

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on November 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present: Councilmembers: Alan Clark
Doug Hammond
Lurlen A. Knight
Douglas Peterson
Larry D. Shingleton

Mayor Fred Panucci
City Administrator Rodger Worthen
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:
Police Chief Brian Wallace
Police Lieutenant Tracy Jensen
Detective Cory Bybee

Visitors Present:	Mary A. Byrd	Carson Balling	J.T. Gibson
	Preston Olds	T.J. Stoker	Brock Bowden
	Carl Kelupuleole	Carla Fountain	John Fountain
	Aaron Cutler	Eric Carrillo	Payton Randall
	Carlos Lopez	Garen Domgaard	Jesse Shaffer
	Taylor Park	Carli Park	Ryan Boyer
	Jamie Nagle	Kevin Nagle	Bob VanVelkinburgh
	Jason VanAusdal	Bob Yeaman	Robert Whiteley
	Kendall Spackman		

1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda

Mayor Panucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. as a regularly scheduled meeting, with notice of time, place, and agenda provided 24 hours in advance to the newspaper and each Councilmember. An invocation was provided by Councilmember Peterson and at the request of the Mayor, Boy Scout Carlos Lopez representing Boy Scout Troop 888, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER KNIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

2. Public Comments

No visitors present wished to make public comments.

3. Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Peterson stated that he did not have any assignments to report on, but he wanted to thank City Recorder Brown and all those that helped to make the recent election a success. He then congratulated those newly elected officials and stated that he looked forward to working with them in the future.

Councilmember Clark stated that he wanted to second Councilmember Peterson's comments regarding the election and the newly elected officials. He then reported that he attended a ground breaking ceremony for the recycling center near the landfill in Layton. He stated the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District (WIWMD) hopes the project can be completed by April 2010. He then reported that he attended a WIWMD conference last week and he gained some good information that he plans to compile and pass on to City Administrator Worthen. He then stated that he wanted to mention that Cheryl Worthen, who has represented a portion of Syracuse City on the Davis School District (DSD) Board, has resigned and the Board is seeking applicants interested in filling her position at the beginning of 2010. He stated that if there is anyone interested in applying for the position they can contact him of the DSD. Councilmember Knight stated that he believed Ms. Worthen's represents half of Syracuse City and portions of Clearfield and Layton. Councilmember Clark stated that the majority of the area that Ms. Worthen represented is located within the boundaries for Clearfield High School. Councilmember Knight stated there have been times that it would have been good to have someone from Syracuse City on the DSD Board. Councilmember Clark agreed and added that the person that fills Ms. Worthen's position will be guaranteed a term of one year and if they wished to continue after that they would need to seek reelection. Councilmember Hammond asked if applicants must live in the area that Ms. Worthen represented, to which Councilmember Clark answered yes.

Councilmember Knight reported that he attended the Syracuse Junior High Community Council meeting and they discussed a policy of the DSD that dictates that students can have one "F" and still participate in athletics, but the school itself has adopted a policy that is more strict and dictates that students must have no "F" grades in order to participate in

athletics. He stated the policy has created some concern because some ninth graders are not qualified to play athletics during the first semester of a new school year if they got an "F" in the last semester of the previous school year; yet, ninth graders that are good enough athletes can play on some high school sport teams as freshmen. He stated that after the discussion the Community Council is considering adjusting the policy so that there may be some ability for students to 'make up for' "F" grades received in order to participate in athletics. He then reported that he attended Youth Court last week and he wanted to offer a special thanks to those that oversee and participate in Youth Court. He stated he would also pass on the same thanks to the advisors of the Youth Council. He stated that the advisors of the Youth Court began as volunteers and then the City started paying them a stipend, which was then eliminated this year due to budget difficulties. He stated Youth Court provides a great service to the community and especially to the kids that get into trouble in that they are not required to go to juvenile court. He stated the advisors and participants do an awesome job. He then stated that he wanted to congratulate the City's Fire Department for putting out a fire this past Sunday. He stated they responded in a timely manner and averted a lot of damage. He then stated that he was in a meeting this past Sunday and there was a medical situation that was responded to by the Public Safety Departments of the City. He stated they responded with little distraction to the meeting and took care of the situation. He stated he wanted to recognize the professional service that the employees of the Public Safety Departments provide to the City.

