



## SYRACUSE CITY

### Syracuse City Council

### Work Session Notice

April 9, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Building, 1979 W. 1900 S.

Notice is hereby given that the Syracuse City Council will meet in a work session on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the large conference room of the Municipal Building, 1979 W. 1900 S., Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah. The purpose of the work session is to discuss/review the following items:

- a. Review agenda for business meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. (5 min.)
- b. Request to be on the agenda – Jeff Ross re: Syracuse Lacrosse Club use of City Park facilities. (10 min.)
- c. Presentation on Watershed Analysis and Outlook. (30 min.)
- d. Discuss agenda item #4, Proposed Resolution R13-09, appointing Sherrie Christensen as Community and Economic Development Director for Syracuse City. (10 min.)
- e. Council business.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The undersigned, duly appointed City Recorder, does hereby certify that the above notice and agenda was posted within the Syracuse City limits on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013 at Syracuse City Hall on the City Hall Notice Board and at <http://www.syracuseut.com/>. A copy was also provided to the Standard-Examiner on April 4, 2013.

CASSIE Z. BROWN, CMC  
SYRACUSE CITY RECORDER



# COUNCIL AGENDA

April 9, 2013

Agenda Item #b

Request to be on the agenda- Jeff Ross re: Syracuse Lacrosse Club use of City Park facilities. (10 min.)

*Factual Summation*

- Any questions regarding this item can be directed at Jeff Ross.
- Jeff Ross would like to talk to the Council about amending fees for park reservations or entering into a contract to specify an amount to be paid for his Lacrosse club to use the City facilities for their games.



# COUNCIL AGENDA

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Agenda Item #c                      Presentation on Watershed Analysis and Outlook.  
(30 min.)

***Factual Summation***

- Any questions regarding this item can be directed at Tage Flint and Scott Paxman, representing Weber Basin Water Conservancy District.
- The presentation will be a summary of the March 27, 2013, meeting held at the District.
- Information presented is regarding precipitation data, projected forecasting, water conservation practices, landscape techniques, and resources for smart watering and healthy gardening.



# COUNCIL AGENDA

April 9, 2013

## Agenda Item #d

Discuss agenda item #4, Proposed Resolution R13-09, appointing Sherrie Christensen as the Syracuse City Community and Economic Development Director.

### *Factual Summation*

- Any questions regarding this item can be directed at City Manager Bob Rice.
- Please see attached Proposed Resolution R13-09

**RESOLUTION NO. R13-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SYRACUSE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING A  
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR  
SYRACUSE CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.06.080 indicates the Community and Economic Development Director is responsible for administering the City's planning, zoning, and other land use ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Syracuse City Council desires to employ a qualified individual to act in the position of Community and Economic Development Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.05.020 of the Syracuse City Municipal Code states that the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council, may appoint and fill vacancies in all appointed offices provided for by law or ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Sherrie Christensen desires to work as the Community and Economic Development Director of Syracuse City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration, Mayor, and Council have found that Sherrie Christensen is qualified for the position based on her experience with the city and other jurisdictions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SYRACUSE CITY, STATE OF UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Appointment.** The Syracuse City Mayor, with advice and consent of the Council, hereby appoints Sherrie Christensen to serve as the Community and Economic Development Director, pursuant to the City's Ordinances, Rules and Regulations.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any section, part or provision of this Resolution is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other portion of this Resolution, and all sections, parts and provisions of this Resolution shall be severable.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SYRACUSE CITY,  
STATE OF UTAH, THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2013.**

**SYRACUSE CITY**

ATTEST:

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Cassie Z. Brown, City Recorder

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie Nagle, Mayor



**SYRACUSE CITY**  
**Syracuse City Council Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**April 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council Chambers  
Municipal Building, 1979 W. 1900 S.

1. Meeting called to order  
Invocation or thought\*\*  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Adopt agenda
2. Presentation of the Syracuse City and Wendy's "Award for Excellence" to Brian Hassard and Kim Grice.
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. Work Session of March 26, 2013
  - b. Regular Meeting of March 26, 2013
  - c. Special Meeting of August 28, 2012
  - d. Work Session of September 25, 2012
4. Proposed Resolution R13-09, appointing Sherrie Christensen as the Syracuse City Community and Economic Development Director.
5. Proclamation declaring April 26, 2013, as Arbor Day in Syracuse City.
6. Councilmember Reports
7. Mayor Report
8. City Manager Report
9. Adjourn

\*\*Following adjournment, the City Council is asked to participate in a brief training regarding use of AED device installed in City Hall.\*\*

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\*\*Members of the public who desire to offer a thought or invocation at Syracuse City Council Meetings shall contact the City Administrator at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting. Request will be honored on a first come, first serve basis. In the event there are no requests to offer a comment or prayer, the Mayor may seek opening comment or prayer from those members of the public attending the meeting or from City Staff or City Council.



# COUNCIL AGENDA

April 9, 2013

## Agenda Item #2

Presentation of the Syracuse City and Wendy's "Award for Excellence" to Brian Hassard and Kim Grice.

### *Factual Summation*

- Please see the attached memo from the Community and Economic Development Department. Any questions regarding this item can be directed at acting CED Director Sherrie Christensen.



**Mayor**  
Jamie Nagle

**City Council**  
Brian Duncan  
Craig Johnson  
Karianne Lisonbee  
Douglas Peterson  
Larry D. Shingleton

**City Manager**  
Robert D. Rice

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Community & Economic Development Department

**Date:** April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Subject:** Presentation of the Syracuse City & Wendy's Award for Excellence Brian Hassard and Kim Grice.

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### Background

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."

### "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 following are the individuals selected for the award and the reasoning for their selection:

#### Brian Hassard

Brian Hassard is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Syracuse Junior High. He demonstrates a high level of academic performance having achieved a 4.0 GPA. He is enrolled in MYP/Honors classes, participates in Orchestra, speaks Spanish and competes with the National Academic League. While participating on NAL he helped his team take 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the National finals. He is a model student in mind, body and character; showing respect and responsibility in all that he does.



## Kim Grice

Kim Grice is one of our outstanding artists at Syracuse Junior High. She has taken three Art classes at our school, Art 1, Art 2, and Commercial Art. She is very dedicated to her art, performing at the highest level among our students. One thing that sets her apart is her willingness to work on art projects that are not class assignments. She comes up with art projects on her own, and spends a ton of time at home making them of the highest quality. She is admired and respected by her fellow art students, and she is always complimentary towards their work as well. She has been willing to help both Mr. Calvin and Mr. Nielsen with various errands and projects, and shows gratitude to both of them through word and deed. She is dedicated to learning and exceeds academically in honors courses. Kim is dependable, self-motivated and a hard worker. In addition to being a high achiever Kim consistently demonstrates great citizenship by maintaining a positive attitude and is always kind to others. We are lucky that Kim is a student at Syracuse Jr. High!

Both students will:

- Receive a certificate and be recognized at a City Council meeting
- Have their picture put up in City Hall and the Community Center
- Have a write up in the City Newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, and website
- Be featured on the Wendy's product TV
- Receive \$10 gift certificate to Wendy's

## **Recommendation**

The Community & Economic Development Department hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council present the "Syracuse City & Wendy's Award for Excellence" to Brian Hassard and Kim Grice.



# COUNCIL AGENDA

April 9, 2013

Agenda Item #3

Approval of Minutes.

***Factual Summation***

Please see the draft minutes of the following meetings:

- a. Work Session Meeting of March 26, 2013
- b. Regular Meeting of March 26, 2013
- c. Special Meeting of August 28, 2012
- d. Work Session Meeting of September 25, 2012

Any question regarding this agenda item may be directed at Cassie Brown, City Recorder.

Minutes of the Syracuse City Council Work Session Meeting, March 26, 2013.

Minutes of the Work Session meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on March 26, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Work Session Room, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

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

Mayor Jamie Nagle  
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

Excused: City Manager Robert Rice

City Employees Present:  
City Attorney Will Carlson  
Community Development Director Michael Eggett  
Police Chief Garret Atkin  
Finance Director Steve Marshall  
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley  
Planner Sherrie Christensen

The purpose of the Work Session was for the Governing Body to hear public comments; receive an annual report from Justice Court Judge Bean; have pre-retreat budget discussions; discuss special meeting agenda item three – Animal Control Interlocal Agreement with Davis County; discuss RDA agenda items three and four – budget opening and the potential amendment of the contract with the Syracuse Family Fun Center; and discuss Council business.

**Public comments**

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TJ Jensen, stated he wanted to comment regarding the upcoming budget retreat and the discussion about metering water. He stated he has talked to a lot of residents about the current billing system and how it is unfair to residents with small families or a small number of people living at their house. He stated that the number one thing he hears is complaints about why people pay for others water when they are only using a couple thousand gallons of water each month. He stated restructuring the billing is something that some residents would like to see; that will put more of a burden on larger families, but it makes sense that the people using the water should be responsible for paying for it. He then stated that the Council has had a couple of discussions about electronic metering of water and he noted he thinks that would be in the City’s best interest in the long term, but trying to get the project finished in two years is a little ambitious. He stated that if the program were

1 spread out over five or 10 years, that would be easier for the Council to accept and budget for. He stated that anything that  
2 will save the City money in the long term is a good idea.

