

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 5, 2023

Present: Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey, Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Brad Marlor, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Tamara Zander, Council Member Jason McGuire, City Manager Dustin Lewis, Assistant City Manager Jason Rasmussen, City Attorney Ryan Loose, Director of Commerce Brian Preece, Director of Strategy & Budget Don Tingey, Lieutenant Fire Chief Ryan Lessner, Director of Administrative Services Melinda Seager, Director of Public Works Raymond Garrison, Director of Recreation Janell Payne, CFO Sunil Naidu, Director of Planning Steven Schaefermeyer, City Engineer Brad Klavano, Deputy Police Chief Rob Hansen, Communications Manager Rachael Van Cleave, GIS Coordinator Matt Jarman, Senior Systems Administrator Phill Brown, IT Director Jon Day, City Recorder Anna Crookston, Meeting Transcriptionist Diana Baun, Strategy & Budget Analyst Abigail Patonai, Planning Commission Chair Michele Hollist

Absent:

Others: Marianne Marlor, Cooper McDermaid, Brandy McDermaid, Aditya Narayanon, Mylee Wong, Lilly Wong, Gavin Bagley, Shaden Cokemere, Madeline Hope, Jack Hardy, Mitchell Sadowski, Grace Sadowski, Heather Parlee, Claire Zamora, Alexis Gilber, Bridger Pedroza, AJ Hanselman, Adrienne Hanselman, Karyl Baun

6:36 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

A. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introduction to Electronic Meeting - *By Mayor Dawn Ramsey*

Mayor Ramsey welcomed everyone and introduced the meeting.

B. Invocation – *By Council Member, Jason McGuire*

Council Member McGuire offered the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance – *By Director of Recreation, Janell Payne*

Director Payne led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Minute Approval

D.1. November 7, 2023 City Council Study Meeting

D.2. November 7, 2023 City Council Meeting

D.3. November 8, 2023 City Council Strategic Planning Meeting

Council Member Shelton motioned to approve the November 7, 2023 City Council Study Meeting minutes, November 7, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes, and November 8, 2023 City Council Strategic Planning Meeting minutes as published. Council Member Council Member Harris seconded the motion; vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Zander motioned to amend tonight's agenda and remove Item J, as the training was done during the previous Study Session Meeting and has been completed. Council Member McGuire seconded the motion; vote was unanimous in favor.

E. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Don Shelton

- Attended the Grand Opening of Millcreek City Hall
- Judged the City's Gingerbread House Competition
- Attended Light the Night
- Attended the Legislative Policy Committee Meeting for the League
- Attended the Council of Government's Meeting for the Mayor
- Attended the Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
- Attended The Best Christmas Pageant Ever show
- Attended The Sounds of the Season Concert
- His brother Kent was elected to the West Jordan City Council.

Council Member Patrick Harris

- Attended a Sewer Board Meeting, which included a Truth in Taxation
- Attended Light the Night
- Attended recent SoJo Race and encouraged others to attend as well
- Attended the Golden Spike Awards and discussed the awards given to the city

Council Member Brad Marlor

- Discussed some of his family's recent activities
- Attended the Turkey Day Race, and shared how much he enjoys the Ruck races specifically
- Attended the Fullmer Legacy Center groundbreaking
- Met with a developer regarding the new senior center
- Missed Light the Night and apologized for his absence
- Shared a story from the HOA President of Reunion Village, highlighting his service
- Discussed his early family who settled in South Jordan and some background on his Great Great Grandfather, James Rueben Peterson, who was essentially the first mayor of the city

Council Member Zander

- Discussed how heartwarming it was to have residents still vote for her, even though she was running unopposed
- She has had many residents in the last month reaching out regarding ADUs and asked to have that on a future agenda
- Discussed welcoming the Herriman High students home who took first place Nationally in Cross Country
- Attended Light the Night
- Talked about the resident who crochets Christmas ornaments for the Police Department, and how thankful the police department is for her efforts

Council Member Jason McGuire

- Attended the VECC Open House
- Attended Light the Night
- Attended The Best Christmas Pageant Ever show

Mayor Dawn Ramsey

- Attended the DARE graduation at Monte Vista Elementary
- Spoke at a meeting for The Point, where they signed the Master Development Agreement for Phase One
- Attended Light the Night
- Attended the surprise homecoming for the Herriman Cross Country Students
- Visited with Dr. Arthur Brooks while he was in town with John Powell to host a forum
- Met with several candidates planning to run in political races in 2024 and asking for her advice on South Jordan's needs
- Attended the Rio Tinto 120 year celebration
- Attended the Fullmer Legacy groundbreaking
- Discussed the last school board meeting for the Jordan District Board of Education, construction on the next elementary school in South Jordan was approved
- Attended the National League of Cities Summit, speaking as well as attending classes, and discussed the city's connection and recognition with the Just Serve Organization
- Had visits with residents for multiple reasons, and she always enjoys visiting with residents
- Attended the Sounds of the Season Concert, discussed the conductor retiring and the new one stepping up

F. Public Comment

Mayor Ramsey opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Michele Hollist (Resident) – I wanted to personally thank Council Member Marlor and his wife. The last eight years have been a sacrifice and they did it, knowing what it entailed, because they did it for eight years before. Thank you Council Member Marlor, I know now that I have seen

you working behind the scenes for the past five years that it's not always a thanked job. Sometimes there are hard decisions that have to be made, and I have appreciated watching how you balance that with what meets the needs of the city moving forward, what meets the needs of the majority and trying to make level and fair decisions that benefit our community. To Council Member McGuire, my children benefit so much from your arts program. My daughter just had a new utility box installed, the one with the lights that looks like city council, over by the Gale Center; we appreciate that. Also, two of my children were in the Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever. Thank you everyone for all you do, this is a great city and it has been such a privilege to serve on the planning commission and thank you for that opportunity.

