

SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 12 October 2021 **TIME COMMENCED:** 6:01 p.m.

LOCATION: South Weber City Office at 1600 East South Weber Drive, South Weber, UT

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Jo Sjoblom

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Hayley Alberts
Blair Halverson
Angie Petty
Quin Soderquist
Wayne Winsor

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR: Trevor Cahoon

CITY RECORDER: Lisa Smith

CITY MANAGER: David Larson

CITY ENGINEER: Brandon Jones

FIRE CHIEF: Derek Tolman

Transcriber: Minutes transcribed by Michelle Clark

ATTENDEES: Paul Sturm, Cole Fessler, and Michael Grant.

Mayor Sjoblom called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Soderquist

2. Prayer: Councilwoman Petty

3. Public Comment: Please respectfully follow these guidelines.

- Individuals may speak once for 3 minutes or less: Do not remark from the audience.
- State your name & address and direct comments to the entire Council (Council will not respond)

Paul Sturm, 2527 Deer Run Drive, queried the cost of the storage building for the Fire Department.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- September 14, 2021 Minutes

- **September Check Register**
- **August Budget to Actual**

Councilwoman Petty moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Alberts moved to open the public hearing for Proposition #14 Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

******* PUBLIC HEARING *******

5. Public Hearing: Proposition #14 Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax:

Mayor Sjoblom explained on June 8th the City Council discussed the possibility of proposing a Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) sales use tax for the upcoming election. On August 27, 2021 Resolution 21-44 was passed. The proposition was given the number 14 and it was placed on the ballot. A voter information pamphlet was prepared and mailed to every household in South Weber City. City Manager David Larson added information on the RAP tax is also available on the city web-site. The pamphlet identifies the following questions:

What is a RAP tax? A RAP tax is a 1/10 of 1% sales tax. A City may implement a RAP tax only if approved by voters. It is not a property tax and is not permanent. On a qualifying \$10 purchase it would be 1 penny, \$100 purchase would be 10 cents, and a \$1,000 purchase would be \$1.

What could the RAP tax funds be used for? State law allows for the RAP tax to fund a broad range of cultural and recreational programs and facilities. The City has a list of priority parks and recreation projects in need of funding, such as park restrooms and baseball fields. The goal of the City is to use the funding for needed projects and programs that will benefit South Weber City citizens.

Who decides what projects to fund with the proceeds of the RAP tax? The City Council makes the final decisions on which projects to fund. Potential projects will be considered annually as part of the City's regular budget process, which includes the opportunity for public review and comment.

How much funding is expected and how long will it be available? A RAP tax will generate approximately \$60,000 per year based on current sales tax projections. After 10 years, the RAP tax may be re-submitted to voters to decide on another 10-year term.

Who pays the tax? Anyone who makes a qualifying point-of-sale purchase in South Weber City would pay the tax, regardless of their place of residency. This is true for our residents when visiting other cities that have implemented a RAP tax.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE RAP TAX:

- 100% of the RAP funds are devoted to projects that benefit South Weber City parks and recreation programs

- Salt Lake and Weber Counties, and most of Davis County Cities currently benefit from a RAP tax. Implementing a RAP tax in South Weber City would allow our community to likewise benefit from outside patrons, as well as our own residents, who frequent South Weber businesses.
- RAP funds are used for recreational projects such as public parks improvements, playgrounds, athletic fields, gymnasiums, trail systems, or other facilities used for recreational purposes.
- RAP funds could be used to replenish deficits identified in South Weber City’s Parks Priority list which includes the following: replacing playground equipment, restrooms, walking paths, and pavilions.
- The RAP fund is a dedicated funding source that, if approved, will allow general funds of the city to be reallocated for critical infrastructure needs such as capital improvements, law enforcement, snow removal, etc.

Mayor Sjoblom asked for public comment.

Paul Sturm, 2527 Deer Run Drive, commended city staff for their work on the RAP tax. He expressed this is a benefit to the city.

Councilman Winsor moved to close the public hearing for Proposition #14 Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

***** PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED*****

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Fire Auxiliary Building Layout:

Mayor Sjoblom explained South Weber City Council discussed the fire auxiliary building layout options in City Council meeting on August 24, 2021. Options were presented and City Council requested staff to review all options and provide additional information. Staff had since worked with the Public Safety Committee and taken another look at ways to accomplish the project’s purposes at a responsible price while limiting the effects on the park and community. She revealed after attempting to look at this project from every angle, staff was excited to present an option that previously had been discarded. With a slight alteration they believed it checks all the boxes and accomplishes all the desires previously expressed in the City Council meeting including responsible spending, building functionality, and limiting impacts to the property and surrounding park amenities (e.g., keeping the stage). It is referred to as the “preferred option”. Staff members evaluated the options (provided in packet) based on cost, impact, and functionality using a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the best and 1 being the worst. The scores are shown in the table below:

Name	Functionality	Impacts	Cost	Total Score
<i>Preferred</i>	7	9	8	24
<i>Option 1</i>	8	3	8	19
<i>Option 2</i>	9	4	9	22
<i>Option 3</i>	2	5	2	9
<i>Option 4</i>	2	5	1	8
<i>Option 5</i>	9	2	4	15
<i>Option 6</i>	7	4	8	19
<i>Option 7</i>	3	2	3	8

The table shows that the preferred option not only scored highest in the re-evaluation of options, but clearly provides the least overall impact to the property and park amenities. Mayor Sjoblom reported staff originally looked at placing the building in this location but removed the option due to the current ramp to the bathrooms. Upon further exploration and reevaluation, staff is confident that the ramp can be removed entirely and access to the bathrooms provided in a different way. This allows greater turning ability for trucks in the rear of the building and makes this a viable option. Councilman Halverson who serves on the Public Safety Committee favored the preferred option.