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4 Mayor Nagle noted a resident, Jayme Miya, sent an email to the Governing Body and that she asked that it be  
5 included in the record as public comment. The email read as follows:

6 “I have sent e-mails to the current government of Syracuse. The only member of the government that has responded to me is  
7 Mayor Nagle. She is the ONLY one who will get a re-election vote from me and my husband. I have sent several e-mails to  
8 Councilwomen Lisonbee and Councilman Duncan. None have found the need to respond to me, a citizen of Syracuse, they  
9 say they represent. What a complete joke. There is no one on the current City Council that represents me or my family. They  
10 speak in council minutes about transparency and the fact they know better what the citizens of Syracuse need. Complete  
11 verbatim minutes of council minutes. What a disgusting overuse of power, councilwoman Lisonbee. They in fact have made  
12 the city of Syracuse a joke. I am disgusted that they think I am so stupid, I cannot figure this out. I have listened to the  
13 council meetings on audio, and they are all about discrediting the mayor and city employees. At this point, there is no one in  
14 the city council that my husband and I will support for re-election. The rest of the council seems scared to stand up to these  
15 bullies, Lisonbee, Duncan and Shingleton. Since councilwoman Lisonbee and Councilman Duncan have not answered my e-  
16 mails, their constituents, my husband and I, whose family owns World Wide Packaging and Crating of Utah will be attending  
17 the next council meeting and the council members will answer us to our face. Our family business is dealing with the  
18 Ninigret project and are in complete favor of it. It has the potential of increasing our business. The last thing this city needs is  
19 more retail development in that area, to sit empty just like the entire city of Syracuse. What is this council doing to remedy  
20 this. Syracuse is a ghost town. Businesses close as soon as they open. Please add us to your public comments portion. And we  
21 are educated enough that you will have to have more proof that what you are doing for the city of Syracuse is actually doing  
22 this city anything positive and will increase business for this city and not just try to discredit the mayor for what she is doing  
23 for this city. I would truly ask the government of this city to address my issues, if not we will have a face to face. And at this  
24 time I demand answers to my questions. You are not able to hide behind whatever face you think you can hide behind. I can  
25 also go to the newspapers and citizens with your complete incompetence to the citizens of this city.”

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1 Mayor Nagle stated she wanted to make follow-up on comments that were made by a resident during the last City  
2 Council meeting. She stated there was a citizen that came forward and came down hard on the City Manager for giving  
3 himself a raise. She stated it was unfortunate that no one would talk to her or the City Manager about the comments to try to  
4 get clarification. She stated she is the person that gave Mr. Rice a raise and she is happy to talk to anyone about it. She  
5 stated she would hope that when the City staff is being disparaged and untruths are coming out, that the Council would look  
6 into it further and try to make sure they get the correct information out to the residents.

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8 Councilmember Lisonbee stated she was contacted by a resident wishing to make public comment this evening, but  
9 they are unable to attend this meeting. She asked if it is possible to add public comments to the agenda for the special  
10 meeting. Mayor Nagle stated the Council can amend the agenda when the time comes.

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13 **Annual Report from Justice Court Judge Bean**

14 Justice Court Judge Bean is required to provide an annual report to the City Council. He used the aid of a  
15 PowerPoint presentation to provide a brief presentation to the City Council. The PowerPoint presentation included the  
16 following information:

- 17 • Syracuse City's justice court has been in existence for more than forty years (probably longer) (formerly known as  
18 Justice of the Peace).
- 19 • Judge Bean has served as justice court judge since 1993 (19 years).
- 20 • Syracuse City Justice Court was a Class II justice court (avg. 201+ citations per month), may have dropped to a  
21 Class III court (50 – 200 citations per month). Utah Code Ann. §78A-7-102(2).
- 22 • Court is certified by Judicial Council every four years. Utah Code Ann. §78A-7-103(1).
- 23 • Must meet certain minimum requirements for certification.
- 24 • Requirements depend on what "Class" the court is. (Number of support personnel).
- 25 • All justice courts "not of record" required to record its proceedings by 1 July 2012. Utah Code Ann. §78A-7-  
26 103(3).

- 1 • Recording has not caused problems, thus far. Few requests for digital recording of a hearing (maybe only one or
- 2 two in nine months).
- 3 • Weighted caseload: .39 of full-time judge.
- 4 • Fewer citations (charges) filed in calendar year 2012.
- 5 • Weight of cases has been heavier. More jury trials.

6 Statistics 2012

- 7 • Number of traffic cases: 1765.
- 8 • Number of criminal cases: 285.
- 9 • Average cases per month: 170.83.
- 10 • Total revenue collected: \$493,160.84
- 11 • Revenue to Syracuse City: \$318,948.56
- 12 • Revenue to State of Utah: \$174,212.28

13 Recent Challenges

- 14 • Ethics Opinion 12-02 – prevents courts from referring defendants to specific counseling or probation providers.
- 15 • Usually have 3 – 4 representatives from counseling providers in court every Wednesday.
- 16 • DUI, Anger Management (DVA), Drug Counseling, Drug Testing, Theft Counseling (Cognitive Reconstruction).

17 Advantages of Local Court

- 18 • Local justice.
  - 19 – Community problem solved within the community.
  - 20 – Remains a problem solving court, not a revenue generating entity.
- 21 • Community sense of security.
  - 22 – Community wants to see “the little stuff” enforced. Gives a greater sense of security that the felonies are
  - 23 being enforced as well.

24 Justice Court staff and support:

- 25 • Will Carlson
  - 26 – Tough (four DVA jury trials in very short time)
  - 27 – Kind (Willing to compromise)

- 1                   – Intelligent (quick, good judgment)
- 2           • Jody Howell / Debbie Rainford
- 3                   – Very dedicated
- 4                   – Willing to be flexible and adjust with the new policies, programs and procedures from the AOC.
- 5           • Police Department – very professional, good judgment, well prepared for court.
- 6           • Great support from Bob Rice and Jamie Nagle.
- 7           • Great support from the City Council.

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9           The Council asked questions throughout Judge Bean’s presentation.

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11           Judge Bean concluded his report and the Mayor and Council thanked him for doing a great job for the City. City  
12    Attorney Carlson reminded the Council that court sessions are open to the public and the Council is encouraged to attend a  
13    session to become familiar with the Justice Court process in Syracuse City.

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16    **Pre-retreat budget discussions**

17           Copies of the various proposed budgets for the City have been provided to the City Council. This item was added to  
18    the agenda to give the Council an opportunity to ask any questions about any items included in the proposed budgets.

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20           Councilmember Johnson stated he has reviewed the budget and feels it looks good and is balanced.

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22           Councilmember Shingleton asked what impact furloughs at Hill Air Force Base (HAFB) could potentially have on  
23    the City. Finance Director Marshall stated the only direct impact furloughs would have on the City would be in the arena of  
24    sales tax; if Syracuse City is home to many people that work on HAFB and they are furloughed, their spending habits could  
25    be impacted. He stated it is too early to know the actual impacts. He noted he has budgeted flat for sales tax; he is projecting  
26    \$2.9 million in sales tax revenue this year and for this same period last year the revenues are actually \$26,000 higher. He

1 stated the trend of raising sales tax revenues is still continuing and revenues are approximately five percent higher than last  
2 year. He stated next year's proposed budget includes a sales tax revenue projection of \$2.95 million. He added one good  
3 thing is that each year in July the City's population is reassessed and the City's population continues to increase each year  
4 and continued increases will help to boost sales tax revenues.

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6 Mayor Nagle noted that as the economy constricts there is the potential for an increase in domestic violence cases  
7 and she asked Police Chief Atkin if that is the case. Chief Atkin stated it would be difficult to give a definitive answer  
8 regarding domestic violence cases increasing, but in general there have been reports of increased domestic violence and theft  
9 cases.

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11 Councilmember Peterson stated there have been a couple of recent discussions and comments made about electronic  
12 metering of the City's water system or changing the billing system for the City. He asked if there is willingness among the  
13 Council to consider either of the two options. Council discussion regarding the topic commenced and the conclusion was that  
14 the Council would not consider a project to install electronic meters on the City's water system.

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17 **Discuss special meeting agenda item three –**  
18 **Animal Control Interlocal Agreement with**  
19 **Davis County**

20 A memo from the Police Chief explained he wanted to provide the Council with information as they review the new  
21 contract from Davis County Animal Control. After receiving the contract and list of incidents from Animal Control, City  
22 Planner Noah Steele and Chief Atkin worked to verify that all the reported incidents actually occurred in Syracuse. A list of  
23 questionable addresses was submitted to Animal Control for review; they were very good to work with and reviewed our list  
24 for accuracy. As a result, Syracuse City saved \$449.68 for 14 calls that were invoiced but did not actually occur in the  
25 boundaries of the City.

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1 Chief Atkin reviewed his staff memo with assistance from Mr. Marshall

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3 Council discussion of the proposed agreement commenced. The discussion concluded with Councilmember  
4 Lisonbee noting she had talked with Mr. Carlson about her concerns regarding the agreement and the two of them worked out  
5 some amendments to be considered by the entire Council. Mr. Carlson noted the changes that can be considered by the  
6 Council during this evening's business meeting.

