

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL ELECTRONIC STUDY MEETING

January 5, 2021

Present: Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey, Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Brad Marlor, Council Member Jason McGuire, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Tamara Zander, CM Gary Whatcott, ACM Dustin Lewis, City Attorney Ryan Loose, Engineering Director Brad Klavano, Police Chief Jeff Carr, Administrative Services Director Spencer Kyle, Planning Director Steven Schaefermeyer, Public Works Director Jason Rasmussen, CFO Sunil Naidu, City Recorder Anna Crookston, Communications Manager Rachael VanCleave, City Commerce Director Brian Preece, Strategic Services Director Don Tingey, Fire Chief Chris Dawson, IT Director Jon Day, City Council Secretary MaryAnn Dean

Others: Attendance electronically via Zoom.

4:30 PM
STUDY MEETING

A. Welcome, Roll Call and Introduction: *By Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey*

Mayor Ramsey welcomed everyone present. She introduced the electronic meeting.

B. Invocation: *By Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey*

Mayor Ramsey offered the invocation.

C. Mayor and Council Coordination

Council Member Zander said they have a meeting scheduled for January 12th. She said she will be out of town but does not want to miss that discussion. The City Council determined to move the meeting to January 26th at 5:30 p.m.

CM Whatcott said the city has almost 60 confirmed cases of employees with the Coronavirus thus far. The City has spent close to \$90,000 in Federal requests for that. Employers are required to provide 2 weeks' worth of leave if needed. That requirement ended December 31st and they have not renewed it. He said if people are exposed at work, they can access their leave. He said he does not want any employees who got the virus at work not be able to get a full paycheck. He said the public safety departments are doing rapid tests before their shifts to limit exposure. He said the public has been able to do much of their city business online.

Council Member Marlor asked about the outcome of some recent cougar sightings. CM Whatcott said they have been unable to find the cougar. Staff has looked numerous times. They have had 2 people call it in.

Mayor Ramsey asked if those that called it in had seen the cougar personally? She noted a social media post about a cougar sighting that was meant as a joke, but it spread and was taken seriously.

CM Whatcott said they know there was a cougar in that area in the last year.

Council Member Zander said she received a text from a resident from the area of 11400 South 2700 West. That resident had been hearing about it from the neighbors and it was said to be seen on people's ring doorbells.

Council Member Marlor indicated that he also received a call about the cougar, and he assumed it was accurate.

Mayor Ramsey said any legitimate reports should be taken seriously. They have received a variety of stories from varied locations.

CM Whatcott said they can do reverse 911 calls to notify the neighborhood, but that is only done when a danger is confirmed.

Mayor Ramsey said the person who asked to discuss items F. and G. on tonight's study agenda is now unavailable. They need to pull those two items from the agenda, and add a closed meeting for litigation and character and competency of an individual.

Council Member Harris made a motion to amend the agenda to remove items F. and G. from the study session agenda, and to add a closed executive session to discuss litigation and the character and competency of an individual. Council Member Marlor seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

D. Discussion/Review of Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Ramsey reviewed tonight's agenda.

City Attorney Loose indicated that he would give a Legislative update during the reports section of the regular meeting.

They discussed the Western Growth Coalition Resolution. Council Member Shelton said the Resolution is essentially the same as last year's resolution, with some refining. It is all about transportation. He will provide some background information in the regular session.

E. Discussion Item: Discussion of Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority – Board Members. (By Strategic Services Director, Don Tingey)

Strategic Services Director Tingey reviewed a prepared presentation (Attachment A). He said the intent is after they get things set up and going, the board will be more of a lay board with less staff. Parks Director Colby Hill will continue to serve on that board.

Council Member Marlor said he supports the names, as presented. He recommended they change it so it states “City Manager” rather than listing a name, in case CM Whatcott retires in the middle of his term on the board. CM Whatcott said these positions won’t go the full three years. One of the first things they need to do is set up the bylaws. He said staff needs to help on the technical side to set the framework. After that, they will have the residents govern the process along with the park managers from the city and county serving as liaisons. After they get things up and running, they will review the appointments again.

Council Member Harris said the build out of the park will be a lengthy period of time and there are significant city dollars invested in this. Until the build out of the park is complete, he would like to see staff continue to serve on that board. Council Member Zander concurred. She said the public may not understand the issues as deeply as staff or an elected official. She said she would like to have Angela McGuire talk to the board and to hear her thoughts on the park to see if they are like minded.

