

Minutes of the Work Session meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on October 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Work Session Room, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present: Councilmembers: Corinne N. Bolduc  
Mike Gailey  
Craig A. Johnson

Mayor Terry Palmer  
City Manager Brody Bovero  
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

Excused: Councilmembers Karianne Lisonbee and Douglas Peterson

City Employees Present:

Finance Director Steve Marshall  
City Attorney Paul Roberts  
Community and Economic Development Director Brigham Mellor  
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley  
Parks and Recreation Director Kresta Robinson  
Fire Chief Eric Froerer  
Police Chief Garret Atkin  
Police Lieutenant Lance Jensen

Visitors Present:	TJ Jensen	Dave Maughan	Ralph Vaughan
	Kevin Homer	Pat Zaugg	Andrea Anderson
	Gary Schvaneveldt	Kyle Scheaffer	Timarie Scheaffer
	Nicole Sitter	Jennifer Winchester	Loren Brinkerhoff
	Monique Otterstrom	Nicholas Roskelley	Brett Roskelley
	Shane Howes	Anthony Hayden	Leah Shingleton
	Ethan Brickey	Brandt Shaw	Jeff Headley
	Troy Shingleton		

The purpose of the Work Session was to receive public comments; discuss a proposed cemetery ordinance update; have discussion and receive public input regarding Skate Park; hear a presentation regarding the City's Water Conservation Plan; discuss Council rules of order and procedure specific to committee appointment reports and public comments; review Efficiency Audit action priority list; and discuss Council business.

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Councilmember Johnson led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Councilmember Bolduc offered an invocation.

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**Public comments**

TJ Jensen stated he is aware that the Mayor and staff have been working to get citizen involvement on planning for the City in the future and this would be an excellent opportunity to begin laying the foundation for a strategic action planning committee; he and the Mayor attended a seminar on this topic at the recent Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Conference. He noted the committee would give the citizens the forum to get together and consider a priority list for all projects in the City; it would be a great resource as long as the proper stakeholders and citizens were involved. He stated the City has some planning in place, but plans are located in several different places and it can be difficult to get a holistic view of the City. The budget is somewhat helpful, but is not considered a strategic planning tool; he strongly encouraged the Council and Mayor to utilize such a committee. He added it would also behoove the City to wait for the record of decision from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) before proceeding with planning around the potential West Davis Corridor alignment.

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Gary Schvaneveldt stated he lives on 2000 West next to two properties that were condemned for the State Road 193 project; the properties have been vacant for four years and in that time he has mowed them and kept the weeds down to make

it look nice because he has to live next to them. He stated that the homes were demolished last year after the road project was completed and the person who had the contract to demolish the buildings has hauled in Applewood from an orchard in Kaysville; he has permission from UDOT to store his vehicles on the property, but when he contacted UDOT they told him that the contractor should not be allowed to store waste there. He reviewed photographs and identified a 15-foot tall pile of garbage that he is drying out to sell as barbeque chips. He noted that in June he stopped mowing the property and he called the City to complain about the problem; the contractor came onto his property and yelled at his wife and threatened to shoot his dog. He has continued to call the City to complain about the issue and an officer finally told him that there is nothing the City can do as another government agency owns the land. He stated that in September he then got a visit from the Code Enforcement Officer about an unregistered vehicle in his backyard; he congratulated the Officer for seeing over a 15-foot pile of garbage to see the unregistered vehicle in his backyard. He stated that on October 6 he received a notice informing him that the City may begin the process of abating his property, so he walked down 2000 West and of the 21 houses located there, 18 of them have the exact same violations on their property. He stated he is willing to take responsibility for his junk, but he feels he fits in with the neighborhood. He provided photographs of all the properties to the City Council and noted that he has been working to bring his property into compliance by selling three vehicles over the past year. He noted he believes his property will be taken for the 2000 West widening project. Mayor Palmer indicated the City will follow up on Mr. Schvaneveldt's concerns.

