

**MINUTES**  
**EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

July 17, 2007

Eagle Mountain City Council Chambers, 1650 East Stagecoach Run, Eagle Mountain, Utah 84005

**4:00 P.M. WORK SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Don D. Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Don D. Richardson

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Hendrickson, City Administrator; Gerald Kinghorn, City Attorney; Ifo Pili, Management Analyst; Jason Walker, Management Intern; Gordon Burt, City Treasurer; Gina Peterson, City Recorder; Melanie Lahman, Deputy Recorder; Peter Spencer, Planning Director; Mike Hadley, City Planner; Chris Trusty, City Engineer; Kent Partridge, Building Official; Blake Webb, Water Supervisor; Rand Andrus, Fire Chief; Mark Binks, Sergeant.

**DISCUSSION/REVIEW ITEMS**

REVIEW – Well Update/Water Restrictions.

DISCUSSION – SID/Associated Foods/Allred/Talon Cove Development Discussion

**AGENDA REVIEW**

The City Council reviewed items on the Consent Agenda and Policy Session Agenda.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR INFORMATION ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Richardson adjourned to a closed session at 6:30 p.m. The closed session was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. The Work Session was not reconvened.

**7:00 P.M. POLICY SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Don D. Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Heather Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Lahman, Deputy Recorder; Peter Spencer, Planning Director; Mike Hadley, City Planner; Chris Trusty, Engineer; Jeff Weber, Assistant Public Works Director; Adam Ferre, Energy Division Manager; Kent Partridge, Building Official; Linda Peterson, Community Relations Coordinator; Rand Andrus, Fire Chief; Mark Binks, Sergeant; Jerry Monson, Lieutenant.

## INFORMATION ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Federal government has allocated \$550,000 to \$600,000 to the City to be used for Midvalley Park. The exact amount is still being determined. SITLA has donated 60 acres to the City to be used for the park and other projects.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Doug Page, 7787 Crestwood Circle, said he has spoken extensively with staff about landscaping in SilverLake. The following questions have not been adequately answered:

- Was the development approved contingent upon the landscape plan?
- Is a bond still available?
- Who is responsible to install the trees shown on the landscape plan?
- Who is responsible to install the fences and landscape the parking strips along SilverLake Parkway?
- When will this work be completed?
- Can the City Council make a motion based upon a public comment?

Mr. John Painter, 3414 Appaloosa Way, read a letter in which he asked that residents be given detailed information about the water crisis, including the events which led to it. He said due to a lack of information, much of the public perception was City government is hiding a lack of planning and management of a major City service. He asked the following questions:

- Is the problem is a water shortage or a delivery problem?
- Why did it become an emergency without previous warning?
- What processes are monitored?
- Did the pump break or was it unable to meet demand?
- If the pump is operational but not delivering adequate capacity, why was the problem not solved?
- Why was there not a spare part for the pump?
- Why were certificates of occupancy issued without anticipation of a water shortage?
- What steps did the City Engineer take to anticipate or prevent the problem?
- Why has there been a water shortage in each of the past three years?
- How will the city compensate residents for their financial losses?
- Who is responsible for information given to the media indicating the pump would be repaired on Tuesday, July 17?

Mr. John Wallace, 9298 Deerfield Circle, spoke as a resident and as a construction industry business owner. He said millions of dollars of landscaping have been lost due to the water shortage. His concern was he built approximately 70 homes in the city last year. He wanted to know what portion of his impact fees were applied to the water system and where those fees were used. He asked for honest answers and a quick solution to the shortage.

Mr. Brent Nielson, 1767 Deerfield Circle, said he was told when he moved to the city there would be plenty of water for his needs. At the time, he was asked to plant trees on his property to help with the beautification of the city and warned that failing to maintain his property would lead to a fine. He asked

what benefit a new park would be to the city if it couldn't be watered and why the city was not able to get secondary water from Utah Lake. He felt new homes should not be built until the city had adequate water for the current residents.

Ms. Leslie Erickson, 1374 Falcon Lane, asked about disposal of public land in Eagle Park subdivision. She referred to a large piece of land near the roundabout which is not available for disposal, but is not being maintained. She would like to buy the land and landscape it.