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9 **Discussion regarding RDA agenda items**  
10 **three and four – budget opening and amending**  
11 **the contract with Syracuse Family Fun Center**

12 A staff memo from Finance Director Marshall explained Ed Gertge approached the City Council at the March 12,  
13 2013 meeting and requested that the Council look at options to further assist with the Syracuse Family Fun Center expansion.  
14 He requested additional funds to be front loaded from the RDA or the ability to postpone payment of building fees to a future  
15 date in order for him to meet all of the upfront costs of the project. Staff was directed by the Council to bring options to this  
16 meeting to discuss. We had discussed at the last meeting two different options. The first option was to draft a resolution that  
17 would allow Ed Gertge to postpone payment of building fees to a future date. Currently our ordinance does not allow for  
18 postponement of fees. The second option would be to increase the initial payment from the RDA to help pay the upfront  
19 costs of the project. Mr. Marshall's memo expressed his opinion is that of the two options available, the best option for the  
20 City would be to frontload the RDA payment. To be clear, this option is definitely feasible; however, as a Finance Director,  
21 this is not his recommendation. The memo explained Mr. Marshall has prepared **two** PDF files attached with this summation  
22 (included in the RDA meeting packet). One shows the current budgets with a \$300,000 payment in FY2013, while the other  
23 shows a budget with a \$400,000 payment in FY2013. Highlighted in yellow are all the payments that would be affected by  
24 frontloading more money now. Mr. Marshall's memo explained he briefly discussed at the last Council meeting that the City  
25 Council, acting as the RDA Board, would need to decide if they wanted to front load additional funds to help pay for the Fun  
26 Center expansion. The tradeoff is that there will be less money available in the next few years to spend on other potential

1 projects in the RDA. In the event that the City Council makes the decision to frontload additional funds to help with the Fun  
2 Center expansion, we have set a public hearing for tonight with the option to adjust the RDA budget for FY2013.

3 A second staff memo from Finance Director Marshall explained staff is recommending making a few changes to the  
4 contract agreement between Syracuse City and Syracuse Family Fun Center. The project has been postponed due to issues  
5 with securing the financing to fund the expansion. As such, the contract needs to be modified to change the expected  
6 completion date to November 30, 2013 and the payment of fees date to no later than July 1, 2013. These changes will ensure  
7 that the construction can be completed in a reasonable amount of time. If the city council makes the decision to front load  
8 more money from the RDA, the contract will need to be amended to consider the increase in the amount of funding approved.  
9 Currently the amount for FY2013 is \$300,000.

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11 Mr. Marshall reviewed his staff memos.

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13 Matt Gertge, representing the Syracuse Fun Center, provided a brief synopsis of the Fun Center's request for  
14 additional assistance.

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16 Council discussion regarding the item commenced. Questions were answered by City staff and Mr. Gertge  
17 throughout the discussion.

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19 At the conclusion of the discussion the Council directed staff to amend the agreement according to the figures and  
20 terms discussed and provide it to the Council for consideration at the next business meeting.

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23 **Council business**

24 [7:30:46 PM](#)

25 Councilmember Peterson provided a report regarding his participation on the North Davis Sewer District (NDSD)  
26 Advisory Board.

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2 City Recorder Brown stated she wanted to provide the Council with information regarding the audio recordings of  
3 Council meetings. She explained she will no longer be providing a recording of Council meetings to the Ustream website;  
4 meetings will still be broadcast live on the site, but recordings will no longer be available. She stated she recently found a  
5 way to convert the official recording of a Council meeting, which is made using software called For The Record (FTR), to a  
6 .wav file that can be posted on the City's website and is easily accessible by the public. She stated all audio recordings for  
7 2013 meetings are included on the City's website and they are of a higher quality than the Ustream audio recordings. She  
8 stated that if anyone contacts the Council with questions about Council meeting recordings they can be directed to the City's  
9 website.

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11 Councilmember Lisonbee stated she was contacted by residents regarding using the vote-by-mail system for the  
12 2013 General Election; she was surprised to hear some of them say they do not want to receive a ballot in their mailbox and  
13 that the system invites fraud. She stated that she feels that if they were able to have communication with Ms. Brown or with  
14 County Elections Coordinator Pat Beckstead those fears could be alleviated. She stated she wanted to pass that information  
15 on. Ms. Brown stated the Council is welcome to refer residents to her to discuss election issues and if it is necessary to hold  
16 a meeting to talk about any election issues, Davis County representatives could be invited to answer any questions from the  
17 Council or residents.

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20 The meeting adjourned at [7:37:32 PM](#).

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26 Jamie Nagle  
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Cassie Z. Brown, CMC  
City Recorder

28 Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes of the Syracuse City Council Special Meeting, March 26, 2013.

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on March 26, 2013, at [7:37:32 PM](#) , 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 Manager Robert Rice  
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:  
City Attorney Will Carlson  
Finance Director Steve Marshall  
Community Development Director Michael Eggett  
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley  
Police Chief Garret Atkin

**1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda**

Mayor Nagle called the meeting to order at [7:37:33 PM](#) p.m. as a special meeting, with notice of time, place, and agenda provided 24 hours in advance to the newspaper and each Councilmember.

[7:37:37 PM](#)

COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

**2. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of the following meetings were reviewed: work sessions of August 14, 2012, August 21, 2012, August 28, 2012, March 12, 2013, and the regular meeting of March 12, 2013.

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COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSIONS OF AUGUST 14, 2012, AUGUST 21, 2012, AUGUST 28, 2012, MARCH 12, 2013, AND THE BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2013 AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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**3. Consideration of Annual Animal Control Interlocal Agreement  
with Davis County.**

A memo from the Police Chief explained he wanted to provide the Council with information as they review the new contract from Davis County Animal Control. After receiving the contract and list of incidents from Animal Control, City Planner Noah Steele and Chief Atkin worked to verify that all the reported incidents actually occurred in Syracuse. A list of questionable addresses was submitted to Animal Control for review; they were very good to work with and reviewed our list for accuracy. As a result, Syracuse City saved \$449.68 for 14 calls that were invoiced but did not actually occur in the boundaries of the City.

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COUNCILMEMBER LISONBEE MADE A MOTION TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

- o REMOVING THE SECTION REGARDING ISSUANCE OF CAT TAGS;
- o CLARIFYING THAT THE CITY’S ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE IS NOT IDENTICAL TO DAVIS COUNTY’S ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE; AND
- o MAKING GRAMMATICAL CHANGES THROUGHOUT.

AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR NAGLE TO EXECUTE THE ANNUAL ANIMAL CONTROL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS COUNTY. COUNCILMEMBER DUNCAN SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

At [7:39:08 PM](#) p.m. COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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Jamie Nagle  
Mayor

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Cassie Z. Brown, CMC  
City Recorder

City Council Special Meeting  
March 26, 2013

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2 Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes of the Syracuse City Council Special Meeting, August 28, 2012.

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on August 28, 2012, at 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 Manager Robert Rice  
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:  
City Attorney Will Carlson  
Finance Director Steve Marshall  
Community Development Director Michael Eggett  
Parks and Recreation Director Kresta Robinson  
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley  
Fire Chief Eric Froerer  
Police Chief Brian Wallace

**\*\*THE DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDING FOR THIS MEETING FAILED; THEREFORE, NO AUDIO IS AVAILABLE.**

1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda

Mayor Nagle called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. as a special meeting, with notice of time, place, and agenda provided 24 hours in advance to the newspaper and each Councilmember. She asked all visitors present if any wished to provide an invocation or thought; Councilmember Duncan provided an invocation. Councilmember Peterson led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2012 were reviewed.

COUNCILMEMBER LISONBEE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2012. COUNCILMEMBER DUNCAN SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

3. Public Comments

1 Robert Gardner stated his comments are regarding the potential expansion of the Family Fun Center. He stated he  
2 attended a meeting last week and it ended up being a Planning Commission meeting. He stated there are five homes  
3 bordering the property line with the Family Fun Center and 80 percent of those property owners were in attendance to  
4 address the Board and it was like they were talking to a brick wall. He stated there has been much time and effort spent on  
5 this, but the first time residents were allowed to say anything about the project was last week, but it seemed like the project  
6 was already a done deal. He stated that the residents have concerns about noise and pollution issues that have not been  
7 addressed. He asked when it will be time for the residents' voices to be heard. He stated that he asked the Commission about  
8 requiring that the doors to the building remain closed to keep the sound in. He stated that one argument that has been posed  
9 to the residents is that they knew they were building next to a commercial zone. He stated he has heard similar concerns  
10 from residents that live near the Syracuse Theater and the homes in that area are 500 or 600 feet away from the Theater. He  
11 stated his home is 25 feet away from the Fun Center and he wondered who will protect him. He stated that maybe the  
12 \$300,000 that is being donated by the City should be used to put up a sound wall. He stated he is also concerned about the  
13 tall lights that will shine into the houses of the residents bordering the Fun Center. Mayor Nagle stated Mr. Gardner's time  
14 has expired, but she asked him to stay after the meeting to talk to her about his concerns.

