



ROY CITY
Roy City Council Special Work Session Minutes
February 22, 2022– 5:30 p.m.
Roy City Council
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Minutes of the Roy City Council Special Work Session held in person in the Roy City Conference Room and streamed on YouTube on February 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the Utah Public Notice Website at least 24 hours in advance. A copy of the agenda was also posted on www.royutah.org.

The following members were in attendance:

Mayor Dandoy	City Manager, Matt Andrews
Councilmember Joe Paul	City Attorney, Andy Blackburn
Councilmember Wilson	City Recorder, Brittany Fowers
Councilmember Scadden	Youth Councilmember, Nevaeh Parker
Councilmember Sophie Paul	

Excused: Councilmember Jackson

Also present were: Police Chief, Matthew Gwynn; Parks and Recreation Director, Travis Flint; Public Works Director, Ross Oliver; City Planner, Steve Parkinson, Sam Taylor, Kevin Homer, Glenda Moore, Dan Tanner, Randy Sant, and Janel Hulbert.

A. Welcome & Roll Call

Mayor Dandoy welcomed those in attendance and noted Councilmembers Joe Paul, Wilson, Scadden, and Sophie Paul were present.

B. Discussion Items

1. Proposed Roy City General Plan

City Planner Steve Parkinson introduced the consultant from Landmark Design who was awarded this contract in 2018, Sam Taylor. Mr. Taylor presented the project. He said that the general plan was a vision document, and its purpose was to establish a vision for the community to follow. They could last up to twenty years and are usually updated every few years. The core of the document was to establish the community values. The general plan was not ordinance, but it could recommend new policies as implementation strategies. The Focus Roy plan that had come out was focused on the downtown area and this general plan was a continuation of this document and the transportation master plan that had recently been completed.

Mr. Taylor explained the process they had gone through to complete the general plan. They had developed the draft plan and refined it a few times before taking it to the planning commission and an open house leading to the draft they had before them that evening.

Mr. Taylor gave an executive summary of what was in the plan. Chapter 1 got into the background and the introduction and summarized what they heard from the public. There were common themes amongst the community feedback. He said that people liked living in Roy, but they were concerned with increased traffic and the neighborhoods not being upkept. There was a demographics section, and the population was stabilizing. Chapter 2 was the meat of the plan where they established an overarching vision statement

where they had established 8 guiding principles. He presented the 8 principles. What they had done to put all these principles into motion was to analyze the different layers of the community. He discussed the different layers they had analyzed. The plan identified the main areas of growth and where the other business centers were, which were categorized and given guidelines for how they might take shape. He talked about the widening of 56 and how it would affect the different corridors. He talked about districts and nodes and how they impacted different communities. Mr. Taylor talked about green space and that it was important to find east west linkages because most of the corridors were north south. The community layer discussed neighborhood names and the concept was that by dialing in on specific neighborhoods it provided a sense of community and allowed the city to focus in on the different needs in different areas of the city. The goal was to identify what made each of these areas special and different from each other, as well as what their needs were. Chapter 3 got at implementation and laid out some action plans related to the different principles with different strategies for how this vision could be accomplished.

Mr. Taylor went through some of the strategies for the different principles. The design and planning toolbox were something that they hadn't typically done in general plans and as they worked through and developed the concept for what the city could be they felt like it was important to put this in as a compilation of tools and ideas that could be drawn on. They looked at each neighborhood and identified different enhancements and had provided an accompanying map. He said that the appendices held mostly analysis and the data of how they had arrived at these conclusions and that was a general summary of the plan.

Mr. Parkinson said they hadn't gone through every chapter and every page, but they had given an overall concept of what the plan was. He opened up the discussion for questions and said that after this meeting his budget was spent and would need to submit. Mayor Dandoy said he went page by page and had looked at everything word by word and there was a lot of great stuff but there were strategies in the appendix that he thought should be in chapter 3 with the implementation information. He said that he was interested in the design and toolbox but wasn't sure how to use it and it would be helpful to have more information.

Mayor Dandoy said that ultimately, they needed direction from the Council in order to implement some of the strategies suggested by the general plan because if they didn't acquire empty properties for parks quickly, they would be built out into residential. Councilmember Joe Paul said that the question was whether or not they needed any more parks. He didn't know if the city needed to own any more parks and thought they should put it on developers to put in green space into future developments. His other concern with parks was that they were adding a lot of north south trails and they needed more east west trails. Mr. Parkinson said that the east west trails were more difficult because they had a barrier they had to deal with. They had an opportunity with the widening of 56 south to build an east west corridor and they needed to look at new opportunities during future road development.

