

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on October 13, 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:
IT Director TJ Peace
Finance Director LaMar Holt
Detective Cory Bybee

Visitors Present:	Robert Whiteley	Sandy Jensen	Maddie Sorenson
	Matt Sorenson	Ruel Mazariegos	Jackie Smith
	Carla Fountain	John Fountain	Deb Lewis
	Ann Lewis	Sean Baker	Mark Yamane
	Marie Yamane	Taylor Russell	Tanner Russell
	Dillon Cadwell	Kiersten Evans	Bradi Widdison
	Nate Cook	Josh Shepherd	Bailey Jernigan
	Melissa Meyerpeter	Sasha Russell	Hannah Williams
	Meagan Butler	Haley Busby	Megan Stoker
	Preston Fisher	Mikell Tinsley	Lynnsie Allred
	Austin Lay	Richelle Cavalli	Jacob Haney
	Michael Littlefield	Nick Nalder	Ashley Hunsaker
	Caitlenn Mansell	Christine Sevier	Preston Price
	Brittini Fennell	Alishia Millett	Lillian Dixon
	Emily Dixon	Mitch Bowman	Scott Heiner
	Zachary Steenede	Josh Rima	Steven LaFollette
	Sharalee Hall	Todd Evans	McKenna Feink
	Grady McRice	Leah Kim	Bob Yeaman
	David Hall	Staci Parkinson	Mykenzie Hamblin

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 Hammond and at the request of the Mayor, Boy Scout Jared Abbott representing Boy Scout Troop 838 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Work Session Meeting of September 22, 2009 were reviewed.

COUNCILMEMBER HAMMOND MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER SHINGLETON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2009 were reviewed.

Councilmember Peterson stated that page three, line six includes a type: 'eh' should be changed to 'the'.

COUNCILMEMBER KNIGHT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 AS AMENDED. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

3. Public Comments

No visitors presented wished to make public comments.

4. Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Peterson stated that there is one item to report from the Legacy Junior High Community Council meeting; the council is concerned about the lack of sidewalks on Gentile Street. He explained the school has added a request for sidewalks to their student neighborhood access plan (SNAP) and the Vice Principal may be making a request for the City's help in that matter. He added that he also wanted to report that he went on a 'ride-along' with Police Officer Casey Johnson a week ago. He stated that he planned to be with him for a couple of hours and he ended up staying for nearly five hours. He stated that he asked Officer Johnson a lot of questions from the standpoint of a City Councilmember as well as a citizen and the feeling that he got is that the Police Department is doing great and the City is safe. He stated that he wanted to thank Officer Johnson and Police Chief Wallace for the opportunity to participate.

Councilmember Clark stated that he went on a 'ride-along' with Police Officer Ryan Carter recently as well and he felt the same was as Councilmember Peterson. He added that he, too, ended up participating for much longer than he had planned. He then stated that he wanted to thank Information Technologies (IT) Director TJ Peace for quickly responding to the Council's request to add a link to a Syracuse weather website to the City's website.

Councilmember Knight stated he had no items to report.

Councilmember Hammond stated that he recently attended a Syracuse High School Community Council meeting where many things were discussed. He stated that many high school students are present this evening and he asked them in which sport they recently won a state championship. The audience answered golf. Councilmember Hammond congratulated the school for that honor. He then reported that he attended a Museum Board meeting today and they are working to develop bylaws, which is an extensive process that the Board will continue to work on. He then stated that he wanted to comment on the actions of the Fire and Police Departments following the accident that occurred during the Syracuse High School homecoming parade; they performed extremely well and should be proud of the work they do.

Councilmember Shingleton congratulated Syracuse High School on winning the state championship golf tournament. He then stated he had no other items to report.

