

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on October 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., held in a hybrid in-person/electronic format via Zoom, meeting ID 836 0992 8033, in-person in the City Council Chambers at 1979 W. 1900 S., and streamed on the Syracuse City YouTube Channel in accordance with House Bill 5002, Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments, signed into law on June 25, 2020.

Present: Councilmembers: Lisa W. Bingham
Jennifer Carver
W. Seth Teague
Jordan Savage
Paul Watson

Mayor Dave Maughan
City Manager Brody Bovero
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:

Administrative Services Director Stephen Marshall
City Attorney Brie Brass
Fire Chief Aaron Byington
Police Chief Garret Atkin
Parks and Recreation Director Kresta Robinson
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley
Community and Economic Development Director Noah Steele
Communications Specialist Kara Finley

1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda

Mayor Maughan called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Savage provided an invocation. Councilmember Carver led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER CARVER SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED AYE.

2. Moment of silence in respect for Assistant Police Chief Heath Rogers

Mayor Maughan acknowledged the passing of Assistant Police Chief Heath Rogers on October 4, 2023. His funeral services were held yesterday, and he called for a moment of silence to honor him.

3a. Recognition: American Founders and Constitution Month Essay Contest – announcement of winners.

Mayor Maughan stated that to recognize the significance of American Founders and Constitution Month, the City sponsored a youth essay contest with the theme: “What the US Constitution means to me living in Syracuse, UT.” He announced the winners of the contest, as follows: 1st Place (\$150) Rorie Stewart, 2nd Place (\$75) Hannah Read, 3rd Place (\$50) Amelia Brown, and 4th Place (\$25) Ben Cheney. He invited the first-place winner to read her essay for the record of the meeting. Ms. Stewart read her essay for the record of the meeting.

“What the US Constitution Means to Me, Living in Syracuse, UT

By Rorie Stewart

I first learned about the Constitution in my 8th grade US History class. When my teacher mentioned that he was going to be discussing the Constitution, I had heard of it before, but I had no clue what it actually was. As I studied it and gained a deeper knowledge of its history, I realized that the Constitution is still being applied today. It lays out the roles that the government and citizens have. In a word, it means responsibility: the government’s and mine.

While I understand the impulse to never learn about the Constitution, my view is that no matter where you live, the Constitution holds significant value in our communities. Here in Syracuse, the Constitution has created responsibility with what our taxes are spent on and how we need to be responsible citizens as well by following laws that are made. As someone who lives in Syracuse, I have noticed that the Constitution truly has an impact everywhere, even in our community.

When I was younger, I used to think that documents like the Constitution had no significance to us today since they were written hundreds of years ago. Although I know better by now, there are still many Americans who assume the same thing that I once did. As I learned about the influence it has on us, I realized its importance in my life.

To begin, the Constitution starts with the Preamble which establishes that this country is formed on liberty and justice. This means that now and future generations can enjoy these rights wherever they live in the United States. With those rights, we can gain our own wealth, but part of that is we pay taxes. While that does not appeal to people, it allows our city to have nice infrastructures and public areas that everyone can enjoy like parks and safe drinking water.

Later, it describes each branch of government’s roles and how to fulfill them. On one hand, the Constitution states the things needed for someone to run for office. On the other hand, it talks about the duties that each position has. As I have come to understand the roles of our government officials, I have learned to value how our government works and the checks and

balances each branch has so that one does not gain more power than the other. When I think of our local officials, many times their impact on my life is through my education. For example, there are not only public schools in Syracuse, but there are also charter schools. My parents decided for me to go to a charter school until I started high school. This option is offset by the taxes we pay which allow people to choose what type of education they want. The education I have received has been significantly impacted by those options being available.

In my life, I have always heard that everyone is united under the Constitution, which I believe is true since this document applies to everyone. This means that I can feel unity with my neighbors and community because we all value this document to some extent and are guaranteed the same rights and liberties. While some might disagree and say that it separates us instead, I counter that argument with the fact that it is still a part of history. We all can find pride in historical events; for example, we celebrate July 4th with parades and fireworks.

Many times, the Constitution makes us think of the outstanding leaders we have had in our history and how they rose to the occasion to fight for the values that matter to us. It shows that I can do those things as well, and it inspires me to do what is right at all costs. This does not mean we must do something big; it could just be being kind and fair to those around us such as being respectful to those whom we may disagree with. In other words, the Constitution not only has value to me with what it says but how it inspires me to take action.

Throughout the past couple of years, as I have been learning more about the history of the Constitution and its meaning, I have realized that I am passionate about politics, and I want to be involved in the government. The Constitution made me realize this dream because as I read it, I learned to love the United States and its history. My hope is that I will eventually be able to run for office and serve the people here in Syracuse. As I work towards this goal, I will continue to become a more involved citizen by volunteering to do service projects and gain more experience in local government. I have also participated in student government for the past 6 years to learn and help improve my school. I will use the Constitution's responsibilities as my motivation to maintain devotion to serving my community and understanding what people's needs are. This means that even in Syracuse, Utah, I can reach my aspirations as long as I dedicate myself.

As we continue to gain a deeper understanding of the Constitution, we will be able to be better-informed citizens and maintain what the founders had intended for our country. I wholeheartedly believe that my everyday life is impacted by Utah's history and the development in Syracuse. By making our home Syracuse, we all can receive the blessings that this country offers, and I will forever be grateful for the sacrifices that were made to achieve one of the greatest documents to exist in our history."

3b. Recognition of Police Department Volunteers.

