

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on December 8, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present: Councilmembers: Corinne N. Bolduc
Mike Gailey
Craig A. Johnson
Karianne Lisonbee
Douglas Peterson

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

City Employees Present:

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

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1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. as a regularly scheduled meeting, with notice of time, place, and agenda provided 24 hours in advance to the newspaper and each Councilmember. Councilmember Lisonbee provided an invocation. Councilmember Johnson then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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COUNCILMEMBER GAILEY MOVED TO REMOVE ITEM 12 FROM THE AGENDA AND ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH THAT CHANGE. COUNCILMEMBER LISONBEE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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2. Presentation of the Syracuse City and Wendy's "Award for Excellence" to Ethan Dixon and Sophie Russell for the month of December 2015.

The City wishes to recognize citizens who strive for excellence in athletics, academics, arts and/or community service. To that end, in an effort to recognize students and individuals residing in the City, the Community and Economic Development, in conjunction with Jeff Gibson, present the recipients for the "Syracuse City & Wendy's Award for Excellence". This monthly award recognizes the outstanding performance of a male and female who excel in athletics, academics, arts, and/or community service. The monthly award recipients will each receive a certificate and be recognized at a City Council meeting; have their photograph placed at City Hall and the Community Center; be written about in the City Newsletter, City's Facebook and Twitter Feed, and City's website; be featured on the Wendy's product television; and receive a \$10 gift certificate to Wendy's.

Mayor Palmer noted both teens receiving the award for August 2015 were nominated by Clearfield High School.

Ethan Dixon:

Ethan is currently serving as the Student Body Vice President at Clearfield High. He always gives 100 % to his school and is very involved in his church group that gives service to the community. Through Ethan's involvement, Clearfield High started a Yo-Yo club last year and this year a Youth for Christ Club. Ethan is a member of many clubs at Clearfield High including the National Honor Society, FBLA, and DECA. Ethan organized Clearfield High's successful homecoming tailgate party this year. He is also a member of the FLY team which goes to elementary schools to teach about bully prevention, drug and alcohol prevention and other life skills as well as a member of the CHS Hope Squad. Ethan is a commendable young man with much to offer his community. Ethan takes AP and honors courses and carries a 3.936 GPA.

Sophie Russell:

Sophie is currently the Student Body Secretary at Clearfield High. She also served as the junior class President last year. Sophie has always been a student athlete and scholar. She played competitive soccer for many years, including playing soccer and golf for Clearfield as a freshman and sophomore, before giving it up to concentrate on office and her academic classes. She is an amazing student with a 4.0 GPA carrying a full load of AP and honors courses and a resume full of service projects. She is active in her LDS ward serving currently as the Laurel Class President. Sophie is a joy to be around and an invaluable member of the Clearfield high School community.

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3a. Recognition: Public Works Streets Superintendent Mike Mathis for receipt of his Road Master Certification.

A staff memo from Public Works Director Whiteley explained Mike Mathis has earned a Road Master Certificate for his completion of several transportation-related courses offered through Utah Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). Mike is one of only nine people statewide who has received the award this year. Nick Jones will be presenting the award, which is the highest award in the Road Scholar Program.

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Mr. Whiteley read the staff memo and introduced Nate Jones of Utah Local Technical Assistance Program, who presented Mr. Mathis with a certificate recognizing his Road Master Certification.

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3b. Recognition: Syracuse Football Mini Bowl winning teams.

A staff memo from the Parks and Recreation Director explained the City Council would like to recognize the Athletic Excellence we have in our community. This past football season two of our Syracuse Storm Football teams made it to the Mini Bowl Championship. We would first like to recognize and congratulate our Bantam Black Team. In the Bantam Mini Bowl, our Black team competed in a 'barn-burner' type game as they defeated a rival Kaysville team 20-19. Our Bantam Black finished the year off with an impressive 9-1 record. We'd like Head Coach Jed DeVries, his assistant Coaches and the Bantam Black players to come up and receive a Recognition of Athletic Excellence Certificate from the Council. Next we'd like to recognize our Midget Black Team. In the Midget Mini bowl, our Black team capped off an undefeated season, by going and incredible 11-0, and beating a tough Sky View team 27-19. We'd like Head Coach Travis Hamblin, his assistant Coaches and the Midget Black players to come up and receive a Recognition of Athletic Excellence Certificate from the Council.