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Dave Maughan stated that he noticed an item on tonight's agenda to discuss potential changes to rules regarding public comment in Council meetings; he reviewed the proposed changes and noted that he would encourage the Council to change the time limits for public comments from hard time limits to something that can be administered at the discretion of the Council. He stated that sometimes it may take longer to discuss an issue and setting a hard time limit makes that difficult. He added during past discussions the Council indicated support for adding a public comment period at the end of business sessions and he would suggest that take place during work session as well so that people can provide input before a vote is taken. He added there is also a rule regarding relevancy of comments and it may be appropriate to define whether comments must be relevant to the City or only relevant to items listed on the agenda. He stated that he is worried that if the term relevant is not defined there may be an opportunity for the Council or Mayor to declare someone's comments irrelevant in order to shut them down. He then addressed the agenda item dealing with prioritization of the recommendations included in the efficiency audit and he noted some items deal with recommendations to hire additional staff, while other recommendations deal with programming that could result in a cost savings. He stated he is not sure staff can be hired without realizing cost savings first because new staff will cost more money.

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### **Cemetery ordinance update**

A staff memo from the Public Works Department explained the cemetery has had requests for granite base monuments rather than concrete. The proposed ordinance allows granite as an alternative to a concrete base. Clarification is added to the ordinance to reduce confusion of terms such as burial position vs. lot. Responsibilities are also clarified.

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Public Works Director Whiteley reviewed his staff memo.

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The Council briefly discussed the proposal to allow granite bases for headstones, with a focus on the reason granite was not permitted in the cemetery in the past; Parks and Recreation Director Robinson noted that granite was disallowed in the past because repairing damage to granite bases or mow strips would be more costly than repairing concrete. Mr. Whiteley noted that issue has been addressed by language added to the proposed ordinance to indicate the City will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to granite foundations or mow strips.

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Councilmember Gailey discussed the definition of shared positions and noted the limits on shared positions should also be limited elsewhere in the code in a section regarding interment. He also referenced additional grammatical and typographical issues that should be corrected in the ordinance before it is presented for final adoption. Mr. Whiteley stated he will make those changes.

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### **Discussion and public input regarding Skate Park**

An administrative staff memo explained Mayor Palmer added this item to the agenda in response to recent citizen feedback regarding the stated of the City's Skate Park.

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Mayor Palmer explained the City has received letters from concerned citizens regarding conditions and activities at the Skate Park and he wanted to add this item to the agenda to allow for residents to provide public input regarding their feelings about the facility. He noted that he and the City Manager met with Leah Shingleton about the issues that she, her husband, and other residents have expressed, which include vandalism, tables being removed from the park, trash on the grounds, use of profanity, and lack of respect from the users of the park towards other parents and children in the area.

Mr. Bovero noted that the City has investigated surveillance options to combat issues like vandalism and theft in this park as well as other parks in the City; another option would be to develop a park watch program that would entail citizen involvement; finally staff has reviewed current ordinances regarding the park and there are conflicts or rules that can be difficult for the City to enforce. For that reason, staff believes it may be necessary for the Council to consider potential amendments to the park regulations.

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Police Lieutenant Jensen noted the Police Chief has spoken to several residents about their concerns. He first addressed the issue of vulgar language or profanity and noted that, though the Police Department does not promote those activities, there is nothing the Department can do to restrict one's speech unless it is threatening or harassing. City Attorney Roberts agreed and provided an overview of laws and case law relative to limiting speech. Lieutenant Jensen then added that littering is difficult to address as well unless a Police Officer is present to view the littering violation being committed or unless a citizen is willing to make a citizens' arrest or file a complaint and potentially testify against the violator.

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Councilmember Johnson stated he is in favor of closing the skate park; when it was initially built the entire neighborhood located near the facility was surprised because there was no public involvement in the project. He stated it has been a sore spot for the neighborhood ever since and he suggested that the City close or remove the park rather than continuing to expend funds and dedicating resources to address the problems. He noted the bowl could be filled in and the space could be used for pickleball courts.