Mayor Dandoy said that it was important to identify actions so they had a very specific idea of what they wanted to accomplish. He said it was also important to identify who would be in charge of certain desired projects down the road. It was important that they went page by page and identify exactly what they wanted to have in the plan and how they needed to go about accomplishing these goals.

Councilmember Wilson said she liked the idea of going through it page by page because there were a lot of things that were scattered through the document and maybe there was a way for them to bring it all together and make one summary point to make it all consistent. Mayor Dandoy said that this was a living document and that this document had to go through the planning commission and come back to them. It had already gone through the planning commission who recommended approval as it had been presented. Mayor Dandoy said that this was an advisory document that was used as a tool to accomplish what they wanted done in the future and it wasn't an ordinance, which meant it wasn't backed by law. If they wanted something changed in 6 months, they could modify it and run it back through the planning commission. Mayor Dandoy thought this was the most important document that the council would have to decide on and

this would be the conduit that tied the future to today.

Mr. Parkinson said that this plan was a 50,000-foot aerial analysis of the city and that things looked different on the ground. There was discussion about a road through Emma Russell Park and how the park had been put on top of an old trash dump.

Mayor Dandoy wanted to give his presentation of 183 pages for review. He outlined items in red that he thought could be left to contractors. He didn't know how many people had read the 2002 general plan but if they had they would be disappointed because there were some things in it that had never been done and things that needed to be amended. He said that the only time he had seen the 2002 general plan referenced was when they needed to do a zone change. Mr. Parkinson said he didn't want to remove things that had been done, he just wanted to make sure that when items were completed, they got checked off and marked as completed. Mayor Dandoy said that this was the most important document in Roy City, and he wanted to make sure that they did it right.

Mr. Parkinson referenced Central Park in New York and said that initially no one in the city wanted it but now, properties facing the park had some of the highest rental rates in the world, and the only reason the park came to be because it was in a plan somewhere and that the plan was meant to be conceptual. If they wanted a road through Emma Russell, it might not be a viable concept right now, but that concept was still available to them in the future. Mr. Taylor stated that the proposed parks weren't for specific areas they just identified the neighborhoods that needed a park somewhere.

Councilmember Scadden asked if Mayor Dandoy's review would push back on Mr. Parkinson. Mayor Dandoy stated that Mr. Parkinson was financially at the end of the ropes and that Mr. Parkinson would need to sit down with a contractor and go through it all. If Mr. Parkinson needed more money, he would need to come to Council with a request for funding and a budget adjustment would need to be made so that this document could be completed to their satisfaction. Before Mr. Parkinson could proceed the Council would all need to agree. Councilmember Scadden asked how much this had cost the city so far. Mr. Parkinson replied, \$65K. Councilmember Scadden asked how much more they would need to spend to prolong the process for approval because they had a document that the planning commission had already approved.

Councilmember Wilson stated that the planning commission approached things from a different angle than the council and the council's job was to look at it from the perspectives of the citizens. There was discussion about citizen input. Councilmember Wilson asked if today the day was they got into the specifics or if they waited until the next meeting. Mayor Dandoy replied that they had gotten the conversation started but they needed to review and reconvene to continue dialogue.

Mayor Dandoy stated that the council was the conduit for the citizens and that at the end of the day the approval of the document rested on the 5 council members, and it was what came out of their decision to decide how the general plan would be. He said that it would obviously take another work session or two but when they decided the plan was done it was done. Mr. Andrews again emphasized that this was a living document and if they saw something that needed to be changed down the road, it could be changed.

Mayor Dandoy asked how council wanted to proceed. Councilmember Wilson said that she was happy with whatever they decided. Councilmember Joe Paul suggested submitting all of the comments they had received from citizens as well as their own and reconvene after they had spent time compiling the information. They were unanimous agreement on this. Mr. Parkinson would receive all of this information via email. Mayor Dandoy said that when they reconvened, they would go page by page and make sure they were completely content with the document.

E. Adjournment

Robert Dandoy
Mayor

Attest:

Brittany Fowers
City Recorder

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