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Mayor Palmer and Parks and Recreation Director Robinson read the staff memo and recognized the members and coaches of each team present.

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3c. Recognition: Syracuse High School Student Hunter Woodhall for winning a silver medal in the 400 meter and a bronze in the 200 meter at the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athletics World Championships.

Mayor Palmer read the following statement about Mr. Woodhall, which was provided by his mother:

"Hunter Woodhall was born with a congenital bone deficiency called Fibular Hemimelia, which left him with the inability to walk correctly. The doctors told his parents that they could either have his feet amputated or he could spend most of his childhood in and out of the hospital with surgeries, but never be able to use his feet completely. His parents chose to amputate his feet when he was 11 months old. At 15 months old, he was fitted with his first pair of prosthetics and at 18 months he was walking and has not slowed down since. Growing up, both of his older brothers played sports and he wanted to be just like them, so he played every sport, as well, seeing what he liked to do and trying to live a normal life. He says his success has come from God and support from his family and friends.

When he entered 5th grade he decided that he wanted to start running - Something the doctors said he would never be able to do when he was born! He was fitted with his first pair of running legs and what he recalls most is the feeling of being able to jump for the first time and the joy of running. He was enthralled and in love with this new experience he had discovered and he started running 5k's with his family. In junior high he started competing with other kids in the 800m and then worked down to the 400m and 200m in high school. In junior high, he was one of the slower members of the team, but he was in love with the track. In

9th grade, he started training with professionals and made the Utah State Championships. Since then, he became a member of the 2015 US Paralympic Track & Field Team, made the Utah State Championships in 10th grade and place 3rd in the 400m, and went on to the IPC World Championships in Doha, Qatar, where he ran personal bests and earned a bronze in the 200m and a silver in the 400m. His sights are set on making State again this year as a junior and making the US Paralympic Team for Rio 2016.

It seems he was born with an extra dose of tenacity and determination and is very self-motivated and works very hard every single day to succeed and improve so that he can excel as far as he can in the sport of track.”

Mayor Palmer then noted the City has been working to develop a program with Gold’s Gym called the “Gold Citizen Award” and Mr. Woodhall will be the first recipient of the award. A representative of Gold’s Gym stated it is an honor for Gold’s Gym to participate in this program and he congratulated Mr. Woodhall on all of his success and recognition.

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3d. Recognition: Ralph Vaughan for being one of the highest blood donors in the western United States and being inducted into the Fresenius Kabi Donation Hall of Fame.

An administrative staff memo referenced a newspaper article regarding Mr. Vaughan’s history of blood donation and his induction into the Fresenius Kabi Donation Hall of Fame, which read as follows:

“If it's 10 a.m. on the first or third Monday of the month, Ralph Vaughan likely will be donating blood at the University of Utah. Vaughan, 70, has donated 1,023 units of blood — more than 127 gallons — over the past 40 years, making him one of the highest blood donors in the western United States, said Lance Bandle, spokesman for the ARUP Blood Services Center at the U. That's enough platelets to cover 102 liver transplants or open heart surgeries, according to the center's website. Representatives from Fresenius Kabi, an organization that creates medical devices for critically and chronically ill patients, inducted Vaughan into its national Donation Hall of Fame Monday for his contributions. The Syracuse man's donations triple that of any other of the center's nominees, and he is the first donor from ARUP's Blood Services Center to be named to the hall of fame, Bandle said. Vaughan began routinely donating blood in the mid1970s at the San Diego Blood Bank's North County Coastal Donor Center in Vista, California, after one of his five daughters, Lara, was diagnosed with Stage IIB Hodgkin lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph nodes. Although he couldn't do much to help Lara's condition, Vaughan realized he could benefit other children in the hospital ward by donating blood, so he became an "unabashed shill" for blood donating, he said. "I would urge anybody reading this newspaper to seriously consider giving blood," he said, "because they might be saving the life of their next door neighbor." Even after Lara's disease went into remission, Vaughan continued to give blood every 56 days, the maximum amount allowed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In the mid1980s, medical professionals developed a new donation process called apheresis, which enabled phlebotomists to retrieve one part of the blood and feed the rest back into the donor's system. Although apheresis takes 90 to 120 minutes compared with the seven minutes for the traditional wholeblood process, Vaughan said he switched to the method because it allows him to donate platelets 24 times a year instead of whole blood six times a year. Vaughan's blood is high in platelets, so he can sometimes give double or triple units per trip to the donation center, he said. Bandle said this is helpful because platelets are the most in demand of the four blood components. Three years ago Vaughan moved from San Diego to Syracuse. Vaughan chose to start donating at ARUP because, unlike some blood donation centers, the blood was kept locally. As the sole blood donor for the Huntsman Cancer Institute, Primary Children's Hospital, University Hospital and Shriners Hospital for Children, ARUP's Blood Services Center needs 20 donors every day to maintain an adequate blood supply, Bandle said. "I've never seen someone so driven to help save lives. I didn't know there were people so amazing out there like Ralph," he said. "We're just grateful he moved from California to Utah. He is a lifelong dedicated donor." "I know where my priorities are," Vaughan said. "(Blood) is something that I have the ability to give that other people need."

