

Minutes of the Syracuse City Council Regular Meeting, December 11, 2018.

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on December 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present: Councilmembers: Corinne N. Bolduc
Dave Maughan
Doug Peterson
Jordan Savage

Mayor Mike Gailey
City Manager Brody Bovero
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:

City Attorney Paul Roberts
Finance Director Steve Marshall
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley
Police Chief Garret Atkin
Fire Chief Aaron Byington
Community and Economic Development Director Noah Steele
Deputy Fire Chief Jo Hamblin

1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda

Mayor Gailey 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. Councilmember Peterson provided an invocation and Councilmember Savage led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

2. Public comment.

There were no public comments.

3. Presentation of Syracuse City and Syracuse Chamber of Commerce "Award for Excellence" for the month of December 2018.

The City wishes to recognize citizens who strive for excellence in athletics, academics, arts and/or community service. To that end, in an effort to recognize students and individuals residing in the City, the Community and Economic Development, in conjunction with the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, present the recipients for the "Syracuse City & Chamber of Commerce Award for Excellence". This monthly award recognizes the outstanding performance of a male and female who excel in athletics, academics, arts, and/or community service. The monthly award recipients will each receive a certificate and be recognized at a City Council meeting; have their photograph placed at City Hall and the Community Center; be written about in the City Newsletter, City's Facebook and Twitter Feed, and the City's website.

Chamber of Commerce representative Judy Berrett noted both youth receiving the award for December 2018 were nominated by the staff of Syracuse Arts Academy.

Kemuel Cullimore:

Kemuel is a very intelligent student and is a great leader. He is serving as the Student Body President and has been a student body officer since 7th grade. This year as president he has been responsible for running ASB meetings leading his peers, speaking in assemblies, and making decisions. Kemuel has participated in multiple community service acts over the last 3 years including working at the Layton and Ogden food banks. He is enjoyed and liked by his fellow students as a leader and his teachers for his knowledge and attitude in the classroom. Learning and doing his best are important to him. Kemuel is kind and compassionate and you will find him in class helping those who struggle to succeed. He is always willing to have a stimulating intellectual conversation with his classmates. This is a big contribution, since conversing over material

learned is necessary for retention. Kemuel is also always positive, willing to help others, well mannered, and gracious to all.

Chloe Ann Mormino:

Chloe is an especially hard-working student tackling problems head on with a clear head and a mature attitude. Chloe is an ambassador at the school and part of student leadership. She has been involved with multiple community service opportunities as a student in leadership. She contributes to the school by helping others with understanding information and guidance. Chloe is also always up beat and spirited to have in the classroom. She works with other students as a peer tutor supporting students who are struggling academically. Chloe is a very accomplished student, who is always eager to learn. She sets an awesome example of high academic and personal standards for all to see.

4. Recognition: Syracuse City Fire Fighters involved in Wildland Fire Program

A staff memo from Fire Chief Byington explained the City would like to recognize the firefighters of the Syracuse City Fire Department for their hard work and dedication to the wildland program this past season. Our wildland program relies on many factors for its current and continued success. This includes our firefighters who are willing to deploy for up to (14) days at a time or longer; our firefighters who stay behind and work extra shifts to cover for those who are deployed; our administrative staff who compiles the proper paperwork for submission to the State and Federal Governments; and our elected officials and City administration who support our efforts in carrying out our department mission. Finally, and most importantly, we would like to recognize the families of our firefighters, who offer continual support to their loved ones as they spend many nights away from home. The success of the wildland program is truly a team effort.

Chief Byington reviewed his memo and recognized Captain Bybee and Engineer Holman who were present this evening. He added that when these Firefighters are deployed to Wildland Fires, the professionals who stay behind in Syracuse carry a heavier load and they should be recognized as well.

5. Approval of minutes

The following minutes were reviewed by the City Council: Special Meeting and Work Session of October 23, 2018 and the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2018.

COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES LISTED ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED AYE.

6a. Common consent: Proposed Ordinance 18-25 amending Section 10.30.040 of the Syracuse City Municipal Code pertaining to animal keeping regulations.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department explained that during the public comment period on September 11, 2018, a citizen requested that the City Council review the Dog Kennel Ordinance. City council decided to look at it more closely in the work meeting. The memo offered a comparison between the Davis County kennel regulations and Syracuse City regulations; Davis County requires a kennel license if an individual have four dogs while Syracuse City requires a kennel license for three dogs. In an effort to be congruent to the County, it is proposed that the City match the County's regulation of four dogs for a kennel, but also matching the County requirement of maximum of four dogs or cats in any combination. The City Council reviewed the issue on September 25 and decided to look at amending the ordinance to be more consistent with the county's requirements. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the attached ordinance amendments on November 16, 2018.

COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 18-25 AMENDING SECTION 10.30.040 OF THE SYRACUSE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ANIMAL KEEPING REGULATIONS. COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

6b. Common consent: Proposed Ordinance 18-26 amending Section 11.20.085 of the Syracuse City Code pertaining to permitted parking zones near Syracuse High School.

A staff memo from the City Attorney explained that based upon the City Council guidance provided during the November 27 meeting, the proposed ordinance has been modified from its prior version in the following ways:

- Only three permits per residence may be used simultaneously; and
- A person who offers their permit for sale or transactional use may have their permits revoked by the City Manager.

COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 18-26, AMENDING SECTION 11.20.085 OF THE SYRACUSE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO PERMITTED PARKING ZONES NEAR SYRACUSE HIGH SCHOOL. COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

6c. Common consent: Proposed Ordinance 18-27 amending Section 11.10.105 of the Syracuse City Code pertaining to traffic control device placement.

A staff memo from the City Attorney explained City Administration is proposing a new section that gives policy guidance to Public Works on when to perform a traffic control device review. The proposed ordinance mandates reviews under three circumstances:

- (1) After capital projects are complete
- (2) When development has changed traffic patterns (due to an increase in drivers using the roads, the introduction of new public roads that may alleviate congestion in a specific area, etc.)
- (3) Upon public request, along with payment of a fee

After completing a review, the Traffic Engineer may make changes in conformity with the MUTCD. This is already within his power, as provided in section 11.10.090.

As traffic engineer, Robert is empowered to study any intersection or stretch of road that he believes to be worthy of attention, even if none of the three triggering events in this ordinance takes place. This ordinance signals when the Council expects him to undertake a study of traffic control devices.

If this ordinance is adopted, then the Consolidated Fee Schedule should be updated to include an appropriate fee, the amount of which would be considered by the Council at that time.

