Newsletter format

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A staff memo explained the City Council asked for this agenda item during the June 12 business meeting. Staff did not prepare any documentation for this item, but is prepared to participate in the discussion led by the Council.

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Council discussion regarding the item began. The conclusion was to print a survey in the newsletter to poll citizens on their preferences for the format of the newsletter.

Discuss the solid waste hauling contract between Syracuse City and Robinson Waste Services, Inc.

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A staff memo from the City Attorney explained Robinson Waste Management has been collecting garbage for Syracuse City for over a decade. Most recently, the City and Robinson entered into a Garbage Collection Contract ("Contract") dated April 1, 2009. In the contract, the City agreed to pay Robinson a fuel allowance per household per month of .33% of the price of the price of diesel over \$3.00 per gallon ("Fuel Surcharge"). Since April 1, 2009, Robinson has charged the City 33% of the price of diesel over \$3.00 per gallon rather than .33% of the price of diesel over \$3.00 per gallon. This has resulted in a \$33,072.36 overcharge to the City. In early March the City discovered the discrepancy between the contract and the bill. On March 7, 2012 the City notified Robinson Waste of a breach of contract and made a demand on Robinson for repayment of the overpaid Fuel Surcharges. Robinson made repayment and has provided his "best offer" for a new contract term. Robinson's proposed rates are neither uniformly higher nor lower for the city. The new contract eliminates the power of Robinson to unilaterally renew without the City's consent. It also provides options for recycling and collecting on one side of the street. The proposed terms offered by Robinson's best offer are not sufficiently beneficial or detrimental to the City for the City Attorney to make a recommendation. If the City Council approves the addendum, the City Attorney recommends that the City Council further determine whether or not to approve Recycling as mandatory, opt out, or opt in. Additionally, the City Attorney recommends a determination as to whether to approve collection from one side of the street where feasible.

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Mr. Carlson reviewed his staff memo.

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Council discussion regarding the potential contract began. There was input from City staff as well as Steve Robinson from Robinson Waste Services, Inc. The final conclusion was that discussion could continue during the business meeting immediately following this meeting.

Discussion regarding Administrative Title of the Syracuse City Code

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A memo from the City Attorney explained that on April 24, 2012 the City Attorney reported to the City Council that the Council's majority vote to recodify Title II was in error because four adjustments to mayoral power in the recodification required either a unanimous vote of the Council without the Mayor or a majority vote with the Mayor. In the months since, there has been discussion as to whether to attempt to pass a new version of the Title or to simply revert to the prior version. On June 12, 2012 the City Attorney recommended passing the recodified version of Title II with any additional changes the Mayor and City Council felt were necessary. In an effort to simplify and expedite a discussion of necessary changes to Title II, the City Attorney requested that the city's elected and appointed officials submit suggestions of areas that may benefit from revision. Included in the packet were the following documents:

1. A list of areas in Title II that may benefit from revision, submitted by elected and appointed City officials.
2. Title I (old administrative title)
3. Title II (draft administrative title)

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Mr. Carlson reviewed his staff memo, after which Council discussion commenced. Council gave direction to Mr. Carlson to prepare two drafts of an ordinance for the Council to consider at their next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m. ([3:12:42 PM](#))

Jamie Nagle
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, CMC
City Recorder

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