Council Member Marlor concurred with Council Member Harris and Council Member Zander. He said he would love to see CM Whatcott stay on the board until he retires. He feels it would be beneficial to have Strategic Services Director Tingey serve on the board indefinitely.

CM Whatcott said he contacted the Sugarhouse Park Authority board. He said that park is build out, and the board does a good job. All members of that board have served for 6-8 years. He said they don’t want to lose the perspective of the residents. It is good to have a mix.

Council Member Shelton said he likes the idea of Angela McGuire serving on the board. She is passionate about the park and educated on it. He said if Martin from the County serves on the board, that would make 5 professional staff on a board of 7. He would like to see 3-4 residents serving on the board.

CM Whatcott said on the Sugarhouse board, they never had elected officials, but the budget is always approved by the governing bodies. On that board, the 2 Parks Managers provide the professional support. The idea is that the professionals provide support and give technical advice, but the board runs the Park Authority. He said it is staff heavy on the front end because of what is needed to get it going in the beginning. He said they can re-evaluate the appointments in a year.

Council Member McGuire reviewed Angela McGuire’s background, including her educational background as a civil engineer. She started taking on her own research projects on what makes a good park. They approached the previous Salt Lake County Mayor and they have been able to present some ideas to Salt Lake County.

Strategic Services Director Tingey said Angela McGuire has been to every public park open house and master planning process. There is no resident more engaged in the park design and input than her. She is the most engaged resident regarding parks.

Council Member Zander said she would like to have Mrs. McGuire to a meeting so they can understand her vision for the park.

Mayor Ramsey said they want the professional expertise to help put this together, but they don't want to lose resident focus. She said it is critical to make sure they have people who know what they are doing in putting this together and designing it. Over the course of time, some professional staff will move off and more residents will serve.

Strategic Services Director Tingey said they would like to have the information from the county on who their representative on the Board will be when the Resolution is passed.

Council Member Zander made a motion to recess the study meeting and go into a closed executive session to discuss litigation and the character and competency of an individual. Council Member McGuire seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – for litigation and character and competency of an individual.

The City Council reconvened in an open City Council meeting.

CM Whatcott said a year or two ago, the city connected Jordan River Drive to a new subdivision. There was a sign that indicated that the road would be going through. They held a neighborhood meeting and they tried to mitigate issues. There was complaints from a resident. They increased police patrol after complaints of speeding but little was found. The resident complained about large trucks, but only a citation or two was given out. The resident calls regularly. He chases cars down and complains about them running the stop sign. They have done many things to mitigate the issues. That resident may talk to the City Council about his concerns. There is nothing more for the city to do in that situation.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member McGuire made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The January 5, 2021 City Council electronic study meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Council Member McGuire made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Zander seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 in favor, with Council Member Marlor absent.

The December 1, 2020 City Council study meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

This is a true and correct copy of the January 5, 2021 City Council Study Meeting Minutes, which were approved on January 19, 2021.

Anna Crookston

South Jordan City Recorder



Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority

Proposed Initial Board Members

Resolution R2020-19

Bingham Creek Regional Park

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

Section 6. Governance

• **Board**

- To operate and have exclusive control over the Regional Park
 - Upon and after the Operational Effective Date
- Board formed and begin meeting as soon as practicable
 - (expected in 2021)
- Board shall consist of **7 people** mutually agreed upon by both Members
 - Merit employees (2)
 - One from the County's Division of Parks & Recreation
 - One from the City's Department of Parks & Recreation
 - Merit employees may not serve as the chair of the Board

• **Board Appointments**

- No more than two (2) terms of three (3) years, except for the appointed merit employees of the Members
- Terms of members of the first Board established shall be staggered

• **Policies & Procedures**

- The Board shall adopt a written administrative code of policies and procedures for the governance of the operations of the Regional Park
 - effective upon and after the Operational Effective Date

Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority

Proposed Initial Board Members

South Jordan City

- **Gary Whatcott**, City Manager
 - South Jordan resident
- **Don Tingey**, Strategic Services Director
 - Herriman resident
- **Spencer Kyle**, Administrative Services Director
 - South Jordan resident
- **Angela McGuire**,
 - South Jordan resident
 - Council member Jason McGuire's wife
- **Colby Hill *** – Parks & Recreation Director
 - West Jordan resident
 - * Staff Non-Voting Member

Salt Lake County

**Mayor Wilson reviewing
SLCo proposed appointees**

**NEXT STEP
Future County Council
approval**