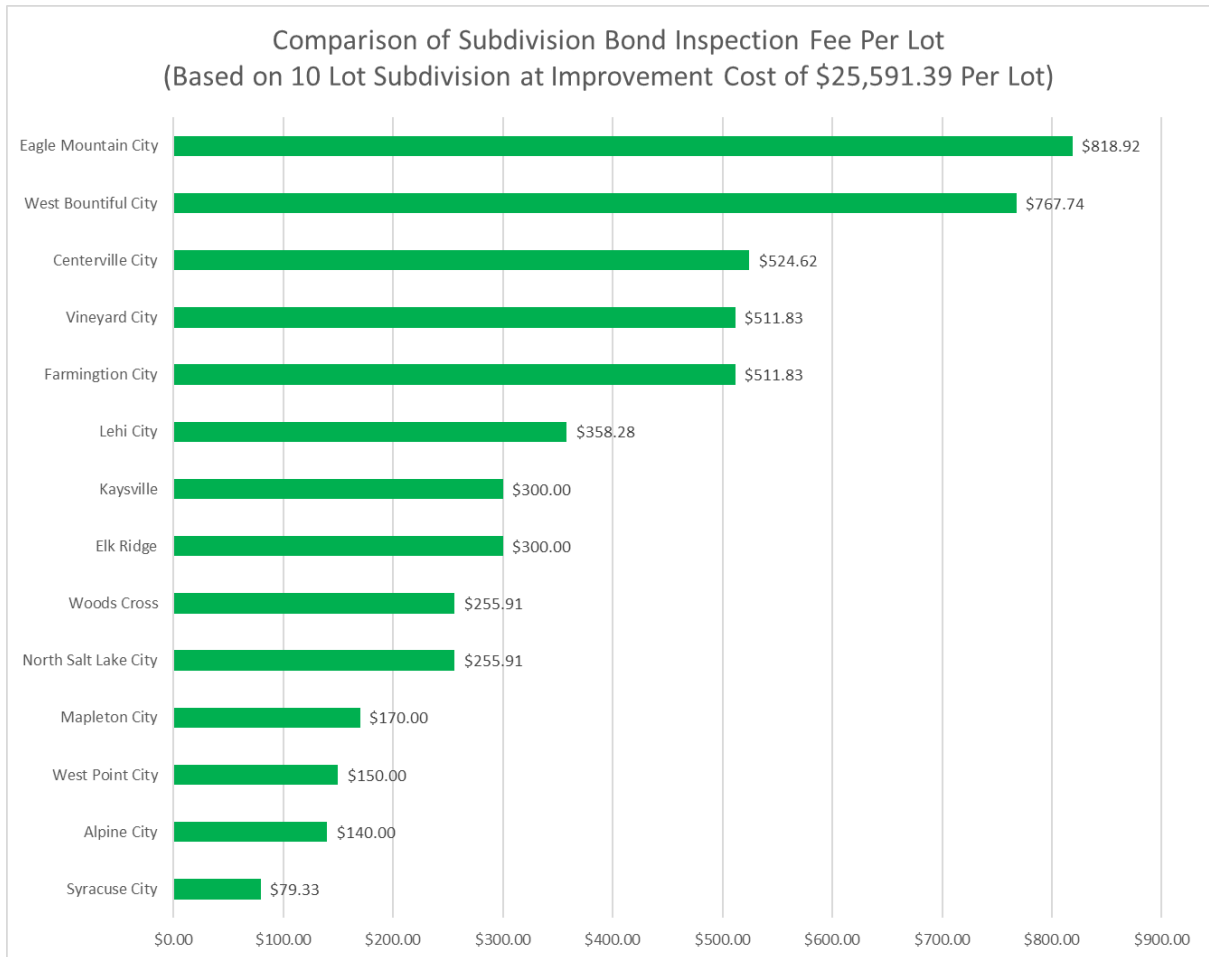
COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 18-27, AMENDING SECTION 11.10.105 OF THE SYRACUSE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE PLACEMENT. COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

7. Public hearing – Proposed Resolution R18-38 amending the Syracuse City Consolidated Fee Schedule by making adjustments throughout.

A staff memo from the Administrative Services Director referenced the following list of proposed changes to the consolidated fee schedule:

- **Effective 12/11/2018:**
 - Increase final inspection fees from ~\$79.19 per lot to \$350.00 per lot.
 - Increase Storm water permit fees from \$50 per application to \$50 per lot.
 - Add a \$300.00 per application fee for a Traffic Evaluation Request. Can be reimbursable if the area is deemed deficient.

Inspection fees for new developments are currently charged at \$15/lot and a lineal foot measurement of infrastructure. The past three high growth years have amounted to an average of \$79.19/lot that was collected for inspection fees. This is the lowest rate in comparison to other benchmark cities.



Increasing the inspection fee to an amount comparable to other cities would simplify the fee calculations by eliminating the ‘per lineal foot’ final offsite inspection fees as well as cover the cost of a full-time inspector. This would also ensure that new development is paying for the inspection costs of new development. Here is an example:

- \$350/lot * 300 lots/year = \$105,000
- \$350/lot * 200 lots/year = \$70,000

To maintain high efficiency, the inspector would pick up locations of City infrastructure with GPS equipment and work under the direction of the City Engineer. This would improve mapping by keeping it current and accurate for our Blue Stakes and for future developments and capital projects.

The estimated cost would include:

- \$65,000 Salary + Benefits (annual)
- \$40,000 Vehicle (approx. 12-year life)
- \$30,000 GPS Equipment (approx. 8-year life)

Storm Water Activity Permit Fees

The Storm Water Activity Permit fee is \$50/development. With approximately 30 developments/year, it amounts to approximately \$1,500/year. Storm water inspections take one full week a month (40 * 12 = 480 hours/year), which is an equivalent of \$3.13/hr. If the Storm Water Activity Permit fee were changed to \$50/lot, it would have no effect on single lot

developments. However, there would be an increase on multiple lot subdivisions. For example, a 10-lot subdivision would pay \$450 more for a permit. Assuming 300 lots/year and using the same inspection hours, the inspection would amount to \$31.25/hour (\$15k/year / 480 hours).

Traffic Evaluation Request Fees

Traffic control is evaluated during capital projects, new developments, and upon public request. When public requests a traffic evaluation, such as requests for a stop sign, speed control, crosswalks, and similar it initiates a greater demand upon staff's time. Therefore, a fee is proposed to limit inquiries to those who believe the situation is worth spending the time to evaluate. \$300 covers four hours of time, which would cover the costs of a basic evaluation, including: traffic data collection, review industry standards, inter-department coordination, and a final determination with a written technical memorandum. If the request goes beyond the basic scope, additional costs will be incurred at the established hourly rate for public works staffing costs. Reimbursement may be provided if the requested area is found to be deficient based upon industry standards and engineering judgement.

Mayor Gailey opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. There were no persons appearing to be heard and the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Bolduc stated she is supportive of a fee increase that will enable the City to cover the costs of providing a service.

