

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on March 23, 2010, at 6:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present: Councilmembers: Doug Hammond
D. Matthew Kimmel
Douglas Peterson
Larry D. Shingleton

Councilmember Clark was excused from the meeting.

Mayor Jamie Nagle
City Administrator Rodger Worthen
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:
Public Works Director Mike Waite
Fire Chief Craig Cottrell
Fire Captain Kyle Nance
GIS Technician Troy Moyes

Visitors Present:	Jenny Vasquez	Parry Bartle	Josh Delos Santos
	Travis Shingleton	Krystal Hassard	Vicki Hassard
	TJ Jensen	Gary Pratt	Mike Norton
	Quinnley Norton	Kevin Nagle	Eric Hazen
	Kay Cook	Daniel Cook	Cairo Murphy
	Rob Ortega		

1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda

Mayor Nagle called the meeting to order at 6:15 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. She asked all visitors present if any wished to provide an invocation; Vicki Hassard volunteered to provide the invocation. At the request of the Mayor, Boy Scout Josh Delos Santos led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER HAMMOND SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Clark was not present when this vote was taken.

2. Public Comments

TJ Jensen, 3242 S. 1000 W., stated that he wanted to commend the City for working with Geneva Rock to secure free dirt to be used for the expansion of Jensen Park. He then stated that the water line under 1000 West is slated to be replaced soon; the road is starting to deteriorate pretty badly because of the heavy truck traffic. He stated he would encourage the City to increase the priority of the water line replacement project. He stated that he felt that the free dirt being provided to the City by Geneva Rock is great, but it does come at a price, which is the rapid deterioration of 1000 West.

Travis Shingleton, 1378 Ira Way, stated that he reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting and he noticed that the Council will be considering a resolution to create a Citizen Corps Council. He stated that he hoped the Council would thoroughly review the bylaws included in the Council packet and he explained that he has some concerns about some of the bylaw language. He stated that he feels that Citizen Corps is a great program; he retired from the Department of Homeland Security and he knows how important emergency preparedness is, but he wants to make sure that the City goes about creating the Citizen Corps the right way. He stated that it is important that the City help to ensure that citizens are protected. He stated he realizes that there is grant money available to the Citizen Corps once it is created, but he wanted the Council to be cognizant that the grant money could cost the City some freedoms in the future. He stated it may be possible to conduct a fundraiser to raise the amount of money that is available via the grants. He stated he was concerned about the language in the bylaws that says that money could be taken from Citizen Corps and used in other areas if necessary. He stated that he would ask that the Council go about the creation of the Citizen Corps in a smart way that will ultimately benefit everyone. He reiterated that he thinks that Citizen Corps is a great program and he does not see anything wrong with creating it with the exception of the bylaws. He asked that the Council consider his request before adopting the resolution this evening.

Parry Bartle, 2181 W. 2100 S., stated that he is present this evening representing local Boy Scouts and he provided the Council with a copy of a pamphlet regarding planning a day of service. He stated that the local day of service will be April 17. He stated that last October the Boy Scouts worked with the City to organize a day of service and they are looking forward to another day of service this spring. He explained that he brought with him tonight three individuals that are going to work on various projects on service day and he asked them to introduce the projects they plan to work on.

Josh Delos Santos, 2175 S. 2354 W., stated that the service project he will participate in will give him credit for his Eagle Scout project. He stated that he would like to do some work on the fence at the skate park. He provided the Council with some pictures of the fence that he recently took and explained to the Council that the fence is in disrepair. He stated that

some of his friends that frequent the skate park have told him that it is hard to skate near the fence because it can be dangerous. He explained that he would like to remove the chain link fence and recycle it, if possible. He added that the fence posts are cemented into the ground and they are in perfect condition and can be used to support a new fence. He stated that he would be willing to sand the poles and repaint them so that they match the new fence to be installed. Mayor Nagle stated that she wanted to commend Mr. Delos Santos for being willing to perform service in his community. She added that setting a goal to receive an Eagle Scout designation is a great commitment and she is proud of Mr. Delos Santos for setting that goal. She stated that the City recently posted a job opening for a high level position within the City and she received no less than three applications from men over the age of 50 who listed their Eagle Scout designation on their application. She stated that Mr. Delos Santos Eagle Scout will follow him throughout his life. She then encouraged Mr. Delos Santos to work with the City's Public Works Director, Mike Waite, who is responsible for the City's parks. She stated that he is a fabulous person to work with and he is very efficient.

