

KAYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
September 19, 2024

Minutes of a regular Kaysville City Council meeting held on September 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Kaysville City Hall at 23 East Center Street, Kaysville, UT.

Council Members present: Mayor Tamara Tran, Council Member John Swan Adams, Council Member Mike Blackham, Council Member Abbigayle Hunt, and Council Member Nate Jackson

Excused: Council Member Perry Oaks

Others Present: City Manager Jaysen Christensen, City Attorney Nic Mills, City Recorder Annemarie Plaizier, Information Systems Manager Ryan Judd, Jeff Lund, Greg Ferguson, Natalie Clemens, Travis Clemens, Eric Jung, McKay Clemens, Wade Dorius, Ashlee Dorius, Dax Dorius, Treion Muller, Russ Lindberg, Jen Lindberg, Mary Lindberg, Melony Montano, Ryan Dimmick, Owen Clark, Kim Smith, Mark Smith, Rick Shaw, Soni Muller, Gemma Muller, Landon Jacobs, Jill Dredge, Daniel Luke, Diane Jacobs, Austin Jacobs, Dave Jacobs, Alisa Jacobs, Kim Waite, Natalie Waite, Natalie Cisney, Ashley Cisney, Sione Kuma, Brian Thomas, Jana Thomas, Brielle Thomas

OPENING

Council Member Hunt opened the meeting with a thought and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Daniel Luke, a resident of Kaysville residing on Flint Street, raised a safety concern regarding high-speed driving near Flint Street along Sportsplex Drive in the Kaysville Business Park. He described Sportsplex Drive as a dangerous section of road and presented a diagram highlighting the subject streets. He outlined the speeding problem, emphasizing that it is exacerbated by gym-goers, young drivers, and heavy foot traffic. Mr. Luke reported that vehicles routinely reach speeds of 50-60 mph, endangering students traveling to the nearby Catalyst Center, a school for Davis School District's advanced students, as well as pedestrians using local amenities like the Luv 2 Dance studio and pickleball courts at Barnes Park. He recounted a specific incident where a car crashed into a fire hydrant near his home, which he said could have resulted in a fatality had there been any pedestrians present. To mitigate this issue, Mr. Luke suggested installing wide speed bumps similar to those used in school zones and gym parking lots to safely slow traffic without obstructing snowplows. He also proposed an increase in police patrols or the addition of speed feedback signs. His primary concern was ensuring the safety of children and families using the park and local facilities.

Greg Ferguson addressed the council regarding the potential location of a mandated homeless facility in Davis County. He provided a population density analysis of municipalities in the county,

suggesting that communities with lower population densities may be better suited to host such a facility. Mr. Ferguson highlighted that smaller, less densely populated areas might have fewer social issues that could be aggravated by a new facility. He referenced a recent proposal that was withdrawn for a site in North Salt Lake and emphasized that population density should be a consideration in selecting an appropriate location for the facility. He presented a chart with data on each city's density, positioning Kaysville as seventh out of the twelve cities in the county. He concluded by urging Mayor Tran to bring this perspective to the task force discussions when considering potential sites.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 6-12, 2024 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Mayor Tran announced that this item would be postponed, as the Fire Chief was out of town and wanted to be present for the discussion.

SWEARING-IN OF 2024-2025 KAYSVILLE YOUTH COURT

Kim Smith, the volunteer advisor for the Kaysville Youth Court, provided background on the program. She explained that the Youth Court started in the fall of 2000 and has been active for 24 years. She shared her personal commitment to the program, noting that she has volunteered since its inception. Ms. Smith hinted that she may retire after the upcoming 25th year and encouraged community members interested in serving as an advisor to consider stepping forward. Currently, the Youth Court has 19 student judges—13 females and 6 males—who are also involved in various extracurricular activities such as theater, debate, DECA, athletics, band, and choir. Ms. Smith emphasized the dedication of these students, who volunteer their time every Wednesday night and mentor other youth in their community. She acknowledged the strong support from the city and the police department, noting the presence of Officer Criddle as the police liaison and Councilmember Abby Hunt as the city council liaison. She then introduced each student judge by name, who lined up in front of the city council to be recognized.

Mayor Tran administered the oath of office to the Youth Court members. She commended the students on their commitment and reminded them of the significance of their role. As members of Youth Court, they are expected to uphold high ethical standards, maintain strict confidentiality, and serve as positive role models in the community.