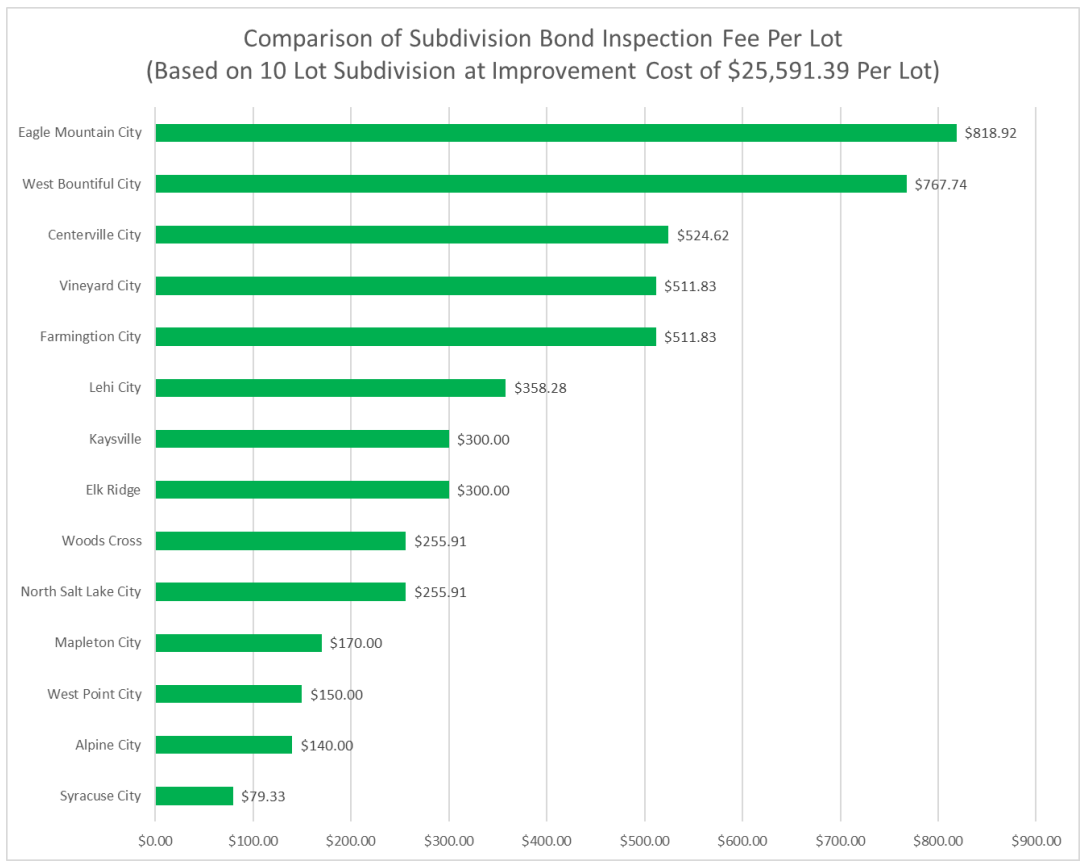
COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION R18-38 AMENDING THE SYRACUSE CITY CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE BY MAKING ADJUSTMENTS THROUGHOUT. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

8. Public hearing – Proposed Resolution R18-37 adjusting the Syracuse City budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019.

A staff memo from the Administrative Services Director summarized the following proposed changes to **operational budgets**:

- \$65,000 - increase in RAP Tax expense for pavilion at centennial park.
- \$40,000 – increase for inspection fees with change to consolidated fee schedule. This would increase the fee from approximately \$79 per lot to \$350 per lot. A net increase of \$270 per lot times 150 lots for remainder of FY2019 ~ \$40,000. See further analysis below.

The memo then addressed inspection fees; inspection fees for new developments are currently charged at \$15/lot and a lineal foot measurement of infrastructure. The past three high growth years have amounted to an average of \$79.19/lot that was collected for inspection fees. This is the lowest rate in comparison to other benchmark cities.



Increasing the inspection fee to an amount comparable to other cities would simplify the fee calculations by eliminating the ‘per lineal foot’ final offsite inspection fees as well as cover the cost of a full-time inspector. This would also ensure that new development is paying for the inspection costs of new development.

To maintain high efficiency, the inspector would pick up locations of our city infrastructure with GPS equipment and work under the direction of the City Engineer. This would improve mapping by keeping it current and accurate for our Blue Stakes and for future developments and capital projects.

The estimated cost would include:

- \$65,000 Salary + Benefits (annual)
- \$40,000 Vehicle (approx. 12-year life)
- \$30,000 GPS Equipment (approx. 8-year life)

Administrative Services Director Marshall summarized the staff memo.

Mayor Gailey opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. There were no persons appearing to be heard and the public hearing was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION R18-37 ADJUSTING THE SYRACUSE CITY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019. COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

9. Proposed Ordinance 18-24 amending the Syracuse City General Plan Map for property located at 2600 West 3200 South, Residential (R-1) to Residential Planned Community (RPC).

COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MOVED TO REMOVE THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

10. Final Plat Approval, Still Water Phases 5 and 6, located at approximately 2000 West Parkview Drive.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department provided the following information about the application:

Location:	2000 West Parkview Drive
Current Zoning:	RPC
General Plan:	RPC
Total Subdivision Area:	
Phase 5:	19.22 Acres
Phase 6:	14.94 Acres
Number of Lots:	
Phase 5:	77
Phase 6:	90

The applicant has requested approval of two final subdivision plats as part of the Still Water development being built by Woodside Homes. Phase 5 will complete the central section of the development between 2000 West and the Davis County Canal. Phase 6 will be the first new phase west of 2000 West. During the regular meeting on December 4, 2018 the Planning Commission unanimously recommended conditional approval including the following condition: all staff comments shall be addressed before the plat is recorded with Davis County.

All planning and fire comments have been addressed for phase 5 and there are two engineering comments. The City Engineer has expressed that he is comfortable with a conditional approval regarding these comments.

All planning and fire comments have been addressed for phase 6 and there are 11 engineering comments. The City Engineer has expressed that he is comfortable with a conditional approval regarding these comments.

The memo concluded that because there are outstanding staff comments on both plats, staff recommends they be conditionally approved.

Mr. Steele reviewed the staff memo.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOVED TO GRANT FINAL PLAT APPROVAL, STILL WATER PHASES 5 AND 6, LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 2000 WEST PARKVIEW DRIVE, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT ALL STAFF COMMENTS INCLUDED IN THE STAFF MEMO BEING ADDRESSED BEFORE RECORDATION OF THE FINAL PLAT. COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR

11. Subdivision Plat Conditional Approval, Ninigret North 3 Subdivision, located at approximately 1585 W. 300 S.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Department provided the following information about the application:

Location:	1585 W. 300 S.
Current Zoning:	Business Park
General Plan:	Business Park
Total Subdivision Area:	3.64 Acres

The applicant has requested approval of a two-lot subdivision which is intended to accommodate a mortuary on lot 1. Lot 2 will remain vacant until it is developed. During the regular meeting on December 4, 2018 the Planning Commission unanimously recommended conditional approval of this subdivision plat with the following condition: all staff comments shall be addressed before the plat is recorded with Davis County. All fire and planning review comments have been addressed. There are three remaining engineering comments and the City Engineer has expressed that he is comfortable recommending conditional approval of the plat.

The memo concluded that because there are outstanding staff comments on the plat, staff recommends it be conditionally approved.

Mr. Steele reviewed his staff memo.

COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC MOVED TO GRANT SUBDIVISION PLAT CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, NINIGRET NORTH 3 SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1585 W. 300 S., SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT ALL STAFF COMMENTS INCLUDED IN THE STAFF MEMO BEING ADDRESSED BEFORE RECORDATION OF THE FINAL PLAT. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

12. Proposed Resolution R18-39 adopting a Strategic Operation Plan for Syracuse City.

A staff memo from the City Manager referenced the draft Strategic Operational Plan, which was included in the Council packet. The memo summarized the document as follows:

- Mission Statement-> Vision Statements-> Strategic Plan-> Daily Programs/Tasks:
 - The Strategic Operational Plan is a document used to give form to the Vision Statements. It also gives direction for the creation of day-to-day programs, tasks, and tactics by staff.
- The Strategic Operational Plan IS:
 - A management document that outlines the primary efforts that will be key to fulfilling the Council's vision for the City's operations.
 - A basis for developing the programs and practices, along with the budgetary resources needed, to fulfill the vision and mission of the City, from an operational standpoint.
- The Strategic Plan IS NOT:
 - A detailed manual of specific projects, tasks, and programs that the City will do.
 - A strategic land use planning/economic development plan.
 - A capital project plan.

On November 30, 2018 the Council and staff held a retreat and discussed the contents of the Strategic Operational Plan. The edits suggested by the Council in the meeting are incorporated into the draft document. The memo concluded the action before the Council is to decide whether to adopt the Strategic Operational Plan and direct the Administration to pursue the goals outlined therein.

City Manager Bovero reviewed his staff memo and provided an explanation of the content of the Strategic Plan document for the benefit of the public in attendance.

COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION R18-39 ADOPTING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SYRACUSE CITY. COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

13. Proposed Resolution R18-40 authorizing Mayor Gailey to submit letter of support for Davis County Local Option "3rd Quarter" Sales Tax.

A staff memo from the City Manager referenced a draft letter of support for the "3rd Quarter" local option sales tax, which was included in the Council packet. If the Council authorizes this letter, an anticipated schedule for its implementation would be as follows (assuming continued support at the county level):

- Mayors of each municipality provide signed letters of support to the County Commission by the end of 2018.
- At the first COG meeting of the year (January 16th), the adoption of the 3rd quarter cent would be on the agenda for discussion and recommendation to the Commission.
- The Commission would move to enact the tax during the 1st quarter of 2019.
- During the 2019 legislative session, amendments to Section 59-12-2217 would be passed (and effective July 1, 2019). These amendments would allow maintenance and reconstruction projects to be eligible.
- The Commission would notify the Utah Tax Commission by April 1st that the tax has been enacted.

- After adoption by the Commission and likely during the second quarter of 2019, a sub-committee of the COG would prepare the process required by statute for the distribution of funds. This process would be adopted by July 1, 2019.
- Funds would begin to be collected starting July 1, 2019 for distribution as soon as a process is adopted, projects submitted and approved, and distribution could start in 2020.

The memo concluded the action before the Council is to vote on whether to authorize Mayor Gailey to submit the attached letter of support for the “3rd Quarter” local option sales tax in Davis County.

Mr. Bovero reviewed the staff memo.

The Council debated the concept of the 3rd Quarter sales tax issue and ultimately concluded they feel this is an issue for the County Commission to deal with independent of municipal government input. They determined they would not authorize Mayor Gailey to send a letter of support on the City’s behalf.

COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MOVED TO DENY RESOLUTION R18-40 AUTHORIZING MAYOR GAILEY TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DAVIS COUNTY LOCAL OPTION “3RD QUARTER” SALES TAX. COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

14. Authorize Administration to execute Interlocal Agreement with Davis County Library for the temporary use of City facilities.

A staff memo from the City Manager explained the following outlines the main points of the agreement:

- The library will have exclusive use of staging areas on the north side of the library, as well as the vacant lot to the east of City Hall.
- This contract will only be effective during the construction of the library expansion, or 18 months at most.
- Upon completion of the project, the library will restore the parking lot areas used for staging to its pre-construction condition or better.
- Upon completion of the project, the library will construct the missing segment of sidewalk along the east side of the vacant lot (South Staging Area).

City Manager Bovero reviewed his staff memo.

High level discussion among the Council and staff regarding the purpose of the temporary easement and use of the staging area ensued. Councilmember Maughan expressed his concern about the language in the agreement indicating that the County will have exclusive rights to the staging area and easement, and he asked that the word ‘exclusive’ be removed. City Attorney Roberts stated the County sought for exclusive rights to the area in order to protect them against any liability associated with public access of an active construction site. Councilmember Maughan stated that he is concerned that the City may need the space and will not be able to access it during the term of this agreement. Mr. Bovero stated that he is not concerned that the City will be restricted in the use of the parking area; additionally, the County will resurface the parking lot to address grading issues and this will result in an increase in parking spaces in the lot, which will benefit the Community Center and Chloe’s Park. Additionally, in an emergency, the City will have the ability to access the property regardless of the language included in the agreement. The Council considered Councilmember Maughan’s concerns as well as the response from City Administration and ultimately concluded to approve with the word ‘exclusive’ included, but with the additional clause that the City will have access to the easement and staging areas in the event of an emergency.

COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS COUNTY LIBRARY FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF CITY FACILITIES, WITH THE ADDITION OF A CLAUSE SPECIFYING THAT THE CITY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE EASEMENT OR STAGING AREAS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

15. Presentations by applicants for appointment to vacant Councilmember seat (in alphabetical order).

City Attorney Roberts used the aid of a PowerPoint presentation to review the process the Council will follow in order

to select a new Councilmember this evening.

Lisa Bingham:

Ms. Bingham summarized her experience as a child who grew up in Syracuse City; she idolized those in elected positions, and she was eventually elected to a similar role as a high school student. She came to realize the work that is done behind the scenes to make an elected body successful. In her 20's she was asked to chair the Syracuse Heritage Days parade, which is a thankless and payless job. She then moved on to several additional thankless, payless jobs in school parent/teacher associations, as a homemaker and mother, and as a volunteer. She learned that volunteerism is what makes a community operate successful and she did not want to be compensated for the service she was providing. Volunteers in a community become vested and earn ownership in their City. She reported on work she did as a member and chair of the Community Council of Clearfield High School; this included budgeting funding allocations from the State Lands Trust and purchasing items needed at the school. She learned that communication is imperative and that those represented by a body should have a voice in what is happening. Through volunteerism and participation in decision making bodies, she has learned that it is important to know your community by understanding the demographics, diversity, and things that make it special. It is also necessary to start a task with a beginning and end in mind and to understand the funding needed to make the task successful and possible to maintain in the long term. She reported she has been a State and County delegate for many years, and she knows that in order to make a difference she must connect herself to the people and the 'worker bees' on the local level. She also mentioned the several positions she has held in several political groups and discussed what she has learned by working on various projects and special events through those assignments; she knows how to 'make things go' and bring a project to fruition. She has been in church leadership positions and has served as a homemaker and mother for nearly all of her adult life and that experience has informed every decision that she has made. She and her husband are small business owners of an automotive shop in Clinton; she would have loved to locate her business in Syracuse, but the use was not allowed by the City's master plan at the time. One of the things she has learned through business ownership is that things can always be done better, and it is not necessary to do something the way it has always been done. She concluded this experience has been humbling and she hopes that the Council can see the value she has to offer to the community; practical application is the basis for all she has done in her life and she hopes the Council sees that as valuable.

