



ROY CITY
Roy City Council Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2024– 5:30 p.m.
Roy City Council
5051 S 1900 W Roy, UT 84067

Minutes of the Roy City Council Meeting held in person in the Roy City Council Chambers and streamed on YouTube on February 6, 2024, 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 the Roy City website.

The following members were in attendance:

Mayor Dandoy	City Manager, Matt Andrews
Councilmember Jackson	City Attorney, Matt Wilson
Councilmember Joe Paul	City Recorder, Brittany Fowers
Councilmember Scadden	
Councilmember Saxton	
Councilmember Sophie Paul	

Excused:

Also present were: Assistant City Manager, Brody Flint; Police Chief, Matthew Gwynn; Fire Chief, Theron Williams; Public Works Director, Ross Oliver; Management Services Director, Amber Kelley; Parks and Recreation Director, Michelle Howard; Elizabeth Brown, Kevin Homer, Micheal Ghan, Trudy Helter, C. Gay Best, Ryan Williams, Natalie Pierce, Robert (unknown last name), Bill Garr, Brandie McDonald, Elmer Aceredo-Garcia, Nancy Cozzens, Richard Jensen, Don Patton.

A. Welcome & Roll Call

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

B. Moment of Silence

Councilmember Joe Paul invited the audience to observe a moment of silence.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Joe Paul lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Consent Items

(These items are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by a single motion. If discussion is desired on any particular consent item, that item may be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.)

- 1. Approval of the December 2023 Financial Statements, Surplus Vehicles, and the December 5, 2023, December 19, 2023, January 2, 2024, and January 16, 2024, Roy City Council Meeting Minutes.**

Councilmember Joe Paul motioned to approve the Consent Items the December 2023 Financial Statements, Surplus Vehicles, and the December 5, 2023, December 19, 2023, January 2, 2024, and January 16, 2024, Roy City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”. The motion carried.

E. Public Comments

Mayor Dandoy opened floor for public comments. There were no comments so Mayor Dandoy closed the floor.

F. Presentations

1. UDOT 5600 South Update – Brandie McDonald and Nancy Cozzens

Ms. Cozzens introduced herself and provided an update of the project. She said their project website detailed the plans for the new CD ramp, and said they aimed to get the girding on the ramp installed over the summer months, in addition to some work on I-15. She reported they were making great progress, and commented they tried to get photos of their progress posted to their website as much as possible.

Ms. Cozzens also described how they were trying to stay relevant in the community although there was not much that the public could see at this stage, and solicited feedback about how they could stay engaged with the community and provide educational programming. She elaborated how important it was to keep the public abreast of their developments.

Ms. Cozzens also shared that they were working with the junior high and high schools with safety programming and reported that the students were using the safe walking paths that they had established. She noted they were also visiting the 7th graders the following day for a Career Fair and expressed their intent to expose the students to how many different kinds of jobs were available for projects like this one. Mayor Dandoy asked about the new crosswalk on 56th that had flashing lights. Ms. Cozzens detailed how they had worked with the School District to come up with this plan, and explained they had needed to shift where the students crossed the street due to the railroad. She explained that they had redesigned the area to ensure the students safety. Ms. Cozzens also thanked the Roy City Police force for helping to monitor the crossings. Councilmember Jackson asked where the lights were located, and Ms. Cozzens clarified they were only on the southbound side. Ms. Cozzens also noted the lights only went off during peak crossing times for the school.

2. Citizen Recognition – Chief Williams asked to table this recognition as the resident was unable to attend.

G. Action Items

1. Oath of Office – newly promoted Police Sergeant.

Chief Gwynn introduced Sergeant Travis Kearl and described the process he had gone through in the last month. Chief Gwynn outlined the process for the application to be a sergeant, which included a written as well as a rigorous physical component. Chief Gwynn noted it was increasingly challenging to rank people for promotion, which was a good problem to have as it meant they had a great staff.