15 Laura Streeter stated that she also has concerns about the Fun Center; she has concerns about the excess noise and  
16 the exhaust that will be generated by the go carts. She referenced some studies regarding asthma associated with increases in  
17 pollution. She stated that the residents living near the Fun Center need to be heard because there are too many negative  
18 impacts that will be put on the nearby residents while nothing positive will come from the project.

19 Terry Palmer stated that he wanted to make some comments regarding Robinson Waste. He stated that he is a  
20 business owner and he understands how someone can make a mistake by placing a decimal point in the wrong spot. He  
21 stated that he has always run his life based on what was meant to be and he never liked to cheat anyone out of anything just to  
22 increase his ability to make a profit. He stated that he does not know Mr. Robinson and he did not plan on speaking about  
23 this issue, but he feels that it is inappropriate for the City to agree to extend the contract for only one year after Mr. Robinson  
24 has been willing up his guaranteed contract. He stated that he feels the City should extend the contract for a period of three  
25 years. He stated that Mr. Robinson has been "raked over the coals" too much by the Council and his feelings are that Mr.  
26 Robinson should be treated honestly and fairly and he would like to believe the rest of Syracuse is the same way.



1 TJ Jensen stated that Councilmember Johnson reported during the work session and the Antelope Island Stampede  
2 will be held this weekend. He stated that he attended the County Commission meeting this morning and there was much  
3 discussion about the event. He highlighted some of the events that will be taking place at the festival. He then mentioned the  
4 upcoming Davis County Gala and reported that the purpose of the event is to raise funding for the Unlimited Play Park to be  
5 constructed in the City. He stated the event will be held September 6 and he thinks it is very nice that the County is throwing  
6 its weight behind the project.

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8 4. Public Hearing – Authorize Administration to dispose of surplus property.

9 A staff memo provided a list of items that the City would like to dispose of. The list is as follows:

10 **Fire Department**

11 We allocated funds in our budget for this compressor to be replaced because it cannot provide adequate pressure  
12 required for the large apparatus tires. The new compressor has been purchased and installed.

- 13 - 1997 Campbell Hausfeld 6.5 HP 60 Gallon 125 PSI Air Compressor  
14 240V/15A/60HZ/1PH Model VT627503AJ

15 **IT Department**

16 This equipment was used to print and process our postcard style of utility billing. Since we have moved to an  
17 envelope style of printing and mailing our utility bills, this equipment is no longer necessary. The Betco auto  
18 scrubber has been used on the cement floors a total of five hours in three years, which we feel makes it unnecessary  
19 as well.

- 20 - OKI Pacemark 4410 Workgroup Dot Matrix Printer  
21 - HASLER WJ60/90AF MAILING MACHINE AUTO FEED  
22 - Martin Yale Tabletop Burster  
23 - Betco 26” auto scrubber

24 **Parks & Recreation Department**

25 We purchased the bags when we first opened the Community Center. Since that time, there has not been an interest  
26 in having a kickboxing class. Because of the lack of use and considering that the bags scrape the gym floor, we feel  
27 it best to dispose of them.

1 (10) Wave Master XXXL Kickboxing bags.

2 Mr. Rice summarized the staff memo and highlighted the items to be disposed of.

3 Mayor Nagle convened the public hearing; there being no persons appearing to make public comments, the public  
4 hearing was closed.

5 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF  
6 SURPLUS PROPERTY. COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

7 Councilmember Duncan stated that he is a fiscal hawk and he wanted to note that the City is fairly large with a large  
8 budget and this is not a bad list considering the size of the City's budget.

9 Mayor Nagle stated there has been a motion and a second regarding the request to dispose of surplus property and  
10 she called for a vote. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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12 5. Authorize Administration to execute the contract with Robinson Waste Management.

13 A memo from the City Attorney explained Robinson Waste Management and the City entered into a Garbage  
14 Collection Contract ("Contract") dated April 1, 2009. In the contract, Robinson had a unilateral right to renew the contract  
15 and the City agreed to pay Robinson a fuel allowance per household per month of .33% of the price of the price of diesel over  
16 \$3.00 per gallon ("Fuel Surcharge"). On June 26, 2012 Robinson offered the City a new contract with a term of three years.  
17 The City Council counter-offered with a term of one year. Robinson has now provided a counter-offer with a term of two  
18 years.

19 Based on services for waste collection outlined in Robinson's July 31 invoice, staff provided an estimate of the  
20 annual expenses to the city under the current and proposed contract as well as the estimated costs of an alternative provider  
21 (estimate included in Council packet).

22 Robinson's proposed rates for traditional collection are an improvement from the current rates. The fuel surcharge  
23 will increase from 0.33% to 33% and from a per house rate to a per service rate, but it will not initiate until diesel prices  
24 surpass \$3.50 per gallon. Collecting on one side of the street will save the City money, and the greatest monetary savings  
25 would be achieved by selecting an alternative provider to implement this collection method.

1 COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE  
2 THE CONTRACT WITH ROBINSON WASTE MANAGEMENT USING THE TRADITIONAL COLLECTION  
3 METHOD. COUNCILMEMBER DUNCAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

4 After brief discussion amongst the Council, Mayor Nagle stated there has been a motion and a second to authorize  
5 execution of the contract and she called for a vote. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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8 At 7:33 p.m. COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER  
9 PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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14 Jamie Nagle  
15 Mayor

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Cassie Z. Brown, CMC  
City Recorder

16 Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes of the Syracuse City Council Work Session Meeting, September 25, 2012.

Minutes of the Work Session meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on September 25, 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 (participated via telephone)  
Douglas Peterson

Councilmember Shingleton was excused from the meeting.

Mayor Jamie Nagle  
Finance Director/Acting City Manager Steve Marshall  
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:

City Attorney Will Carlson  
Community Development Director Michael Eggett  
Police Chief Brian Wallace  
Fire Chief Eric Froerer  
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley  
Detective Corey Rowley  
City Engineer Brian Bloeman  
Utility Billing Manager Holly Craythorn

Visitors Present:

Joe Levi	Kelsie Clegg	Dana Bird
Jeremiah Zohner	Patrick Lair	Jon Fisher
Kerry Call	Dylan Call	Reece Martineau
Colby Hughes	Matthew Powell	Shane Crowton
Scott Taylor	Makensey Swanson	Brooklynn Follett
Kelsey Broadbent	Brantley McGuire	Hayden Johnson
Landon Ostler	Dee Lamph	Jason Hellewell
Jake McFadden	Max McFadden	Joseph McFadden
David Murray	Kyle Murray	Jayden Bearnson
Rieley Gibson	Logan Harker	Aneisa Shepherd
Trevor Poll	Dainera Sickler	Tara McCready
Mackenzie Tuttle	Sarah McEntire	Emily Johnson
Paige Trimble	Katelyn Davidson	Ray Zaugg

The purpose of the Work Session was for the Governing Body to receive public comment, discuss a potential budget opening, discuss Community Development Areas (CDAs), review the proposed rewrite of Title Seven of the Syracuse City Code, and discuss Council business.

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Public comment.

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1 Joe Levi stated that he has been following the rewrite of Title Seven and he has some concerns, especially regarding  
2 some of the comments that have been made, so he wanted to provide a hypothetical situation for the Council to consider. He  
3 stated that someday down the road the City wants to turn over some power to the Public Works Director to make the streets  
4 safer by adding more light to sidewalks and roads and the City will let the Public Works Director, who the City has full faith  
5 and trust in, tell citizens that they must have 100 watt light bulbs on their front porches and they must burn that light from  
6 dusk until dawn because it makes the City safer when there are lit streets and sidewalks. He stated that eventually the Public  
7 Works Director may decide to dictate that residents need to use compact fluorescents or LED lights. He reiterated “we” have  
8 full faith in the Public Works Director and no one thinks that “we” should make the City less safe by not having porch lights  
9 on, but dictating that by regulation or by rule is not appropriate and is something that is best left up to the legislative body.  
10 He stated the City Council is the people who write the laws and make the rules; not because “we” do not have faith in the  
11 Public Works Director. He stated it is ridiculous that “we” would turn over legislative power to an appointed person, even if  
12 that person has the full faith and trust of the City. He stated that if that person comes to the City Council and recommends  
13 that lights be required to be on all the time and that an ordinance should be passed requiring that and the City Council allows  
14 public comment and then decides that they are going to do that because they value the input of the employee making the  
15 recommendation, that can be done at this table in front of the Council and the public. He stated those decisions should not be  
16 made by someone that is appointed rather than elected. He stated that it is a bad precedent to set. He stated that he knows  
17 that the Council is not talking about Public Works and instead another department of the City is the subject of Title Seven,  
18 but the subject is passing off legislative responsibilities to an appointed person and that is wrong. He stated that “we” still  
19 have full faith and trust in the Fire Chief, but saying that the Fire Chief should be allowed to make rules and regulations that  
20 are enforceable by punishment of law, that is not appropriate and should be done by the Council. He stated it is not the  
21 Council’s job to pawn off those responsibilities by delegating them to other people. He stated doing so is a dereliction of the  
22 Council’s duty because the citizens elected and hire them to write the laws of the City and he does not want someone that he  
23 has not elected making rules or laws for him.