Mr. Robert "Casey" Jones, 3299 Appaloosa Way, said he understood the water issue. His concern was residents' inability to see oncoming traffic on Ranches Parkway due to weeds growing on top of the berms in the medians. Regarding the watering system on Ranches Parkway, he said The Ranches HOA has replaced grass along the parkways and the City needs to come to an agreement with the HOA regarding landscaping maintenance. He understood that the Public Works Department was short-handed, but citizens should not have to take pictures of damaged areas to document the lack of maintenance. He also stated trees in the medians need to be pruned and weeds need to be eliminated.

## **CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR ITEMS**

### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

*\*\*City Council comments are transcribed verbatim at the request of Councilmember Lifferth.\*\**

#### Councilmember David Lifferth

"OK, not so much in responding to some of the statements that were made tonight, I think we do need, owe everyone a, a very detailed explanation. I do think we need to provide more information rather than a minimal amount of information. We are experiencing a major emergency in the history of our city. It will obviously go down in history as one of the most challenging things that we have faced as a community. We have had other emergencies in the past and undoubtedly will have some more in the future, but we need to work together as a community to deal with this and all the challenges that face our city. We need to over-communicate in these difficult times. We need to be wary of intentional misinformation that seems to be circulating en masse right now. I am specifically avoiding blogging about this issue so that there is only a singular voice of information from the City that is the source of information, so we're all working together. That's all I have for now."

#### Councilmember David Blackburn

"We are obviously dealing with a lot of water issues. I want you to know that this is one of the few times that, excuse me, it's not one of the *few* times, the Council has been very informed as to what's been going on here. I've been very appreciative. I'm sure the other Council members have been, as well. We received notices of this information, the severity of the water impact, obviously the day that it happened and before there was a major press release. I can say with surety that that type of communication among the Council and the administration and the staff might not have been quite as uniform or as productive in prior situations, but I'm very thankful for the information that has been passed around. There is a sense of frustration on the residential side. I completely understand. I've got two homes I'm landscaping and taking care of myself. The City is definitely working on this. We've felt that the steps that we've taken to date have been more important for the safety of the community, as well as providing water as a living need, rather than for beautification and I hope you understand our viewpoints in this sense, but we are making as much time, money and effort available to get this done as soon as possible. Thank you."

#### Councilmember Linn Strouse

"I ditto, ditto the comments that were already made and I also appreciate a lot of the detailed information from our new City Administrator. This is probably the first crisis for him in this city, as well as it is a major crisis for the citizens and what affects one of us affects all of us and I think this is also going to be an opportunity to really review and report and learn from this. This is, you it's, there is various places, in Australia and other places in the world, that have actually faced, faced the, you know, there just isn't any water and to the point where they're all having to use gray water, so I'm glad that there's a lot of important changes and new direction that's going to come from this and I believe that there's a lot that we all can learn from it. I've even used the water I use from showering, I save and that, that's the only thing my trees and vegetable garden's getting and it's a hard thing, it's a very hard thing to go through. So if we all pull together in, I think think tanks are wonderful and I welcome any ideas any people have. Even though we have experts here, there's, there's always great benefit to putting heads together and coming up with new solutions, new ways to look at things, so thank you for your patience."

Councilmember Vincent Liddiard

"I'm sure the Mayor's going to say something a little bit about this, but as much as our Fire Department likes to be busy and we have a nice holiday coming up, I'm urging everyone to, at a minimum, not light those fantastic, illegal fireworks I've been seeing. But essentially, not light fireworks during the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. We are certain to be a rather dry community during that particular time and I think we can give our city's bravest, I guess we can refer to them, give them a break, help them out. We're in the middle of fire season, not a whole lot of water. They're doing well. We have water for fire suppression, but please do our part. We have recently closed the opportunity for people to file for office for City Council. Noticeably, I'm not one of them, but there are several people for City Council. I think it's eleven, and three for Mayor. I think that's great and I wish everybody the best of luck there. In years past I've tried to remain at least publicly silent out of a desire to not alienate anybody whom I might be working with in the future. That impediment has been removed from me and as part of that I would suggest, or at least endorse, for the office of Mayor, Richard Culbertson. I think he would be a fantastic choice and would do a very good job."