Mayor Palmer congratulated Mr. Vaughan on his accomplishment and thanked him for his service.

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4. Approval of Minutes:

The following minutes were reviewed by the City Council: Work Session and Regular Meeting of November 10, 2015 and Special Meeting of November 20, 2015.

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COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2015. COUNCILMEMBER GAILEY SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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5. Public comments

Joe Simpson, Roy, Utah, stated he was raised in Syracuse as a fourth generation member of his family; the City has changed and grown over the years and it has been amazing to see that growth. He is representing his family, specifically his father, as he was invited by the Council to participate in discussions regarding amendments to the General Plan. His father would like to request the option to rezone Simpson property identified at 12-46-0117; the parcel is 27 acres in size and is adjacent to several residential developments. He stated he is seeking the R-1 zoning designation for the property, which is currently zoned A-1 agricultural. His father would like to complete the residential community in the area and they feel the proposal is compatible with the surrounding uses; they see it as framing the institutional use of a chapel that was built on 4500 West, which seems to be a gathering place for the community. At the western boundary of the City there is a natural dividing line between the residential and agricultural use and approving the rezone would allow them to develop homes similar to residential properties adjacent to the east, north, and south. There are family members who desire this development to occur so they can build their residence here and this change would allow that.

Councilmember Lisonbee stated she contacted the Simpson family upon the passing of the elder Joe Simpson and asked if they wanted to make any changes to the zoning of their property. She referenced the item listed on the agenda to adopt the updated General Plan and she would suggest that item be delayed until the end of January 2016 to give the Simpson family the opportunity to proceed through the General Plan amendment process.

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TJ Jensen addressed Councilmembers Johnson and Peterson and thanked them for their service to the City. He then addressed the item on the agenda dealing with the General Plan adoption and noted that he is in support of all of the changes being recommended, with the exception of one. He referenced property near Gentile Street where two strips of property have been annexed into the City. There is a triangular piece of commercial property and a square piece of industrial property, but those properties are currently located in Davis County and are included in a conservation easement and it is unlikely that they will ever be developed. He highly recommended that the land use designation of those parcels be changed to open space since that is what they will likely be used for in perpetuity. He referenced the Bankhead property to the west of the two parcels and noted that when the commercial and industrial uses were contemplated, the properties had not yet been purchased by the conservation agency that now owns it: it is essentially owned by the United States Government. It may be necessary for the Council to consider whether the commercial and industrial land uses are still viable.

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Gary Schwanaveldt stated that he attended a Council meeting in October to talk about code enforcement. He summarized the comments he made during that meeting regarding the fact that his property is no different than many of the other properties along 2000 West and many residents are using their property in the same manner he has used his property. He submitted 18 pictures of the 21 houses along the street to prove this fact and that was taken as a complaint by him against his residents, though that was not the case. He was simply trying to demonstrate that his property fits with the nature of the street he fits on. He stated he has talked with code enforcement officials regarding bringing his property into compliance and he has also talked to the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) about the property they own where trees have been dumped; they told him that the trees and other debris would be removed within two weeks and that still has not occurred. The only change that has been made to that property is that the person dumping the debris has moved the pile closer to the property line between UDOT property and his property. He provided updated photographs illustrating this fact, after which he noted he is still working to bring his property into compliance; he has sold three vehicles, but he does not intend to sell the rest. He finds it aggravating that the City Council can mandate how many vehicles he can keep on his property and how he can use his property. He stated that there are many memories attached to the vehicles that he keeps on his property and he has no intention to move them. He stated that the State may purchase his property to accommodate the widening of 2000 West, but he is not sure of the timeframe of that transaction. He asked that when the Council review code they consider issues other than just complaints from neighbors as some people will complain about anything and everything. He noted that code enforcement has been a wrecking ball in his neighborhood and that has real effects on people and only serves those whose

hobby is complaining.