Councilmember Hammond reported that the Museum Foundation had a meeting this morning and they elected Gene Carlson as their President, Phil Gooch as Vice President, and Colleen Thurgood as Secretary. He reported that the Museum Foundation is the group that seeks grants and other funding for the Museum, while the Museum Board is still in the process of getting organized and setting up bylaws. He then stated that he wanted to acknowledge that the Syracuse High School football team did very well this year and they made it into the playoffs. He stated that unfortunately they did not win a title, but he wanted to recognize their efforts. He then stated that tomorrow the City is hosting a Veteran's Day ceremony at 10:45 a.m. at the clock tower. He thanked the City for doing that. He then stated that he wanted to congratulate all those that were elected to office via the recent election held November 3. He stated he looked forward to working with them in a positive manner.

Councilmember Shingleton stated that he had nothing to report, but he wanted to thank everyone that worked hard to make the election a success as well as those candidates that put so much time and effort into seeking election to office. He stated running a campaign is very time consuming and those that were willing to work to make Syracuse City a better place should be complimented.

4. Mayor Report

Mayor Panucci stated that something that everyone should know about the achievement of the Syracuse High School football team is that it was accomplished by a young team that had to beat some powerhouse schools to get as far as they did. He stated that the achievement is a testimony to the people that work with youth in the youth sports programs. He stated the City has a great youth football program and the coaches do a great job at coaching and training the athletes. He stated the City's Recreation Department puts much time and effort into the program and the fruits of the labors of the City and the volunteer coaches are evident. He stated that it should be noted that tomorrow is Veteran's Day; he recommended to the Boy Scouts and other young people in the audience that they seek out someone that has served our Country and call them on the telephone and thank them for the service they have given. He stated that most of those present this evening have not been involved in a major war, but all are lucky that there are people willing to get in harms way so that, as Americans, everyone can enjoy freedoms such as voting. He stated that he felt that 'we' are very fortunate.

5. City Administrator Report

Mr. Worthen reported that last week he and Finance Director Holt completed the report that the City is required to file with the State regarding how impact fee monies are being spent. He then reported that the City is working with Geneva Rock to have a portion of Freemont Park graded in conjunction with heavy equipment training being attended by Geneva Rock employees. He stated that the ground will be graded to six inches below final grade level to provide room for top soil to be placed at the site. He stated that they will spend a significant amount of time at the park and the City will receive a great benefit at no cost. Councilmember Knight asked if there is enough soil to grade the park as low as Mr. Worthen mentioned while staying high enough above the water table. Mr. Worthen stated that some additional soil may be needed in the area east of the trail. He stated that Geneva rock is providing a great service to the community. He then stated that the City has been having email problems, including a server failure and computers infected with viruses. He stated that IT Director Peace spent a majority of the week last week cleaning all City computers and he wanted to offer kudos to Mr. Peace for his work. He then closed his report by informing the Council that last week Gary Hill, West Point City Manager, lost his young daughter to a tragic accident. He reported that the viewing for Mr. Hill's daughter will be this Thursday with the funeral scheduled for Friday. Councilmember Knight asked if the City can send flowers to Mr. Hill and his family, to which

Mr. Worthen answered yes and added that he is participating with other northern Utah City Managers to do something for Mr. Hill's family.

6. Canvass and consider certification of the results of the Syracuse City General Election held November 3, 2009. (roll call vote).