Sergeant Kearl introduced his family and was sworn in as Police Sergeant by City Recorder Fowers. The Councilmembers offered their congratulations.

H. Discussion Items

1. Beautification Committee – Yard of the Month program

Mayor Dandoy explained the Beautification Committee had several items they wanted the Council's insight on, and said the committee had a meeting the following day in which they would discuss the Council's feedback. Mayor Dandoy read the following questions from the committee: should the yard of the month program be organized as eight districts? Should one member be assigned to judge each district for five months or less, or should it be a homeowner or neighbor-nominated program as their Halloween and Christmas lights programs were run? Lastly, should nominations be solicited in the event that they were low on nominees?

Councilmember Jackson was in favor of eight districts. She thought it was a good opportunity for the Council to get out and meet the residents and was also a good opportunity for Code Enforcement. She opined it should be four months rather than five. She thought it would be appropriate to leave forms and nominations in people's mailboxes if they were not home, since it was hard to catch people at home.

Councilmember Joe Paul liked to see public input for the nominations, although was unsure how they would handle that with eight different districts. He discussed it was sometimes challenging to find people at home to distribute their certificates. Councilmember Scadden echoed the sentiment that it was hard to find people at home, and also expressed that he did not have time during the day to drive around Roy City and find nice yards. For that reason, Councilmember Scadden also thought it would be best to have public nominations. Councilmember Jackson commented that the first time she had driven around it had taken her about an hour, and thought it was part of being a Councilmember to drive around your district. Councilmember Sophie Paul agreed she liked the idea of nominations, but wondered how it would work if they offered awards each month.

Mayor Dandoy said the Beautification Committee would incorporate the Council's comments to come up with a policy, or if they even felt they needed to come up with a policy. Mayor Dandoy explained the process was somewhat complex and entailed a lot of moving parts. He recalled last year there had been some work-related conflicts and said they needed to come up with processes to circumvent those issues. He expressed they would either frame a simple policy, or have none at all.

Councilmember Scadden commented that he felt eight districts was too many. Councilmember Jackson disagreed. Councilmember Scadden said it was very burdensome for him to have to drive through his district and said he did not come on to City Council to go drive around and look at people's yards. While he appreciated the importance of this, he thought it should be the prerogative of the Beautification Committee rather than the Councilmembers to go find yards. Councilmember Jackson thought it was important for the Councilmembers to go out and meet with citizens and thought it was worth their time to go drive around to find people with well-kept yards.

Councilmember Saxton thought that eight district made sense and agreed with Councilmember Jackson in that they needed to be out in the community with the residents. However, he acknowledged that he was retired and had the ability to make his own schedule. He thought if their current system worked, they should not change it. He thought they should have each Councilmember drive through their district and meet with residents.

Councilmember Scadden opined it had been difficult last year to catch people while they were home, and said it had been time consuming to have to drive back and find people. Councilmember Jackson pointed out City Manager Andrews had proposed that they could just leave a note on their door so that they did not have to keep driving back and trying to meet people while they were home. Councilmember Jackson described it had been relatively easy to meet with people, get a picture of their yard for the newsletter, and put a sign in their yard. Councilmember Jackson acknowledged that they just needed to get this done with enough time that it did not put an undue burden on City Recorder Fowers to get everything included in the

newsletter.

Mayor Dandoy summarized that it seemed as though the Council was in favor of public nominations. Councilmember Sophie Paul said she was in favor of that, and added there should be a deadline for nominations so the Councilmembers could go out one time and look at everyone who was on the nomination list. The Councilmembers discussed this was a good idea, and if they did that they should have the deadline be in June.