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Dan Bankhead stated he is with Bankhead Farms and he responded to Mr. Jensen’s comments regarding the properties located near his property; he stated that he has been in negotiations regarding acquiring and developing the two properties Mr. Jensen referenced; a portion of the property is already zoned industrial and he planned to continue forward with rezoning the rest of the property. He is opposed to a General Plan change for the property since the open space designation would essentially devalue his property. It is his opinion that the change would be similar to a taking of property and he is opposed to that. He stated that years ago when he acquired the property there was no residential development to the west and he did not try to prevent that; he is unsure why anyone is now trying to prevent how he would prefer to develop his property.

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Kevin Homer addressed items five and 15 on the agenda, which are both opportunities for attendees to provide public comment. He stated he wanted the Council to know that he recognized that change to the agenda and he is appreciative the body was willing to offer an additional opportunity for residents to provide their feedback about what is occurring in the City. He also thanked Councilmembers Johnson and Peterson for their service to the City.

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Pat Zaugg stated she read the Syracuse Facebook page recently regarding recent code enforcement actions dealing with parking of trailers and vehicles on grass in residential sideyards; the recipients of these citations were lamenting about the fact that they would likely be forced to spend their Christmas money on gravel to provide a hard surface parking area in order for their property to comply with City Code. She stated she thinks that as a City something must be done to protect quality of life, but it is also necessary to be a kinder City where allowances can be made to correct these types of issues. She echoed Councilmember Lisonbee’s comments during the work session about the fact that bad laws should be changed so that Syracuse City is not known as a police state. She stated she recognized the code enforcement officer is simply doing his job, yet it is the Council’s job to ensure that code enforcement laws are no so ‘nit-picky’. She encouraged them to review those laws to make things easier for the officer and for residents and allow residents to have a better experience.

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6. Final Subdivision Plan Approval, Keller Crossing Phase 1, located at approximately 1475 W. 2000 S.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department provided the following information regarding the proposed development:

Address:	1475 West 2000 South
Zone:	R-2 Residential
Applicant:	Nilson Homes
Total Acreage	6.774 acres
Net Developable Acres:	5.419 acres
Allowed Lots (5.44 units/acre):	29
Proposed Lots	17

Public Meeting Outline

General Plan and Rezone Approval	
Planning Commission	May 5, 2015
City Council	May 12, 2015
Concept Plan Staff Review	April 29, 2015
Preliminary Plan Review	
Planning Commission	June 2, 2015
City Council	June 9, 2015
Final Plan Review	
Planning Commissioner	September 1, 2015

This request is for phase one of two phases for the Keller Crossing Subdivision. This phase is on the west end of the development and will complete 1475West. This phase is surrounded by single family residential development. The developer has opted for the low volume local street standard. The developer has been sent the city staff reports and is currently amending the drawings to reflect any outstanding items.

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CED Director Mellor reviewed his staff memo.

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COUNCILMEMBER GAILEY MADE A MOTION TO GRANT FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN APPROVAL, KELLER CROSSING PHASE 1, LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1475 W. 2000 S. COUNCILMEMBER LISONBEE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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7. Final Subdivision Plan Approval, Keller Crossing Phase 3, located at approximately 1475 W. 2000 S.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department provided the following information regarding the proposed development:

Address:	1475 W 2000 S
Zone:	R-3 Residential
Applicant:	K.W. Advisory Group
Total Acreage	8.519 acres
Net Acreage	6.815
Allowed Lots (5.44 units/acre)	37
Proposed Lots	23

Public Meeting Outline

General Plan and Rezone Approval

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Planning Commission	June 2, 2015
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Final Plan Review

Planning Commission	December 1, 2015
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The memo indicated this request is for phase two of the Keller Crossing Subdivision. This phase is on the East end of the development and will tie in to Tivoli Gardens and Harvest Point Subdivision. Please see staff reports for outstanding issues. The Planning Commission moved voted unanimously to recommend approval of the final subdivision plan for Keller Crossing Phase 3, located at 1475 W. 2000 S. R-3 zone, subject to all applicable requirements of the City's municipal codes, City staff reviews.

