



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – 7:00 pm
Approved June 23, 2021

West Jordan City Council Chambers • 8000 S Redwood Road • West Jordan, UT 84088

COUNCIL: Chair Zach Jacob (joined at 8:37 p.m.), Vice-Chair Kelvin Green, Chad Lamb (absent), Christopher McConnehey, David Pack, Kayleen Whitelock, and Melissa Worthen (absent)

STAFF: IT Director Robert Allred, Council Office Director Alan R. Anderson, Community Engagement & Government Affairs Tauni Barker, Mayor Dirk Burton, Public Works Director Brian Clegg, City Planner/Zoning Administrator Larry Gardner, Community Development Director Scott Langford, City Administrator Korban Lee, IT Administrative Assistant Rachel MacKay, Fire Chief Derek Maxfield, Assistant City Attorney Duncan Murray, Economic Development Director Chris Pengra, Council Office Clerk Cindy Quick, Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck, City Recorder Tangee Sloan, and City Attorney Robert Wall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Green called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Administrator Korban Lee led participants in the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATION

a. Autism Support Classroom Donation

Mikey Jacobson, a teacher at West Jordan High School, spoke of a fundraiser done at West Jordan High for autism awareness. He presented the almost \$1,000 raised to the West Jordan Police Department. An Officer thanked Mr. Jacobson and the Jordan School District. Vice Chair Green contributed the \$31 needed to bring the amount to an even \$1,000. City Administrator Korban Lee recognized the West Jordan Police Department for the advanced preparation and training efforts of the officers. Council Member McConnehey thanked the Police Chief for keeping the Department where it needed to be to take care the needs of the residents, and thanked Mr. Jacobson for his work in the community.

4. CITIZEN COMMENT

Vice Chair Green opened the citizen comment period at 7:15 p.m.

Citizen Comments:

Alexandra Eframo, West Jordan resident, asked for a minute of silence for everyone to count their blessings. She asked everyone to remember all living and departed military on Memorial Day. Ms. Eframo said she appreciated transparency in the budget. She commented that she had not received the West Jordan Journal for one year, and suggested the City use space in the Journal to be transparent about the budget.

Vice Chair Green closed citizen comments at 7:18 p.m.

5. AGENCY MEETINGS

At 7:19 pm Council Member McConnehey moved to temporarily recess the meeting to review the agenda for the Fairway Estates Special Service Recreation District, Municipal Building Authority, and Redevelopment Agency and Council Member Kayleen Whitelock seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The Council meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS TO COUNCIL

a. Mayor's Report

Mayor Dirk Burton said he was excited about upcoming high school graduations. He updated the Council regarding new equipment in the Fire Department. The Mayor reported City event brochures would soon be mailed to residents.

b. City Administrator's Report

Public Works Director Brian Clegg updated the Council regarding current projects. Vice Chair Green said he believed West Jordan had the best Public Works Department in the country. Vice Chair Green and Council Member McConnehey thanked Mr. Clegg for involving the Council in a recent memorial for a former Public Works employee.

City Administrator Korban Lee said the Council was sent a memo regarding Sunset Villas, as well as financial statements for the Cultural Arts Society for the last two years. He said Staff were waiting for Council review of the statements before disbursing the requested funds to the Cultural Arts Society. Mr. Lee spoke of upcoming Memorial Day events. He stated the Council Budget Subcommittee would review proposed use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Administrative Services Director Danyce Steck presented the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, with changes discussed by the Council during the work session prior to the Council meeting.

Vice Chair Green opened a public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Citizen Comments:

Bruce Carter, West Jordan resident, said he had reviewed the FY2022 Budget and liked many things the Council had done. He expressed support for improving aesthetics in West Jordan, and for the Community Arts Center project moving forward. He said he liked the economic development aspect, and said he knew Chief Maxfield was excited about the gurney lift systems. Mr. Carter expressed concern about removal of the agenda management system from the budget. He shared personal positive experience with agenda management systems and expressed support for the convenience and the time that could be saved. Mr. Carter encouraged the Council to put agenda management software back in the budget. He commented that all taxing entities had to address inflation, and suggested taxing entities together approach the Legislature about being able to increase property taxes based on the CPI without going through Truth-in-Taxation.