Mark Colvin:

Mr. Colvin stated that when he saw the posting for the vacant position on the Council, he evaluated his skills to determine what he may have to offer to the community. He considered what the Council may need and believes that his professional experience as an accountant would benefit the City. The hardest thing for residents to understand about the city they live in relates to budgeting and finance. He discussed his experience in sales and the manner in which his previous employment opportunities evolved to a career in accounting and indicated that he is currently employed in the Comptroller's Office in Ogden City. He has learned so much about fiscal responsibility and what can be done to make a city's budget more transparent with its residents. He saw this position as an opportunity, and he believes he can help to address the several challenges relating to growth and the funding implications that come with growth. He stated he also truly enjoys helping people and that has brought his joy throughout his life. He concluded that he is also very punctual, and he concluded by thanking the Council for their time, attention, and consideration this evening.

Brett Cragun:

Mr. Cragun withdrew his application in advance of the meeting.

Jennifer Eagle

Ms. Eagle withdrew his application in advance of the meeting.

David Hall:

Mr. Hall stated that he and his family have lived in Syracuse for 16 years; he and his wife have four children, two of which attend Syracuse High School, one at Syracuse Junior High, and the fourth at Syracuse Arts Academy where his wife is a teacher. He stated that he has been very involved in the community for some time, beginning as a financial advisor to the Syracuse Arts Academy Administration and Executive Board, and he has also become very deeply involved in the local lacrosse club in the community and as a Director and State Commissioner for the high school association in the State. He has also served as a precinct chair for his local political party and he has enjoyed learning more about political processes and the caucus system; the ability to represent the needs of the community is very meaningful to him. He reported on his career with Zion's Bank and

now with a new employer and stated that he has enjoyed the opportunity to identify opportunities for improvement for the many organizations his employers represent. He stated he can apply that skill to a position on the City Council as well. He considers himself a problem solver and a pragmatic thinker and that has led him to his ability to make well thought out decisions. He concluded by referring the Council to his resume and application materials for additional information about his background and thanked the Council for their attention. He also voiced his support for Ms. Bingham and stated he enjoyed listening to her comments and learning more about her experience.

Danny Hammon:

Mr. Hammon referenced his application materials, which include copies of his performance evaluations from his employer, Roy City. He stated he wanted the Council to have an idea of his character, work ethic, and the type of employee he has been. He also provided a 360-survey, which includes feedback from all employees he interacts with, from the bottom to the top. The survey discusses competency, public image, work ethic, concern for community, leadership, carrying out the organization's mission statement, and commitment to making the organization better. When reviewing this survey, he felt that the criteria he was evaluated on were very applicable to the position of City Councilmember. He was concerned about how he would be rated by everyone who participated in his evaluation and when he saw the results, he was humbled to see that his scores were very high. This caused him to reflect on his leadership abilities and the other things that he can bring to the position of City Councilmember. He noted he served as a Syracuse City Planning Commission for two years and then as a City Councilmember from 2004 to 2007; this was a very interesting time in the City's history and when he looked back on that experience there are many sources of pride, but also some things that he would like to do over and possibly make a different decision to impact the future of the community. He then noted that he coaches youth sports and that can be fun and frustrating, but sports are a great teaching tool. A person or team never loses – they either win or learn and he has applied that philosophy to his everyday life and this has helped him to build character. He has had a desire in recent years to reengage with local government; he enjoyed his time as a Councilmember, but during the last election cycle he let some negative things that have occurred in the past keep him from declaring his candidacy. When he saw this vacancy advertised, he saw it as another opportunity to contribute and apply the things that he has learned to a position that can benefit the community. The greatest lessons he has learned in life come the times that he has lost, the mistakes he has made, and from missed opportunities. He has grown and evolved from those experiences and he wants to apply that knowledge to this position. He thanked the Council for their consideration this evening.

Michelle Hicks:

Ms. Hicks stated that she has always been acutely aware of her community and she loves living in Syracuse. She gained a love for community at a very young age when her mother enrolled her in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program; she was assigned a Big Sister who mentored her until she was 18 years old and the two still keep in touch today. They participated in community service activities regularly and she believes this set her up for success. She participated in several clubs and groups throughout her high school years, all of which were geared towards community service and gaining vocational skills. At the age of 19 she began volunteering for a rape and domestic violence recovery center and this was a great learning experience for her. She also had a strong desire to work in government and she started in the Salt Lake County jail and learned many of hard things, but she had a desire to move to an area where she has a greater opportunity to make a difference. She moved to the health department and was instrumental in managing the emergency operations center and public outreach efforts. She now works in the Salt Lake County Mayor's Office, which is in a transitional period as the current Mayor was recently elected to Congress. She has always wanted to help, learn, and listen and she is very skilled in working with people from all walks of life. She concluded it is an honor to stand before the Council this evening and be considered for this position.

Don Ormsby:

Mr. Ormsby referred to his application materials and resume and stated he will keep his comments very brief; he chose to apply for this position because of his fondness for Syracuse and his desire to serve his community. The City has great potential for continued responsible development and high quality of life. He can offer many positive things based on his past experience and his love for the City; he can listen, analyze, and be decisive on important issues. His experiences as a City Councilmember, Planning Commissioner, Board of Adjustment Member, and member of a Special Counsel Task Force relating to hazardous materials at Hill Air Force Base will allow him to not just join the Council, but to hit the ground running.

Brian Schultz:

Mr. Shultz stated that his greatest weakness is that he has only lived in Syracuse for 18 months; he moved to Weber County in 1991 and gained employment as a Police Officer in South Ogden City in 1994. He moved to Syracuse because he and his wife wanted a good location to raise their children and be close enough to both their employers so as not to have too long a commute. The community was very welcoming and friendly, and he has made many friends. He was elected to the Community Council for Bluff Ridge Elementary shortly after moving to the community and he has enjoyed that position. He discussed several other community assignments he has had through his career and stated these assignments have given him great experience that he can bring to the position of City Councilmember and benefit the community. He has watched the work the City Council does and commends them for the many hours and the extensive effort they dedicate to their position. The pay a Councilmember earns is not adequate when considering the time they dedicated and he considers the position to be one of public service rather than employment. He stated that he wants to be part of the Council and participate in that public service; he loves this community and will be vested in the City for the long term regardless of whether he is chosen tonight. He plans to live in the City for the rest of his life and looks forward to being part of a high-quality group.

Seth Teague:

Mr. Teague stated he is interested in becoming a part of the City Council and serving the citizens because he loves this City; he moved here approximately 2.5 years ago after living in Layton City for seven years. He was raised in California and received his bachelor's degree in political science; he later attended graduate school at the University of Utah where he studied public policy and demographic study. He is also familiar with business in the private sector after managing a restaurant for a time and working for his father, who is a general contractor. He learned a strong work ethic as well as the importance of quality interaction with the city in which he was doing business. He has respect for necessary regulations and processes. He then noted that following graduate school he accepted an employment position with Salt Lake County where he worked alongside Ms. Hicks and Syracuse City's former Community and Economic Development (CED) Director Brigham Mellor; his assignment with the County was to evaluate contracts and projects that would expand public services offerings to the community. He eventually moved to policy analysis of the finances of the public works division of the County and worked to discover oversight in the manner in which garbage collection volume was measured that resulted in a \$4.5 million shortfall. This reinforced his belief in the need for strong public policy and the importance of tough decisions that must be made by public bodies; he believes he can contribute to the City Council from that standpoint as he has a skill set that includes logic, responsiveness, thorough analysis, and bringing stakeholders together. He stated that his current employment is with Salt Lake County Behavioral Health, which is the largest Division in the County with a \$113 million annual budget. He manages grants for the Division and oversees transparency and reporting to the State of Utah to ensure that the County is using tax dollars wisely. He stated he will apply that experience to the position of City Councilmember if selected for this position. He concluded by thanking the Council for their time and attention this evening.