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CED Director Mellor reviewed the staff memo.

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COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO GRANT FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN APPROVAL, KELLER CROSSING PHASE 3, LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1475 W. 2000 S. COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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8. Authorize Administration to execute conditional agreement with Salt Lake County Constable for bailiff and warrant services in the Syracuse Justice Court.

A staff memo from the City Recorder explained In the Fiscal Year (FY) that ran from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 the City spent approximately \$15,000 to staff two Police Officers as bailiffs in the Syracuse City Justice Court. Prior to the conclusion of that FY, one of those Officers left their employment with the City. While the administration was considering the possibility of contracting for bailiff services, duties were assumed by a single bailiff. In early FY 2016 the remaining bailiff left to obtain full-time employment. In the meantime, bailiff services have been performed by regular police officers, mostly through overtime. The amount being spent on overtime is approximately twice the cost of a dedicated person or company to provide bailiff services. In November staff published a Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek bids for outsourcing bailiff and warrant collection services. Two firms responded and the lowest responsible bidder was Salt Lake County Constable. This firm currently provides services for eight Justice Courts along the Wasatch Front and is in negotiations to provide services for additional Courts. The City has reached out to the eight courts and received positive feedback about the

firm. The projected cost to contract with Salt Lake County Constable is approximately \$15,000 per year, which is the same cost the City was previously paying to provide bailiff services in house, but under the contract the City will have access to warrant collection services that were not available previously. As of November 25, 2015 the City has \$186,296 in outstanding warrant fees. Since the current FY is halfway over, staff is recommending the Council increase the budget by \$10,000 to cover two bailiffs and warrant collection service through the remainder of the year; the costs for warrant collection services will be offset by the actual collection of warrants; therefore, the total actual expenditure at year end will be less than budgeted. The City Attorney has prepared an agreement between Syracuse City and Salt Lake County Constable; the agreement is contingent upon approval of the requested budget increase, which likely will not occur until February when the Council will have the opportunity to consider a budget opening for several budget items. It was necessary to include authorization of the agreement on this agenda as the City's purchasing policy requires awarding of a contract within 45 days of the close of a RFP; otherwise, the City would technically need to rebid the services after the first of the New Year.

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City Manager Bovero reviewed the staff memo.

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Councilmember Gailey inquired as to the term of the contract. City Recorder Brown noted the term is three year years with two one-year extension options. Councilmember Gailey asked if the motion needs to indicate that the execution of the contract is dependent upon budget approval. Mr. Bovero indicated that is already indicated in the agreement.

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COUNCILMEMBER GAILEY MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT WITH SALT LAKE COUNTY CONSTABLE FOR BAILIFF AND WARRANT SERVICES IN THE SYRACUSE CITY JUSTICE COURT. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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9. Public Hearing – Proposed Resolution R15-37 updating and amending the Syracuse City Consolidated Fee Schedule by making adjustments throughout.

A staff memo from the Finance Director explained Staff periodically reviews and recommends changes to the consolidated fee schedule. I am recommending the changes outlined in red in Exhibit A. These changes include:

- Update Trench repair fee for 13 foot road cut to \$76.80 to match the fee approved in Resolution 05-02.
- Easement Vacation Fee - \$200.00 per application.
- Ice Skate Rentals - \$4.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child

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Mr. Marshall reviewed his staff memo and summarized each of the proposed amendments to the fee schedule.

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Councilmember Lisonbee referenced the fee regarding ice skate rentals and noted she has some concerns about the City's liability associated with the City being the actual rental agency. City Attorney Roberts noted there is some risk associated with operating the ice rink and offering skate rentals and it is up to City Administration and the Council to determine if they are willing to accept that risk.

