

The Council and staff discussed minor grammatical changes. A majority of the Council indicated support for putting the proposed Title 16 amendments on a future City Council agenda.

***c. Presentation of 2024 West Jordan Water Conservation Plan***

Public Utilities Director Greg Davenport reported that the City was required to submit an updated Water Conservation Plan every five years. The last update was adopted in 2019, and a new update must be adopted before the end of 2024. Mr. Davenport presented a proposed update to the West Jordan Water Conservation Plan, and received feedback from the Council. Mr. Davenport said he would bring the update plan back to the Council after review by the Planning Commission.

***d. Discussion of proposed amendments to City Code Sections 13-17-2, 12-3-2 and 13-5L-7 to establish sign standards for the Planned Community Hillside (PCH) Zone***

Senior Planner Ray McCandless explained the request for the Council to consider amending the West Jordan Code to establish sign standards for the PCH Zone was in response to a developer asking if a sign could be placed on a storage unit in the PCH Zone.

Council Member Green asked the detrimental impact of allowing a maximum four-foot monument sign. Staff responded it had to do with aesthetics. The Council discussed permitted versus administrative conditional sign uses. Council Member Green suggested taking a closer look at all administrative conditional sign uses and eliminating any with which the Council was not comfortable.

Council Member Shelton would be in favor of permitting monument signs four feet or less in height in the PCH Zone, but not taller. Chair Jacob spoke in favor of administrative conditional approval for kiosk and monuments over four feet in height in the PCH Zone to allow for mitigation of potential detrimental impacts. Council Member Whitelock was comfortable with monument signs under four feet being permitted, and taller requiring administrative conditional approval. A majority of the Council appeared to agree.

The Council discussed the difference between electronic LED and animated signs. Council Member Bloom believed the electronic LED sign technology had improved. Council Member Whitelock would support administrative conditional approval for electronic LED signs in the PCH Zone. Council Member Shelton expressed opposition to allowing electronic LED signs in the PCH Zone due to aesthetic concerns. Chair Jacob would be comfortable with administrative conditional approval for electronic LED signs. Aside from the specific support for administrative conditional approval of LED signs and monument signs over four feet, a majority of the Council expressed general support for the remaining staff recommendations proposed.

***e. Discussion of proposed amendments to Title 8-14-7 - Grave Decorations***

Senior Assistant City Attorney Patrick Boice said previous Council discussion regarding grave decorations included a desire to set a timetable for seasonal decorations, and to allow the Sexton to use compassion and good judgement in administration of the policy.

Mr. Boice noted that a sexton was defined as a keeper of sacred things and he believed the proposed policy prepared by staff encompassed that intent.

Mr. Boice said the proposed policy would allow placement of seasonal decorations three days prior to a holiday through no less than seven days after the holiday. He said concern was expressed by Council Member Whitelock with placing the policy in the hands of the Sexton and removing the Council, but expressed the opinion that there would be benefit in not changing the policy as frequently as had been done. Mr. Boice expressed the opinion that day-to-day operations should be given to the Sexton. Cemetery Sexton Craig Hudson believed it was important to have a strong written policy in place. Mayor Burton suggested the Sexton needed flexibility to manage complaints and issues.

Council Member Green referred to language in the proposed policy regarding headstone attachments or fixtures and felt the language was too vague. He expressed concern with the executive branch having control over the policy, with no oversight from the Council. He preferred incorporating public notice or an input process for any policy changes to ensure that the policy's direction was not influenced by the personality of the Sexton. Council Member Shelton believed being a cemetery sexton required a nuanced approach and he did not want to tie the Sexton's hands. Council Member Green wanted a consistent long-term policy that could be understood.

Mr. Boice emphasized the importance of consistent standards. He reported that the code had been amended in 2017, 2019, and 2022. Chair Jacob believed the decoration policy was an administration issue, not a legislative Council issue. Council Member Whitelock believed policy guardrails were needed. Council Member Green was comfortable with the proposed change but wanted to look at the larger issue of administrative law making in the future.

Staff answered questions from the Council regarding specific proposed policies. Council Members suggested adding an exception in the policy to allow grave decorations to remain for new burials. Chair Jacob believed the decoration policy was an administration issue, he preferred having City Code refer to the policy and agreed it should be consistent. A majority of the Council indicated support for the proposed policy.

#### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

City Administrator Korban Lee shared his experiences visiting the new wheels park, where he witnessed the joy of a six-year-old enjoying the park's wide layout in his wheelchair and large groups of kids gathering after school to use the facility. He described the park as a huge success and presented the Council with signed skateboard decks as a token of appreciation for their support in making the project possible.

#### **5. ADJOURN**

**Chair Jacob moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Green seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (7-0).**

The meeting adjourned on 9:05 pm.