Vice Chair Green closed the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member McConnehey moved to approve Resolution No. 21-021 adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 along with changes as agreed

upon by the majority of the City Council during tonight's work session, and hereby set June 9, 2021, as the date for a public hearing regarding the final adoption of the budget and supporting property tax rates.
Council Member Whitelock seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council Chair Jacob	Absent
Vice Chair Green	Yes
Council Member Lamb	Absent
Council Member McConnehey	Yes
Council Member Pack	Yes
Council Member Whitelock	Yes
Council Member Worthen	Absent

The motion passed 4-0

b. Amending City Code Sections affecting Public Notice Requirements

City Recorder Tangee Sloan stated proposed Ordinance No. 21-17 was prepared to amend sections of City Code affecting public notice requirements. During the 2021 Legislative Session, SB 201 was passed, removing newspaper public noticing requirements. During a recent Special Session, SB 1007 was passed to amend SB 201. Assistant City Attorney Duncan Murray explained recommended amendments to City Code. He explained that SB 1007 set the number of election notices required to be posted in a city to a maximum of ten.

Vice Chair Green opened a public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Citizen Comments:

Alexandra Eframo said she was disappointed to not have had an opportunity to speak during the public hearing for the Tentative Budget. She asked whether or not the West Jordan Journal was still published. Ms. Eframo asked if the proposed \$5 million renovation of City Hall was part of the FY2022 Tentative Budget. She stated she was against the proposed renovation.

Vice Chair Green closed the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

City Administrator Korban Lee explained the West Jordan Journal was a monthly journal specific to West Jordan. He said the former newspaper public noticing requirements involved daily newspapers.

MOTION: Council Member McConnehey moved to approve Ordinance No. 21-17 amending the 2009 West Jordan City Code (Sections Affecting Public Notice Requirements, Including Requiring the Use of the State Notice Website and not Requiring the Use of Newspaper Notice).
Council Member Whitelock seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council Chair Jacob	Absent
Vice Chair Green	Yes
Council Member Lamb	Absent
Council Member McConnehey	Yes

Council Member Pack	Yes
Council Member Whitelock	Yes
Council Member Worthen	Absent

The motion passed 4-0

8. GUEST REPORT

a. Mosquito Abatement

Brian Hougaard with the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District (SSLVMAD) provided an update regarding SSLVMAD. He recognized Gene Drake, who was present with his wife, and who had represented West Jordan on the SSLVMAD Board for 23 years. Mr. Hougaard provided information regarding how to protect against West Nile Virus, and explained that citizens with ornamental ponds could contact SSLVMAD for an inspection. Mr. Hougaard answered questions from the Council. Vice Chair Green thanked Mr. Hougaard for the presentation. Council Member McConnehey thanked Mr. and Mrs. Drake for their long-term contributions to the community.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District Boundary Adjustment

Senior Engineer Greg Davenport oriented the Council with a proposed joint resolution between West Jordan and Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District to declare an intent to adjust the common boundary. He described the five steps in the boundary adjustment process.

Chair Jacob arrived at 8:37 p.m.

**MOTION: Council Member McConnehey moved to approve Joint Resolution No. 21-017 between West Jordan City and Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District declaring an intent to adjust their common boundary.
Council Member Whitelock seconded the motion.**

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council Chair Jacob	Yes
Vice Chair Green	Yes
Council Member Lamb	Absent
Council Member McConnehey	Yes
Council Member Pack	Yes
Council Member Whitelock	Yes
Council Member Worthen	Absent

The motion passed 5-0

b. Town Center at Copper Rim

Vice Chair Green explained that the developer of the Town Center at Copper Rim had submitted revised plans, the Land Use Subcommittee had reviewed the plans, and Staff were in the process of reviewing them. Due to the complexity of the modifications, the public notice timing, and time needed for a Staff review, the June 1st date noted in the previous motion needed to be extended. Vice Chair Green expressed confidence that the item would soon be ready for Council review.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Green moved to continue the Town Center at Copper Rim discussion to a date uncertain.
Council Member McConnehey seconded the motion.**

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council Chair Jacob	Yes
Vice Chair Green	Yes
Council Member Lamb	Absent
Council Member McConnehey	Yes
Council Member Pack	Yes
Council Member Whitelock	Yes
Council Member Worthen	Absent

The motion passed 5-0.

c. General Plan Committee Appointment

Vice Chair Green noted that the agenda listed the appointment of Parker Cluff as an alternate to the General Plan Committee. Since the agenda was finalized, a vacancy occurred on the Committee. Vice Chair Green explained that, although the Council would appoint Mr. Cluff as an alternate, Mr. Cluff would automatically assume the vacancy as a full member according to the Committee Bylaws.