Discussion moved to the ball diamond and whether it or the bleachers should be moved. It was stated bleachers can be moved for the old timers' softball game at Country Fair Days. David clarified moving the ball diamond would be a more costly option. Chief Tolman discussed the functionality of the preferred option and felt it is a compromise to get what is needed without disrupting the park too much. Councilman Winsor thanked city staff for the review and various options presented. Councilwoman Alberts agreed. The City Council supported the preferred option. David reported the city staff will put together the necessary documents for the bids. He thanked everyone for the role they played in this process to come up with a good solution. David acknowledged the building itself will come forth for spending approval later.

REPORTS

7. New Business

1900 East in need of sidewalk: Councilwoman Alberts the need for new sidewalk at the top of 1900 East. Brandon echoed it is a safety concern and should be identified as high priority.

8. Council & Staff

Mayor Sjoblom: reported Wednesday there would be a public hearing for reviewing new boundaries for districts at Clearfield High School. More information was available at Betterboundaries.org.

Councilman Halverson: related the next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting will be held on October 28, 2021.

Councilman Soderquist: announced he met with the gravel pit representatives. They discussed the data from the last meeting. Staker Parson identified and is working on the dust coming from the south pit. There is loose material coming from this area and they will be looking at shifting their approach. Even with the rain, the south bluff dust accumulation went up, but in the northern section of the city the dust amount dropped. A study was completed 20 years ago when there was a significant amount of dust blowing into Cambridge Crossing Apartment Complex. The study identified no days exceeding the gravel pit limits but did show a day when dust was blown from the landfill. Councilman Winsor questioned Geneva's excavation across from Sure Steel. David responded the city staff visited the area and determined it is in the natural resource zone.

Councilwoman Petty: voiced donations are being received for the bike track at Canyon Meadows Park. Individuals have volunteered materials and time. The Youth Council will partner with the recreation program on October 23, 2021 for a trunk or treat at Central Park.

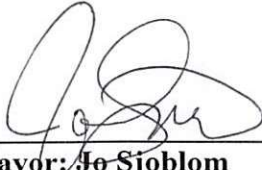
City Manager, David Larson: recounted he attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference on growth challenges along the Wasatch front including transportation, housing, etc. He discussed how important it is to have city staff and city officials work together. He appreciated the process and work completed in South Weber City every day. He communicated the city is in the process of hiring two employees. Applications are available on the city website. The city staff is finding good help to be challenging.

Community Director, Trevor Cahoon: disclosed the Planning Commission will be addressing residential parking and private rights-of-way. Planning Commission meeting was moved to 20 October 2021.

City Engineer, Brandon Jones: declared the street scans were completed last week under good weather conditions.

Fire Chief, Derek Tolman: conveyed all dispatch centers will be united in the next 18 months which will bring financial issues to be included in next year’s budget.

ADJOURN: Councilman Winsor moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:43 p.m. Councilwoman Alberts seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

APPROVED:  _____ **Date** 11-16-2021
Mayor: Joe Sjoblom


Michelle Clark (Nov 17, 2021 11:57 MST)

Transcriber: Michelle Clark

Attest:  _____
City Recorder: Lisa Smith

From: [Mindi Smith](#)
To: [Wayne Winsor](#); [Angie Petty](#); [Quin Soderquist](#); [Blair Halverson](#); [Hayley Alberts](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: HDH, Single family Zoning, Mixed Use
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 9:58:01 PM

Dear South Weber City Council,

As a registered voter in South Weber, Utah I'm very concerned about the things happening to "The Suburbs" across the nation. This isn't a rumor anymore it's actually happened here and every other small town in Utah. My own home town of Salem, Utah is currently battling against a proposed development that will double the households there with only ONE Development. That's one company and one landowner getting VERY rich. And it will take years and lots of \$\$ to plan and prepare all the city streets, water, sewer lines and all that money and work will go to an out of state developer and investment group. How does that help affordability and the housing crisis and the people here and now?

When the alternative could be subdivide and keep the density low which would result in lowering the price for both developers and future homeowners. The houses would be done sooner rather than later. There would be less tax increases for current and future citizens, there would be more wealth, health, peace and safety for all the citizens new and old.

Won't Housing remain unaffordable if no one is building actual houses with a sliver of land? if we continue to let every landowner act as if they are somehow owed millions for a zone change?

I believe the ultimate goals here are to

- Eliminate the middle class.
- Eliminate the small business owners, small town developers, small town landlords, single family homes, and the family.
- Make the rich richer and the poor poorer and landowners greedier.
- Take local control away.
- Have every small town and suburb and city look the same, think the same, act the same AND VOTE BLUE THE SAME. I don't believe normal people on either side of the aisle can think this is really a good thing in the long run - can they? Do you?

If so, how does bringing the same kind of small overly cramped over priced "racist" housing from the cities into every small town actually solve racism? or affordability or any other problem for that matter?

If these actions/consequences and possible goals shock you as much as me how can we together stop this?

I have emailed all of our city candidates, our state legislature representatives as well as Blake Moore asking this very same question.

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/stealth-goal-of-infrastructure-plan-could-be-to-abolish-the-suburbs-by-bribing-towns-to-change-zoning-laws>

<https://libertarianinstitute.org/uncategorized/war-on-the-suburbs-how-huds-housing-policies-became-a-weapon-for-social-change/>

<https://www.latimes.com/homeless-housing/story/2021-09-17/what-just-happened-with-single-family-zoning-in-california>

Thank you for your willingness to serve and represent The People of South Weber at this important “hinge point“ of time.

Mindi Smith
South Weber resident and registered voter