5. Mayor Report

Mayor Panucci stated there was an accident at the Syracuse High School homecoming parade; a young lady was run over by a trailer and that young lady happened to be his daughter. He stated that when one sees the Police and Fire Departments in action it is obvious that they are phenomenal; they do a tremendous job for the community. He stated he wanted to publicly thank them and all of the residents of the community that have kept his daughter in their thoughts and prayers – especially the students and teachers at the high school, who have been terrific. He then reported that the City recently received some good news; the City was awarded a \$350,000 grant to upgrade the water line running from Jensen Park to the roundabout at the intersection of 2700 South and 2000 West. He stated that Jensen Park is not just a park, but it is a secondary water vessel as well; there is tremendous pumping ability at the park, but the pump has only been able to operate at less than half its efficiency capacity because the pipe running underneath Bluff Road is six inches, which is too small. He stated the grant will allow the City to increase the size of the line to a 12-inch line, which will increase the volume of the line to about four times its current capacity. He stated that the City was concerned about possibly needing to implement an odd/even watering schedule next watering season, but if the grant funding is received in time the project can be completed over the winter eliminating the need to implement a watering schedule. He stated that the City has received a lot of federal money in the past via grants; the culinary water well was constructed with the assistance of a \$500,000 grant; City Hall was constructed with the assistance of a \$500,000 grant; the Community Center was constructed with the assistance of a \$500,000 grant; and the City's trail system was constructed with the assistance of \$2 million in grant funding. He stated that Senators Bennett and Hatch and Congressman Bishop have been 'in the City's corner' and helped the City to obtain a lot of federal funding. He stated that the City has been very fortunate in the past and that good fortune continues with the notification of this grant award.

6. City Administrator Report

Mr. Worthen explained that over the past week a couple of staff members attended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) training to learn how to apply for CDBG funding. He explained that before a city can apply for funding they must attend the training. He stated he is considering applying for grant money for equipment purchases at the Community Center. He then reported that he attended a meeting with Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) officials regarding the design of the 200 South project; 200 South is approximately a half-mile north of Syracuse High School. He stated that the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for that project is nearing completion and construction will hopefully begin in the spring. He then stated that last week the Public Works Department received a completed audit from the Division of Water Quality with no findings of concern. He stated this proves that the Public Works Department 'runs a very tight ship'. Mayor Panucci added that the great organization of the Public Works Department saves the City money because it is not necessary to fix

things found in an audit. Mr. Worthen agreed. Mayor Panucci congratulated Public Works Director Waite and Mr. Worthen on making sure that things in the Public Works Department are done right. Mr. Worthen then reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) will meet in the Community Center on October 21 to review the transportation plan for northern Utah. He explained that the WFRC is a master planning organization that deals with planning along the Wasatch Front and their meeting will be very interesting and is open to the public. He stated the meeting will be held from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Mayor Panucci stated that the WFRC meetings are terrific and they give the public an opportunity to see what planning is happening for northern Utah, not just in the next few years, but several years into the future. He stated the information provided in those meetings is very interesting.

Councilmember Clark inquired as to when the Antelope Drive road widening project will be completed. Mr. Worthen stated that the south side of Antelope Drive will be completed by November and UDOT crews will then begin working on the north side. Mayor Panucci asked if crews will work on the project throughout the winter months. Mr. Worthen stated that work will take place when the weather permits. He stated the entire project will not be completed until the spring of 2010. Councilmember Clark stated he was concerned about an area of the project; at the intersection of 1700 South and 1000 West there is a very dangerous right turn lane that he felt should probably be eliminated until the project is completed. He stated that he watched traffic at the intersection for an extended amount of time and saw some very dangerous activity taking place. Mr. Worthen stated that he meets with UDOT every Wednesday to discuss the project and he can report that concern to them. Councilmember Knight stated that the right turn is the most difficult for large trucks. Councilmember Hammond then stated that he is concerned about businesses in the Shadow Point development as well as businesses closer to the intersection of 2000 West. He stated that he is aware that business accesses are being left open, but he wondered if that is the best that can be done. Mr. Worthen stated that UDOT is doing the best they can to provide access to businesses. He stated they can not allow vehicles to drive on newly poured concrete and sometimes it is necessary to completely close a business access for a period of time. Councilmember Hammond asked if those details are being communicated to the businesses in the area, to which Mr. Worthen responded yes.