MOTION: Council Member McConnehey moved to approve Resolution No. 21-022 appointing Parker Cluff to serve on the West Jordan General Plan Committee. Vice Chair Green seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council Chair Jacob	Yes
Vice Chair Green	Yes
Council Member Lamb	Absent
Council Member McConnehey	Yes
Council Member Pack	Yes
Council Member Whitelock	Yes
Council Member Worthen	Absent

The motion passed 5-0.

d. Landscaping Ordinance Text Amendment Update

The public hearing for proposed Landscaping Ordinance Text Amendments was continued at the previous meeting to June 9, 2021. Vice Chair Green explained this item was included on the agenda to discuss any updates made since the last meeting.

Council Member Whitelock expressed concern with the stated ability (under Exceptions) of the Zoning Administrator to waive or reduce the width of a required landscape buffer if one already existed. Council Member McConnehey said he appreciated the concern and requested Staff response. He suggested replacing “Zoning Administrator” with “City Council”.

City Planner/Zoning Administrator Larry Gardner said he was not sure the particular situation would ever be applicable. He said he understood the concern. Mr. Gardner commented that most final site plans would go to the Planning Commission and suggested changing authority to the Planning Commission. Chair Jacob said he liked the suggestion to change review authority to the Planning Commission, and requested Staff make the change before the next Council meeting. Council Member McConnehey suggested adding the language “unless otherwise required by ordinance or resolution”. City Attorney Rob Wall responded the addition would accomplish what was desired. Vice Chair Green suggested limiting the ability to reduce a buffer by a certain percent

and suggested 20%. Council Member McConnehey responded that, as this provision was infrequently used, he was comfortable leaving more flexibility. Chair Jacob said he agreed with providing flexibility.

Mr. Gardner said Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District had indicated they were happy with the proposed ordinance and expressed appreciation to members of the Council who worked on the subcommittee.

City Administrator Korban Lee explained that adoption of the Landscaping Ordinance at the June 9, 2021, Council meeting would put the City on track for approval of a contract with Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District at their meeting on July 14th before rates would increase.

MOTION: Vice Chair Green moved to continue Ordinance No. 21-10 regarding landscaping requirements, amending the 2009 West Jordan City Code Title 13, Chapter 13 and definitions in Section 13-2-3.
Council Member McConnehey seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council Chair Jacob	Yes
Vice Chair Green	Yes
Council Member Lamb	Absent
Council Member McConnehey	Yes
Council Member Pack	Yes
Council Member Whitelock	Yes
Council Member Worthen	Absent

The motion passed 5-0.

10. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approve Meeting Minutes

- ***April 28, 2021 Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting***

The Council reviewed the consent agenda.

MOTION: Vice Chair Green moved to approve Consent Item 10a.
Council Member McConnehey seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Council Chair Jacob	Yes
Vice Chair Green	Yes
Council Member Lamb	Absent
Council Member McConnehey	Yes
Council Member Pack	Yes
Council Member Whitelock	Yes
Council Member Worthen	Absent

The motion passed 5-0.

11. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/REMARKS

a. Council Office Report

The Council Office Director was not in attendance, and no report was given.

b. City Council Reports / Remarks

Council Member Whitelock –

- Asked that the Mayor or Staff respond to Ms. Eframo regarding her budget-related concern.
- Thanked Mr. Gardner for his work on the Landscaping Ordinance.
- Thanked the Fire Department for the opportunity to celebrate the two new fire engines with them. She said she was glad ambulances would have gurney lifts.

Council Member Pack –

- Commented that Fire Ops 101 and similar events were a great opportunity to receive better understanding.
- Spoke of events attended and expressed appreciation for diversity in the community.
- Asked why the City did not yet accepting American Express or Discover cards.
- Said he was looking forward to Memorial Day, and stated he was grateful for those who served in any capacity to promote peace.
- Expressed gratitude for collaboration between the Council, Mayor, Staff, and residents.

Vice Chair Green –

- Commended Cindy Quick for her work during the meeting.
- Said he enjoyed being part of the recent Fire Department celebration.
- Expressed condolences to Alan Anderson on the recent passing of a family member.
- Commented that the Farmer's Market would begin soon.

Mayor Dirk Burton commented that most members of the Healthy West Jordan Committee were heavily involved with COVID-19 work. He said he would reach out to Ms. Eframo. The Mayor said the City currently accepted payments with VISA, Mastercard, and Discover, but not American Express.

c. Unfinished Business Reports

The Council reviewed a list of unfinished business items from previous meeting agendas and reviewed a list of items expected to appear on future agendas.

12. CLOSED MEETING

No closed meeting.

13. ADJOURN

Council Member McConnehey moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Green seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

I, Cindy Quick, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent an accurate summary of what occurred at the meeting held on May 26, 2021. This document constitutes the official minutes for the West Jordan City Council Meeting.

Cindy M. Quick, MMC
Council Office Clerk

Approved this 23rd day of June 2021