Jenny Vasquez, 3814 Turnberry Drive, stated that she is here on behalf of her husband, who is the Scout Master for Troop 135; the Troop plans to work on a project at Legacy Park. She explained there will be five adults and 10 Scouts and they will be trimming the bushes and small trees in the park. She stated that there is also a fence in the park that is 100 feet long and four feet high and it needs to be sanded and repainted with black paint in some areas. She added that the Troop will also gather all the garbage at the park. She stated the Troop plans to do this project on April 17 in conjunction with the local service day. Mayor Nagle encouraged Ms. Vasquez to contact Mr. Waite as well. She stated that Mr. Waite is a fabulous resource and the Scouts will enjoy working with him. She then thanked Ms. Vasquez for her contribution to the City.

Krystal Hassard, 2072 W. 1100 S., stated that she wants to get some of the local young women involved in the local service day in order to bring the spirit of service into their lives. She explained that last fall they started working on a project at Jensen Park to clear the weeds from the canals and ditches there. She explained that there is one canal left to be worked on and she plans to work on that project during the service day. Mayor Nagle stated that the Council has talked a lot recently about encouraging more volunteerism and involvement from the community and they feel it is a great way to achieve a common goal of building a great community and getting things done at a lower cost. She thanked everyone that is willing to dedicate their time and for their commitment to the City.

3. Recognition of former Planning Commissioner Mike Norton.

Mayor Nagle explained that Mike Norton has been serving on the City's Planning Commission for the past several months. She stated that while Mr. Norton has not served for very long, he has brought a lot of value to the commission. She stated that she enjoyed working with him on the Planning Commission. She reported that he has been called to a position of service that conflicts with his Planning Commission commitments; therefore, he has stepped down from his position. She provided Mr. Norton with a certification of appreciation from the City for his service on the Planning Commission and she wished Mr. Norton well in his future endeavors.

4. Site Plan Approval, Utah Onion Storage Building, located at approximately 830 South 2000 West.

Utah Onion proposes to build an 18,000 square-foot structure to store and prolong the shelf-life of their onions. Revised drawings will show the building complies with required setbacks between industrial, residential, and general commercial zones as well as all other requirements of the City Land Use Ordinance. The Architectural Review Committee recommended approval on March 9, 2010, as originally presented. The Planning Commission recommended approval on March 16, 2010, based on proposed revised drawings. At this time staff recommends approval of this site plan.

GIS Technician Moyes then reviewed the staff documentation regarding the proposed site plan approval.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO GRANT SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE UTAH ONION STORAGE BUILDING TO BE LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 830 SOUTH 2000 WEST. COUNCILMEMBER HAMMOND SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. Councilmember Clark was not present when this vote was taken.

5. Proposed Resolution R10-08 supporting, in principle, the establishment of the Syracuse City Citizen Corps Council for the general purpose of promoting community preparedness.

