

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2024 5:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

**Mayor Michele Randall
Councilmember Jimmie Hughes
Councilmember Dannielle Larkin
Councilmember Natalie Larsen
Councilmember Michelle Tanner
Councilmember Steve Kemp**

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

**City Manager John Willis
City Attorney Ryan Dooley
City Recorder Christina Fernandez
Budget and Financial Planning Director Robert Myers
Parks and Community Services Director Shane Moore
Planner Mike Hadley
Community Services Director Carol Winner
Energy Services Director Bryan Dial**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Youth City Council Mayor Mya Htun
Applicant Tim Stewart**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Randall called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. An invocation was offered by Deanna Martin with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Youth City Council Mayor Mya Htun.

Link to call to order, invocation, and flag salute: [00:00:00](#)

TENTATIVELY ADOPT FY24-25 CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATES/RESOLUTION:

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2024-014R tentatively adopting the FY 2024-25 City Manager Recommended Budget of the City of St. George and setting the public hearing dates.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: State law requires the recommended budget to be tentatively adopted and the public hearing dates to be set during a regular or special City Council meeting prior to considering adoption of the final budget in June. The final budget is required to be adopted before June 30th each fiscal year. The FY 2024-2025 City Manager Recommended Budget was presented to the City Council and made publicly available during the Thursday May 2, 2024 City Council Meeting. A copy of the FY 2025 budget is available on the city's website at www.sgcityutah.gov/citybudget and through the City Recorder's Office. Tonight's item is to consider tentatively adopting the FY 2025 budget and to set the dates for this year's public hearings on the FY 2025 budget as Thursday June 6, 2024 and Thursday June 20, 2024 during the regularly scheduled City Council Meetings.

Adoption of the Final FY 2025 budget is planned for Thursday June 20, 2024 following the public hearing. Staff recommends approval.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Budget and Financial Planning Manager Robert Myers: [00:02:01](#)

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Link to motion: [00:07:30](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Larkin to approve Resolution No. 2024-014R tentatively adopting the FY 2024-25 City Manager Recommended Budget of the City of St. George and setting the public hearing dates for June 13, 2024 and June 20, 2024.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

Link to discussion between the City Council on the motion: [00:08:14](#)

Link to vote: [00:09:04](#)

VOTE:

Mayor Randall called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – nay
Councilmember Kemp – aye

The motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION:

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2024-016R entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Washington County for the renovation of the Historic Dixie Sunbowl project.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This interlocal agreement is for funding of the renovation of the Historic Dixie Sunbowl. The County has agreed to contribute \$1,750,000 of Transient Room Tax Funds to the project. Staff recommends approval.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Parks and Community Services Director Shane Moore, including discussion between the City Council, City Manager John Willis, and Mr. Moore: [00:09:48](#)

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Link to motion: [00:11:40](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Larsen to approve Resolution No. 2024-016R entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Washington County for the renovation of the Historic Dixie Sunbowl project.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes.

VOTE:

Mayor Randall called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION:

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2024-017R entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington County Water Conservancy District regarding the Red Hills Garden.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The interlocal agreement is an agreement with the Washington County Water Conservancy District for the continuing use and partnership of the Red Hills Garden. This agreement is for 25 years. Staff recommends approval.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Pars and Community Services Director Shane Moore, including discussion between Mayor Randall, the City Council, and Mr. Moore: [00:12:13](#)

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Link to motion: [00:16:08](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Larkin to approve Resolution No. 2024-017R entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington County Water Conservancy District regarding the Red Hills Garden.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

VOTE:

Mayor Randall called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye

Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT:

Consider approval of a Hillside Development permit to allow disturbance in over 20% slope areas. This application is a request to move dirt from the approved Rosewood Townhomes site to the Riverstone site. Case No. 2023-HS-009

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: On August 23, 2023, the Hillside committee met on site for the hillside review. The applicant is proposing to move about 120,000 yards of dirt from the approved Rosewood Townhomes which is just south of the proposed location. The hillside committee met onsite and recommended approval of the proposal to move the dirt to this site. One of the discussion items was how to make the dirt blend into the site. The applicant and committee discussed the idea of tiering the dirt. The applicant said that none of the dirt would go above any of the existing mesas on the site. The Hillside committee recommended approval of the transfer of the dirt. The Planning Commission reviewed this on April 9, 2024 and recommended approval to the City Council.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Planner Mike Hadley, including discussion between the City Council, applicant Tim Stewart, City Manager John Willis, and Mr. Hadley: [00:16:40](#)

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Link to motion: [00:25:14](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the Hillside Development permit to allow disturbance in over 20% slope areas to move the dirt from the Rosewood Townhomes site to Riverstone site, including the conditions from the Planning Commission to work with the long-term maintenance of the parcel.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen.

VOTE:

Mayor Randall called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION:

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2024-015R entering into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of St. George and the City of Santa Clara for a 69KV line.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This Interlocal Agreement between St. George Energy and Santa Clara City signifies a crucial step towards fostering collaboration in infrastructure development and energy management. By formalizing their partnership, both entities are reinforcing their commitment to sustainable growth and efficient operation of the region's electrical infrastructure. The agreement provides clarity on responsibilities, streamlines decision-making processes, and promotes accountability, ultimately ensuring the reliability of electricity supply for future economic expansion. Moreover, it exemplifies the importance of strong partnerships between entities in addressing common goals and navigating challenges effectively, thereby benefiting the community and laying the groundwork for a sustainable future. Staff recommends approval.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Energy Services Director Bryan Dial: [00:25:57](#)

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Link to motion: [00:27:28](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to approve Resolution No. 2024-015R entering into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of St. George and the City of Santa Clara for a 69KV line.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes.

VOTE:

Mayor Randall called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING/AMEND FY23-24 BUDGET/RESOLUTION:

Public hearing and consideration of Resolution No. 2024-013R to review and approve amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: State statute requires a public hearing when changes are requested to the City's budget. Staff typically bring budget openings forward to the City Council for consideration on a quarterly basis based on changes

that occur during the fiscal year. Staff recommends taking public comment and approval of the resolution.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Budget and Financial Planning Manager Robert Myers, including discussion between the City Council, and Mr. Myers: [00:28:10](#)

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Link to public hearing; no comments were given: 00:39:00

Link to motion: [00:39:13](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Larkin to approve Resolution No. 2024-013R to review and approve amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

VOTE:

Mayor Randall called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – nay
Councilmember Kemp – aye

The motion carried.

PROCLAMATION:

Read a proclamation proclaiming June, 2024 as Scleroderma Awareness Month.

Link to Mayor Randall reading a proclamation proclaiming June, 2024 as Scleroderma Awareness Month: [00:40:00](#)

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY MANAGER, AND CITY STAFF:

Link to reports from Councilmember Larsen: [00:42:09](#)

Link to reports from Councilmember Hughes: [00:43:09](#)

Link to reports from Councilmember Larkin: [00:45:30](#)

Link to comments from Councilmember Tanner: [00:46:45](#)

Link to reports from Mayor Randall: [00:47:10](#)

ADJOURN TO A CLOSED MEETING:

Request a closed session to discuss litigation, property acquisition or sale or the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.

A closed meeting was not held.

ADJOURN:

Link to motion: [00:47:20](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Larsen to adjourn.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larkin.

VOTE:

Mayor Randall called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

/s/Christina Fernandez

Christina Fernandez, City Recorder