Councilmember Knight stated that construction on 2000 West is nearly complete. The road is now much better than it previously was. Mr. Worthen agreed.

7. Proposed Resolution R09-26 amending the Syracuse City Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

The Governing Body has recently discussed making minor changes to the Personnel Policy Manual in the chapter regarding Tuition Aid for employees. The Council reviewed the Tuition Aid policy during their September 8 Regular Meeting and City Administrator Worthen was directed to obtain the tuition aid policies of surrounding cities for comparison and review by the Governing Body. The policies of South Weber, Pleasant View, Clearfield, and North Ogden cities have been provided to each member of the Governing Body.

Mayor Panucci stated that the catalyst for this change to the Personnel Policy Manual came from a City resident; some of the best ideas come from the residents of the community and the Council is always open to suggestions from residents.

Mr. Worthen then reviewed the sections of the tuition aid policy that are being changed. He stated all changes requested by the Governing Body have been made via Proposed Resolution R09-26. He stated the new policy will be very similar to the policies of other communities.

Mayor Panucci stated that the change to the tuition aid policy essentially means that if Syracuse City participates in an employee's education the City expects a commitment from the employee. He stated employees are expected to work for the City for a defined amount of time so that the City can benefit from the expense for tuition.

Councilmember Knight stated that Section 16.040(f) says that repayment may be prorated according to the amount of time an employee was employed by the City after receiving tuition aid. He stated that he would like the word 'may' to be changed to 'shall'. He added that he would also like a formula for prorating to be included in the policy. After a short discussion the Council determined that employees are required to work for the City for two years, or 24 months, after receiving tuition aid; therefore, the amount of repayment shall be reduced by 1/24 for every month the employee works for the City after receiving tuition aid.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION R09-26 AMENDING THE SYRACUSE CITY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

SECTION 16.040(F) SHALL READ: "REPAYMENT SHALL BE PRORATED ACCORDING TO THE AMOUNT OF TIME AN EMPLOYEE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CITY AFTER RECEIVING TUITION AID. THE AMOUNT TO BE REPAYED BY THE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE REDUCED BY 1/24 FOR EVERY MONTH THE EMPLOYEE WORKED FOR THE CITY AFTER RECEIVING TUITION AID".

COUNCILMEMBER HAMMOND SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

8. Presentation of video regarding 2010 U.S. Census – “A New Portrait of America”.

The U.S. Census Bureau has provided a video regarding the 2010 U.S. Census to be shared with City government officials as well as the public.

Mr. Worthen stated that this video is for those in the audience and the Governing Body. He stated that he decided to add this item to tonight’s agenda because of the importance of the census, not only for Syracuse City, but for the County and State as well. He stated the video outlines the importance of the 2010 census; the Census Bureau is going to great lengths to account for more people than they have in the past. He stated that they will use technology and other means to get the word out about the census and to count people and collect demographic data. He stated that countless agencies use census data.

Mayor Panucci stated that the single greatest source of revenue that the City has is sales tax revenue, which is collected in a State pool and then distributed to entities based on population. He stated that if the City has not provided an accurate population count less money will be distributed to the City, which means it will be more difficult to provide services to citizens. He added that Class C road funds are based on the sales tax paid as part of a gasoline purchase; that money is also distributed to cities based on population. He stated the bottom line is that if accurate population numbers for the City are not provided the City is not getting as much money as it should.

The video “A New Portrait of America” was then viewed by the audience and the Governing Body. At the conclusion of the video Mr. Worthen again encouraged everyone to participate in the census.

At 7:36 p.m. COUNCILMEMBER KNIGHT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Fred Panucci
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, CMC
City Recorder

Date approved: October 27, 2009