The Syracuse City General Election was held November 3, 2009 at the Syracuse Community Center. Early voting for the General Election was held October 20 through October 30, 2009 at City Hall. Copies of the short and long reports of the results of the General Election were provided to each member of the Governing Body prior to the canvass meeting. The short report simply provides the total votes cast in the election and the total votes cast for each candidate. The long report provides the number of votes cast in each precinct for each candidate. Provisional ballots and absentee ballots received after November 2, 2009 have not yet been counted. These ballots are being verified and will be counted on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Therefore, the results may change slightly. A report of the final results was emailed to each member of the Governing Body on November 10, 2009 prior to the Council meeting.

Ms. Brown reviewed the canvass reports as provided to each member of the Governing Body. She stated that a total of 3,339 votes were counted in the General Election.

Mayor Panucci stated he wanted to comment on the electronic voting system used. He stated that Syracuse City was contemplating using the system due to its cost, but in reviewing the results in other cities he found that unofficial vote counts were not available until 2:00 a.m. the morning after the election. He stated that the electronic voting system does cost more to use than if the City opted for a paper ballot election, but in looking at the savings in labor required for paper ballots and the time spent to count the votes, he felt that the electronic voting system was worth the money.

Councilmember Knight asked Ms. Brown to give a brief explanation of the difference between a provisional ballot and an absentee ballot. Ms. Brown explained that any registered voter can apply for an absentee ballot to be mailed to them at their residence or, if they are out of the City, to an alternate address. She explained that absentee ballots are usually mailed to voters two weeks before Election Day, but the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot to be mailed anywhere in the United States is the Friday before Election Day. She stated that those mailing ballots back to the City must ensure that the ballot is returned to the City no later than noon the day of the election canvass and that they are postmarked by the day before Election Day. She stated that provisional ballots are for someone that arrives at the polling location, but their name does not appear in the official voter register. She explained that those that may have moved to the City or had their name changed since the last election that may not have updated their election registration record are allowed to vote a provisional ballot as long as they can provide their residency in the City and their identity. She stated that after the election she is responsible to verify that the voters were registered somewhere in the State of Utah prior to Election Day, that their identity is proven, and that they did not vote in another city's election on Election Day. She stated that those ballots not meeting these requirements are rejected.

Councilmember Peterson asked what voting options are available to someone that may be homebound. Ms. Brown stated that many people in that situation simply request an absentee ballot to be mailed to their home. She stated that others may ask someone to drive them to the polling location and then request a curbside ballot. She stated in that case two poll workers would take a paper ballot to the voters vehicle and, after verifying their identity and that they were currently registered to vote, allow them to vote. She stated there were four curbside voters in the General Election.

Councilmember Clark stated that he wanted to make a comment for the benefit of the young people in the audience this evening. He pointed out that there are 10,640 registered voters in Syracuse City, yet only 3,339 of them voted. He stated that he hoped that as the youth get older and have the opportunity to vote that they get involved and be part of the election process in this Country, which is a great thing. He added that he hoped that they would all go home and ask them if they voted in this past election and encourage them to vote in all future elections.

Mayor Panucci stated that he always finds it perplexing that during a presidential election the voter turnout is much greater, but individual votes in a presidential election are far less powerful than in a local election. He stated that the Electoral College is used in presidential elections and Utah does not have very many electoral votes; therefore, voting in a presidential election is not as important as voting in a local election. He stated that the City's General Election was decided by less than 50 votes, meaning that each vote is very, very powerful. He stated he encourage everyone to make sure that they exercise their privilege to vote. He stated that before accepting the canvass results he wanted to congratulate Mayor-Elect Jamie Nagle, Councilmember-Elect Matt Kimmel, and Councilmember Shingleton who won election to the seat he was appointed to after the resignation of former Councilmember Phil Orton.

COUNCILMEMBER KNIGHT MADE A MOTION TO CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF THE SYRACUSE CITY GENERAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2009. COUNCILMEMBER CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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At 7:22 p.m. COUNCILMEMBER CLARK MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Fred Panucci
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, CMC
City Recorder

Date approved: November 24, 2009