Mayor Dandoy also asked about months, and the Council agreed it should be four months, June through September. They also debated allowing businesses to participate or if it should just be residential, and several Councilmembers agreed they did not want to include businesses. Councilmember Jackson thought it would be nice to include businesses, although did not think the Councilmembers should be the ones to evaluate them. Councilmember Scadden thought they should limit it to residential since it put an undue strain on other employees. Councilmember Joe Paul agreed they should limit it to residential, since there was less uniformity to business landscaping and it would be hard to compare. Councilmember Sophie Paul thought businesses should be done in a totally different way, and proposed they have “business of the month” in general rather than just thinking about landscaping. Councilmember Saxton agreed with Councilmember Sophie Paul that businesses should be distinct from residential.

Mayor Dandoy said whoever ended up evaluating businesses would have to be a volunteer, and explained he would have to work with City Manager Andrews as to if they would be allowed to go out during working hours. Mayor Dandoy did not think it would be fair to put that extra work on a full time employee since it was not part of their job description, and they could not require that an employee go out on their own time to look at the businesses. He thought they would have to pay an employee for this. Mayor Dandoy suggested a Code Enforcement Officer who was out looking for Code violations could possibly also make note of businesses that had exceptional landscaping, but deferred to City Manager Andrews. City Manager Andrews said if they requested anything that transcended the written requirements of their job position, they would have to pay them for that additional work.

Mayor Dandoy summarized they would focus on self-nominations, use a four month period that ran from June to September, and that they were not going to include businesses in the same category, although they were open to the idea of having a separate nomination for businesses.

I. City Manager & Council Report

City Manager Andrews spoke about the Hill Air Force Base and the chemical plume that was impacting homes in its radius. He reported they had gone door-to-door to visit the homes of residents who were affected by the base, and said about 20 homes in Roy had agreed to be tested. Mayor Dandoy said they had exactly 27 homes who had agreed, and said that was exceptional. City Manager Andrews also specifically recognized some of the City employees who had gone out to go canvassing.

Mayor Dandoy expressed this chemical was a known carcinogen and it was important to get as many homes tested as they could. Mayor Dandoy said the chemical plume from TCE was deadly and explained they had been trying to get rid of it for several years. Mayor Dandoy urged people to look online at the map which highlighted what homes were affected. Councilmember Jackson asked what happened if people who lived in the affected area got cancer, and wondered about possible litigation. Councilmember Jackson did not understand why homes would chose not to sign up to get tested. Mayor Dandoy replied that was part of why it was great they had just got 27 more homes to be tested. Mayor Dandoy added they had made the process even easier for homeowners now, and there was a device that was placed in the home for 30 days to detect the chemical vapors. He advocated for people to get educated about this, and to tell their neighbors

as well. He emphasized that cancer was a significant issue in Roy City.

City Manager Andrews spoke next about 4800 South by the Seminary. He said there had been many reports of traffic not stopping at the crosswalk for students, and reported they would be conducting a traffic study to investigate this. Councilmember Joe Paul thought that area would qualify for at least flashing lights since it was a heavily trafficked area.

Councilmember Jackson announced she had toured the Complex the previous week and said it was looking great. She said they were nearly done with the boiler and the tiling on the floor. She expressed it was going to be a great facility. Mayor Dandoy agreed the residents were going to love it.

Mayor Dandoy asked the Council if there were any projects in the City that they wanted to see more progress on. He reminded the Council that it was part of their job to consider what projects they wanted to promote.

E. **Motion to enter closed door meeting** – strategic discussion on real property.

Councilmember Joe Paul motioned to enter closed door meeting in the council chambers for a strategic discussion on real property. Councilmember Scadden seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken, all councilmembers voted “Aye” and the motion carried.

** The Council met in a closed-door session in the council chambers.

Councilmember Joe Paul motioned to go out of the closed-door meeting held in the council chambers. Councilmember Saxton seconded the motion, all councilmembers voted “Aye” and the motion carried.

** The Council reconvened the City Council Meeting.

J. **Adjournment**

Councilmember Joe Paul motioned to adjourn the meeting at p.m. Councilmember Saxton seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “Aye” and the motion carried.

Robert Dandoy
Mayor

Attest:

Brittany Fowers
City Recorder

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