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26 Ray Zaugg stated that regarding Title Seven he would like to talk about the agricultural aspect of that document;  
27 there are laws on the books in Utah that talk about not requiring permits to burn along fence rows, etc. He stated the City

1 should adhere to State laws so that “we” do not get crosswise with the regulations regarding required permits. He stated that  
2 farmers are simply required to notify the Fire Department of their intent to burn on a specific day. He then stated the other  
3 thing he wanted to mention is that his wife called the City today to check on the prices for burial plots for infants and there  
4 seem to be two different costs advertised by the City. He stated his wife looked on the City’s website and found one price,  
5 but when she called the price she was told over the phone was higher. He stated that error needs to be remedied and the  
6 prices on the internet should be honored.

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9 Discussion regarding potential budget opening

10 A staff memo from Finance Director Marshall explained he has closed the books for FY2012 and is currently  
11 awaiting the financial auditor’s completion of the audit. The City’s unrestricted fund balance in the general fund at June 30,  
12 2012 increased to \$1,454,387 or approximately 17.26% of budgeted revenues. State Code requires that our fund balance be  
13 between 5-18%. Administration’s philosophy is to maintain a healthy fund balance between 10-14%. This allows the city to  
14 maintain a healthy rainy day fund but also allows a portion of fund balance to be used in operations for our most critical  
15 needs. Staff has also projected revenues in FY2013 that are going to exceed original budgeted amounts. Administration has  
16 brainstormed and come up with several options for using these excess revenues and fund balance. Administration  
17 recommends that the excess revenues and fund balance be used for suggested options within the power point slide.  
18 Administration also recommends that we move forward with the additional capital improvements projects.

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20 Finance Director Marshall summarized his staff memo, with some input from City Manager Rice.

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22 Councilmember Duncan stated that if there are so many Fire Fighters working to put out fires in other cities, how the  
23 City’s Fire Department is being staffed. He asked if overtime wages are being paid. Fire Chief Froerer stated that there are  
24 never more than two Fire Fighters sent to another jurisdiction at one time, but if the City had more resources that number  
25 could be increased. He stated the crew is backfilled with part time staff and overtime rates are paid. Mr. Rice added that  
26 there is never a detriment to the City’s operation when Fire Fighters are sent to fight forest fighters.

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28 Mr. Marshall resumed reviewing his presentation.

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30 Mr. Rice then provided his explanation for why he feels employees deserve a merit pay increase.

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1 Councilmember Johnson asked for details on how the merit pay increases would be applied. He asked if all  
2 employees would receive the same amount of money across the board. Mr. Rice explained that the pay raises would be based  
3 on merit which will be determined by the results of the annual employee review process. He stated that he and the  
4 Department Heads will determine how much each employee gets based on their performance. Mayor Nagle clarified it is not  
5 a cost of living adjustment (COLA). Mr. Rice agreed and stated that there are some employees that may not get anything and  
6 some that will get more than others. Councilmember Johnson asked what the average pay increase will be. Mr. Rice stated  
7 that \$150,000 would provide an average three percent increase for everyone.

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9 Mayor Nagle stated this is probably a good time to talk about the wages for the Police Officers and what has  
10 recently been discovered. Mr. Rice stated that one Police Officer submitted a resignation today so he can take a job in  
11 Bountiful. Chief Wallace stated the officer has been with the City for a year and he was initially a reserve officer; he will  
12 receive a \$3.00 per hour increase in Bountiful, which equates to \$6,000 a year. He stated that two other officers are going to  
13 Kaysville and they could potentially get a \$5.00 per hour pay increase, which equates to approximately \$10,000 per year.  
14 Mayor Nagle stated that the City has made a significant investment in one of those officers. Chief Wallace agreed and stated  
15 one is the K-9 officer. Councilmember Johnson asked what percentage increase \$10,000 translates to. Mr. Marshall stated it  
16 is approximately a 30 percent increase. Chief Wallace stated Syracuse City has the lowest paid Police Department in Davis  
17 County. Councilmember Johnson stated the Council budgeted some money for raises for Police Officers and he asked if that  
18 has been implemented. Mayor Nagle stated those raises will not be implemented until after Chief Wallace retires. Mr. Rice  
19 added that the money generated by Chief Wallace's retirement is not a lot.

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21 Councilmember Lisonbee asked if the Police Officers that are moving to the other cities are all staying in the same  
22 position with those other cities. Chief Wallace answered yes; they will all be patrolmen in the other cities. He added that  
23 Syracuse City will lose the K-9 Officer and the dog because he goes with the officer.

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25 Mr. Marshall continued his presentation regarding how the money in the budget opening will be divided.

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1 Councilmember Duncan stated that he does not understand the comparison Mr. Marshall has used whereby he  
2 compares salaries and then household incomes. He stated that is comparing apples and oranges because if the median income  
3 in Syracuse is \$80,000, but two thirds of households have dual incomes, he wondered how that compares. He stated that  
4 each person could be making \$40,000 a piece. Councilmember Peterson agreed and he noticed that comparison also, but the  
5 thing that stood out to him the most in the presentation is the argument for the need to invest in employees. He stated the  
6 employees need a raise because they have not had one for a long time and they deserve one. Councilmember Duncan stated  
7 he has another concern. He stated that merit pay is hard to do in government; he is worried about the guys that are making  
8 \$12.00 per hour because they are at the bottom and he wondered if they should be given more consideration than those  
9 making considerably more money. Mayor Nagle stated that the raises will be discretionary based on performance.  
10 Councilmember Johnson stated he would also think that the staff would look at the current salary of certain employees and  
11 see if there is a way to get them more of an increase if they are underpaid. Councilmember Duncan asked how many cities  
12 responded to the request for information regarding their salaries. He stated he would like to see how Syracuse compares to  
13 other cities; it is hard to compare to a private sector. He stated he knows of certain government employees that are making  
14 more money than those in the private sector. Mayor Nagle stated that it is not possible to benchmark a Police Officer's salary  
15 with a salary in the private sector. Councilmember Duncan stated he knows that and that is why he would like to see the  
16 information from other cities. City Recorder Brown stated that the staff did not conduct a true benchmark analysis; instead  
17 they just asked what cities had provided raises to their employees over the past five years. She stated that if the Council  
18 wants an actual benchmark it would be possible for staff to provide that by using a program the City subscribes to that  
19 provides data for every City in the entire State. She stated, however, that staff has done that in the past year and it was  
20 rejected. Councilmember Johnson stated he feels the information is more viable now that the City has the money available to  
21 potentially provide wage increases.

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23 Mr. Marshall asked if the Council wants staff to conduct a true benchmark study. Councilmember Duncan answered  
24 yes. Mayor Nagle stated she is frustrated; the Council has had the packet available to them since last week and if they  
25 wanted additional information they should have asked for that so that staff could provide it at this meeting. Ms. Brown added  
26 that benchmark surveys do not communicate that certain employees deserve a certain percentage in terms of a raise; instead  
27 benchmark data is typically used to set the overall wage scale of the City. She stated that if the starting pay for a patrolman



1 in Kaysville is \$17.00 per hour and Syracuse City's is \$12.00 per hour, the Council needs to do a lot more than give raises –  
2 they need to adjust the entire wage scale. She stated that is what the City did in 2007, which was the last time employees  
3 received raises. She stated that same wage scale has never been adjusted again based on the true cost of living. She stated if  
4 staff is being directed to conduct a survey they need to know exactly what the Council is asking for. Councilmember  
5 Peterson stated he does not mind seeing that information, but it is pretty safe to say that the City's wages are low. He stated  
6 that property taxes were raised in 2007 in order to adjust the City's wage scale according to benchmarking data, but no raises  
7 have been given since then. He stated he would think it is safe to say that the City's wages are low. Mayor Nagle added she  
8 also thinks it is safe to say that there has been a general consensus from the Council that the economy is still "in the toilet"  
9 and it is the employees that have recognized these savings in the City's budget. She stated that even with the surplus the City  
10 is dealing with, they have been able to put \$3.7 million into roads and infrastructure this year. She stated that three years ago  
11 that same budget was \$78,000. She stated that at some point the Council needs to recognize that the City asked the  
12 employees to tighten their belts and reconfigure the way they do business and they have done that and they are deserving of a  
13 raise. She stated that just because someone works for government does not mean they should never receive a raise.

14 Councilmember Duncan stated he understands that, but he also recognizes that the average household income for the middle  
15 class in the United States is shrinking right now, so it is not just a government issue; revenues are a problem and people are  
16 struggling across the board. He stated that he struggles with this because there are several citizens who are not keeping pace;  
17 they are losing money over the last five or six years. He stated the Council needs to find a balance; he is not saying he is  
18 against wage increases, but his biggest concern is dealing with the people that are floundering at the bottom. He stated that  
19 he worked for government in Atlanta and he was at the bottom when he started and one of the first things they did was put a  
20 pay freeze on for two years; he was making less than \$40,000 a year and paying student loans and the pay freeze hurt him  
21 more than it hurt his boss who was making over \$100,000 a year. He stated there are several things the Council needs to  
22 consider and understand that the economy is affecting everyone, but also try to understand who it is affecting the most.