Councilmember Heather Jackson

"I think a lot of good things have been said tonight. We've been discussing, you know, our big issue right now is dealing with our, our water problem. I happened to be on vacation last week when the phone call came in, so I want you to know that the Mayor really did make sure to get ahold of everybody. I had a message, emails were sent out, and that is a big change from what we have had in mayors of the past. At least since I have been on the Council, I have not had mayors giving me phone calls on a regular basis when there's a crisis that occurs. I had to call and solicit that information. So I am very appreciative of the current Mayor that we have and the fact that he has taken the time to make sure that we were properly informed. I was very pleased to see, when I came home, the signs on the freeway or on Highway 73 saying, you know, don't water outside. I think that we did as best a job as we could possibly do to inform our citizens of the issue in a quiet, or a calm fashion and in a quick fashion. You can't spew all of the detailed information in a press release, but it's been nice to know that, you know, first thing Monday morning when my alarm went off and I was listening to KSL Radio, there were announcements on KSL. So all I'm saying is, I think the coverage that we have done has been stellar, as far as that goes. Now, as you're sitting here tonight, I'm sure that our City Administrator will give another presentation similar to what we received in the Work Session, which explains a lot of the questions that you have and I hope will quell and calm some of your concerns, because they did for me. I also made a phone call to him which helped me calm down, as well, because he could explain all of these things to me. So I appreciate everyone's concern and I appreciate the fact that we have all done what we have been asked to do to try and rectify the situation and at least make sure that we had enough water so that we would have our safety in mind, like Councilman Blackburn said, and make sure that we

have water to be able to suppress fires that we have and especially over the weekends, because I don't know if you all have noticed, but when a fire breaks out, it tends to be on a Saturday or a Sunday and so it was a very good thing that Friday, when this happened, we took action and so, for the weekend, we actually did have the ability to have that water."

Mayor Don Richardson

"Thank you, Council. Like Ms. Jackson mentioned, we will be presenting something that's been put on the agenda on an emergency thing that we can discuss a little more with you and bring some more facts to your minds as far as what situation we were in, what we've done to rectify it, the phase two that we're moving to, that will be announced. There's press releases that are being prepared currently, as well as what the City has been doing since my administration started in November. I think you'll be very pleased, but we've got a few things to go through before that and we'll ask John to do that presentation when that time comes, but we'll now proceed to the Consent Agenda that was modified in Work Session. Do I have a motion?"

*\*\*End of verbatim transcription.\*\**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Liddiard **moved** to remove the following items from the Consent Agenda:

MINUTES

February 20, 2007 – Regular City Council Meeting  
May 1, 2007 – Regular City Council Meeting  
June 5, 2007 – Regular City Council Meeting  
June 19, 2007 – Regular City Council Meeting

FINAL PLATS

Eagle Point – Plat F – Phase 1  
Eagle Point – Plat F – Phase 2  
Pioneer Addition – Plat 7C  
Pioneer Addition – Plat 7D  
Sage Park – Plat 1  
Sweetwater – Phase 2  
Sweetwater – Phase 3

Councilmember Blackburn **seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Liddiard **moved** to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

FINAL PLATS

Skyline Ridge – Plat 1A  
Skyline Ridge – Plat 1B  
Skyline Ridge – Plat 1C  
Valley View North B (revised)

REVISED BOND LETTERS

O'Fallon's Bluff – Plat D  
O'Fallon's Bluff – Plat E  
Eagle Point – Plat I  
Autumn Ridge – Phase 1

CHANGE ORDER – Nolan Park Restroom – Chad Broderick Construction – CO #3

FINAL PAY – Nolan Park Restroom – Chad Broderick Construction

Councilmember Jackson **seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Liddiard explained his reasons for removing items from the Consent Agenda. The minutes were removed in Work Session. The final plat approvals were removed due to Councilmember Liddiard's concern about additional lots being built in the City Center, which has nearly reached its sewer capacity. In order to provide for the health and safety of the residents, he felt it was unwise to increase the number of approved lots until sewer capacity is increased.