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Councilmember Gailey noted he received an email from a resident who suggested that the City's Recreation Department sponsor a program that would provide for organizing skating activities. Parks and Recreation Director Robinson stated there are opportunities to provide some organizing activities at the park, but she does not believe that will completely deter vandalism. She noted, however, that since the public discussion about the issues at the park took place on a Facebook page, the users of the park and other groups have been much better at removing their trash and vandalism has reduced. She added there are great kids that use the skate park and many of them are not doing anything wrong; it would be hard for her to recommend closing the park.

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Council discussion of the matter at hand ensued, with a focus on security or surveillance measures that could be taken to address vandalism or littering at the park, after which Mayor Palmer invited public input on the issue.

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Brandt Shaw stated that he grew up in the community and he was part of the group that was part of getting a skate park in the City; he would hate to see it close because it serves a large group of youth. He noted he usually notices very young children using their scooters at the park and taking it away from them seems like a rash decision. He discussed practices used in other cities that have seemed to keep vandalism and other problems in their skate park at a minimum, such as providing seating options, providing adequate trash receptacles, and hanging signage at the park that clearly communicates park rules. He stated that he works with many junior high aged youth and he is hesitant to just close something because it is currently not working; that sends the message to the student that if something doesn't work they should just quit rather than try to find solutions or address problems. He stated if the park is closed the result will be alienation of members of the community who have a 'bad rap' as well as decentralization of the problem.

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Ms. Robinson stated she is supportive of keeping the park, but it is very difficult for her to continue to fund features for the park, such as seating and garbage cans, when the users continue to destroy or steal them. Mr. Shaw stated he understands and emphasized the need for signage to inform users of the consequences associated with vandalizing or stealing from the park. He noted the sign could list expected behaviors. Ms. Robinson noted such a sign was previously located at the

skate park and it has been repeatedly destroyed and replaced by the City, but at some point the City needs to stop replacing things that are destroyed or stolen until users of the park are willing to take ownership. Mr. Shaw agreed.

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Leah Shingleton stated that as issues related to the skate park have been discussed recently, she initially felt that it should be closed, but she has realized closing or relocating it would be very costly and place a demand on City resources. She stated that teenagers need two things as they are preparing to enter society as adults: accountability and a purpose, especially in their peer group. She suggested that a purpose be created for the peer group that uses the park and that may be accomplished by creating organized skating activities or competitions for the users of the park. She suggested that local businesses or residents that could serve as mentors for the youth could sponsor the clinics or competitions and the outcome would be great. She addressed accountability and noted that she has spoken to some of the kids at the park who are very frustrated by the actions of other users and they have asked them to check their actions, but they are upset about the potential for them to be punished for others' actions. She stated implementation of a surveillance or security system at the park would be pivotal as it would help the City identify those that should truly be held accountable for their actions.

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Councilmember Johnson noted that problems will arise if the City implements rules for the park without an enforcement mechanism. Mayor Palmer noted the City has received some suggested rules for the park that could be considered.

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Ethan Brickey stated he is aware of local youth that use the park and vandalize or trash it, but most of the kids that leave trash at the park are visitors from other cities who do not feel it is important to take care of the park. He stated that he is not aware of vandalism that has occurred at the park for about three years; conditions have improved and the users would appreciate a garbage can and bench at the park. Mayor Palmer asked Mr. Brickey what he and his friends could do to improve the park. Mr. Brickey stated they could stop using profanity and encourage all users to take care of the facility.

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Councilmember Gailey suggested that a local school, such as Syracuse Junior High, could adopt the skate park and oversee trash pickup. Ms. Robinson noted that some local scout groups have done just that; they are providing service to the community. She noted there are similar problems at many of the City's parks and it is not possible to put a garbage can every five feet; users need to take accountability and throw their trash away.