Citizen Corps was launched in 2002 as an initiative of the President's USA Freedom Corps to promote a culture of service, citizenship and responsibility. Davis County Citizen Corps was officially launched in February of 2007 as a partnership representing the volunteer and professional emergency response sectors. On March 19th, 2007, Davis County Citizen Corps was officially adopted as a Citizen Corps Council. The citizen corps includes many different programs that can aid the community and the citizens themselves through public education, training and volunteer services promoting community and family safety. Below is a list of these programs:

Department of Justice

- Neighborhood Watch

- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Department of Homeland Security

- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
- Fire Corps

Department of Health and Human Services

- Medical Reserve Corps

Some of the benefits of participating in Citizen Corps programs include increasing preparedness plans and disaster supply kits, home health and safety practices, disaster mitigation measures, and crime prevention and reporting. Examples of the training citizens could receive include emergency preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue procedures and public health and safety measures. Volunteer responsibilities could include assistance to any of the following: law enforcement, fire & emergency medical services, community public health projects, emergency management, disaster relief and community safety organizations.

Syracuse City already participates in the CERT and Neighborhood Watch programs. Organizing these programs under the umbrella of Citizen Corps would make these and other programs and citizen corps functions comply with federal standards. It would also make these programs eligible to receive state and federal funds.

Staff recommends that the Council adopt the proposed Resolution establishing the Syracuse City Citizen Corps Council, for the general purpose of promoting Community Preparedness through communication, coordination and collaboration in emergency and disaster preparedness, response and recovery, through planning, training and exercise, specifically through the Community Emergency Response Team and Neighborhood Watch programs.

Fire Chief Cottrell reviewed the staff documentation provided regarding this item. He then explained that there was a question during the public comment portion of tonight's meeting regarding the bylaws for the Citizen Corps. He explained that the bylaws that were provided to each Councilmember were sample bylaws and they do not need to be adopted by the Council this evening. He stated that the actual Citizen Corps will have the responsibility of reviewing the bylaws and proposing proper wording. He then added that all money given to the Citizen Corps would stay within the control of the Citizen Corps.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R10-08 SUPPORTING, IN PRINCIPLE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SYRACUSE CITY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF PROMOTING COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS. COUNCILMEMBER HAMMOND SECONDED THE MOTION.

Councilmember Shingleton asked how the Citizen Corps Council would get organized. Chief Cottrell explained that someone from his Department, likely Fire Captain Nance, would be assigned to assist the Corps and he would also enlist the help of a local resident, Robyn Chase, who is very involved in the CERT program. He stated he would also try to enlist the help of the person from the Police Department that is currently involved in the neighborhood watch program. He added that he would welcome participation from a City Councilmember. Councilmember Shingleton asked if the opportunity to serve on the Citizen Corps could be advertised in the City's newsletter, to which Chief Cottrell answered yes.

Mayor Nagle asked who would decide which applicants should be appointed in the case that 50 citizens apply. Chief Cottrell explained that all applicants could join the Corps and they would then elect their own governing body or council.

Councilmember Peterson inquired as to who would vote on the bylaws for the Corps. Chief Cottrell stated that the Corps council would create and vote on their own bylaws.

Councilmember Hammond asked what type of control the City would have over the Corps. He stated that there may be a member that becomes too exuberant and there should be a checks and balances system in place. Chief Cottrell stated that the bylaws would include some checks and balances that could be enforced by the Corps council. He added that he would recommend that a disciplinary process be added to the bylaws. Councilmember Hammond asked if the City Council could approve the Corps' bylaws. Chief Cottrell stated that the City Council should not have any involvement in the creation or approval of the group's bylaws.

Councilmember Kimmel asked if any of the things that could potentially be assigned to the Citizen Corps could be done on a City level. He asked if it were possible to take all of the good things that the Federal Government has provided and incorporate them into City practices. Chief Cottrell asked Councilmember Kimmel if he was suggesting that Syracuse City stand alone without any outside support. Councilmember Kimmel stated that he would like to incorporate the good things from the resolution into City practices without create an umbrella called Citizen Corps that the City would then be under.

Councilmember Shingleton asked if there were any federal mandates that the City must adhere to relative to emergency preparedness. Chief Cottrell stated that in order run programs like CERT and neighborhood watch, the City must comply with national standards. Councilmember Shingleton stated that those standards must be followed regardless of whether the City wants to create a Citizen Corps. Councilmember Kimmel stated he did not think that was correct. Chief Cottrell stated that if the City is going to continue to operate CERT and neighborhood watch programs the City must adhere to national standards. He stated that is regardless of whether a Citizen Corps is created.