Mayor Richardson requested that the Council place on the agenda an emergency proclamation regarding water conservation.

Councilmember Jackson **moved** to add the emergency proclamation to the City Council agenda. Councilmember Blackburn **seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION – Consideration and approval of a proclamation adopting an emergency water conservation plan for Eagle Mountain City

Title 5, Chapter 3, Section 18, of the Eagle Mountain City utility ordinance provides that the Mayor may issue a proclamation limiting the use of water, with the approval of the City Council, in times of water scarcity. On Friday, July 13, 2007, well #2 was damaged and will be inoperable until repairs are complete, which created a scarcity of water available to the City water system. Water use limitations must be enforced to maintain fire safety storage and indoor uses until well #2 is repaired.

City Administrator John Hendrickson provided information on the city's water shortage. He stated Mr. Blake Webb, Water Supervisor, called him early Friday morning regarding a failure at well #2. The pump motor was running, but not drawing water. Mr. Hendrickson presented a diagram of well #2. A motor drives the shaft, then the pump raises the water. The specific problem is not yet clear, because the most qualified repair company has been working elsewhere. They needed time to receive authorization to interrupt their other projects and work in Eagle Mountain. Mr. Witteson, the head of the company, believes the problem is a break in the shaft.

The City currently has a pumping capacity of 7.75 million gallons per day. The failed well is located near the golf course and provides 30 to 40% of the city's water capacity. The SCATA system, an electronic utility monitoring system, indicated a chlorination problem in well #2. It failed to separate the monitoring of chlorine and water levels and has since been adjusted to eliminate that problem. The city has three water tanks totaling 4 million gallons. The water tanks became almost entirely empty, causing concern that there might not be adequate water for fire suppression. For that reason, all the water to parks and parkways was immediately turned off.

The normal pumping capacity of the city water system is more than 240 million gallons per month and actual use is approximately 204 million gallons per month. With the loss of well #2, pumping capacity decreased to 146 million gallons per month. Eliminating the watering of parks and parkways brought water use just under the decreased pumping capacity, but not enough to allow for a safe margin in case of emergency.

Reduced outside water use by residents will provide savings of 36 million gallons per month, which will create a safe margin while only two wells are in operation. The residents did such an excellent job of conserving water last weekend that the tanks were full on Monday morning. Four million gallons of

water are currently in storage, which has enabled the City to allow limited outdoor watering while the well is being repaired. Limited watering will be required for two to four weeks while the well is repaired. The limited watering plan will be as follows:

- Residential watering, South Service Area (City Center): Mondays and Thursdays between 8:00 p.m. and 6 a.m., 10 minutes per sprinkler station for mature lawns.
- Residential watering, North Service Area (The Ranches): Tuesdays and Fridays between 8:00 p.m. and 6 a.m., 10 minutes per sprinkler station for mature lawns.
- Schools and churches: Wednesdays and Saturdays between 8:00 p.m. and midnight, 10 minutes per sprinkler station.
- Nolan Park: Sundays only.
- New sod and hydroseeding (60–90 days old): unrestricted watering twice per day on weekdays
- No parkway watering except by truck. Truck water comes from an old well, as does golf course water, and is unusable in the City system.
- No washing of cars or hard surfaces such as driveways.
- No new sod or seeding until the restrictions are lifted.
- Use indoor water conservatively.

Mr. Hendrickson said the City chose to water Nolan Park because it is so heavily used.

Mr. Hendrickson detailed the steps the City is taking to ensure an adequate water supply:

- The City Council has approved an agreement which will increase the size of one of the water lines, enabling the water tanks to fill more quickly. The work is expected to take two weeks.
- The Council approved a 600,000 gallon tank in the upper section of the Valley View area. The tank should be completed within two months.
- The Council authorized bonds for water and sewer development, including two new wells and a one million gallon tank in the Hidden Valley area.
- The City is also working with the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD), which has allocated 10,000 acre-feet of water to the city for future development. The City will request 3,000 of the 10,000 acre-feet for use until a Central Utah Project pipe is constructed from Orem to Eagle Mountain. The City has also developed a common site with Saratoga Springs for delivery of the Central Utah Project water.