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Dave Maughan stated that since this issue was raised he has spoken with the Police Chief and citizens. He noted that his office is located directly across the street from the Cottonwood Heights skate park and it was also heavily vandalized for several years until the city council there decided to close it. What changed was that a group of users that came forward and committed to change the culture at the skate park; they created a schedule with shifts during which individuals would monitor the park. He added that the park has a fence around it and the park is not open past 10:00 p.m.; he is not saying Syracuse needs to do that, but he does not see a way to keep the skate park open without somehow involving the kids that want to use it and encouraging them to work together to ensure the users change their behavior. He stated that will be difficult because they will need to stand up to or identify for the police the users that are abusing the park; in Cottonwood Heights, a violator was required to perform community service in order to gain access back into the park. He noted that everyone has a smart phone and it should be possible for users to take photos of kids that are vandalizing or stealing from the park and turn them into the police for enforcement; it is not a citizens job to arrest someone, but if they see something they should do something and make sure something is done about it. He added it is unfair to the rest of the community to continue to replace something that is repeatedly broken.

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Andrea Anderson addressed Councilmember Gailey's suggestion that a local school adopt the park and she noted that Clearfield High School has done just that for the park located across the street. She stated she feels it would be a great idea to explore in Syracuse. Councilmember Gailey noted that he has worked with youth for some time and it is his belief that they will govern themselves if they are allowed to do so. He stated he feels it would be great to have a presence from the junior high at the park to facilitate that governance.

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Scott Sleeman suggested that the City use 'dummy' cameras on the poles at the skate park so that people believe they are being watched and they adjust their behavior. Lieutenant Jensen stated that fake cameras have been used at the park and at the nearby restroom facility; it has not worked and the area continues to be vandalized. Ms. Robinson added that actual

cameras need to be high quality and located a height low enough to get a quality photo of someone's face in order to identify them.

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Anthony Hayden stated he has removed graffiti from the area; he came from an inner city and he is concerned. He stated he would like to ask for more response from the Police Department – not immediate response, but follow-up responses. He stated that he contacted the Department to report graffiti and one week later it was still there. He stated that Syracuse was a savior for him, but to see the graffiti was alarming to him and he wanted to determine the connection between the graffiti and other crimes. He stated there have been break-ins on Banbury Drive within a stone's throw of the Police Station. He stated the reciprocating information is good.

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Pat Zaugg stated she likes the idea of using mentors and local businesses to assist the youth that use the park, but she wondered if those people would need to go through the City's volunteer background check process; if so, that could be costly and place a burden on resources. She stated that the background check is needed because she would not want unchecked volunteers working with the youth of the community. She then asked if the park is closed at night. Mr. Bovero noted that by ordinance the hours for the park are from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., but there is no gate to prevent someone from being in the park during hours of closure. Ms. Zaugg then noted she believes Syracuse City needs to adopt a noise ordinance; this would address noise associated with the skate park and other area of the City.

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Nicole Sitter stated she likes the idea of offering organized activities or competitions for kids at the skate park. She noted that children participating in other sports always have people cheering them on, but kids that participate in skating always seem to have people looking down on them and that probably has a lot to do with why the kids cause trouble. She stated that may be addressed if something was done to make them feel important.

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TJ Jensen stated that if the City creates an organized activity for the skate park, it would be beneficial to engage participants in also cleaning the park or educating them on what it takes to remove graffiti so that they understand the implications of their actions. He noted that allowing the kids to take ownership of the park they will be more willing to protect it.

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Ralph Vaughan stated that he feels those that have spoken tonight could serve as a great core group for a skate park committee. Mayor Palmer agreed and stated that he would like to work with the citizens, specifically those that use the park, to solve the problems. He stated that it will be key to refine the youth that use the park and to engage adults to supervise activities there. Ms. Zaugg agreed that parents need to be involved and she would be worried about trying to get kids to police one another at the park. Councilmember Johnson agreed and stated government should not come up with the solution; rather, the citizens should have a vested interest in the park.