23 Mayor Nagle stated that she takes issue with that because at the last meeting Councilmember Duncan said that one of the  
24 reasons he was opposed to the Ninigret project was because of the high demographics of the City and that our citizens did not  
25 need those jobs. She stated that if he is saying the economy is so healthy that the City does not need to look at jobs, why is  
26 the Council not considering raises for our associates that have provided the budget turnaround for the City.

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1 Councilmember Lisonbee stated that she has a few concerns as well; she agrees that, while it would be nice to pay  
2 everyone enough for them to be really comfortable and have yearly raises, the bottom line when she is out talking to citizens  
3 is that most of them have not received a raise in as many years and they do not expect a raise in the near future. Mayor Nagle  
4 disagreed. Councilmember Lisonbee stated that one of her concerns is that if the Council commits this amount of money this  
5 year, that will translate to an ongoing commitment of more than \$150,000, which ultimately translates to \$2 million over the  
6 next 10 years. She stated the Council does not know what will happen next year and what will be needed in infrastructure  
7 upgrades and other costs. She stated it may be unwise for the Council to commit that kind of capital outlay for the next 10  
8 years until they are sure what they are facing as far as infrastructure needs. She stated that in looking at wages the City is  
9 fairly comparable when considering the increase in benefits that public employees get according to the study done by the  
10 Utah Tax Association; public employees receive approximately five percent more in benefits than their private sector  
11 counterparts. Mayor Nagle stated that the Department of Human Resource Management of the State is required by law to  
12 conduct a benchmark salary survey every two years. She stated that this was headed by John Dougal who said he did not  
13 have confidence that the State was giving accurate information and so at the Legislative Session two years ago the  
14 Legislature funded Mercer to conduct an independent study. She stated that while they did say that the benefits were richer,  
15 they also said the wages were lower and that survey must be considered in totality. She stated that is why the State  
16 employees received a benefit and wage increase this year. She stated Councilmember Lisonbee's comments are absolutely  
17 true when considering federal wages and that is what Mercer debunked with their study; the federal wages and benefits far  
18 exceed state and municipality wages and that is where the difference is. She stated there is merit to what Councilmember  
19 Lisonbee is saying, but that is considering federal benefits rather than benefits on the local level. Councilmember Lisonbee  
20 stated that the study she was referring to was conducted by the Utah Taxpayers Association and it was referring directly to  
21 communities; it was written by a certified public accountant (CPA) who was on the Council of one of the cities and he  
22 figured that out. Mayor Nagle stated it is not a comprehensive survey. Councilmember Lisonbee stated she simply wanted to  
23 express her concerns. Mayor Nagle stated that she finds it very problematic that the Council has asked the employees to do  
24 so much and they get beat over the head constantly; they are not appreciated, they are told to do more, and that they do not  
25 deserve the pay or the benefits they get. She stated they have sacrificed a lot and there will always be the need to invest in  
26 employees and if that is not done, the employees will leave. She stated the City has seen good employees leave and there is  
27 the potential for even more to leave. She stated the City invest in their training and then cannot retain them. She stated that

1 at some point the Council needs to stand up and say they are being very responsible with the taxpayers' dollars and  
2 recognizing the employees for all they have done. She stated the Council is not bringing ideas for cost savings; rather those  
3 ideas are being brought to the Council by the employees. She stated that at some point the Council needs to be willing to  
4 invest in the employees. Ms. Brown stated that the Council continues to refer to people employed in the private sector that  
5 have lost money over the last several years. She stated that the same is true for City employees. She stated that she started  
6 working for the City in 2006 and she received an increase in 2007, but every year since then her wages have actually been  
7 decreased due to increased benefits that have been passed on to the employees. She added that the 401K match that was  
8 given to the employees was also eliminated. She stated that she is concerned that City employees are being compared to  
9 employees in the private sector and comments are being made that the private sector employees have been impacted  
10 negatively while the City employees have not. She stated that is not true. Councilmember Duncan stated that is not what he  
11 is saying; he is simply saying that the Council needs to consider the reality. He stated he thinks everyone should make more  
12 money. He stated that at his own employment the pay increases have been decreased at the expense of the partners. Mayor  
13 Nagle asked if the wage increases have been reduced or eliminated. Councilmember Duncan stated some wage increases are  
14 still given, but it is at the expense of his firm making any profits. Mayor Nagle stated that she works in the human resources  
15 field and she is currently conducting a massive survey of private sector employees and she can tell the rest of the Council that  
16 the increases have not stopped and they have actually picked up. She stated that over the last two years the vast majority of  
17 employers are giving raises. Councilmember Duncan stated that he talks to a lot of citizens that say they have not received a  
18 raise for a significant amount of time. He stated his concern is that the Council needs to consider the economy and find out  
19 how to justify a three percent increase when there are citizens that have not received raises in several years. Mr. Rice stated  
20 that he is missing Councilmember Duncan's point. He stated that revenues in the City have been increased by \$700,000 due  
21 to the work of the employees; if the Council looks at the City as a business they must understand the employees have made  
22 the business stronger. He stated that businesses that do very well invest in their employees. Councilmember Johnson agrees  
23 with Mr. Rice. He stated that if one company is doing very well and is capable of giving raises to their employees, they  
24 should not forego those raises just because another company may not be doing as well as them. He stated he thinks the  
25 Council needs to be smart and look at investment along with the competitive nature of the City's wages. He added that he  
26 also feels the money needs to be budgeted in the City's budget each year. He stated that will alleviate some of  
27 Councilmember Lisonbee's concerns; if the revenue is ongoing each year the City will have the money to pay for the raises.

1 He stated that he does not have a problem with the request and he does not think the staff is actually asking for that much  
2 money, especially when the employees have not received raises for some time.

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4 Fire Chief Froerer stated that it is worth reiterating the Mayor's point about the cost of losing talent. He stated that it  
5 will cost a large amount of money to replace the K-9 Officer and his dog. He stated that he has employees that are looking  
6 for employment elsewhere as well and if he were to lose one of his Engine Bosses that would be a severe detriment to the  
7 City's wildland program that produces \$200,000 in revenue for the City. He stated the same is true in any department of the  
8 City. Councilmember Duncan stated that is why he wants the benchmark data; he wants to compare apples to apples. He  
9 stated he does not want to simply give raises because the employees deserve it; there are a lot of people that deserve raises  
10 and they are not getting them right now. He stated he wants the City to be competitive and that is the most important issue to  
11 him. He stated he does not see the information to address the issue of competitiveness in the packet for this meeting. He  
12 then stated he wanted to respond to the Mayor's comments about Ninigret. He stated that in looking at the median household  
13 income for Syracuse residents, which is \$80,000, that is why he has said that Ninigret will not provide a whole lot of jobs for  
14 the residents here because they do not work for those kinds of wages. Mayor Nagle stated the \$80,000 is made up of two  
15 incomes. Councilmember Duncan stated that people will not be earning \$40,000 working for the types of companies that  
16 will be located in the Ninigret development. Mr. Rice stated they will actually be making a little more. Mayor Nagle stated  
17 that \$40,000 is less than \$20 per hour. Councilmember Duncan stated that he does not foresee Ninigret bringing a lot of jobs  
18 to the City, but he does not know how it relates to this discussion.

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20 Councilmember Peterson stated that he agrees with Councilmember Duncan in his request for benchmark data, but  
21 not for the reasons of justifying the \$150,000 that the staff is asking for. He stated he thinks the work the employees have  
22 done justifies the \$150,000. He stated he would like the benchmark data to be used in preparation of next year's budget and  
23 he would like to look at the wage scale as a whole.

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25 Mr. Marshall then continued to review his presentation, with input from Mr. Rice and Mayor Nagle.

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1 Councilmember Lisonbee stated that if the Council is considering giving a three percent increase across the board  
2 she would like to see a benchmark study done comparing the City to cities of like size and population. She stated she thinks  
3 that the City's salaries are actually above the average in some areas while there may be some that are lower than average.  
4 Mayor Nagle stated that the staff is not talking about giving a three percent increase across the board; rather the employees  
5 will receive a raise based on their merit, though \$150,000 spread across the number of employees the City currently has  
6 averages three percent. Councilmember Duncan stated that he would like to see the benchmark data that Councilmember  
7 Lisonbee is asking for. Mayor Nagle concurred. Councilmember Lisonbee then stated she wanted to discuss some of the  
8 other items in the budget opening presentation. She stated she would submit that it may be wiser to purchase used trucks for  
9 the Fire Department because that will prevent the City from paying a premium for a new automobile.