He stated the development community will have to participate in building the water system in order to have water service for subdivisions. The City is aggressively pursuing options for bringing water into the area, so that even if another well fails, it will not cause a water shortage.

Mayor Richardson said the upgrades should be completed within twelve months. Two aquifer monitoring wells were completed early this year. After the required monitoring period, the State Engineer's Office will permit the City to drill two additional production wells.

Mayor Richardson said the information reported to him throughout the day on Friday indicated water use needed to be restricted immediately to allow residents to have adequate indoor water and the Fire Department to have enough water for fire suppression. The Sheriff's Department activated the Neighborhood Watch and the City's Public Information Coordinator sent press releases to the media. Residents' prompt cooperation with the restrictions enabled the city to have adequate water for home and safety needs. He stated the web site will have detailed information and the latest press releases. A water hotline is also available at 789-6660. There are rumors circulating in the city, but accurate information is available. He expressed appreciation for the residents' quick response to the watering restrictions. Because of the excellent response, the City is able to move on to more limited restrictions.

Councilmember Jackson **moved** to approve the proclamation adopting an emergency water conservation plan. Councilmember Strouse **seconded** the motion.

Councilmember Lifferth asked what penalties are associated with violation of the watering limitations. Mr. Hendrickson responded violation is a misdemeanor. The City intends to give warnings rather than fines; however, fines will be levied for repeated violations. The maximum fine for the misdemeanor is \$1,000.

Councilmember Jackson stated her neighbors suggested a plan to allot a certain number of gallons of water to each household, with usage above the allotted amount costing more per gallon. She felt the City Council plan is the most equitable. If everyone works together on conservation, there will be no need to use financial consequences. She asked the audience to discuss the information they receive at this meeting with their neighbors.

Councilmember Liddiard requested that the watering schedule be added to the City's web site. Mr. Hendrickson responded Ms. Linda Peterson, the Public Information Coordinator, will do that and will send the plan to the press as soon as it is approved by the Council.

Councilmember Strouse said rumors have been flying about the well failure. With the updated information available, she trusts the citizens to make good decisions. She said what affects one resident affects all, so working together will create a community that survives and thrives.

Councilmember Blackburn stated the city is in a dry environment, but water use tends to be extravagant. This emergency is a call for everyone to be wiser about water use.

Councilmember Lifferth called the question.

Mayor Richardson called for a vote on the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Hendrickson complimented Mr. Webb for doing an outstanding job, especially as a brand new water supervisor. He did as well or better than many supervisors of larger systems. He said Mr. Webb told him he loved Eagle Mountain. Mr. Hendrickson said a mark of a professional is to love the city he serves.

Mayor Richardson commented Mr. Hendrickson called him one evening at 8:00 p.m. He mentioned Mr. Webb was just on his way home and had been working a lot of hours.

## **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

### ORDINANCE – Consideration and adoption of an ordinance creating regulations for residential solicitation

Mr. Kinghorn presented a model ordinance regulating door-to-door sales, also known as residential solicitation. The ordinance was drafted in response to litigation by the Kirby Vacuum Cleaner Company against several municipalities in Salt Lake and Utah counties. A stipulation in the litigation provided that any municipality adopting the model ordinance will not be subject to claims by Kirby Vacuum or other, similarly situated plaintiffs for violations of constitutional rights which were claimed in the



litigation. Eagle Mountain was not named in the lawsuit; however, it would be wise to adopt the ordinance provided for in the lawsuit to protect the City from this type of lawsuit in the future.

Councilmember Jackson **moved** to approve Ordinance O-16-2007 regulating residential solicitation, corrected to specify that background checks be conducted by Lexis/Nexis. Councilmember Lifferth **seconded** the motion.

Councilmember Lifferth requested that Mr. Kinghorn discuss the important points of the ordinance.