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Mr. Bovero then summarized his understanding of the direction staff has received tonight, noting City Administration will review the ordinance governing the park and recommend appropriate amendments. Councilmember Bolduc stated she would like to consider an 'adopt the park' program because that would create ownership for the kids using the park. Mr. Bovero asked the Council if they would like staff to investigate the option of creating an organized recreation program for users of the park. Councilmembers Bolduc and Gailey as well as Mayor Palmer answered yes. Mr. Bovero added he will also review costs for upgrading the security and surveillance system at the park as well as nearby Founders Park. Information Technologies (IT) Director Peace stated he has received a bid of \$6,000 to upgrade the system at the park.

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### **Presentation of Water Conservation Plan**

A staff memo from Public Works Director Whiteley explained The Utah Division of Water Resources has been charged with the administration of the Utah Water Conservation Plan Act (UCA 73-10-32), which requires each water district and public water system to submit a water conservation plan with updates every five years. The current plan was completed in 2010. The updated plan must be complete and submitted by December 31, 2015 in order to remain in compliance. This was mentioned in the April 28, 2015 city council work session. The main purpose of the water conservation plan is to reduce the per capita water use in order to support the statewide goal of reducing 25 percent by the year 2025. The water conservation plan is a written document that contains existing and proposed water conservation measures describing what

will be done by retail water providers, water conservancy districts, and the end user of water to help conserve water and limit or reduce its use in the state in terms of per capita consumption so that adequate supplies of water are available for future needs. This plan must address water conservation for both culinary and secondary water. A draft has been prepared for discussion. Resources used for the draft include the 2010 plan, current water data, current population data and updated projections, as well as plan recommendations checklist generated from the state. The memo concluded staff recommends the Council review the plan in anticipation of adoption during the November 10, 2015 City Council meeting.

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Mr. Whiteley reviewed his staff memo and he reviewed the highlights of the proposed Plan, with a focus on the fact that the City's average water usage per person is higher than the State of Utah average. There was brief general Council discussion throughout the presentation, after which Mr. Whiteley noted he will proceed with preparing the plan for adoption at the November 10, 2015 meeting though he will not be available to attend that meeting.

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**Discuss Council rules of order and procedure specific to committee appointment reports and public comments.**

An administrative staff memo explained the during the October 13 work session meeting the Council discussed potential changes to the public comments section of the Rules of Order and Procedure document. The recommended changes understood by staff have been reflected in the section below:

**Content.** Discussions in the meetings are to be limited to agenda items and issues reasonably related thereto. Comments or presentation by the public are to be limited to relevant issues. In order to ensure that the meetings proceed timely and orderly, the Mayor may impose a time limit on those desiring to address the Council. Individuals addressing the Council during the public comment period of the meeting or during a public hearing shall be given a time limit of not less than three minutes. Public comment periods will be included at the beginning and end of business meeting agendas and at the beginning of extended work session agendas; the Council may also accept public input for each item listed on an extended work session agenda as discussion of each item proceeds. ~~Groups desiring to address the Council will be asked to select a spokesperson for this purpose and the Mayor may also impose a time limit on said spokesperson. A group shall be defined as an assembly of five or more people in attendance with similar viewpoints on a give issue. The names of each member of the group shall be provided to the City Recorder as well as the name of the spokesperson of the group. This information must be provided prior to the spokesperson being allowed to address the Governing Body for a minimum of five minutes. Any person who disrupts the meeting by exceeding a time limit, discussing irrelevant issues, or otherwise, may be removed at the direction of the Mayor.~~

The memo further explained that during the October 13 business meeting, Councilmember Gailey asked that the Council have an opportunity to review the Rules of Order and Procedure document in order to include a policy regulating reports pertaining to Councilmember assignments and appointments. There is currently no section of the Rules of Order and Procedure document that addresses this issue and, therefore, this item was added to the agenda to facilitate a discussion regarding the creation of such language.

