

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes for the meeting of May 24, 2023

6:33 Chairman Ian Arnold called the meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in person, online via Zoom, and you can also watch the proceedings on this Youtube link:

<https://youtu.be/c-LGS-igM1k>

6:35 Report from SLC Councilman Dan Dugan

- During budget season for SLC’s fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 the City Council will approve or revise Mayor Mendenhall’s budget. You can review the Mayor’s proposed budget here:
<http://www.slcdocs.com/budget/CIPbook2024.pdf>
The second and last public budget hearing will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6 at City Hall.
 - The budget was presented mid-May, and the Council’s response must be ready by mid-June. The budget must be balanced in order to preserve SLC’s AAA bond rating. If any additional funds are needed (not likely) this will give time to negotiate a favorable interest rate.
- The 4th and last (?) installment of \$87M infrastructure bond from 2018 will be used this year to repair roads.
 - Repairs are prioritized by the severity of damage to the roads. You can review the city’s methodology and plans for repairing streets, view the map of projects, and submit your own comments at the “MyStreets” page here:
<https://www.sl.gov/mystreet/2023/03/29/surface-treatments/>
 - Pothole repairs are a separate budget item from road maintenance. We had 50% more potholes as in previous years.
- Livable Streets is a city-wide initiative using traffic calming and street marking to make city streets safer for cyclists and pedestrians using the street alongside vehicles. You can review the program, see the map of projects, and submit your own comments at the city’s website here:
<https://www.sl.gov/transportation/plans-studies/livable-streets/>
- SLC collaborates with SL County to provide services to those experiencing homelessness. Challenges they face are providing shelter and temporary housing as well as providing overflow facilities and dealing with encampments. Find more info on the Homeless Services page here:
<https://www.sl.gov/homelesservicesdashboard-3/>
- We’ll have a large rate increase this year for water and sewer usage due largely to the drought surcharge, which compensates for the added cost of water during times of low supply.
- All of the above items and many more are being considered as part of the budget.
- In response to a comment about the proliferation of e-scooters becoming a nuisance, Mr. Dugan said the city council will be reviewing the city’s statutes that govern scooters, which were developed about three years ago.

6:58 Report from Detective Sam Fellows, SLCPD

- Out of eight monitored crimes, only burglaries have increased since January. Still, there have been more than double the number of larceny/theft crimes than all other crimes combined. The best preventative is to remove temptation. Keep your doors locked, and remove your valuables from your car. Here's a link to the most recent crime statistics:
<https://dotnet.slcgov.com/police/crimestatistics#/chartpresentation>
- Fill out a "No Trespassing" affidavit with the police department, and post a sign in your private driveway or, say, the alcove in the alley outside your garage door. This will give police a means to charge and remove folks who might be squatting in your private areas with public access. (A No Trespassing sign does not prohibit walking in a public alleyway.)
- Call 911 to report observed drunken or altered driving.

7:05 Report from Bill Baronowski, SLC Transportation Planner III

- SLC's Livable Streets Program plans to add traffic-calming devices, such as raised crosswalks, speed humps, bulb-outs, and speed limit reductions. Stopping distance is shorter, driver's field of vision is greater, and pedestrian injuries are lesser with reduced speeds. Traffic calming doesn't reduce the amount of traffic in our growing city, but it can save lives.
- One project is on 1300 South between 1800 East and Foothill Blvd. At 37 feet wide, 1300 So should be carrying 3,500 cars per day, but it currently serves about 5,000 cars daily. See the traffic calming planned for Wasatch Hollow Community at the Transportation web page here:
<https://www.slc.gov/transportation/2023/04/13/1300-south-and-2100-east-traffic-calming/> and complete the Traffic Calming Plan Survey here: (Your comments will be addressed.)
<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/90e5803fef114a079c2e44ec9d2a9c9c>
- There are other such measures planned for 2100 East, near the Library and on 2100 South in the heart of Sugarhouse. Get to that information using the Livable Streets link in the page above.
- Mr. Baronowski's slide presentation on a Google drive can be accessed with this link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cqoXrPOfHjFVJwYldWcXulYlGd_aSwQB/view?usp=drive_link

7:35 Report from Hannah Barton, SLC Community Liason for District 6

- After a 60-day competition for "Ballpark Next", nine finalists have been accepted for the public to vote on for what will become the next development on the grounds of the old Derks Field (Smith Baseball Field). The Winning design's announced on May 31st, but you can see all the submissions at the Ballpark Next website here:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/96f326a524b74780ad4aac118dd3b953>
- You'll have until June 10 to take time to enjoy the Green Loop on 200 East between 300 and 400 South. This pop-up park features 190 trees, seating, food trucks, beverages, and live music. It is a pilot project to determine how an expanded version would be received. See it here:
<https://www.slc.gov/transportation/2023/04/06/greenloop/>
- No word yet on Mayoral Candidate debates. Stay tuned for further information.

7:40 Wasatch Hollow Community Party

- We're going to have a party in July, perhaps around Independence Day. We have \$2,000 earmarked to throw the party, and possibilities are wide open. No plans have been made so far. We need volunteers to plan and conduct the event. Sign up at info@wasatchhollow.org

7:52 Meeting adjourned