Grant Thorsen:

Mr. Thorsen stated most of the members of the current City Council are familiar with him through is serve on the City's Planning Commission for several years and on the City's Board of Adjustments. Prior to living in Syracuse, he lived in Idaho where he served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for Bingham County; he loves being involved in his community and in the decision-making process. He is intrigued to see how consensus can be built and compromises made through that process. He feels that one's love for their community is revealed in their efforts to get involved. He then reported he is an engineer by profession and has worked on many projects at different levels of government from local to federal; this has required his involvement in planning, budgeting, quality control, and inspection. Other parts of his career include construction and working in a group home with mentally ill patients. He moved his family to Syracuse several years ago and he chose those City to ensure a quality future for his children; he plans to be very involved in ensuring that quality. He stated that because the Council knows them, they know of his position on many issues and the type of person he is; he is fairly conservative, but also pragmatic in decision making. He is very aware of his own opinions, but always considers code and ordinance when making decisions. He then concluded by relaying a few pieces of advice from his father by which he lives his life: the first relates to moving forward and making your way in life rather than hanging back and waiting for things to come to him. The second was to be his own man. He has applied those pieces of advice to his personal and professional life and has a strong belief that slow and steady often win the game and that long-term goals are what truly matter. He has had success relying upon his understanding of processes while trying to be strict when necessary or flexible when necessary. He concluded by thanking the Council for

their consideration and stated he hopes to have the opportunity to work with them as the chosen Councilmember.

Ralph Vaughan:

Mr. Vaughan stated that he lives in the Canterbury Park area of the City; he has driven every street in the City, has his own personal copy of the General Plan, and has read the entire City budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. He also has 37 years of service on the municipal government level, as well as several years on the County and State levels dealing with municipal issues, and he believes strongly that there are three components that must be present to ensure a successful city. First is a professional staff that can effectively administer the day to day operations of the City; he personally knows all major Department Heads in the City and they all know him. He does not personally know the other 84 full-time City employees, but he knows they are excellent. He believes he has attended more City Council meetings than all other candidates combined and oftentimes he was the only person in the room other than staff. Syracuse is a capital asset corporation with approximately \$139 million in capital assets; it is governed by a six-member board of directors that are responsible to 9,167 customers who are parcel holders. Those parcel holders share in a \$2.4 billion market value asset, which is an increase of nearly \$1 billion in the last eight years and this is evidence that Syracuse is growing and doing so successfully. The revenues for the corporation were \$36 million with expenditures of \$22 million, which translates to a \$14 million profit. If that \$14 million were spent the way individual people may desire, it would be easy to spend the entire amount on several large projects very quickly; however, the City's Administrative Services Director will not allow that to happen because he is good at his job of controlling the City's budget. City sales tax revenues have increased by \$300,000 in revenue over that same eight-year term, but there were shortfalls in other budgets in the City. Developers in the community have added capital assets worth \$4.4 million through projects they have completed and the City's Redevelopment Agency (RDA) has made decisions that will lead to capital improvements and economic improvements. One of the interesting things that he has found out about is that there are only two local businesses that are in the top 10 employers: Smith's and Wal-Mart. He then concluded that he is hopeful he will be selected to fill the vacancy on the Council and that he will serve as admirably as former Councilmember Andrea Anderson did.

16. Selection of new Councilmember – roll call vote.

Councilmember Peterson stated that the things he is looking for in the individual to be selected to fill the vacancy include the following: someone that is able to 'hit the ground running', someone with budget knowledge or planning experience, someone with a unique perspective on Syracuse, and someone that would fit in with the current Council and may have the same ideals or goals for the City that former Councilmember Anderson had.

Councilmember Bolduc stated she is humbled by the quality of the candidate pool and their willingness to serve and expose themselves through this process.

The City Recorder distributed paper ballots to each Councilmember and instructed each Councilmember to vote for up to three candidates in order to narrow the field of candidates to four.

City Recorder Brown and City Attorney Roberts tallied the votes as follows:

- Councilmember Peterson voted for Ms. Bingham, Mr. Teague, and Mr. Hammon;
- Councilmember Savage voted for Ms. Bingham, Mr. Teague, and Mr. Vaughan;
- Councilmember Bolduc voted for Ms. Bingham, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Schultz;
- Councilmember Maughan voted for Ms. Bingham, Mr. Colvin, and Mr. Thorsen.

Ms. Brown declared the candidates advancing to the next round are Ms. Bingham and Mr. Teague, but a runoff vote is necessary to break the tie between Mr. Hammon, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Hall, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Colvin, and Mr. Thorsen. She instructed the Councilmembers to use an additional ballot to vote for up to two of the candidates involved in the tie.

Ms. Brown and Mr. Roberts tallied the runoff votes as follows:

- Councilmember Peterson voted for Mr. Hammon and Mr. Vaughan;
- Councilmember Savage voted for Mr. Hammon and Mr. Thorsen;
- Councilmember Bolduc voted for Mr. Hall, and Mr. Schultz;
- Councilmember Maughan voted for Mr. Colvin, and Mr. Thorsen.

Ms. Brown declared the candidates advancing to the next round with Ms. Bingham and Mr. Teague are Mr. Thorsen and Mr. Hammon.

Mayor Gailey invited the Council to proceed with the interview process for each of the four remaining candidates in reverse alphabetical order.

Grant Thorsen:

Councilmember Peterson stated he places a lot of stock in an individual's previous experience in seeking election to office. He added that the appointment the Council will make tonight is for just a one-year period and he asked if Mr. Thorsen would plan to seek election to the position after the one-year period. Mr. Thorsen answered yes; this is a long-term commitment for him. He ran for County Commission when he lived in Idaho and was unsuccessful, but he has a strong desire to be involved in his community at this level.

Councilmember Maughan referenced Mr. Thorsen's involvement with the Planning Commission and the fact that sometimes the Commission and the City Council have differing views. He asked Mr. Thorsen to express his view of the different roles of the two bodies. Mr. Thorsen stated the Council has more leeway than the Planning Commission and they also have greater accountability to the citizens of the community. For this reason, he is not often surprised by decisions made by the Council that may differ from a recommendation made by the Commission. The Commission does examine the City Code and rely upon that to make their decisions and he is confident in the recommendations that are provided to the Council. However, there are different circumstances present when the Council receives input from the community regarding a given issue and that can be one reason for the manner in which a final decision is influenced.

Councilmember Bolduc asked Mr. Thorsen his opinion about appropriate residential development for the City. Mr. Thorsen stated that he is confident in the City's current General Plan, which does not allow high density development. The City is in the position to update or amend the General Plan and through the process of considering those updates, it may become clear that high density is appropriate for some areas of the City. He would be open to considering that option based upon the desires of the community, but until such changes are made, he will rely upon the current General Plan. He added that development is market driven and there are many factors that influence the market, but it has always been his opinion that the public should have a voice in the process and should be entitled to what they want.