Mr. Kinghorn said it requires those wishing to sell door-to-door to submit a written application and receive a background check before the City will issue a license. The ordinance is intended to be nondiscriminatory and allows religious solicitation during the same hours permitted for other solicitors. It also provides for residents to inform solicitors that they do not wish to be solicited, either by posting on their property, which is the more appropriate method, or verbally. Violators would be reported either to the Sheriff's Office or to the City office which issues business licenses.

Councilmember Liddiard was pleased to see the ordinance included protection for the residents and placed responsibility on the solicitors to check for signs on the property indicating solicitation is not permitted.

Mayor Richardson asked whether the ordinance requires religious solicitors to obtain a license. Mr. Kinghorn responded it does not. It only requires that they observe the same hours of operation as other solicitors.

Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION – Consideration and approval of a resolution amending the Consolidated Fee Schedule with regard to solid waste collection rates and adding an administrative fee for collecting the Timpanogos Special Service District impact fee

City Treasurer Gordon Burt presented amendments to the Consolidated Fee Schedule. The schedule will be amended to reflect increases from Allied Waste for solid waste collection. The City's contract with Allied Waste allows Allied Waste to increase fees based on the Consumer Price Index. These increases will be passed on to the customers. The rate the City charges will increase from \$5.85 to \$6.00 per month for one trash can and \$10.15 to \$10.50 per month for two. These charges include administrative costs.

The second amendment deals with Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD) impact fees. In the North Service Area, sewer treatment is handled by TSSD. TSSD charges the City an impact fee of \$3,120 which is paid by the customer; however, 100% of the fee goes to TSSD. The City will add a \$10 administrative fee per building permit to cover costs of collecting the money for TSSD.

Councilmember Lifferth asked how often TSSD is allowed to change their rates. Mr. Kinghorn responded there is no limitation, as long as they follow due process provisions such as public noticing.

Councilmember Blackburn was pleased to see the City acting to cover costs. He hoped to see a prompt analysis of the costs associated with other fees. Mr. Burt responded staff is working on those reviews.

Councilmember Blackburn **moved** to approve Resolution R-13-2007 amending the Consolidated Fee Schedule. Councilmember Strouse **seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Liddiard requested that information about the solid waste fee increase be included in customers' billing notices.

Councilmember Blackburn suggested the City mail a notice to each resident regarding the well failure and the current watering restrictions.

Mr. Hendrickson responded residents would be informed in every way possible.

## **CITY COUNCIL / MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

### Councilmember Jackson

"I just wanted to say, you know, we celebrated Fourth of July, the basically founding of our nation with the Declaration of Independence just recently. What a great holiday. What a great opportunity we have to recognize the freedoms that we have in this country. I hope that we also look forward to the 24<sup>th</sup> of July, which is special to Utah, and remember the pioneers that did come before us here, and as Councilman Liddiard said, be very careful with fireworks. Either don't light them at all or make sure that you have water very close by in a bucket, preferably one that you've pulled from your bathtub. [Laughter]. Anyway, not to sound trite, but we are going through, you know, a difficult time with rain, or with water right now and I don't think it hurts to pray for some rain. And so I hope that we can, you know, continue through the path that we've had. It's been interesting that the last few days have been a little bit more overcast than they have been since the well has gone down. So I hope that maybe we can continue in that pattern and get some rain water that might help us to also irrigate our lawns."

### Councilmember Liddiard

"I am going to sound the South Sewer Service Area bell again and ask that we very quickly look at the impact fees. There is a disparity in the impact fees between the North and South Service Areas. In the South Service Area, we're actively engaged in building a new sewer treatment plant and yet we're a good \$1,000 cheaper in the South Service Area for impact fees than we are in the North Service Area and I think there needs to be an examination of the economic disparity between those impact fees and so that we can better serve the residents down here, work towards having a good, capable system in here and make it in a way so that those people who are going to take advantage of the new system are those that pay for it, rather than putting that financial burden on the residents who are already here. Also, those of you who have watched the news, it is sad and Saratoga Springs, my condolences to them and to Cedar Fort. Someone I knew, Mike Penovich, has passed away. He did so in the line of duty, a tremendous fire fighter, the fire chief down in Saratoga Springs. My condolences to the city, to the family of Mike Penovich and those who knew him. I did not know him well, but I had an opportunity to work with and to know him and he was a tremendous individual and my heart goes out to them."