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City Recorder Brown reviewed the memo. After brief discussion and feedback by the Council, they offered their support for proceeding with approving the amendments to the section of the rules of order and procedure dealing with public comments.

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Councilmember Gailey then used the aid of a PowerPoint presentation to provide the Council with information regarding the difference between the terms "on behalf of" and "in behalf of" relevant to a Councilmember representing the City in various committee or board assignments. He noted that during the upcoming retreat he would like to have additional discussion about rules governing Councilmember assignments in order to help those that have assignments to districts or other boards to understand the steps they need to follow before casting a vote that is considered to be representative of the City. Councilmember Bolduc stated that she is grateful Councilmember Gailey wants to discuss this, but she noted when a member of the Council has been appointed by the Council to serve in another capacity they have the power to speak on behalf of the City. Mayor Palmer stated it is important that Councilmembers representing the City on other board or committees understand the City Council's feelings before casting a vote on particular issues. Councilmember Gailey agreed

and noted he has seen problems arise in the past when a member of the Council has voted in a certain way without conferring with the Council and he wants to keep that from happening.

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TJ Jensen referred back to the discussion regarding public comments and noted that the Planning Commission agendas include language that is helpful for citizens to understand the intent of public comment periods.

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### **Review Efficiency Audit action priority list**

A staff memo from the City Manager explained that at the September 2015 work session, the Council expressed interest in obtaining a recommended priority listing of the findings of the performance audit, also referred to as the efficiency audit. In an effort to facilitate the discussion, the Administration has reviewed the findings of the efficiency audit and offers the attached 3-tiered priority listing for the Council's consideration on which issues to address first. An action priority list included in the Council packet contains three tiers that indicate the suggested priority, with Tier 1 being the top priority items. The sheet also includes a "Completed" column to allow tracking of the items as they are completed. Also included is a "Budgetary Impact" column to show the estimated budgetary impact of each item. The document is designed to be a working document that will allow notes and summaries of each item as we address them, which can explain the budgetary impact as each project evolves. The memo concluded the intent of this agenda item was to give the Council the opportunity to determine the priority of the items on the list and give direction to staff accordingly.

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City Manager Bovero reviewed his staff memo and briefly reviewed the priority list. He noted he would like to proceed by investigating tier one priorities first and bring them to the Council for additional discussion in future work session meetings.

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Councilmember Johnson stated he was not impressed with the efficiency audit; in fact, he would not call it an efficiency audit and he feels it was a waste of money. He stated he would apologize to the citizens for wasting taxpayer money on it because it did not give the Council what they wanted from the report; he was hoping to see recommendations on how to decrease budgets and lower expenditures or how to restructure in order to do better. He stated instead the report talks about how to grow government rather than better managing taxpayer money or structuring departments in such a way that they can fulfill their duties and responsibilities in the most effective way. He stated he has seen efficiency audits created by other firms for a couple of companies he has worked for and the audits include recommendations regarding how to consolidate efforts to provide better efficiencies. He stated that is what he was expecting from the report and since that is not available he is not looking to prioritize the suggestions included. He added he thinks the things Mr. Bovero has done since his employment began with the City have moved the City in the right direction and he feels the priority is to continue with what he and his staff members have been doing. He reiterated the report focuses on growing government or making the City different than it is and he does not support that; he would like staff to continue to search for ways to reduce expenses, pay off debt, and continue with the plans that have been put in place in recent months. Councilmember Bolduc agreed and stated that she feels the City needs to look at budgeting; the current budgeting philosophy is based on estimates and she feels it is appropriate to be much more accountable. She would like to know the City's true costs, down to the nuts and bolts. She stated she does not know much about what has been happening in the City because she is new to the Council, but she feels that Mr. Bovero is headed in the right direction. She noted, however, that she is very concerned about the City's utility funds.