Claire Zamora (Resident) – I would like to talk about the reflective striping for South Jordan City. Many of the Bingham High Students and I would like to suggest adding reflective striping to South Jordan's Roads. I don't have the best eyesight, along with many others, and I would like to suggest that.

Mayor Ramsey closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

G. Presentation Item

G.1. Proclamation in recognition of Bradley G. Marlor's Years of Service. (By Mayor, Dawn Ramsey)

Before reading the proclamation she shared some of the notable actions completed by Council Member Marlor during his years of service to the city:

- Initiated Voting Districts
- Initiated a citywide, fully engineered transportation plan
- Initiated connection of 9800 S and 10600 S
- Development of the Jordan River Parkway Project
- Helped negotiate the Daybreak Master Development Agreement, and approved the initial agreement to annex Daybreak into the city
- Part of the Council that approved The District
- Part of the Council that approved the retail development where Harmon's is located, whose sales tax alone allowed the construction of the current City Hall
- Part of the Council that approved tens of millions of dollars in bonding to repair and build water towers and additional infrastructure

Mayor Ramsey read the proclamation and invited Council Member Marlor to share his thoughts.

Council Member Marlor thanked the mayor and council. The one thing he wanted to do tonight was thank everyone for the privilege and opportunity he has been given over the years. He thanked his wife, who has put up with the phone calls and visits over the years. He appreciated her support, as well as his childrens' support over the years. He appreciates all the support from residents he has had, noting that he knew changes needed to happen after first moving here, which is what pushed him to run for office. He ran for office twice unsuccessfully, making more progress over the years, and then being invited to the Planning Commission. He felt like they needed more commercial development in the city and that prompted his involvement in many

committees as well to raise the tax base. Many people were opposed to the commercial development, and a previous council actually moved the borders of South Jordan from State Street to the I-15, as well as from 9000 S. to 9400 S., to avoid that “nasty” commercial development in the city. He appreciates the residents eventually supporting and electing him. He was appointed to the City Council in 2000, and after changing to voting districts his district came up first, causing him to serve two years as the districts were alternating. He asked Jason Rasmussen and Anna Crookston for a list of all the council he had served on, and he read a list of all those council members. He noted that he felt Skip Criner and Russ Sanderson were his mentors as a new council member in the early days, they were so supportive and he appreciated that. He thanked the current council for the collaboration over the years, and for the respect they have been able to have when they did not agree. He thanked the executive staff for all their hard work. The city has grown so much since 2000, and he is grateful for those years of service he was privileged to have.

Council Member Zander shared how much she has loved working with him, and how much she will miss him on the council.

Council Member Shelton agreed with what has been said about his excellent leadership. When he thinks about his experiences with Council Member Marlor, the two words that come to him are visionary and courageous.

Council Member McGuire expressed his thanks to Council Member Marlor. He has always seen him as the steady captain at the wheel, providing leadership, clarity, helping to move the ship forward. He also appreciates the way he and his wife let them into their family.

Council Member Harris stated that Council Member Marlor has shown the many things he does prior to the council meetings to make things move forward. Some projects that might not seem feasible saw Council Member Marlor working hard to make progress and allowing the city those benefits.

Mayor Ramsey shared that when she was elected, Council Member Marlor told her he was there to support her and work together. She was able to learn from him, seeing his leadership and strength, and labeling him as fearless. He has never waived on his steady leadership and commitment to doing the right thing for the city and the residents living here.

Marianne Marlor – shared that Brad is an amazing person, and she never could have served on the City Council. She has a lot of respect for him, as well as the other council members and staff. She thanked everyone for supporting him and for the opportunity he has had to serve.

Kathie Johnson – Shared that she was there when Council Member Marlor was selected to be on the Council that first time, in fact she thinks she was his first appointee to the Planning Commission about a month later. She thanked him for being so decisive and eloquent when discussions are heated.

H. Action Item

H.1. Resolution R2023-56, Requesting recertification of the City of South Jordan Municipal Justice Court. *(By City Attorney, Ryan Loose)*

City Attorney Loose reviewed background information from the Council Report.

Council Member Marlor motioned to approve Resolution R2023-56, Requesting Recertification of the City of South Jordan Municipal Justice Court. Council Member Zander seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Yes – Council Member Marlor

Yes – Council Member Zander

Yes – Council Member Harris

Yes – Council Member Shelton

Yes – Council Member McGuire

Motion Passes 5-0, unanimous in favor.

I. Staff Reports and Calendaring Items

Manager Lewis talked about the puzzle contract with Mr. Dowdle. The artwork has been finalized and it will go into production for puzzles, which will be available to the public at the great unveiling on the Thursday of Summerfest in June.

Mayor Ramsey brought up that Thursday being the district high school graduations, which includes her daughter.

Manager Lewis said he would work with the company to try and adjust the timing on that. He also mentioned that on January 2, 2024, during the work session they will be discussing board appointments and committee assignments, asking the council members to assess their positions and be ready to discuss their needs.

Attorney Loose has reached out to the city's legislators, and the week between Christmas and New Year's has the most availability for them to meet with local officials.

J. Training

J.1. Open and Public Meeting Act, Land Use, Ethics, Hotline, and Social Media Training. *(By City Attorney, Ryan Loose)*

****Removed per previously amended agenda****

Council Member Marlor motioned to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member McGuire seconded the motion; vote was 5-0 unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

The December 5, 2023 City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

This is a true and correct copy of the December 5, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on January 2, 2024.

Anna Crookston

South Jordan City Recorder