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Councilmember Peterson stated that he is aware that users have the option of bringing a can of food to receive a \$1.00 discount on their skate rental, but that is not referenced in the fee schedule. He asked if staff will be able to offer discounts without that language included in this document. Mr. Marshall answered yes and noted that the fee schedule only needs to indicate the maximum fee that can be charged, but staff has the understanding that the Council has authorized a discount in exchange for a can of food.

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Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.

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TJ Jensen stated that Weber Basin Water Conservancy District has informed the Layton Canal Company that they have increased the per-share rate and it may be necessary for the Council to revisit the fees for water shares included in the consolidated fee schedule.

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There were no additional persons appearing to be heard and the public hearing was closed.

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COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R15-37 UPDATING AND AMENDING THE SYRACUSE CITY CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE BY MAKING ADJUSTMENTS THROUGHOUT. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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10. Proposed Ordinance 15-25 amending various sections of the General Plan Text of the Syracuse City General Plan.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department explained the General Plan Subcommittee Members, Scope and Duration was adopted by the Planning Commission on August 19, 2014. On January 6, 2015 the Subcommittee received an extension for additional 180 day duration. The General Plan Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the Syracuse City General Plan and has made a recommendation as shown in draft 1. The proposed amendments were sent to the City department heads for review and the feedback has been compiled into draft 2. The City Council has requested to review the proposed General Plan Amendments during their regularly scheduled meeting on December 8, 2015. The memo concluded the Planning Commission moved to recommend approval of the General Plan Text amendments with a unanimous vote on November 17, 2015.

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CED Director Mellor reviewed the staff memo and facilitated a discussion with the City Council regarding the proposed amendments to the Syracuse City General Plan. The Council offered their feedback regarding the proposed changes and suggested edits, both technical and grammatical. The Council also discussed the proposal to amend the General Plan map to accommodate the request made by Mr. Simpson during the public comment portion of the meeting; they concluded they are comfortable amending the map. Councilmember Gailey stated he would also like to honor Mr. Bankhead's request to maintain the current land use designations for his property and adjacent parcels.

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COUNCILMEMBER LISONBEE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 15-25 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE GENERAL PLAN TEXT OF THE SYRACUSE CITY GENERAL PLAN, WITH CORRECTIONS OF GRAMATTICAL ERRORS AND INCLUSION OF THE NEW MISSION STATEMENT OF THE CITY. COUNCILMEMBER GAILEY SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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11. Proposed Ordinance 15-26 amending the Syracuse City General Plan Land Use Map adopted in 1976, as amended.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department explained the General Plan Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the Syracuse City General Plan and has made a recommendation as shown in the attached draft General Plan Map. The memo concluded the Planning Commission moved to recommend approval of the General Plan Map with a unanimous vote on November 17, 2015.

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Councilmember Lisonbee asked if it is out of order for the Council to consider changes to the General Plan map this evening without property noticing those changes per the recent ordinance that was adopted to govern the General Plan amendment process. Mr. Roberts referenced State Code governing the General Plan process and noted that as long as the City has held a public hearing and public meetings regarding the General Plan there is no violation. He noted that the Planning Commission held the public hearing and all changes have been made during public meetings.

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COUNCILMEMBER LISONBEE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 15-26 AMENDING THE SYRACUSE CITY GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP ADOPTED IN 1976 AS AMENDED, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- CHANGE THE GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION FOR THE PARCEL OWNED BY SIMPSON FAMILY TRUST, PARCEL #12-046-0117, FROM A-1 TO R-1.
- CHANGE ANY LAND IN THE GENERAL PLAN LISTED FOR CONSERVANCY TO OPEN SPACE.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

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Councilmember Peterson addressed Mr. Simpson and Mr. Bankhead asked if the motion addresses their concerns. Mr. Simpson answered yes and noted that he has already submitted an application for a General Plan amendment. Mr. Bankhead also answered yes and thanked the Council for the action taken this evening.

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Councilmember Gailey complimented Planning Commission Chairman Vaughan for how he handled the Planning Commission discussion regarding this item.

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Councilmember Lisonbee indicated she reached out to staff to ensure there were no public concerns with the General Plan recommendation being forwarded to the City Council by the Planning Commission and it is her understanding that all landowners were in agreement with the changes being proposed.