DAVIS TECHNICAL COLLEGE UPDATE

Jeff Lund, representing Davis Technical College, presented an update to the city council. He expressed gratitude for the continued support from the city and acknowledged the efforts of Officer Ryan Freeman, the school's School Resource Officer (SRO), as well as Police Chief Oberg and Fire Chief Erickson. Mr. Lund highlighted that Davis Technical College's mission is to embrace technical education to promote student development and economic growth. He shared that the school's motto, "We Change Lives," is evident in their students' accomplishments. Mr. Lund said that Davis Tech has 107 full-time faculty, 81 part-time faculty, and nearly 500 total employees, serving over 7,200 students annually. The college prides itself on hands-on, flexible, and

competency-based education, with a focus on job placement and economic growth. Davis Tech's programs are nationally accredited by the Council on Occupational Education, which recently completed a successful site visit, highlighting the school's adherence to high educational standards.

Mr. Lund emphasized that Davis Tech primarily serves adult students, with 77% of attendees being over 18. The college's diverse programs cater to those seeking practical skills for immediate employment, and Mr. Lund noted their partnerships with local higher education institutions such as Snow College and Weber State University. He explained that students in longer programs could transfer credits to these institutions, enabling them to earn associate's degrees with minimal additional coursework.

Mr. Lund also touched on ongoing and future construction projects aimed at expanding and modernizing the campus. These include a new welding building, upgrades to culinary and cosmetology facilities, and the creation of a weather-protected mock training area at the Freeport Center. Mr. Lund mentioned that while a proposal for a firefighter training tower was shelved, the new mock training center includes a simulation area for emergency response training. He shared that Davis Tech plans to update its master plan over the next 18 months to address growing space and traffic management needs.

Council members expressed appreciation for the college's contributions to the community and asked questions regarding funding sources and future expansion plans.

Jeff Lund explained that funding is highly competitive and depends on state legislative appropriations, with ongoing efforts to secure more funding for future projects. He also highlighted the college's cost-effectiveness, noting that the average program costs \$3,000, significantly lower than traditional college expenses, and students can graduate with zero student loan debt thanks to scholarships and Federal Pell Grants.

Mr. Lund concluded by discussing the recent relocation of the CDL (Commercial Driver's License) program, which had previously caused concern among nearby residents. After community feedback and negotiations with the Davis School District, Davis Tech moved the program to a vacant lot near the Clearfield Bus Depot. This solution alleviated local concerns and enabled the school to continue the training program, which has already produced several CDL graduates.

The council thanked Mr. Lund for the update and commended Davis Tech for its contributions to workforce development in the community.

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were disclosed.

WORK ITEMS

CODE BLUE SHELTER UPDATE

Mayor Tran provided an update on the ongoing efforts related to the establishment of a Code Blue shelter in Davis County, which is intended to support homeless individuals during extreme weather conditions. She explained that while the county task force submitted a winter response plan that included a proposal for a “warming bus,” the plan has not yet been funded. Concurrently, a private organization had shown interest in purchasing a property in North Salt Lake to create a permanent Community Resource Center. However, after receiving community feedback, the private entity withdrew its offer, putting the project on hold. As a result, there is currently no confirmed location for a permanent facility in Davis County. The Mayor clarified that while there is no immediate deadline to establish a permanent facility, the county will need to continue working on a long-term solution. She thanked the task force and council members for their efforts in developing the bus plan, which remains under review by the state.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Council Member Hunt highlighted the upcoming Scarecrow Walk, scheduled for September 28 through October 6 at the USU Botanical Gardens in Kaysville. She also mentioned the recent groundbreaking event for the Flint Acres development, a mixed-use project featuring townhomes, single-family homes, and commercial spaces located north of the Smith’s grocery store. She expressed enthusiasm for the community’s involvement in the planning and design.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jaysen Christensen provided updates on ongoing infrastructure projects. He noted that the Main Street resurfacing project will be partially completed this fall, with curb and ramp installations being finalized, but the full repaving will be postponed until spring. The city is also converting Center Street, between Main Street and 100 East, into a one-way street, which is expected to be completed within two weeks. Additionally, the city is scheduled to meet with Davis County on October 1 to discuss the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) funding request, which aims to secure funds for downtown improvements, including the potential old library building project. Mr. Christensen also proposed a tentative date for a council work session on October 25 to discuss capital planning, including topics such as the Crestwood Road project, the Operations Center, and potential old library development. Council members expressed their availability, with a preference for the proposed date.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Adams made a motion to adjourn the city council meeting at 7:52 p.m., and the motion passed unanimously.