



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 08, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Waiting Formal Approval**

Thomas M. Rees Justice Center
8040 S Redwood Road • West Jordan, UT 84088

1. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL: Chair Chris McConnehey, Vice Chair Pamela Bloom, Zach Jacob, Melissa Worthen, David Pack, Kelvin Green, Kayleen Whitelock

STAFF: Council Office Director Alan Anderson, Council Office Clerk Cindy Quick, Policy Analyst Cassidy Hansen, City Administrator Korban Lee, Mayor Dirk Burton, Public Services Director Isaac Astill, Community Engagement & Government Affairs Director Tauni Barker, Public Works Director Brian Clegg, Public Utilities Director Greg Davenport, Senior PC Specialist Rodney Glore, Community Development Director Scott Langford, Fire Chief Derek Maxfield, Assistant City Attorney Duncan Murray, Civil Litigator Attorney Paul Dodd, Economic Development Director Chris Pengra, Assistant City Administrator Jamie Davidson

Chair McConnehey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and noted that Council Member Whitelock had joined electronically.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Paul Dodd led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair McConnehey opened the public comment period at 6:01 pm

Citizen Comments:

Former Mayor Kim Rolfe spoke in favor of increasing the mayor's salary and believed it should be much higher than what was listed. He expressed the opinion that the West Jordan Mayor should have executive experience or experience running a business, and should be reflective of a mayor for the soon-to-be second largest city in the State. Mr. Rolfe believed a higher salary would be necessary to attract individuals with the experience needed. Mr. Rolfe said what he had seen with public utilities under the direction of Greg Davenport was the most positive thing he had seen happen in West Jordan. He complimented Dave Murphy, and said Chief Wallentine was an asset to the City.

Ann Marie Barrett, Bingham Creek Library Manager, spoke of an upcoming program at the library in partnership with Salt Lake Community College.

Chair McConnehey closed public comments at 6:08 pm

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS TO COUNCIL

a. City Council Reports

Council Member Bloom –

- Reported that the Rules Committee was finalizing updates to Council Rules.

Council Member Jacob –

- Reported on a ChamberWest meeting.

Council Member Worthen –

- Spoke of upcoming utility and budget meetings.

b. Council Office Report

Council Office Director Alan Anderson reported the Planning Commission voted 6-0 to forward the updated General Plan with a positive recommendation. He said he planned to bring the General Plan to the Committee of the Whole for presentation on February 15.

d. City Administrator's Report

Public Services Director Isaac Astill updated the Council regarding the City Hall remodel project. He reported that certain electrical components would not be available until September, but the rest of the building would be done in July, putting final completion in October. Sixteen second-floor doors would not be available for six months, and coils for the circulation system would not be available for five-six months. Mr. Astill explained the need for a \$115,000 change order, and said most of the issues had been unforeseen. Mr. Astill answered questions from the Council.

Utilities Manager Greg Davenport reported on service provided by the City during freezing January temperatures. City Administrator Korban Lee updated the Council regarding a recent gang-related incident.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Dirk Burton reported on recent meetings and events attended. He reported the City received two grants to help with the Big Bend Project. Mayor Burton spoke of upcoming events in the community.

e. Legislative Update – Tauni Barker, Public Affairs Director

Public Affairs Director Tauni Barker provided an update regarding SB174, HB364, HB301, SB175, HB104, and SB58. She noted that the tracker would be updated as she received more information for each bill being tracked.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ##### **a. Ordinance No. 23-05 amending the West Jordan 2009 Code to update administrative and Council procedures for zoning and amending General Plan review processes.**

- *Amending Sections 13-7C-1 through 13-7C-9 and Sections 13-7D-1 to 13-7D-9; and Section 13-7I-2 to: correct names of administrative departments involved with the evaluation of zoning ordinance applications; clarify what constitutes a complete zoning application; modify how the Council body reviews Zoning Map Amendments; update the Council review process for elements of the general plan; specify how the Planning Commission will forward findings to the City Council; establish noticing requirements and procedures for amendment of the general plan text and future land use map by the City Council; prohibit applicants from withdrawing their item if a meeting has been noticed by the Planning Commission or City Council; modify reapplication deadlines after denial or withdrawal*

Council Office Director Alan Anderson presented proposed amendments to City Code to update administrative and Council procedures for zoning and amending General Plan review processes. He requested feedback from the Council regarding three options for updates to the General Plan:

- Option 1: Complete comprehensive review of all elements at least once every five years and other elements associated with General Plan.
- Option 2: Complete comprehensive review of all elements at least once every five years, and complete a comprehensive update to at least one-third of the elements at least once every five years.
- Option 3: Complete comprehensive review of all the elements at least once every five years and complete a comprehensive update to all of the elements at least once every ten years.

Chair McConnehey opened a public hearing at 6:41 pm

Comments:
None

Chair McConnehey closed the public hearing at 6:42 pm

Council Member Green preferred Option 1. He expressed the opinion that a complete update of the General Plan with Option 2 would take too long. Council Member Whitelock agreed with Council Member Green.

Council Member Pack suggested breaking the General Plan into portions, with every portion being updated every ten years. He commented that a complete update could take three years, leaving only two years for implementation if the entire General Plan were updated every five years.

Vice Chair Bloom did not mind Option 1 because if the Council were consistent, a complete review would not take three years. With the City growing as it was, she believed a review of the General Plan every five years was prudent.

Chair McConnehey was a fan of Option 1. He referred to the amount of time involved with an update and did not want a future Council to find themselves in a situation in which they were noncompliant with City Code.

Council Member Green suggested using the word “initiate” instead of “complete”. The Council discussed the words “commence” and “undertake” as well.