Councilmember Savage asked 'what needs fixing in Syracuse' and he also inquired to Mr. Thorsen's priorities if he were chosen to fill the Council vacancy. Mr. Thorsen stated that he feels there may not necessarily be things that need to be fixed, but it will be important for the City to continue to keep up with growth and respond to the demands on the level of service associated with growth. The City has a good plan going forward and his priority would be to stick to that plan. An additional priority would be to respond to input from residents and developers alike in order to provide needed service. The public does not always know all pertinent data that is used to inform a decision and it may be appropriate to be more transparent in order for the public to trust the City and its leaders.

Councilmember Peterson asked Mr. Thorsen to speak to his philosophy about parks. Mr. Thorsen stated the City has laid out a great baseline relative to the amount of park space needed in the community, but the struggle will be to update and add amenities to existing parks. Some parks are simply large open spaces and improvements are needed to make that space more usable as the public desires. He relayed an experience he had when coaching soccer at a field near the City's Fire Station; his van got stuck in the mud as the parking area there is not paved. It is necessary to complete parks and improve park space to ensure they can be used appropriately.

Seth Teague:

Councilmember Peterson acknowledged Mr. Teague's candidacy for office in the 2017 Municipal Election and asked if he would seek election again in the coming municipal election. He also asked Mr. Teague to speak to his philosophy about parks. Mr. Teague stated that he would not be present this evening if he were not interested in being an asset to the community in the long term; he is very interested in being a member of the City Council past the one-year appointment period being considered tonight. He added that it would be a detriment for someone to accept this position without some long-term goals in mind. He then addressed parks; he is a consumer of parks and outdoor recreation opportunities and shortly after moving to the City he discovered that he had to go to other communities in order to participate in certain programs or to find a suitable park in which his kids could recreate. He stated that it is a challenge to improve parks as desired by the residents, but he would make those needed improvements a priority.

Councilmember Maughan referenced the fact that Mr. Teague has lived in Syracuse for just 2.5 years and he asked how he would be able to connect well with the feel of Syracuse given his limited residency. Mr. Teague stated that it is hard to

quantify or define the feel of Syracuse; as he was campaigning for office in 2017 he spoke with many residents and there is a great deal of diversity relative their desires for the community. There is an older population that wants Syracuse to remain a bedroom community that is not disturbed by growth trends, but there is also a demographic that wants this to be a vibrant community with arts, recreation, and growth opportunities. The City has a great growth opportunity on the horizon associated with the extension of the West Davis Corridor through northern Davis County and the manner in which the City capitalizes on that opportunity will shape its future dramatically. He stated he feels he has the ability to enhance that decision-making process due to his past experience. He stated it is not a detriment for him to have lived in the City for just 2.5 years. Councilmember Maughan stated that regardless of the decision made regarding the future of the community, there will be individuals who are upset and he asked Mr. Teague how he would respond to negative feedback and displeasure. Mr. Teague stated that there is a definite challenge when making decisions that will impact multiple different groups with differing opinions. It is necessary to use logic and reason after performing deep analysis to proceed with a decision, but of utmost importance is transparency in that process to ensure public trust.

Councilmember Bolduc inquired as to Mr. Teague's opinion regarding property rights for both occupied and undeveloped properties. Mr. Teague stated that there is a significant amount of undeveloped property in Syracuse and this means there is much opportunity for growth; sometimes, in order to facilitate responsible growth, property owners may feel that their rights are being impinged upon. It is his philosophy that it is necessary to be respectful and responsive to citizens and property owners alike, but also be willing to make tough decisions that benefit the greater good.

Councilmember Savage followed up on Councilmember Bolduc's question and asked who should have the final say in the event that a property owner desires something different for their property than what the City has called for in the General Plan. He also asked Mr. Teague to respond to the same questions he asked Mr. Thorsen: 'what needs fixing in Syracuse' and what his priorities would be if chosen to fill the vacancy on the Council. Mr. Teague responded to the first question indicating that he would rely upon laws and ordinances to make the final decision. He then stated that in response to question two, he is not sure there are things that necessarily 'need fixing', but that enhancing might be the better word; over time, services and infrastructure deteriorate and the City must work diligently to keep pace with growth to ensure that growth is sustainable into the City's future. It is not an option to leverage the future of the City on the back of new growth so the City must be strategic in determining how to manage and plan for the future. In response to the third question he indicated his initial priority would be to spend time with City Administration to get to know them and gain a clear understanding of the services they provide. He would also like to familiarize himself with planning process and the work being done by the City's Planning Commission in order to understand the landscape and environment of that area of the City. He would also like to become familiar with the City's economic development and recruitment efforts to inform ideas for making the City more attractive to businesses that will provide the sustainable base that the community needs.

Danny Hammon:

Councilmember Peterson asked Mr. Hammon if he would seek election to the City Council or if he would be satisfied serving the remainder of the current term. Mr. Hammon stated that he has put a lot of thought into that issue and has decided that he feels strongly that he needs to get back into local government; he is committed to serving and regardless of whether he is selected tonight to fill the vacancy, he will seek election to the City Council in the 2019 municipal election. Councilmember Peterson asked Mr. Hammon how he feels about the thoughts and ideas of newer residents given that he is a lifelong resident of Syracuse. Mr. Hammon stated that the City will fail if it tries to manage growth on its own without examining what has been successful in other communities; he works for Roy City and ten years ago the Council there made the decision that they wanted to remain a bedroom community. Open spaces filled up with houses rather than uses that generate higher tax revenues and the city is now a larger bedroom community with a struggling tax base and many challenges related to service provision and meeting future needs. The goal should be to have the foresight to recognize the needs of the City in the future and create a plan that will facilitate responsible growth to fund services and needs of the City at build out. There are many communities in the area that have done a phenomenal job of striking a healthy balance between responsible residential and commercial growth and those cities are successful. If the Council chooses to pander to one group of residents over another, problems will arise. His approach would be to focus on balance relative to responsible long-term growth.

Councilmember Bolduc stated that when Mr. Hammon served as a City Councilmember previously, there were some difficult issues that the Council and City Administration dealt with; she asked Mr. Hammon to discuss some of the ramifications

of working in a hostile environment. Mr. Hammon stated that when he was elected to the City Council, he had support from residents on 'both sides of the aisle', but as issues arose, he was not always able to please both sides. He stated that he learned some valuable lessons from that experience, the biggest being that there is more than one right way to do things. He stated that at the time he felt his way was the right way and he did not deviate from that philosophy, but in the end he realized that issues could have been handled differently and the outcome may have been more favorable for all involved. He now understands that if any one member of a governing body digs in their heels to get their way, they will lose their inability to help and guide the community that they care about. He stated that he got involved in City government because he loves Syracuse and he still has a that love, but he would conduct himself in a much different manner than he did in the past; he would have a goal of creating unity within the community and bringing people on all sides of an issue together.

