

COUNCIL WORK MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maile Wilson Edwards; Councilmembers: Ron Adams; Terri Hartley; Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; City Recorder Renon Savage; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Water Superintendent Robbie Mitchell; Police Lieutenant Jimmy Roden.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ben Batty, Ryan Talbot, Gregg Horn, Jeffrey Butters, Laura Henderson, Lorayne Russo, Richard A. Russo, Garth Green, Justin Kunkel, Tom Jett, Nancy Pearson, Mike Babcock, Betty Babcock, Teri Kenney, Rob Obrien, Brad Green, Wendy Jessen, Dan Jessen, Wendy Green, Brian Nichols, Ethan Lux.

CALL TO ORDER: Reverend Nancy Pearson of the Community Presbyterian Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Hartley.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Isom moved to approve the agenda order for both the City Council & RDA meetings, pulling items 3 & 4 from the City Council agenda; second by Councilmember Hartley; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■Isom – I want to share an experience from last night, I was able to ride with Sgt. Lovell and ride with him and understand communications between dispatch and each other. I marvel at how effective and efficient and how quietly they do a magnificent job. We don't often thank our police; they are on the tougher end of the stick most of the time. I had a great experience. I know Hartley has taken the opportunity; it is a wonderful experience. I want to reassure the citizens that we are well protected and served by the Police Department. Hartley, I echo that. Melling – I got to go last week, I took 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift and the one thing I appreciated, there was one incident where the law would have given officers latitudes to throw the book at someone, but they took a tempered situation and not to the greatest extent allowed. I appreciate the judgment and care that goes into those decisions. It was a good experience. ■Phillips – I am wondering if we have a standard for street sign height, turning onto DL Sargent Drive, I couldn't see the street sign. There is a commercial sign there also. ■Mayor – we had Iron County Coordinating Council meeting today, the item was brought before you a few weeks ago about partnering with the Water Conservancy District to apply for the new round of ARFA money. The paperwork has been submitted and will go through the review process with the State, we will find out probably in November if that has been awarded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■ Laura Henderson – a neat article in the Today paper last week, we are dealing with the general plan and elections. I will read it, by John Newberry. Building Main Street Not Wall Street. The article is attached as *Exhibit "A"*. ■ Ron Riddle – I am coming as a concerned citizen, small/large to those in my neighborhood. I live on Cove Drive, it used to not be a through street. As it became a through street also came increased traffic and the ability to drive faster. I have 4 families that live around me that have young kids, learning to ride a bike, one wandered into the street and almost got hit. A few approached me and said isn't the speed limit 25 mph. If anyone drives that I am shocked. A year ago, my wife rolled through the stop sign at 5:15 a.m. she received a ticket. I haven't seen anyone being pulled over on Cove Drive in a long time. I know the police are busy and we don't have enough officers. It is all over Cedar City and around the schools, but they want the people slowed down. Hartley – we have a few speed signs, Chief can we put one there? Yes. Ron – we had the best speed bump, and it was taken out. Mayor – we will get a speed trailer there. ■ Garth Green – 9/11 is on a Saturday and it is the 20th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Wendy and I's wedding I am hosting a Freedom Festival at the City Park. I got an email to some of you to venture to set on the dunking booth. There will be free food, music, inflatables, patriotic program at noon and then the party continues and everyone is welcome.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CEDAR CITY ORDINANCE NO. 0623-21-1 ANNEXING 40.02 ACRES OF PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF 2300 WEST 3000 NORTH. TYLER ROMERIL: Tyler – this item concerns the discussion we had the past few weeks on the Coronado annexation that occurred. We found some deficiencies in public notices; this is cleaning that up and formally appealing that up. I understand that Dallas on behalf of his clients have restarted that process.

Phillips – do they go to the State and Planning Commission? Tyler – they will start at the beginning.

Mayor Edwards opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ENTERING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CHOICE BUILDERS LLC ON 60 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 2700 S., 2800 S., AND 2900 S. TIPPLE ROAD. CHOICE BUILDERS/TYLER ROMERIL: Tyler – Mr. Watson on behalf of this client Roger Thomas brought the zone change through, it was approved contingent on the development agreement. The agreement has been looked at by Mr. Thomas and his attorney. This would be recorded with the County and run with the land. Any development is built at the R-2-1 standard, max 3.6 units per acre with max 175 units. It also gives vesting rights in the R-2-1 ordinance as they are now.

Isom – as I mentioned to the Planning commission, these are trail blazing agreements. This will help us lock things in so if property changes hands there is guidance in density.