MOTION: Council Member Green moved to APPROVE Ordinance No. 23-05 amending the West Jordan 2009 Code to update administrative and council procedures for zoning and amending the General Plan review process - adopting Option 1 and substituting the word “complete” with “undertake”.

Chair McConnehey seconded the motion.

Council Members Jacob and Pack liked substituting complete with undertake in Option 1 because it involved a **review** every five years without throwing the entire General Plan out and starting over.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack, Melissa Worthen, Kayleen Whitelock

No:

Absent:

The motion passed 7-0.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Resolution No. 23-005 setting the mayoral salary at \$116,000 for the successor mayoral four-year term beginning January 1, 2024

Council Office Director Alan Anderson explained that following Council direction, a resolution was prepared to set the mayoral salary at \$116,000 for the mayoral term beginning January 1, 2024. Mayoral salary for the next four-year mayoral term must be set by June 1, 2023.

Council Member Pack said he thought the Council was going to use \$116,000 as a starting point for discussion. He said he believed \$116,000 limited the demographics and eliminated some individuals who otherwise would be qualified to serve as mayor. Council Member Pack expressed the opinion that \$116,000 was too low for a mayoral salary that would remain the same for essentially the next five years. He said there had been talk of linking the mayoral salary to the population of West Jordan, which was projected at 121,000 as of 2022, and asked if there was Council appetite to increase the number.

Council Member Whitelock said that while she wanted West Jordan to have the best mayor, she wanted a mayor who was truly serving and not just in it for a dollar figure. She expressed the opinion that money did not equate with quality. Council Member Whitelock said she would abstain from voting on the matter because she intended to run for mayor.

Council Member Worthen stated the \$116,000 was not tied to population and clarified that tying the salary to population was a joke she had thrown out at the last meeting. She said she did not want the West Jordan mayoral salary to be at the top or the bottom, comparatively, and said she wanted somewhere in the middle.

Council Member Green appreciated the comment that a higher salary would attract executives and those with professional experience; however, looking at other full-time mayors in the same form of government, he was not sure any of them were CEOs or professional managers except the Salt Lake City Mayor. He said he was not sure it made any difference. Council Member Green suggested staying with \$116,000.

Council Member Jacob felt the number was arbitrary. He suggested the amount should be fair, but did not need to be competitive in the same way as that of city managers, department heads, and police/fire. He felt the amount should be based on the amount and type of work involved.

Chair McConnehey believed the mayoral salary should be higher. It was his understanding that mayoral salaries in other cities may be changing, and the Council may be looking in the rearview mirror with comparisons. Chair McConnehey suggested \$130,000 was a compromise between the comparative high (\$160,000) and the comparative low (\$109,000).

**MOTION: Council Member Green moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 23-005 setting the mayoral salary at \$116,000 for the successor mayoral four-year term beginning January 1, 2024.
Council Member Worthen seconded the motion.**

Council Member Jacob said he would vote against the motion because he calculated that the current mayoral salary of \$105,000 with simple inflation was \$122,000, which would make \$116,000 equivalent to a pay cut.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Kelvin Green, Melissa Worthen

No: Pamela Bloom, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack

Abstained: Kayleen Whitelock

Absent:

The motion failed 2-4.

Vice Chair Bloom agreed with Council Member Jacob's reasoning for voting against the motion.

**MOTION: Council Member Jacob moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 23-005 setting the mayoral salary at \$124,000 for the successor mayoral four-year term beginning January 1, 2024.
Vice Chair Bloom seconded the motion.**

Council Member Jacob explained his calculation. Council Member Green disagreed with the suggested salary of \$124,000. Vice Chair Bloom agreed with a salary of \$124,000 because she wanted the salary to be fair but did not want individuals running for office just for the pay. Council Member Pack pointed out that mayors were not mandated to take

the salary. Mr. Anderson confirmed that mayors may take less than the approved salary, but could not increase the salary.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Pamela Bloom, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack

No: Kelvin Green, Melissa Worthen

Abstained: Kayleen Whitelock

Absent:

The motion passed 4-2.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approve Meeting Minutes

- *January 18, 2023 – Committee of the Whole meeting*

b. Select Pamela Bloom and Kayleen Whitelock as voting members of the Legislative Policy Committee for the Utah League of Cities and Towns for 2023

MOTION: Council Member Green moved to APPROVE the Consent Agenda as listed.

Vice Chair Bloom seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Pamela Bloom, Kelvin Green, Zach Jacob, Chris McConnehey, David Pack, Melissa Worthen, Kayleen Whitelock

No:

Absent:

The motion passed 7-0.

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/REMARKS

a. City Council Remarks

Council Member Green –

- Believed a redevelopment meeting should have been held that evening. He expressed the opinion that the Council needed to start talking about redevelopment, and asked Council Leadership to look at scheduling discussions regarding redevelopment.

Council Member Worthen –

- Gave a shout-out to Rodney Glore with IT and Council staff, and expressed appreciation. She thanked all the behind-the-scenes people.

Mayor Burton agreed with Council Member Green and reported that his office would follow up. He mentioned of Planning Commissioner's resignation and asked for Council recommendations in filling that position.

b. Council Administrative Items

Council Chair McConnehey thanked Paul Dodd for his work as the Interim City Attorney

9. CLOSED MEETING

- a. The City Council may temporarily recess the meeting to convene in a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; pending or reasonably imminent litigation; the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; or the sale of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares as provided by Utah Code Annotated §52-4-205**

The Council did not meet in a closed meeting.

10. ADJOURN

Council Member Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Bloom seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

I, Cindy Quick, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent an accurate summary of what occurred at the meeting held on February 8, 2023. This document constitutes the official minutes for the West Jordan City Council Meeting.

Cindy M. Quick, MMC
Council Office Clerk

Approved this ____ day of ____ 2023