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Mayor Palmer stated there has been a motion and second regarding the General Plan Map and he called for a vote; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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12. Proposed Ordinance 15-27 amending various sections of Title 10 of the Syracuse City Municipal Code pertaining to Industrial Architecture Standards.

This item was removed from the agenda.

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13. Proposed Ordinance 15-28 amending various sections of Title 8 of the Syracuse City Municipal Code pertaining to Minor Subdivisions.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department explained This item is a proposed addition to Title 8 providing a Minor Residential Subdivision clause. This code would only apply to subdivisions of 10 lots or less. Staff is proposing to combine the application for preliminary and final approval into one step, thus reducing the expense of the development and staff time. A minor subdivision will be required to meet all regulations of City Code and the Engineering Standards and Regulations. The memo concluded the Planning Commission moved to approve the proposed code for minor subdivisions on November 17, 2015 with a unanimous vote.

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CED Director Mellor reviewed the staff memo.

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COUNCILMEMBER GAILEY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 15-28 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 8 OF THE SYRACUSE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO MINOR SUBDIVISIONS. COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

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14. Discussion of potential creation of Commercial Development Project Area (CDA) in Syracuse City. (continued from Work Session meeting if necessary)

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department explained there is a substantial retailer looking at locating in Syracuse - Project Rudolf. The memo asked that the Council instruct staff to proceed with consultant and in negotiations with taxing entities to establish a CDA, as per boundaries identified in the accompanying map.

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Mr. Mellor reviewed the staff memo and provided the Council with additional information regarding Project Rudolf. The Council had a general discussion about the proposed boundaries for the CDA, after which Mr. Mellor clarified that no action is needed this evening and this item was added to the agenda for the purpose of discussion only.

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15. Public comments

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Councilmember Lisonbee asked that Fire Chief Froerer provide the Council with an update regarding the condition of the Fire Fighter that was struck by a vehicle recently.

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TJ Jensen referenced discussion during the work session regarding Title Nine of the City Code, and specifically the penalties associated with completing home improvements without a permit. He noted that Section 9.05.090 indicates that the modification of an existing structure is not a Class B misdemeanor and that the penalty only applies to the construction of a new structure, such as an accessory building. He stated that he would recommend that the Council not loosen City ordinances to the point that they become arbitrary; however, some flexibility may be needed.

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Ray Zaugg addressed agenda item eight regarding the agreement for bailiff and warrant collection services. He asked if the contractor will share in the revenues for any warrant collected upon. He then stated he appreciates the work done by Councilmembers Johnson and Peterson; he recognized that their positions have taken them away from their families and that is a great sacrifice. City Recorder Brown responded to Mr. Zaugg's question regarding warrant collection. She noted that if the contractor collects a fine upon visiting a person's home, they receive \$50 for that service; if the person they are seeking collection from does not pay at the time of the visit but, instead, pays days later at City Hall, the contractor receives \$20 because their action spurred the payment of the warrant. She indicated that the lowest warrant fine is usually \$150 so the City's collection of at least \$100 per warrant is much better than what is being received now.

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Chief Froerer then updated the Council on the condition of the Fire Fighter who was struck by a vehicle when responding to a recent vehicle accident; he is active and mobile, but it will likely take him six months to recover before he is able to return to work.

Mayor Palmer inquired as to the total amount of money raised in the recent Guns and Hoses basketball game. Chief Froerer reported the current total is \$11,500, but that could increase as additional donations are counted.

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16. Councilmember reports.

At each meeting the Councilmembers provide reports regarding the meetings and events they have participated in since the last City Council meeting. Councilmember Bolduc's report began at [9:11:28 PM](#). She was followed by Councilmembers Peterson, Gailey, Johnson, and Lisonbee.

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17. Mayor's Report.

Mayor Palmer's report began at [9:22:41 PM](#).

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18. City Manager report

City Manager Bovero's report began at [9:25:26 PM](#).

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19. Consideration of adjourning into Closed Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 52-4-205 of the Open and Public Meetings Law for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; pending or reasonably imminent litigation; or the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property

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COUNCILMEMBER GAILEY MADE A MOTION TO CONVENE IN A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 52-4-205 OF THE OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OR REAL PROPERTY AND PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

The closed session began at 9:32 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

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At 10:15 p.m. COUNCILMEMBER GAILEY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Terry Palmer
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, CMC
City Recorder

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