Councilmember Savage asked Mr. Hammon for an example of something that he would do differently than when he previously served as a Councilmember. Mr. Hammon stated that during his term as a Councilmember, the biggest issue dealt with the division of power between the Council and the Mayor positions on the governing body. There were some opportunities for compromises that he did not take and he would change that now if he could; he lost his ability to be effective and to be a positive influence in the City. No matter how many good things he did, people remember the negative things and that is quite often what happens for most elected officials and that is a lesson he has learned. He will work to minimize negative things within the City.

Councilmember Maughan stated that Mr. Hammon has taken a sworn oath to Roy City for his employment there; if chosen to fill this vacancy, he would take a sworn oath to Syracuse and he asked how he would honor both. Mr. Hammon stated it would be very easy to honor both as there is no conflict between the two positions. What he does in Roy City to protect life, health, and safety of residents does not negatively impact what he would be doing in Syracuse; additionally, his job allows him a great deal of flexibility to attend meetings and represent the City outside of City Council meetings and he would make sure that his commitments to Syracuse are honored. Councilmember Maughan asked which city would take priority if there were to be a conflict between the two. Mr. Hammon stated that he cannot see how the two could ever conflict.

Lisa Bingham:

Councilmember Peterson asked Ms. Bingham if she plans to seek election to a City Council position if chosen to fill this vacancy. Ms. Bingham answered yes; it would be foolish to invest a year in this position if the successful candidate did not have plans to continue. She stated she would use the knowledge gained over the next year to influence a four-year term on the City Council. Councilmember Peterson then asked Ms. Bingham how she feels when she hears the desires of short-term residents given that she is a life long resident of the City. Ms. Bingham stated that her children are the future of the City and she thinks of them in order to gain perspective on the desires for the community; she intends to keep her children as close to her as possible because this is their home and they love it and she can see how it may be necessary to provide options for the next generation in order for them to make their home in Syracuse. Also, it is necessary to provide adequate amenities and services for the future generations based upon growth. It is not necessary to dismiss what has happened in the City in the past several years and decades, but, rather, the lessons can be learned from the past to make improvements.

Councilmember Bolduc stated a wise person recently told her that true leaders make tough decisions and deal with the heat while others will wait until a crisis to make a decision and then say they had no choice but to make it. She asked Ms. Bingham how she would deal with the 'heat'. Ms. Bingham stated she has recognized there is a lot of 'heat' associated with many of the decisions the Council is charged with making; 10-years ago she would not have had thick enough skin to deal with that heat, but now she is in a different season of her life where she is able to take responsibility for her actions and stand in her convictions even if that means that people are upset with her or may not like her. She stated that foresight in decision making is necessary and the Council must be able to stand by their decisions with the conviction that they were made for the greater good.

Councilmember Savage asked Ms. Bingham 'what needs fixing' in Syracuse and what her priorities would be if she were chosen to fill the Council vacancy. Ms. Bingham stated that she would hate to look at the City and say it is broken because she does not think it is; the City has had some tremendous leadership over the years and many great things have taken place. However, there are needs associated with growth, one of which is adequate park space. She supports a regional park project in order to give City residents access to field space for practice and game play rather than being forced to travel to other communities. Her own children had to travel to Clinton, West Point, and Clearfield to participate in team sports and she

remembered thinking it was odd that she was paying a fee to Syracuse City, but there was not adequate space in the City to accommodate teams. She referenced Barnes Park in Kaysville City as a park that draws people from many different communities across the State to participate in league and tournament sporting events and she would love for Syracuse to have something like that to draw people into the City. She then addressed Councilmember Savage's second question and noted that her first priority would be to listen to each Councilmember to learn what they feel are the pressing needs of the City. Someone recently asked if she has been involved in many City Council meetings and the truthful answer to that is no because she has had other priorities in her life, but she is in a position to be dedicated to this position and she would rely upon her peers and City staff to learn the pressing needs of the City.

Councilmember Maughan stated that he feels the Council has been able to accomplish quite a bit in the past three years and that is largely due to the fact that several Councilmembers have gotten involved in things outside of just attending twice monthly City Council meetings. He asked Ms. Bingham if she is in a position to do the same. Ms. Bingham answered yes; she has time to dedicate herself to this position and that includes participating in events outside of City Council meetings. She also has the time to thoroughly study issues and visit project sites in advance of meetings to be familiar with the matters that she asked to consider.

Mayor Gailey closed the interview portion of the meeting.

Councilmember Maughan stated that there is just one of the candidates that all four Councilmembers voted for in the first round of voting and after interviewing those four candidates, he still supports that candidate. He added that candidate also lives in the area of the City where former Councilmember Andrea Anderson lived and she could represent that area. He added that he also sees many of the same qualities in Ms. Bingham that made Councilmember Anderson a good Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MOVED TO APPOINT LISA BINGHAM TO THE SYRACUSE CITY COUNCIL TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMEMBER ANDREA ANDERSON. COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Councilmember Peterson commended Councilmember Maughan for stepping forward to make the motion, but briefly commented on the qualities of each candidate that was considered this evening. He noted that he could have supported any of the four final candidates that were interviewed in the final round, but he agreed that Ms. Bingham shares many of the characteristics that made Councilmember Anderson a quality Councilmember. Councilmember Maughan agreed and stated that his move to quickly make a motion should not be considered a reflection on any of the other three final candidates; each of them have amazing qualities and could have served as a good Councilmember. He simply did not want the Council to engage in lengthy debate about individual people.

Mayor Gailey stated there has been a motion and second to appoint Lisa Bingham to the Syracuse City Council and he called for a vote; **ALL VOTED 'AYE'**.

Mayor Gailey then relayed a historical wartime story about the fact that many battles ensued over land and historical figures believed that there would always be land available over which to fight; however, that is not the case and growth is eating up raw land and soon there will be no large parcels of land available for development. He referred back to his story and stated that one soldier made the statement that all he and his troop had was one another and they needed to decide whether they were willing to fight for each other's honor. Honor is so valuable to him and one of the things that he loves about this community is the quality of its residents. He stated that former Councilmember Anderson was loved by her peers and she brought something to the Council that will be deeply missed; however, he feels that Ms. Bingham can fill that role and be a valuable member of the Council. He thanked the other candidates who were considered tonight and encouraged them to stay involved in the community.

17. Oath of Office administered to new Councilmember.

City Recorder Brown administered the Oath of Office to Lisa W. Bingham. Councilmember Bingham then took her seat among her fellow Councilmembers.

18. Public comments.

Seth Teague congratulated Councilmember Bingham and wished her good luck in her first year. He also thanked the Council for this process.

Police Chief Atkin provided an update regarding the amount of money raised last night in the annual Guns and Hoses basketball game; approximately \$10,000 was generated and that will be added to the amount that was raised in advance of the event for a total of just under \$25,000. He stated it took a lot of time and effort, but he is pleased with the success of the event.

19. Mayor/Council announcements and discussion of future agenda items.

The Council and Mayor provided announcements about upcoming community events and other opportunities for public involvement. They also discussed items the Council would like included on future meeting agendas.

20. Consideration of adjourning into Closed Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 52-4-205 of the Open and Public Meetings Law for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; pending or reasonably imminent litigation; or the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property (if necessary).

City Manager Bovero reported that Administration has determined that the Closed Session is not necessary this evening.

At 9:43 p.m. COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Mike Gailey
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, MMC
City Recorder

Date approved: February 12, 2019