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11 Mayor Nagle stated that she is not in favor of bringing on new Police Officers right now; the City is in the process of  
12 transitioning to a new Police Chief and she thinks it will be better to wait until a new Chief is on board and allow him to  
13 assess the Department and bring the proposal to the Council if he feels it is necessary. Councilmembers Johnson and Duncan  
14 agreed. Mayor Nagle stated that if the Police Officers are paid such low wages she would rather forego the hiring of  
15 additional Police Officers and raise the wages of the existing officers to where they need to be in order for the City to be  
16 competitive. Councilmember Duncan agreed and stated the reason he wants the benchmark data is because competitiveness is  
17 a high priority to him. He asked if it would be appropriate to consider diving the \$150,000 in a manner that some could be  
18 used for merit increases the rest could be used for COLA. Mayor Nagle stated that she thinks COLA's are a horribly bad  
19 idea because they reward someone that is just barely showing up for work every day the same as the top performers.  
20 Councilmember Johnson agreed. Councilmember Duncan stated that the idea is that looking at both options would be  
21 important for the City; if the City gives a COLA the wage scale will be adjusted. Mayor Nagle stated that the wage scale can  
22 be adjusted without a COLA increase.

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24 Councilmember Peterson stated that regarding the issue of hiring new Police Officers, he has heard that there should  
25 be one Police Officer per 1,000 residents in the City. He stated Syracuse has 19 Police Officers and a population of 25,000.  
26 He stated he sees some merit in adding new Police Officers. Councilmember Johnson asked where that statistic comes from.  
27 Mr. Rice stated that it is a generally recognized rule amongst the law enforcement community. Councilmember Duncan

1 stated the numbers are a good guidepost, but it would be better to look at reality when determining how many officers the  
2 City needs. Mr. Rice stated that the City is always short on patrolmen because many officers are assigned to other tasks. He  
3 stated he thinks the City needs more Police Officers but he agrees it would be appropriate for the new Police Chief to assess  
4 the Department and bring a proposal to the Council as necessary. He then provided an explanation for the proposal to  
5 transition to Police Officers using motorcycles.

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7 Mayor Nagle then stated she wants to get a response to Councilmember Lisonbee's recommendation to purchase  
8 used vehicles rather than new ones. Mr. Rice stated that the City has access to the State contract, which can be used to  
9 purchase vehicles. Chief Froerer added that the City has access to significantly reduced prices for vehicles. He stated that he  
10 also does not know that the City will find the type of vehicles the City needs when searching used vehicles.

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12 Councilmember Johnson stated that he thinks the City needs to consider paying down some debt the City currently  
13 holds. He provided a further explanation; that led to a discussion about how much money the Council would like to keep in  
14 the City's "rainy day fund". Mayor Nagle stated she would rather see the money used for roads than to pay down debt.  
15 Councilmember Johnson stated that he does not want all of the money to go to paying down debt, but some of it could be  
16 used for that purpose.

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18 Councilmember Duncan asked a question about the camera the City purchased to evaluate underground  
19 infrastructure. Mr. Whiteley stated the camera has not been received by the City, but it will be used throughout the winter to  
20 assess the infrastructure. He stated after that is done he can provide more firm data to the Council.

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22 Councilmember Johnson inquired as to the state of the emergency equipment the City has to use to respond to a  
23 disaster or emergency. He asked what would be done in the case of food shortage, etc. Mayor Nagle stated that food  
24 shortage issues are not the responsibility of the City. Mr. Rice stated that the City has generators and other equipment to  
25 assist in the case of an emergency or disaster. A discussion regarding emergency response equipment then ensued.

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1 Councilmember Duncan asked for information about the proposal to purchase additional vehicles for the City. Mr.  
2 Marshall stated he will cover than in the continued review of his presentation.

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4 Councilmember Lisonbee asked about the expenditures related to grants. She asked if the City will be transporting  
5 children in the new recreation bus. Mr. Rice stated that it will be used for any recreation program. Councilmember Lisonbee  
6 inquired as to the long term expenditures and liabilities associated with that purchase. Mayor Nagle stated that the City  
7 already has a bus and this bus will replace it and the old one will be sold; it will not require any additional staffing or outlay.  
8 Councilmember Lisonbee stated that her understanding is that the bus currently owned by the City is very rarely used  
9 because it can only be used for the senior program, but if the City has a bus that can be used for all programs it will be used  
10 much more frequently and there will be more costs associated with that. Mr. Rice stated that the City charges the participants  
11 for the trips, which helps to cover some of those costs.

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13 Mr. Marshall then continued reviewing his presentation and responded to some of the comments and questions  
14 raised by the Council. The Council continued the discussion regarding how to use the fund balance.

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16 Public Works Director Whiteley then reviewed his presentation regarding the prioritization of road and water  
17 projects throughout the City. This led to a discussion of the projects among the Council and staff.

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19 Mayor Nagle thanked the staff for their work on this presentation as well as the budget.  
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22 Discussion regarding Community Development Areas (CDAs)

23 A memo from City Attorney Carlson explained after the Syracuse Redevelopment Agency and Syracuse City  
24 Council approved the Economic Development Project Area Plan for the area east of Syracuse High School, Councilmember  
25 Lisonbee asked the City Attorney to research whether the city could unilaterally create a Community Development Project  
26 Area Plan (CDA Plan) for at least part of that same area. This memorandum is the answer to that request. The City Attorney's

1 conclusions are 1- The City has the power, in concert with the Syracuse Redevelopment Agency, to create a CDA plan  
2 without the participation of any other taxing entities, and 2- The current ambiguity regarding development in the area, the  
3 lack of funding for unilateral plans, and the high likelihood of a need to amend the plan later lead the City Attorney to  
4 recommend against proceeding with a CDA plan at this time. The Syracuse Redevelopment Agency was created under an  
5 earlier version of State code which has since been replaced. While a CDA plan can include as much additional information as  
6 the Agency deems necessary or advisable, there are eleven elements which the CDA plan must include:

- 7 1. A description of the boundaries of the project area;
- 8 2. A general statement of the land uses, layout of principal streets, population densities, and building intensities of the  
9 project area and how they will be affected by the community development;
- 10 3. The standards that will guide the community development;
- 11 4. A demonstration of how the purposes of a CDA will be attained by the community development;
- 12 5. Indication of consistency with the general plan and show that the community development will conform to the  
13 community's general plan;
- 14 6. A description of any specific project or projects that are the object of the proposed community development;
- 15 7. Identification of how private developers will be selected to undertake the community development and identification  
16 of each private developer currently involved in the community development process;
- 17 8. The reasons for the selection of the project area;
- 18 9. A description of the physical, social, and economic conditions existing in the project area;
- 19 10. A description of any tax incentives offered private entities for facilities located in the project area; and
- 20 11. An analysis of the anticipated public benefit to be derived from the community development, including the  
21 beneficial influences upon the tax base of the community and the associated business and economic activity likely to  
22 be stimulated. UCA §17C-4-103

23 The process for approving a CDA plan is outlined by state code. Before taking any action, the Agency must adopt a  
24 resolution that authorizes the preparation of a draft CDA plan. UCA §17C-4-101. At that point, the draft CDA plan is created  
25 and the Agency conducts any examination, investigation, and negotiation that the agency considers appropriate. §17C-4-102.  
26 The CDA plan must then be made available to the public. A public hearing must be held next, after which the Agency can  
27 revise, reject, or approve the CDA plan. At that point, the CDA plan is presented to the City Council for adoption.



1 Plans are funded by an agency based on the project area budget. The agency usually obtains the funding for the  
2 project area budget by collecting a tax increment. A "tax increment" is the difference between the amount of property tax  
3 revenues generated each year in the project area and the amount of property tax revenues that would be generated from that  
4 same area if the plan had not been implemented. The tax increment only comes from taxes paid in the identified project area.  
5 Tax payers outside the project area do not subsidize the increment.

6 EDAs, URAs, and RDAs created prior to 2006 are funded by the tax increment as approved by a Taxing Entity  
7 Committee ("TEC") A TEC consists of representatives of:

- 8 1. The School District;
- 9 2. The County;
- 10 3. The City;
- 11 4. The State Board of Education; and
- 12 5. Special Districts.

13 As representatives of government agencies that each collect a portion of property taxes, these members of the TEC  
14 are empowered to commit their respective agencies to a specific amount or percentage of tax increment to dedicate to the  
15 Project Area Plan's budget.

16 CDA plans are funded differently. Rather than form a committee to approve the tax increment, the Agency must  
17 come to an agreement with each independent taxing entity regarding how much, if anything, the entity is willing to dedicate  
18 to the CDA plan. This agreement can be memorialized through an interlocal agreement or a resolution. Utah Code §17C-4-  
19 201(2). This allows an Agency to create a CDA plan regardless of the cooperation of other taxing entities, but it also  
20 complicates funding of the plan.

21 According to the Davis County Economic Development Department, the first CDA Plan in Davis County was  
22 implemented in 2010. After implementing the plan, Davis County anticipated that many more could follow and so they  
23 created a guiding policy for county participation in CDAs. *See attached.* County participation is heavily weighted in favor of  
24 job creation. According to Davis County's Marlin Eldred, "we want job creation centers. We are not wanting to incentivize  
25 housing or retail. As you look at the [guiding policy] you will notice the level of participation goes down as there is more  
26 housing and retail in a project area."