A staff memo from Police Chief Atkin explained in 2013, Syracuse Police Department and the Syracuse Lions Club partnered to form a Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program. Over the years, the VIPS and Police Department have worked together to raise money for charitable events, support Lions Club causes, and perform services for the public. In fact, public fingerprinting services have been performed entirely by Lions Club members. This group regularly donates over 200 hours of service each year just for fingerprinting. In commemoration of our 10-year anniversary, the Police Department has a gift for the Lions who have participated in fingerprinting services – each of them will get a stuffed lion. The message on the lion's shirt reads, "SYPD & Lions. Great partners/great friends. Celebrating 10 years of volunteer service 2013 -2023."

Chief Atkin reviewed his staff memo and concluded it is with pride and admiration that the Police Department presents the members of our Volunteers in Police Services program to the Mayor and Council for recognition:

Don Jensen	Mike Gailey	Sandra John	Merl Thurgood
Debbie Smith	Mike Eisenberg	Lynn John	Chris O'Shea
Jayne Gailey	Eric Ellington	Steve Anderson	

The Mayor and Council participated in the recognition of the Lion's Club members present.

3c. Recognition of Victim Advocate Celeste Hopkin's Receipt of SLCPD Chief's Special Recognition Award.

A staff memo from City Attorney Brass explained Celeste Hopkins was recently one of the recipients of the Salt Lake City Police Department Chief's Special Recognition Award for the Victim Advocate Team 2019. The award was presented in August of this year. The award was presented to the victim advocate team for helping develop, implement, and respond to the strangulation protocol. Celeste was a part of the team who aided in strangulation protocol development and responded on strangulation cases. Celeste is still involved in responding and providing services to victims of strangulation in her capacity as victim advocate for Syracuse, Clinton and Sunset. Data on strangulation shows it is one of the biggest indicators that domestic abuse will turn deadly. The psychological trauma for survivors of strangulation can be severe. The criminal justice system can add to that trauma and that is one of the many reasons it's so critical that we have victim advocates, like Celeste, who can provide services to those victims.

Ms. Brass reviewed her staff memo and communicated that she truly values Celeste; she appreciates all the work Celeste does for the City and victims of crime and wanted to celebrate her accomplishments recognized by the Salt lake City Police Department. She added she recently learned that Celeste completed her Criminal Justice master's degree program, and she congratulated her on that accomplishment.

4. Public comment:

Mike Gailey stated that he is the Executive Secretary for Project Illumination, and he has worked for the last 18 months to secure 501(c)3 status for the event; he wished to thank Syracuse City for its support of the 2023 Illumination event. Participation in the event doubled compared to 2022 and the fireworks show was phenomenal. He is grateful to City staff as well, especially Parks and Recreation Director Robinson, Fire Chief Byington, and Fire Marshall Berrett for their assistance. He looks forward to the next event.

5. Approval of minutes.

The following minutes were reviewed by the City Council: September 12, 2023, City Council Regular Meeting, Municipal Building Authority (MBA) Special Meeting, and Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Special Meeting.

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

6. Authorize Administration to execute Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Davis County for dispatch services.

A staff memo from the City Manager addressed the annual agreement for dispatch services with the Davis County Sheriff's Office. Service costs are determined as a price per officer for Police dispatch and price per call (five-year average) for Fire dispatch. The total costs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 dispatch services for both Police and Fire are \$113,534.75 and have already been accounted for in the FY24 City Budget.

Councilmember Savage asked why the accounting is different for Police and Fire calls. Chief Atkin stated that he negotiated the accounting method for Police dispatch because determining service costs based upon the number of officers makes the distribution of costs more equitable; some agencies were manipulating their service costs based upon response to a call, but each agency in the County now pays the same service cost per Officer they employ. Fire Chief Byington added that the calculation of the service costs for the Fire Department have not changed since his employment with the City.

COUNCILMEMBER BINGHAM MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS COUNTY FOR DISPATCH SERVICES. COUNCILMEMBER CARVER SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED AYE.

7. Proposed Ordinance 2023-22 amending Syracuse City Code Section 3.45 pertaining to the Syracuse Arts Council.

A staff memo from the City Attorney explained suggestions have come forth through the Art Council to broaden the reach of potential board members for the Syracuse Arts Council Board in order to take advantage of the talent, energy, and willingness of individuals outside of the City to help make productions successful. The proposed ordinance changes the composition of the Arts Council Board so that at least two-thirds of the Board are residents of Syracuse City. The current ordinance requires all board members to be residents.

Mayor Maughan stated he is the liaison to the Arts Council, and he supports this proposed amendment; the Arts Council believes this will help them to recruit additional members.

Councilmember Bingham stated she is comfortable with the amendment, but wished to stipulate that the Chair or other leadership positions of the Board must be held by Syracuse residents. Mayor Maughan stated he is comfortable with that amendment. Councilmember Savage stated he would like for the Treasurer position to also be held by a Syracuse resident. Mayor Maughan added that the Vice Chair position is held permanently by the City's Parks and Recreation Director.

COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2023-22 AMENDING SYRACUSE CITY CODE SECTION 3.45 PERTAINING TO THE SYRACUSE ARTS COUNCIL, WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS: "BOTH THE CHAIR AND TREASURER OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CITIZENS OF SYRACUSE". COUNCILMEMBER TEAGUE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED AYE.

8. Public comments.

There were no public comments.

At 6:29 p.m., Mayor Maughan recessed the meeting to allow the body to convene in the Municipal Building Authority (MBA) meeting. The meeting reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

9. Mayor/Council announcements.

The Council and Mayor provided announcements about upcoming community events and other opportunities for public involvement.

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At 6:41 P.M. COUNCILMEMBER CARVER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER BINGHAM SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Dave Maughan
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, MMC
City Recorder

Date approved: November 14, 2023