Mayor Nagle stated that there is one thing that she likes about this proposal. She stated that while Syracuse City will likely never experience a hurricane, everyone was able to witness what happened following Hurricane Katrina; all the help came from the federal government and citizens were not trained to respond and react; therefore, the citizens became helpless victims. She stated that she likes that this proposal includes empowering and training the citizens of this community. She stated that she understands that there were some concerns about the bylaws and the withdrawal of funds from Citizen Corps accounts and she feels that those concerns were addressed. She stated that her main concern is one that Councilmember Hammond raised and that is that there is currently no City oversight. Chief Cottrell stated that the Council is welcome to require that there be some level of involvement from the City. He explained that when Clinton City created their Citizen Corps they made sure to dictate that the Corps would be overseen by a uniformed employee, which was their Chief of Police. Councilmember Shingleton asked if that person was a liaison to the Citizen Corps or was he actually in charge of the group. Chief Cottrell explained that he is the chairman of the organization and he has direct oversight of the Corps. Mayor Nagle asked Chief Cottrell if he would propose a similar arrangement. Chief Cottrell stated that he would propose a similar arrangement and he pointed out that the arrangement could be reviewed in the future. Councilmember Peterson stated that he thought there would already be some staff oversight since each of the programs that are being assigned to the Citizen Corps will still be ran by City staff. Chief Cottrell agreed that there will still be some oversight from various Departments. Councilmember Peterson stated he does not have any concerns about this proposal. He stated he feels that the recommendation is to simply organize the programs that the City currently operates under one umbrella with staff oversight. Chief Cottrell agreed and stated that the oversight could be provided by City staff or by an elected official similar to how other boards and commissions of the City are overseen. He stated there are some boards or commissions that do not have oversight from staff or elected officials, such as the Planning Commission. Mayor Nagle stated that is correct and the Planning Commission does hold great power in the City. Councilmember Kimmel stated that he would argue that there is a big difference between a group that will work on emergency preparedness, which affects people's lives, as opposed to planning done by the Planning Commission. Mayor Nagle stated that essentially the Planning Commission is planning the City, which does affect people's lives.

Councilmember Kimmel stated that he would like some additional time to discuss this proposal; there are some items in the resolution and the bylaws that concern him. He stated that he understands there is a deadline to adopt this resolution in order for the Citizen Corps to be eligible for some grant monies. Councilmember Shingleton stated that it may be appropriate to include in the motion some language that says that the bylaws are only a sample document. Councilmember Peterson stated that he did not think an amended motion was necessary because the resolution does not reference the bylaws and he added that there is a stamp on the copy of the bylaws that says "SAMPLE". Chief Cottrell agreed and stated that the only amendment to the motion that he would recommend would be to dictate that there be staff oversight of the Citizen Corps.

COUNCILMEMBER HAMMOND OFFERED A SUBSTITUTE MOTION; HE MOVED TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R10-08 SUPPORTING, IN PRINCIPLE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SYRACUSE CITY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF PROMOTING COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE:

THERE SHALL BE OVERSIGHT OF THE CITIZEN CORPS FROM A UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICE, FIRE FIGHTER, OR ELECTED OFFICIAL.

COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILMEMBER KIMMEL, WHO VOTED IN OPPOSITION. Councilmember Clark was not present when this vote was taken.

Councilmember Kimmel stated that he feels that it would be possible to organize these types of programs on a City level without being under the umbrella of the federal government. He stated that the City could recruit volunteers without involvement from the federal government. He stated he would like for programs like this to be run at the local level.

At 6:55 p.m. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Jamie Nagle
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, CMC
City Recorder

Date approved: April 13, 2010