

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Saturday, March 1, 2014

Present: Mayor Jim Talbot, Council Members Doug Anderson, Brigham Mellor, Cory Ritz and Jim Young, City Manager Dave Millheim, Finance Director Keith Johnson, Community Development Director David Petersen, Parks & Recreation Director Neil Miller and City Recorder Holly Gadd. Council Member John Bilton was excused.

Welcome

Mayor Talbot welcomed everyone and said the leaders of Farmington City and City staff have a unique opportunity to help Farmington City move forward, and he stressed the importance of dedicated service.

Map Tour of West Side Projects

Dave Millheim said the council will tour the Police and Fire Departments and take a driving tour of the entire City during March. He referred to a large map of the City and pointed out various project areas and remaining acreage in west Farmington. Several parcels in west Farmington will be very difficult to develop because of various factors. There was a discussion of issues related to the West Davis Corridor including UDOT's response to documents prepared by attorney **Jeff Appel** regarding the conservation easements in west Farmington. The main points of the response and documents from the City Attorney were distributed.

Open Space/Density Discussion

David Petersen said possible solutions include:

1. Eliminating bonuses;
2. Changing conservation subdivision approvals to be legislative rather than administrative; and
3. Making changes to antiquated standards in Chapter 12.

A chart comparing conventional/conservations subdivisions included Pros such as:

- Better protection for sensitive areas;
- More (and less expensive) land for parks, trails, detention basins, and public uses; and
- More efficient use of City infrastructure.

and Cons such as:

- Unusual configurations; and
- Open space that is too small.

Financial Plan for Regional Park

Keith Johnson reviewed several changes which were made to the General Fund Budget and listed several projects that are not included in the Budget:

- UTA bus stop improvements
- Weber Basin water line connection and piping
- 650 W improvements in front of the school
- A traffic signal at 650 W State Street

He also presented information regarding the regional park and said the estimated cost is \$3,500,000. The gymnasium could be built on either City property or Davis School District property at a cost of \$170 per square foot for a block building and \$110 per square foot for a metal building. Possible funding options were discussed including a General Obligation Bond and possible adoption of a RAP tax. The Council directed staff to work on proposed budget and bond election documents and bring back to the Council for further consideration.

General Discussion

The Council discussed several other City-related issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Jim Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by **Doug Anderson** and unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.



Holly Gadd, City Recorder
Farmington City Corporation