### Councilmember Strouse

"And my feeling are very mutual on that same subject. He will be very, very missed. I wanted to add something here. I didn't get time during our Work Session because we never, yeah, we ran out of time, so I have pictures from a resident that wanted this checked out. It appeared to this person that there was trucks, maybe possibly illegally, taking water out of wells somewhere. Anyway, I'll pass these on to you, John, and the Mayor to see if you can figure out what's going on. Yeah, I'll get the exact locations. I thought that that's what was going to be sent. Thank you."

Councilmember Blackburn

“Just wanted to note, as has been mentioned earlier, there’s not a whole lot of people here right now, so, what?, no. The application process for running for City Council and the Mayor Office is closed. I would hope that all of the residents in our city examine the candidates to see how active they’ve been in our community in the past. Some of those individuals are here tonight. They’ve been attendance in regular, regular meetings and City business in the past, but I would hope that all our residents really look and investigate those that are running, to get the people that are already in touch, so that as the election process culminates, that the new City Council and Mayor is up and running without much lag time at all. I’m excited for the breadth and scope of the individuals who are applying and it’s going to be a fun time to see how that lays out, or plays out, excuse me, and I’m hoping that it’s going to be a positive campaign process for the city as a whole.”

Councilmember Lifferth

“Two additional items that I’d like to touch on tonight. One goes back to our, our water situation and the need for, for more information and I would recommend that we have a press conference. I’m not saying now, but I think it would have been appropriate to have a press conference, maybe Saturday morning, when a lot of these questions were bubbling to the surface. One person would maybe get an incorrect answer and start spreading that around and I think it is important that our residents get, as I’ve requested, accurate information as quickly as possible. Some of the information we were getting in real time. I know that makes it difficult, but we inspire confidence in our residents when we are open, we share information, we do not hide information, do not delay information and I know, as a resident, I wanted to get as much information as possible and I had a lot of people asking me because I’m on the City Council and we just need to have a push strategy, where information goes out as quickly as possible. I would, once again, recommend that we have residents request or submit their email address to the City, so they can have a push strategy, where information, when it is news, when it’s breaking news like that. Friday morning it would have been appropriate to push a button and send emails out to 700 residents who had submitted their email addresses for that type of information and get that information out quickly. Also, I wanted to thank Chief Penovich from Saratoga for his help in, in Eagle Mountain. I think it was appropriate that Chief Andrus also reciprocated recently, as they, as Saratoga went through a transition period, that we have offered our support to them and I think that’s, that’s the way good neighbors are. They help out in times of need and I appreciate the, the good example of the good fire chief there from both Cedar Hills and Saratoga Springs and we need more heroes like that, that are professional, that are willing to make any sacrifice necessary and he will be sorely missed.”

Mayor Richardson

“Thank you. Just last of all, I again, with the water situation, we appreciate everything that everybody’s done. There should be a press release that’s actually gone out now, as well as the web site should be updated. We appreciate all the sacrifice that everybody is putting into this. I’ve heard some wonderful stories of people going the extra mile to make sure that there’s water here. It’ll make it possible for this to happen, this new watering schedule, if everybody follows it. I can’t emphasize that enough. And, again, I appreciate our City Administrator. He has been a great right hand, as well as his wife. When you’re as busy as he is, it’s a family affair and we appreciate him and we’d like to thank his wife publicly, also. Just a note, we were in San Francisco this weekend, or this last week, working with bond agencies for ratings. I feel like our delegation represented us very well in San Francisco. Gordon Burt and, again, John Hendrickson, myself, Laura Lewis, our agency that we work with to get our bonds. But we appreciate everything that everyone is doing. There is a plan, we are following it, and we appreciate you.”

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Liddiard **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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