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Councilmember Gailey noted scouting provides a great training for adult leaders over the age of 18 and one of the takeaways from that training is the development of effective teams, specifically those borne of vision and mission. He stated that he would like to work on one of the recommendations of the efficiency audit to become a stronger and more efficient team. He stated he is glad the Council and staff will be participating in a retreat event soon after the election. He stated is somewhat disappointed on other recommendations of the audit, but he is very supportive of working to create a stronger team and he cannot wait to get started on that goal. Mayor Palmer agreed. He noted that he recently attended a Davis County Chamber of Commerce meeting with mayors from other Davis County cities and he was impressed by one mayor who stood and commented that he was proud that his Council and leadership staff work very closely together than are on the same page. He stated the report indicated that is not the case in Syracuse and he would like to work in the direction of working better as a team. Councilmember Gailey stated that one of his mentors once told him "we all do about as well as we know how"; he noted he likes the prioritization list that Mr. Bovero has developed and he feels there is value in reviewing the items there, specifically those dealing with engaging the youth of the community. Councilmember Gailey then stated he agrees with

Councilmember Johnson that the audit is missing recommendations regarding how to restructure or implement some of the suggestions made. Mayor Palmer noted that the City has not received the final report yet. Councilmember Gailey added that he feels the City has some great minds on staff; when he was serving as a Councilmember in the 1980s the City did not have the same quality of staff and he feels staff and the Council can work together to create efficiencies.

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Mr. Bovero noted that he understands the Council's feelings regarding the audit, but he would like to continue to work through the priority list to evaluate some of the recommendations, specifically those dealing with risk to the City. Councilmember Bolduc stated she is comfortable proceeding in that manner, but she would like specific budget data for each item included on the priority list. Councilmember Johnson noted that data is reviewed during budget retreats, but it may be helpful to hold quarterly budget meetings. The Council engaged in a discussion about additional opportunities to review the City's budget information, ultimately concluding the review financial information for the City once a month during extended work session meetings.

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Mr. Bovero then stated one change he wants to make to the priority list is under tier two for a Public Works; he wants to move the evaluation of the radio read water meter system to tier one. He noted the City's culinary water system is already metered and the City uses an employee to manually collect the data from meters. He stated radio reads would eliminate the need for that service. Councilmember Bolduc stated she would like to understand the cost associated with moving in that direction. Mr. Bovero noted that is yet to be evaluated; it would be an upfront cost, but it may pay off in the long term. Councilmember Bolduc stated she would also like to understand how long the radio read mechanism lasts.

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### **Council business**

Councilmembers then provided brief reports regarding the activities they have participated in since the last City Council meeting.

Councilmember Gailey reported on the Chamber of Commerce trunk or treat held last night; it drew over 3,500 people and was a great event.

Councilmember Bolduc reported on a meeting she participated in with Mr. Bovero and Finance Director Marshall as well as a few citizens where they discussed the finances of the City in an effort to get answers to concerns about the utility funds of the City; the meeting also focused on potentially changing the City's estimation budgeting philosophy. Mr. Bovero noted that staff can bring those issues to the Council in order to discuss the justification for costs charged to the City's utility funds. Councilmember Bolduc stated that would be good; she added that what was working for the City before the economic downturn in 2008 seemed to be working well; she added that she would like to discuss whether transfers from the utility fund to the general fund are appropriate.

Mayor Palmer provided a report regarding the status of Utah Department Transportation (UDOT) negotiations to purchase homes along 2000 West for the widening project; the actual construction work would not start until July of 2017. He also discussed the potential for the City's museum to participate in the relocation of the historical building at 1637 South 2000 West currently owned by Andrew Sherman. The museum is working to raise funds to assist in the project, which is estimated to cost approximately \$42,000. He reviewed some of the historical uses of the building. The Council engaged in a brainstorming session regarding various fundraising options.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Terry Palmer  
Mayor

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Cassie Z. Brown, CMC  
City Recorder

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