1 Mr. Eldred indicated that the Davis School District “views it from a different perspective but the same premise. The  
2 school district views housing will equate to families that will bring kids that they have to provide an education for.... Retail  
3 isn’t a huge drain on them but job creation centers are no drain on the school district.” As a rule, the school district has also  
4 preferred shorter time frames for CDAs than the county.

5 Gauging the interest of the County and School District in any CDA plan is important because of the percentage of  
6 property tax that goes to those entities. Most paid property taxes do not go to the city, so even if the city were to dedicate  
7 100% of a tax increment to a CDA plan, the value of that increment without any other taxing entity would be minimal.

8 City Council interest in creating a CDA plan has focused on the area east of Syracuse High School. Some concern  
9 was expressed by the Council that approving an EDA plan without also creating a CDA plan might give developers the  
10 wrong impression about what kinds of development Syracuse is inclined to approve in that area. In spite of this concern, state  
11 code is quite clear that neither an EDA plan nor a CDA plan constitute a land use ordinance for an area:

12 “An ordinance or resolution adopted under [The Community Development and Renewal Agencies  
13 Act] is not a land use ordinance...” Utah Code §17C-1-104(2).

14 The current EDA plan only addresses and budgets for the area east of the power lines. Any amendments that address  
15 development west of the power lines would have to be approved by both the Agency and every affected taxing entity. Utah  
16 Code §17C-3-109(3). Concerns that the approved EDA plan dictates terms of development west of the power lines are  
17 unfounded. Developers interested in the area must look to the General Plan and the city’s land use ordinances.

18 The land area between Syracuse High and the power lines have been addressed by the General Plan. Current city  
19 planning, zoning, development, and subdivision ordinances also govern the area.

20 While the city could quickly create a description of the boundaries of the project area, the other state requirements  
21 for a CDA plan require information that the city currently lacks. For example, the CDA plan must include a description of the  
22 specific project or projects that are the object of the proposed community development, but right now there are no specific  
23 projects being proposed, nor a clear object of the possible CDA plan, short of enforcing the General Plan. Without a clear  
24 objective and specific projects in support of that objective, the city will have great difficulty identifying a necessary budget  
25 and will be unlikely to convince other taxing entities to contribute tax increment to that budget.

26 As specific projects are proposed for a geographic area, the City will be in an ideal position to evaluate whether  
27 those projects provide a public benefit sufficient to justify diverting property tax dollars from the area back into those

1 projects. If the answer is yes, a CDA is one tool that can be used to incentivize that development. In the absence of any  
2 proposed projects, the General Plan and land use ordinances are more effective tools for communicating city expectations to  
3 developers. If the city creates a plan now, it is highly likely that it will need to be amended when specific projects are  
4 introduced. Such Amendments would require the city to restart the approval process. Utah Code §17C-4-108

5 Mr. Carlson's memo concluded by noting he was asked whether the City could unilaterally create a CDA Plan for  
6 the area east of Syracuse High School. The City Attorney's conclusions are 1- The City has the power, in concert with the  
7 Syracuse Redevelopment Agency, to create a CDA plan without the participation of any other taxing entities, but 2- The  
8 current ambiguity regarding development in the area, the lack of funding for unilateral plans, and the high likelihood of a  
9 need to amend the plan later lead the City Attorney to recommend against proceeding with a CDA plan at this time.

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11 Mr. Carlson summarized his staff memo.

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13 Councilmember Duncan asked if the requirements of a CDA are similar to those for an Economic Development  
14 Area (EDA) plan. Mr. Carlson stated there are some overlapping requirements. He stated the EDA project budget plan is  
15 similar. Councilmember Johnson stated he thinks the recommendation to wait is a good one; he would rather focus on the  
16 General Plan for that area first. He stated he does not want to see industrial development in the area and so he does not want  
17 to incentivize that kind of development, but he would be happy to incentivize office or commercial space. Councilmember  
18 Duncan stated that EDA's cannot be used to incentivize commercial development. Councilmember Johnson agreed and  
19 stated that the CDA could be overlaid with the EDA. Mr. Rice stated the problem is that there is such a small amount of  
20 money to incentivize because the entity only gets 13 percent of the property tax; the pool of money is very small.

21 Councilmember Johnson stated that an EDA can be used to incentivize job growth through office space development in a  
22 business park. He stated that is what he would recommend. Mayor Nagle stated that the City cannot direct the landowner to  
23 do certain things with their property. Councilmember Johnson stated the Council can direct the staff to have conversations  
24 with the landowners. He reiterated he does not want to incentivize industrial grown west of the power lines. Councilmember  
25 Duncan stated that he wants a CDA in the area, but he does not think it is practical to do that. Mr. Carlson agreed that it is  
26 not practical to do it right now. Councilmember Duncan stated that the City is currently at an impasse with Ninigret and  
27 everyone's ideas need to be considered to determine how the land should be used. Mayor Nagle stated that it sounds like the

1 idea of a CDA should be put on hold until the property owner approaches the City to reopen that discussion. Mr. Carlson  
2 stated that the zoning laws and general plan are land use ordinances and they tell the developer what they cannot do. He  
3 stated that CDA's and EDA's are used as tools to entice certain growth on property. Councilmember Johnson agreed and  
4 reiterated that he wants to continue to work on the general plan. Councilmember Peterson agreed that the idea of a CDA  
5 should be put on hold.

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8 Review of proposed rewrite of Title Seven of the Syracuse City Code – Health and Fire.

9 The recent Council discussion regarding fireworks restrictions brought to the attention of staff some issues with the  
10 current version of Title Seven of the City Code, which deals with Health and Fire. As a result, Fire Chief Froerer and City  
11 Attorney Carlson began working on a draft rewrite of this Title to address those issues. A redlined version of the document  
12 was included in the Council packet as well as a clean version. The Council accepted this document for a first reading during  
13 the September 11 meeting. After further discussion, the Council can give staff direction to set a public hearing for October 9  
14 to consider adoption of a final version of the Title.

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16 Mr. Carlson reviewed the staff memo as well as provided a brief summary of the discussions that have taken place to  
17 date regarding this issue. The Council reviewed the document; discussion ensued and the Council made recommendations  
18 for changes to the document. Input and responses were provided by Chief Froerer, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Carlson. After review,  
19 the Council concluded it would be appropriate to set a public hearing for October 9 to consider final adoption of document.

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22 Council business.

23 Mr. Rice asked if the Council is comfortable scheduling a public hearing to consider the budget opening on October  
24 9. Mayor Nagle asked if staff can get the benchmark data to the Council as soon as possible before the meeting. Mr. Rice  
25 stated it can be provided by the end of the week. Councilmember Duncan stated that is important information for the Council  
26 to have. Mayor Nagle encouraged the Council to contact staff prior to the meeting if they have questions; this will help to  
27 increase the efficiency of meetings.

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COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN 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. COUNCILMEMBER DUNCAN SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Shingleton was not present when this vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned into closed session at [9:21:59 PM](#) p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:39 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Jamie Nagle  
Mayor  
Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cassie Z. Brown, CMC  
City Recorder



# COUNCIL AGENDA

April 9, 2013

## Agenda Item #4

Proposed Resolution R13-09, appointing Sherrie Christensen as the Syracuse City Community and Economic Development Director.

### *Factual Summation*

- Any questions regarding this item can be directed at City Manager Bob Rice.
- Please see attached Proposed Resolution R13-09.

**RESOLUTION NO. R13-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SYRACUSE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING A  
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR  
SYRACUSE CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.06.080 indicates the Community and Economic Development Director is responsible for administering the City's planning, zoning, and other land use ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Syracuse City Council desires to employ a qualified individual to act in the position of Community and Economic Development Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.05.020 of the Syracuse City Municipal Code states that the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council, may appoint and fill vacancies in all appointed offices provided for by law or ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Sherrie Christensen desires to work as the Community and Economic Development Director of Syracuse City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration, Mayor, and Council have found that Sherrie Christensen is qualified for the position based on her experience with the city and other jurisdictions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SYRACUSE CITY, STATE OF UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Appointment.** The Syracuse City Mayor, with advice and consent of the Council, hereby appoints Sherrie Christensen to serve as the Community and Economic Development Director, pursuant to the City's Ordinances, Rules and Regulations.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any section, part or provision of this Resolution is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other portion of this Resolution, and all sections, parts and provisions of this Resolution shall be severable.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SYRACUSE CITY,  
STATE OF UTAH, THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2013.**

**SYRACUSE CITY**

ATTEST:

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Cassie Z. Brown, City Recorder

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie Nagle, Mayor



# COUNCIL AGENDA

April 9, 2013

Agenda Item # 5

Proposed Proclamation declaring April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day in Syracuse City.

### *Factual Summation*

- Syracuse City has been certified as a Tree City USA by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands. In order to be recertified as a Tree City USA City each year the Council is asked to adopt a Proclamation designating a specific day as Arbor Day in Syracuse City.

### *Staff Proposal*

- Adopt Proposed Proclamation declaring April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day in Syracuse City.





**WHEREAS,** In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable energy resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Nagle, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, Utah, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 26, 2013** as



In the City of Syracuse, Utah, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to project our trees and woodlands; and

**FURTHER,** I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

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Mayor Jamie Nagle

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City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown