

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on May 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

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

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

City Employees Present:

Police Chief Brian Wallace
Building Official Jason VanAusdal
IT Director TJ Peace
Finance Manager Amber Fowles
GIS Technician Troy Moyes
Building Inspector Tex Couch
Code Enforcement Officer Tom Reynolds

Visitors Present:	Amber Beavers	Alex Silva	Michael Wade
	Lavell Sackett	Joseph Failoni	Brandi Guerra
	Tawni Bellucci	Marc Guerra	Craig Johnson
	Brock Abel	Kristen Kubink	Ellise Pullum
	Nathan Park	Heather Bitney	Johnny Lee
	Tye Peterson	Joannie Panucci	Colleen Thurgood
	Jean Reniker	Dustin Brough	Kelly Tarrant
	Nathan Johnson	Kate Kendrick	Ashlee Hansen
	Alex Swanson	Lexi Dunn	Jace Dallimore
	Keith Griffiths	Kelly McGarry	Shawn McGarry
	Lurlen Knight	Clain Goode	Celesta Dunlop
	TJ Palmer	Alea Lavatai	Zach Erickson
	Brinley Butler	Gage Taylor	Josh Gooch
	Kaitlyn Schneiter	Jessica Bo	Weston Family
	TJ Jensen	Tom Reynolds	Bev Reynolds
	Tyler Cottle	Tanna Woods	Kellie Ryan
	Megan Bambrough	Melissa Wallace	Travis Shingleton
	Ingrid Bettridge		

1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda

Mayor Nagle 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. She asked all visitors present if any wished to provide an invocation; there being no persons volunteering to provide an invocation it was instead provided by Councilmember Hammond. At the request of the Mayor, Councilmember Kimmel led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Work Session Meeting of April 27, 2010 were reviewed.

Councilmember Hammond stated that page three, line 26, of the minutes should be amended to state that both "the Lions Club and the Lady Lions have expressed interest. . .".

COUNCILMEMBER HAMMOND MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2010 AS AMENDED. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2010 were reviewed.

Councilmember Clark stated he was not in attendance at the April 27, 2010 meeting, but after reading the minutes it is important to clarify one issue that was discussed. He stated that during the meeting City Administrator Worthen indicated

that Councilmember Clark had suggested that the City allow the Clearfield High School graduation party committee to use the Community Center free of charge. He stated that is not correct and that instead he simply suggested to the graduation party committee that they might want to contact the City to see if that would be an option. He stated he never contacted Mr. Worthen about the issue. He stated that he did contact the City's Recreation Director, Kresta Robinson, who informed him of the fee that the City typically charges for the use of the Center and that it would be necessary to staff the Center during its use. He stated that he passed that information on to the graduation party committee, who then contacted Mr. Worthen. He stated that without his input the City made the decision to let the graduation party committee use the Center. He stated that the minutes of April 27, 2010 include misinformation regarding the chain of events. City Recorder Brown informed Councilmember Clark that the minutes of April 27, 2010 will not be amended to reflect Councilmember Clark's statement; rather his comments will be included in the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Worthen added that Councilmember Clark's statements are correct and that he was actually contacted by Dr. Barker, a member of the graduation party committee.

Councilmember Hammond stated that page nine, line 28, of the minutes should be amended to state that "he was asked questions about a tax increase. . .".

Councilmember Kimmel stated that page nine, line 16, refers to former-Councilmember Knight as Councilmember. He stated that should be changed to Mr.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2010 AS AMENDED. COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

3. Public Comments

Joannie Panucci, 2480 S. 2000 W., stated that she addressed the Mayor and Council during the last City Council meeting, but she ran out of time and was unable to complete her statement. She stated that during the last meeting she addressed Mayor Nagle regarding a statement she made during the meeting held February 2, 2010, where Mayor Nagle accused the former Mayor and Ms. Panucci of being involved in the investigation regarding whether Mayor Nagle violated the Hatch Act in her bid for Mayor of Syracuse City. She stated that the false statement was made during a public meeting, which is why she is here to address the issue publicly tonight. She stated that she would like for Mayor Nagle to make a comment that her accusation was incorrect. Mayor Nagle stated that she has already invited Ms. Panucci to schedule some time to meet with her personally so that the two can discuss this issue. She stated that now is the time for public comments. Ms. Panucci stated that she is asking for Mayor Nagle to publicly make a comment correcting the record of the meeting of February 2. Mayor Nagle stated that she has already given her answer to Ms. Panucci's request.

Lurlen Knight, 400 S. 2000 W., stated that the North Davis Sewer District (NDSD) is changing the way it conducts audits due to the slowdown of development within the District. He stated that from this point forward there will be periodic audits until development activities are accelerated. He then stated the NDSD has given some consideration to charging cities or developers for the installation of new lines when they are needed. He stated this would be in lieu of charging all members of the District for an impact created by a new development somewhere in the District. He then stated that in response to some comments that were made during the last City Council meeting by Councilmember Kimmel in regards to a State statute, he contacted the NDSD's attorney who reviewed the statute and confirmed that Councilmember Kimmel's interpretation of the statute was correct. He stated that he has submitted a letter of resignation to the Chairman of the NDSD; his resignation will be effective upon the appointment of a new representative of the City. Mayor Nagle asked if the next meeting of the NDSD Board will be held this Thursday and if there will be any item on the meeting agenda regarding taxes. Mr. Knight stated that the meeting will be held this Thursday, but there is no agenda item dealing with taxes. He stated that the two items he previously mentioned in his report will be discussed and there will also be an item to recognize a team of Boardmembers that attended a recent conference. He stated that everyone should be proud of the District; they have one of the finest labs in the Western United States.

Brinley Butler, 1486 S. 2650 W., stated that she is the reigning Miss Syracuse and it has come to her attention that Syracuse is considering eliminating the \$1,000 scholarship usually offered by the City to the contest winner. She stated that she wanted to attend tonight's meeting and provide her perspective on this issue before a decision is made. She stated that in order for the Miss Syracuse pageant winner to go on to compete in the Miss Utah competition, the contestant must be enrolled full time in school during their year of service. She stated that without the scholarship from the City she would not have been able to do that. She stated that some have said that the pageant is a silly competition, but it is much more than a beauty pageant and it has provided her with a great opportunity to serve the community that she believes in. She stated that it has also given her the opportunity to receive further education.

4a. Set Public Hearing for May 25, 2010 to consider Proposed Resolution R10-14 providing for the alteration of the Syracuse

City Council meeting schedule.

The Council has recently been discussing the idea of altering their meeting schedule by canceling the second regular meeting of the month in order to hold an extended 'hybrid' work session. The extended work session would give the Council the opportunity to spend lengthier periods of time working on the business of the City. The potential alteration was advertised in the April newsletter and the public was asked to provide feedback regarding the proposal. City staff received two emails from citizens and approximately five people have made public comments in recent Council meetings regarding the proposed change. The Council is desirous of setting a public hearing in order to give the public an additional opportunity to comment on this issue. In order to meet the public hearing noticing requirements, staff recommends setting a public hearing for May 25, 2010.

COUNCILMEMBER CLARK MADE A MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 25, 2010 TO CONSIDER PROPOSED RESOLUTION R10-14 PROVIDING FOR THE ALTERATION OF THE SYRACUSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Mayor Nagle stated she would like to invite the public to attend the May 25 Council meeting to provide their input on this issue. She stated the Council has had discussions about the fact that the time to discuss issues during work session meetings is very limited. She added that there is so much ceremony during the regular meeting and it may be more beneficial to the citizens if the Council spends more time dealing with City issues during work session meetings, as long as the Council makes sure that there is still an opportunity for the citizens to address the Council and have their voices heard. She stated that the Council is truly trying to entertain the idea of how to allow for more time to address City business without hindering the public's accessibility to the Council. She stated that one option being considered is holding an extended work session meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month. She stated that unless it is absolutely necessary, no regular meeting will be held on those nights. She stated this option has been suggested to give the Council more time to get work done, but she feels the option will actually provide more opportunities for the citizens to be involved. She stated that all work session meetings are public meetings. She stated that if anyone has attended a work session recently they know that the Council does not limit the public's ability to comment during those meetings. She stated that a work session setting may be more inviting to those wishing to make comments because the setting is less intimidating and those wishing to comment are not required to stand in front of everyone in attendance to address the Council. She stated that one of the Councilmembers has also suggested the idea of 'going live' with Council meetings by broadcasting all public meetings on the internet. She stated the Council is currently investigating that option. She stated that it is the intent of the Council to get more work done for the City rather than in ceremonial meetings. She stated she hoped that citizens will attend the May 25 meeting to provide their input on this issue.

Councilmember Clark stated he would echo Mayor Nagle's comments.

5. Public Hearing – Proposed Resolution R10-13 providing regulations and a fee schedule for business advertising in the Syracuse City newsletter.

The Council has recently been discussing the idea of allowing local businesses to advertise in the City newsletter in order to generate some revenue to cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter to every household in the City. A draft fee schedule for the advertising was reviewed during the April 13, 2010 work session meeting. Staff was directed to make some changes to the fee schedule and draft regulations regarding how advertising will be managed. Proposed Resolution R10-13 was drafted to allow the Council to consider the fee schedule and draft regulations.

Mayor Nagle then convened the public hearing.

Ms. Brown explained that the City Council has been discussing the option of allowing business advertising in the newsletter for at least the past year. She explained that approximately a year ago the City discontinued the practice of mailing a paper copy of the newsletter to each household and instead published an electronic version of the newsletter in its place. She stated that readership of the newsletter has decreased, which prompted discussions regarding resuming the practice of mailing a paper copy to all households. She stated there have been discussions about ways to offset the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter and staff was directed to conduct some research regarding how other cities handle advertising in their newsletter as well as the amount of money businesses must pay to be allowed to advertise. She stated that the fee schedule that is being proposed is fairly simple and she reviewed the prices being proposed. She then stated staff has also included in the resolution some basic regulations that businesses wishing to advertise in the newsletter will be required to adhere to.

Joannie Panucci, 2480 S. 2000 W., asked if this new practice will cost the City any money. Mayor Nagle answered no and explained that it will be cost neutral. Ms. Panucci asked how the City will decide who will be allowed to advertise in the newsletter. Mr. Worthen stated that advertising space will be made available on a first come, first serve basis. Ms.

Panucci asked if the business advertisements will also be included in the electronic version of the newsletter that is currently available on the City's website, to which Mr. Worthen answered yes.

TJ Jensen, 3242 S. 1000 W., stated that he thinks this is a good idea and he is glad the Council is looking for a way to get the newsletter back into a printed format so that more residents in the City will know what is going on. He stated he is aware that some City events have experienced lower attendance numbers than in years past and that may be due to the fact that residents were not receiving a paper newsletter. He stated he thinks that the Council is doing the right thing and he thinks that the fee schedule sounds reasonable. He stated that the fees may need to be adjusted in the future if there is a high demand for advertising space, but this is a good start and he thinks the Council is doing a good job.

Councilmember Shingleton stated that one of the things that citizens talk to him about on a regular basis is the fact that they no longer receive a paper newsletter in their mailbox. He stated that allowing businesses to advertise in the newsletter will help the City to move towards providing all residents with a newsletter. He stated that many businesses in the City have asked for permission to advertise in the newsletter. He stated this proposal will meet the needs of both the citizens and the businesses and it will save some tax payer dollars that would otherwise be spent on printing and mailing the newsletter.

Councilmember Kimmel asked if the annual fee schedule is based on a business receiving advertising space for a full 12-months. Ms. Brown stated that the annual prices are based on a 12-month circulation, but businesses will receive a slight cost break; they will essentially receive two months of free advertisement space if they pay for an entire year up-front.

Councilmember Clark stated that the resolution dictates that businesses will need to submit their ads to the City in a PDF format and he asked if that is correct. GIS Technician Moyes stated that he will be more concerned about resolution size to ensure that the advertisement is clear; otherwise it does not matter in what format the advertisement is submitted to the City.

Councilmember Clark stated that the resolution also states that vulgar or offensive content will not be permitted in any advertisement in the newsletter and he asked if it is fine to leave that regulation that vague or if it is necessary to be more specific in defining vulgar or offensive content. Ms. Brown stated that she has actually been told that it is better to leave the regulation vague; if the City tries to develop a list of swear-words or vulgarities and something is left off of that list a business could argue that the one word left off the list is allowed. She stated that she was told that the liability of the City would be decreased if the regulation is somewhat vague. Mayor Nagle stated she would agree with that assessment.

Councilmember Hammond asked if businesses will be allowed to advertise in the June newsletter. Ms. Brown stated that is her understanding.

Mayor Nagle stated that it is not the City's intention for this policy to be a revenue generator. She stated that the Council simply wants to assist the businesses in the City that are struggling horribly in these difficult economic times. She stated that businesses are telling the City that they are barely hanging on and they want the City's help in encouraging citizens to patronize the local businesses.

Councilmember Peterson asked Councilmember Shingleton if the businesses associated with the Syracuse Business Organization Strategic Support (SBOSS) group have expressed interest in advertising in the newsletter and if he believes there will be enough businesses interested to fill the amount of advertising space that will be made available. Councilmember Shingleton stated he believes that businesses will be eager to participate. Mr. Moyes agreed and stated that most of the businesses he has discussed this with have indicated they would like to participate. He stated that staff is currently in the process of redesigning the newsletter and making sure that it will be possible to include advertising space in the new format.

Councilmember Peterson stated that the resolution states that the amount of space dedicated to advertising will not exceed 40 percent of the total size of the newsletter and he asked how that will be measured. He stated that if there is not an overwhelming amount of City business to be included in the newsletter in any given month the City, extra items could be included in the newsletter to make it bigger, which would, in turn, increase the amount of advertising space available. Ms. Brown stated that the answer to that question will depend on the amount of money the City will be charged to print the newsletter. She stated that the City will be obtaining a couple of bids from local vendors that can provide the City with printing services and ask the size of the overall newsletter increases, so will the price to print it. She stated that in order to ensure that the rates that are being charged to businesses that will be advertising are going to cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, the City will need to determine a maximum size. Councilmember Peterson asked him if the overall size of the newsletter could change month to month. Ms. Brown answered yes and stated that could happen on a regular basis, but if during one month the newsletter was only six pages in total size, the City would only allow 40 percent of that number of pages to be consumed by advertising.

Councilmember Kimmel stated that he wanted to explain the concern he has about allowing businesses to advertise in the newsletter. He stated that in one of the work sessions during which this issue was discussed a resident spoke about businesses advertising in local newspapers and it raised a red flag for him. He stated that while this proposal may be cost

neutral for the City, his standpoint is a conservative one and his opinion is that the City will be competing with private business. He stated that private advertising entities will lose some revenue because the City is offering a lower advertising rate. He stated for that reason he can not vote in favor of the resolution. He stated he is in favor of sending the newsletter to all citizens because the citizens need to be informed of everything that is happening in the City; however, he believes the City's budget can be amended to allow the City to pay for the printing and mailing of the newsletter even if it is only mailed every other month. He reiterated that putting government in competition with private sector businesses is something that troubles him and he will not support the proposal.

Councilmember Hammond stated that he understands Councilmember Kimmel's point of view; however other advertising entities, such as the Standard-Examiner newspaper of the Hometown Values magazine, have a much wider circulation than the Syracuse City newsletter. He stated the City newsletter will only go to the citizens in Syracuse City and it will support the businesses in the City and it is important that the local businesses know that the City is supporting them. Councilmember Shingleton added that the rates that will be charged for advertising in the newsletter are very nominal. He stated that a lot of local businesses could not afford to advertise in the Standard-Examiner or the Hometown Values magazine, but they may be able to afford advertising space in the City newsletter. He stated the Council has promised the businesses that the City will support them and do whatever possible to help them. He stated this is one thing the City can do.

Mark Guerra, 1236 W. 3150 S., stated he was wondering if advertising space will be made available for personal or political advertisements. Mayor Nagle stated that the resolution specifically states that political advertisements of any kind will not be allowed in the City newsletter with the exception of election notices provided by the City. She stated that personal ads will also not be allowed. Councilmember Clark stated that the word 'personal' is not currently used and he asked if it is necessary to make that clarification. The Council discussed the topic briefly and determined that the word 'personal' should be added to regulation six included in the resolution.

Councilmember Kimmel asked if advertising space will only be made available to businesses in the City, to which Mayor Nagle answered no.

Travis Shingleton, 1738 W. Ira Way, stated that he thinks that it is great that the City is trying to do things more like other cities around Syracuse are doing. He stated the City absolutely needs a newsletter and he agrees that businesses are struggling to stay afloat during these tough times. He asked if the City has considered the idea of approaching a company in Syracuse City that could print the newsletter and ask them manage the assembly and printing of the newsletter and collect the fees for other businesses to advertise. He stated that the City could possibly reduce the taxes of the business willing to take on this task rather than paying them for their service. He stated the City also has the option of donating funds for the creation of the newsletter, which is the most worthy cause the City could be donating to. He stated that he would like to see local businesses handle the newsletter. He stated the City does not need to be the same as other cities and instead should think outside the box. He stated the City should help businesses and work hand-in-hand with them. He stated Syracuse City should be the City that rises up and paves a new path rather than trying to act like a business. He asked if the City really wants to rent out office space in competition with a business plaza located in the City. He asked if that will be the next proposal. He stated he knows that this is a small issue, but little things can roll quickly and make a big snowball. He thanked the Council for their time.

Mayor Nagle stated that the City has actually conferred with local businesses about enlisting them to oversee the assembly and the printing of the newsletter. She stated that the City also checked with other cities to see if they would be willing to partner and create a regional newsletter, but the costs were so prohibitive that those types of goals could not be accomplished at this time. She stated the City has tried to explore other options. She stated she agrees with the point that the City should be setting standards and blazing new trails. Councilmember Shingleton stated that the City did approach the UPS Store about enlisting them to oversee the assembly and printing of the newsletter and they recently went out of business and their services are no longer available. Councilmember Peterson asked if there is another local business that could provide printing services for the newsletter. Mayor Nagle stated that Mr. Moyes is going to look through the business license for all current City businesses to determine if there is another business that offers that service. She stated the City will then send a request for a proposal to those businesses.

Councilmember Clark stated that the City's distribution is limited; there are only approximately 6,400 households. He stated that it would be difficult for someone else, like a local business, to justify spending the money to send an advertisement to that number of households. He stated that is why the City considered partnering with other cities to increase the circulation.

There being no additional persons appearing to be heard, Mayor Nagle closed the public hearing.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R10-13 PROVIDING REGULATIONS AND A FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE SYRACUSE CITY NEWSLETTER, AS AMENDED. COUNCILMEMBER HAMMOND SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILMEMBER KIMMEL, WHO VOTED IN OPPOSITION.

6. Adopt Tentative Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget and set public hearing for June 22, 2010 to consider adoption of Final Budget.

As required by Utah Code Annotated 10-6-111, the City Budget Officer is required to prepare and file with the City Council a tentative budget for consideration. Each tentative budget shall be reviewed and tentatively adopted during any regular City Council meeting. The City Council will need to hold a public hearing prior to adoption of the final budget. Each year there is discussion about maintaining or increasing the City's current property tax rate, which means the City, could postpone the adoption of the final budget in order to follow the process defined by State Law for a City to maintain or increase property taxes (truth in taxation). The City Council could set a public hearing for June 22, 2010 to consider adoption of the final budget. If the final budget is not adopted at that time and the Council deems it necessary to proceed through the truth in taxation process, the Council can set a public hearing for August 10, 2010 to consider maintaining or increasing the tax rate in Syracuse City as well as adoption of the final budget.

Mayor Nagle stated that this step is the first step in the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year. She stated that tonight the tentative budget is simply being introduced to the Council and they will now have time to look over it and formulate any questions regarding any item included in the budget. She stated that time will be set aside on each future work session agenda to review the budget and Department Heads will be in attendance to answer questions that the Council might have. She then requested that the tentative budget be included on the City's website as soon as possible.

Councilmember Hammond stated that he does have some questions about certain aspects of the budget and he would also like to comment that Finance Manager Fowles did an excellent job of putting the budget document together. He then asked if the Council will have time to review individual department budgets with Department Heads. Mayor Nagle reiterated that each Department Head will be invited to future work sessions. She stated that she will inform the Council of which Department Heads will be in attendance at any given meeting so that the Council can appropriately formulate their questions.

Councilmember Shingleton stated that the budget includes funding for two new personnel positions. Mayor Nagle stated that is correct. She stated that if there are questions about that issue the Council can specifically discuss them when there is time to review the personnel budget during an upcoming work session.

Councilmember Hammond stated that it is important to let the public know that Ms. Fowles is presenting a balanced budget and there is currently no proposal to increase the current property tax rate in order to fund the budget. Mayor Nagle agreed and stated she wanted to compliment Ms. Fowles for putting together the budget in such a short period of time. She stated that the budget does not meet all the road needs of the City, but Ms. Fowles has done a good job at putting together a comprehensive budget that has a lot of integrity.

COUNCILMEMBER CLARK MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 22, 2010 TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

7. Department Report – Police Department.

Mayor Nagle stated she wanted the Council to know that she has received much positive feedback regarding the Police Department over the last week. She stated they have been called on to respond to some very serious incidents and many people have commended them for their professionalism. She added that three Police Officers graduated with their bachelor's degree last week; they are Corey Rowley, Stan Penrod, and Lance Jensen. She stated that dedication shows a great commitment to the City.

Police Chief Wallace stated that one of the first things he did upon being appointed as the Chief of Syracuse City was assess the priorities that the Police Department of the City needed to have in place. He stated that from the early 1990's until the present he has made it a priority to protect the children of the community and to fight drug and alcohol abuse in the City. He stated that people have been made aware that if they get caught drinking in Syracuse City they will be punished more than they may be for getting caught in other communities. He stated that a few years ago the number one call that his Officers were responding to were domestic violence calls. He stated that there are a lot of families in the City and there was not a large commercial base; therefore, other types of crimes were not as common. He stated that the City created a program to educate the citizens about domestic violence and there has since been a significant drop in the number of domestic violence cases. He stated that as the commercial base started to grow so have the types of crimes associated with those businesses. He then provided the Council with a handout highlighting the functions of the Department. He stated that the administrative members of the Department are responsible to manage the Department and assist where needed. He stated that

one of the things that he is proud of is the fact that there has never been a lawsuit against the Police Department that has gone to court or has been otherwise found to be true. He stated that record spans the 17-years that he has been the Chief. He stated he credits the Officers of the City and stated he feels that lawsuits have been avoided because of the education and training that his entire staff has received. He stated that many of his officers are as educated as the lawyers that will be representing offenders in court. He then stated that the Detectives in the Department investigate crimes and prepare evidence for court cases. He stated that the Council is aware that there was a recent shooting in the City as well as a stabbing incident and investigating major crimes such as those are very man-hour intensive. He stated that the Detectives do a good job of 'holding their own' and handling all of the calls they receive. He then stated that the Patrol Division responds to calls for service and they control traffic through enforcement. He stated that on Mother's Day the Officer on duty responded to 30 calls. He then stated that there are three officers working in Community Relations assignments and they are worth their weight in gold in the schools they are assigned to. He stated they interact with the students at the school and they are very aware of what is happening inside and outside of the schools. He stated that the students also know who the resource officers are and they are valuable asset that keeps the schools safe. He stated that Officer Penrod also visits the local elementary schools and teaches the DARE program and he is the most popular Officer in the City. He then highlighted the various programs that the City participates in as well as the number of Officers assigned to each program as follows:

- DARE Program (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) – 3 Officers
- Davis Metro Narcotics Officer Association – 1 Officer
- School Resource Officer – 2 Officers
- CART (Child Abduction Response Team) – 3 Officers
- SAFE (Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement) – 8 Officers
- ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) – 2 Officers
- JCAT (Joint Criminal Apprehension Team) – 2 Officers
- EASY (Eliminating Alcohol Sales to Youth) – 2 Officers

Chief Wallace explained that to be part of these organizations the officers must be trained. He stated that each program is funded by local, state, and federal funding at no cost to Syracuse City. He stated that training is offered to the Officers that are assigned to these task forces; the City commits the manpower and the other entities commit the funds. He then stated that one other item he wanted to report was that he recently received a compliment from the Davis County Attorney's Office; they said that the Syracuse City Police Department always presents the best prepared cases to the Attorney's Office for prosecution. He then stated that he places a high value on education and if it were up to him he would make it a requirement for all Officers to have a bachelor's degree in order to enter the law enforcement field. He stated that Police Officers are given an awesome responsibility and they are capable of taking so much from a citizen, including their property, freedom, and even their life. He stated that putting someone in that position that is unaware of what the constitution allows is a recipe for disaster. He stated that it is important to train Officers and for every Officer to gain all the experience and education they possibly can. He stated that all Officers are required to have 40-hours of defined training to maintain their POST certification. He added that there are other privileges that can be assigned to Officers as long as they are trained and certified to receive those privileges, such as carrying a firearm or a taser, operating an emergency vehicle, and operating a breathalyzer machine. He stated that he feels that those trainings are important. He stated he does the best to keep the cost of training as low as possible.

Councilmember Hammond stated that he feels that the members of the Police Department do an outstanding job of representing the high standards of the community. He stated he has also heard many positive comments from the schools about the resource officers. He then asked how many Officers are currently employed by the Department and how many vehicles the Department currently has. Chief Wallace stated that there are 19 Police Officers including himself. He stated that they also have five reserve Officers that are non-paid volunteers. He stated that the Department has 21 vehicles; the extra cars are used by the reserve Officers.

Councilmember Hammond then stated he has been asked many questions by residents about the section of Antelope Drive between Bluff Road and 3000 West. He stated that he knows that Antelope Drive is a State Road, but he asked if there is anything that can be done during peak traffic times to help make that area safer than it currently is. Chief Wallace stated that the City has approached the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) requesting that they mandate a consistent speed on the roadway. He stated that UDOT conducted an analysis and they actually informed the City that the speed limit on the road should be increased to 55 miles per hour because that is the speed that most vehicles are traveling at. He stated that the section of road that Councilmember Hammond referred to is a narrow section and that problem is increased by people that pull their vehicles to the side of the road to pick up or drop off their kids from school. He stated that if parents would follow the schools plans and use the traffic staging area they have created, the problems on the road may be solved, but there are 30 or 40 parents that are not willing to wait in line to pick up their kids. Councilmember Clark asked if the City could simply

install a sign that dictates no parking or stopping on the side of the road. Mr. Worthen stated that is ultimately up to UDOT, but he will make that request of them.

Councilmember Clark stated that the City has an amazing Police Department and he does not think that can be said enough. He stated that most people only become aware of that fact when they need their assistance. He stated that he can not put into words how he feels about the Department; they are willing to volunteer their time because of the love they have for what they do. He stated they are amazing and he asked that his compliment be passed on to all the employees of the Department.

Mayor Nagle stated that every month Syracuse Elementary School invites the Mayor and another City official to eat lunch with the students and it is always fun to go with the Police Department or the Fire Department because the kids admire them so much. She stated that last Friday she attended the lunch with Officer Penrod and it proved to her that there is no reason to doubt the DARE Department and the way it connects with kids. She stated that all of the kids in the lunchroom were yelling to Officer Penrod and telling him how they were staying drug free. She stated that it was great to see how many kids recognized him and that they wanted to associate with him. Chief Wallace stated that he can not go anywhere with Officer Penrod without him being recognized by current or former students.

Mayor Nagle thanked Chief Wallace for his report.

8. Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Kimmel stated he had nothing to report.

Councilmember Peterson stated that he wanted to say something about the Council policing themselves in certain areas. He stated that each Councilmember received an assignment at the conclusion of the recent Council/Administration retreat. He stated that a couple of Councilmembers have provided reports regarding their assignments while others are still working on them. He stated he would like to hear the reports from the remaining Councilmembers. He encouraged them to finish working with their committees so that the Council and the public can hear their reports regarding important issues in the City.

Councilmember Clark reported that he attended a recent scholarship banquet and there were 24 students from Syracuse and Clearfield High Schools that received scholarships. He stated that a good number of those students reside in Syracuse City even though some of them attend Clearfield High School. He stated that the number of scholarships received by students of the two schools was significantly higher than the number of scholarships awarded to students at other schools in the District. He stated he felt that speaks to the quality of the students living in this City. He then stated that there has been a soft opening of the recycling center located at the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District (WIWMD) landfill. He stated that on June 2 there will be a formal ribbon cutting ceremony and the residents of this area will have a facility to which they can deliver their recyclable materials.

Councilmember Hammond reported that he attended the Syracuse High School Community Council meeting and they were very appreciative of the City's donation to their graduation party committee. He added that they have also established their own scholarship fund and anyone interested can donate to that fund. He then reported that the Museum Board met recently and they inquired as to the status of the bylaws that the City Attorney has been working on for the Board. Mr. Worthen stated that he is not sure of the status, but he will get more information and report back to Councilmember Hammond or the Board. Councilmember Hammond stated the Board would like for the bylaws document to be ready for review at the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Hammond then inquired as to the status of the disposition of the Walker home. He stated that the Museum Board has been told that the home will be demolished if the sale is not completed prior to the completion of the Antelope Drive road widening project. Mayor Nagle stated that she informed Councilmember Hammond of the status during the last City Council meeting. She stated that when UDOT was initially approached by the City they were favorable to the idea of deeding the property to the City for sale by competitive bid. She stated that UDOT was then approached by someone else who was able to get them to change their mind about how to proceed. She stated that UDOT now wants to deal directly with those individuals who are interested in purchasing the home. She stated that she has been informed that the demolition order has been put on hold and UDOT plans to negotiate the sale of the home. Councilmember Hammond then reported that the Museum will have a special display beginning May 15 regarding the service of veterans. He stated that the items will be on display the entire summer and he feels the Museum Board has done a fantastic job. He provided an invitation to the event to all Councilmembers and stated he hoped they could find time to visit the Museum on May 15.

Councilmember Shingleton stated that the Museum also has many other items on display besides the items associated with the veterans display. He then reported that the Heritage Days celebration is quickly approaching and there will be many new events added to the celebration this year. He stated there are businesses sponsoring several events; therefore, there will be less tax payer dollars spent on the event. He added that the first paper newsletter will be sent to all residents in June and the SBOSS group has committed to pay for the printing and delivery of the newsletter. He encouraged

everyone present to support the businesses located in the City. He stated that everyone wants their taxes to stay low and in order to make that happen they need to support the local businesses.

9. Mayor Report

Mayor Nagle stated that she may have commented on this issue during the last Council meeting, but she wanted to provide an update regarding the potential State Road 193 project. She stated that funding for the project was in peril and it was removed from the State's budget sometime during the last two days of the 2010 legislative session. She stated there was a concerted effort by Syracuse, Clearfield, and West Point cities to see that the funding was not eliminated; they met with several officials at the capitol and they lobbied hard for the funding. She stated that ultimately they were told that the funding would not be available, but last week she was informed that the funding has since been made available. She stated the SR 193 project is such a big project for the area because it will draw many large developments to the community. She stated that failure to reinstate funding could have been devastating to all three cities affected by the roadway. She stated that the project will bring growth to the City and will be a boom for development. She stated that getting the funding reinstated was a Herculean effort and she named all those that were involved. She then reported that she is aware that everyone in the City has road construction fatigue. She stated she receives approximately seven to 10 emails each day from people that are tired of the road construction. She stated that the Council understands what the citizens are going through and they know that the timing of the 2700 South reconstruction project was not the best, but it was necessary. She stated that UDOT has assured the City that they are working as fast as possible to complete the Antelope Road widening project. She stated the issue that is delaying completion is the relocation of a utility box located at the old intersection of Allison Way and Antelope Drive. She stated that the box belongs to Qwest and the lines in the box need to be buried, but UDOT is not authorized to touch them and they are at a standstill waiting for Qwest to respond and complete the work. She stated that the City recognizes that businesses are struggling and citizens are tired of the commute and UDOT and the City is trying to put pressure on Qwest to accelerate the work. She then stated that she wanted to thank all the City employees, especially Ms. Fowles. She stated that she has been amazed by how quickly Ms. Fowles has been able to get the tentative budget prepared. She stated she wanted to let her know how much she appreciated her and all the effort she has put in to her job to this point.

10. City Administrator Report

Mr. Worthen stated that during the last City Council meeting a resident asked about the old sign that was located on Antelope Drive that directed motorists to the Museum. He stated that the sign has been located and the City is working with the contractor on site to get the sign installed. He then stated that on Monday during staff meeting the Department Heads received training regarding how to deal with claims filed with the City. He stated the training was provided by the Utah Local Governments Trust (ULGT) and the City is going to begin taking advantage of their free services moving forward. He then reported that the West Davis Corridor purpose and need study has been completed and UDOT will hold additional public hearings regarding the project. He then stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Nagle for the role she played in getting the funding for SR 193 reinstated. He stated she was an integral player. He then stated that he has not spoken to Ms. Fowles about this issue, but he is going to begin investigating a fund balance policy to be implemented in the City. He stated he will bring that forward for discussion with the Council and then ultimate implementation.

11. Consideration of adjourning into Closed Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 52-4-205 of the Open and Public Meetings Law for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

COUNCILMEMBER HAMMOND MOVED THE COUNCIL ADJOURN INTO A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 52-4-205 OF THE OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION, WITH THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING "AYE" – COUNCILMEMBERS CLARK, HAMMOND, KIMMEL, PETERSON, AND SHINGLETON. VOTING "NO" – NONE.

The meeting adjourned into Closed Executive Session at 8:28 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:14 p.m.

At 11:14 p.m. COUNCILMEMBER CLARK MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

City Council Meeting
May 11, 2010

Jamie Nagle
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, CMC
City Recorder

Date approved: May 25, 2010