

MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL RETREAT HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020, IN THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM, 1020 EAST PIONEER ROAD, DRAPER, UTAH

PRESENT: Mayor Troy K. Walker, and Councilmembers Mike Green, Tasha Lowery, Fred Lowry, Cal Roberts, and Marsha Vawdrey

EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: David Dobbins, City Manager, and Laura Oscarson, City Recorder

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tem, Mike Green called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM and read Determination 2020-08.

I, Mike K. Green, do hereby determine conducting an electronic meeting of the Draper City Council with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location and hereby authorize the Draper City Council to conduct electronic meetings without an anchor location.

The foregoing determination is based on the following facts:

Federal, state, and local leaders, including the Draper City Mayor and City Council, have all recognized a global pandemic caused by the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

COVID-19 cases continue to fluctuate at significant levels and hospitalizations in Salt Lake County and Draper continue at rates that, if left unchecked, pose a risk of overburdening the local health care system. It is difficult, if not impossible, to predict the number of attendees at any meeting and to manage issues regarding social distancing in order to comply with State Phased Guidelines and Salt Lake County Health Department Public Health Orders.

COVID-19 poses a continuing and immediate threat to the health, safety, and welfare of Draper City residents.

The City has the technological capability to provide means by which the public may hear, or view and hear, the open portions of the meeting and to participate in public hearings.

The original of this written determination is on file in the City Recorder's office.

1. Cemetery

- a. The discussion centered on the need for a second cemetery and where that cemetery could be located. Property owned by the City and property to be purchased were explored. Partnering with a funeral home was also suggested.

**** Mayor Walker joined the meeting at approximately 7:37 PM*

2. Nuisance Animals

- a. Deer – the Council agreed to move ahead with a mitigation program for deer in urban areas of the city.
- b. Coyote – City will direct residents to private companies for nuisance coyotes on private property.

3. Boards and Commissions

- a. Discussion about clearly defining the role of the Boards and Commissions, working with the staff liaisons, and reviewing City Code to create these roles. A greater need for communication and Council input is desired. This could be established through annual meetings with each board or commission.
- b. Media communications should come from the Communications Director. The boards and commissions need a clear communication policy for dealing with the media.
- c. When adding members to the boards and commissions, make sure the volunteer shares the same goals and intent of the board he or she is applying for.
- d. The new Diversity and Inclusion Board has created a lot of interest and the Mayor has interviewed over 30 people for the 9 board seats. The council was supportive of adding a couple of alternate members if the Mayor wished.

4. Encroachment on Public Property

- a. The Council discussed having a policy in place for residents encroaching on City-owned property.

5. Development plans for Utah County properties

- a. Several properties border Alpine City and are landlocked by land in a conservation easement. These properties can't be serviced by Draper if the owner wished to develop the property. The council was not opposed to exploring a boundary adjustment between Alpine and Draper.

6. Roadwork

- a. A plan is being created for improving the roads using the annual road funds. Anything beyond that will come from one-time funds.
- b. A list of roads that need improvements is being prepared by the city staff for the council to consider for prioritization.

7. Communications strategy

- a. Council agreed that the residents need to be better informed before events, construction, road work, or utility work begins. Additional staffing for this type of communication would be needed.

8. Traffic concerns

- a. Discussion about the need for a traffic enforcement officer. This officer would be used for traffic control and parking issues throughout the city. Suggestions for cameras at some trailhead parking lots was suggested to help with thefts occurring while people are using the trails.

9. Improvements for the council as a group

- a. The Council discussed the changes and challenges COVID-19 has created in how the councilmembers have been able to complete their duties.
- b. Some councilmembers felt that an explanation to an applicant would be helpful when a negative vote was given for an item on the agenda. Suggested ways to communicate the vote were to send an email to the applicant or resident, or to have the discussion in the public meeting after the vote and to ask questions and have a discussion with each other before the vote.

- c. The council agreed that educational videos about Land Use, government, and the role the city plays would be a useful resource to help residents understand how a city functions.
- d. The council discussed the best use of the City Manager's time and resources and how the council can support his job of strategic planning for the city.

10. Town Center Plan

- a. Discussion about a Food Truck Market to be a series of events (e.g. Monday night is Food Truck night). The direction was given to start planning for the spring of 2021.
- b. The annual Tree Lighting will still occur with social distancing.
- c. Future use for City property in the Town Center area was discussed. The council recognizes the value of the land that is owned by the City and suggestions for restaurants, a plaza, and a Civic center were all mentioned.
- d. Infrastructure was identified as a component of the Town Center.

11. Parks and Trails

- a. Trails should be designated either foot or bike due to concerns about injuries caused by both hikers and mountain bikers using the same trails.
- b. Trail etiquette videos were suggested perhaps using the Corner Canyon High School mountain bike team or the Volunteers in Policing (VIPS)
- c. Signage and bike bells were also suggested to help hikers be more aware of bikers.

12. COVID-19

- a. Ideas were discussed that would help local businesses and residents get some relief from the effects of COVID-19. Suggestions were:
 - i. Coupons for residents to be used at local businesses, 5 \$10 coupons to each household.
 - ii. Free testing for COVID for residents
 - iii. PPE kits for small businesses
 - iv. Added police presence at popular trailheads for parking issues and security. The trails have become heavily used in direct relation to the restrictions placed on other forms of entertainment due to COVID.

13. Draper Historic Theater

- a. The council recognized the value of the Draper Historic Theater and was willing to support the theater in a variety of ways, non-financial, historic preservation, and monetary donations.

14. Local Land Use authority

- a. The legislature is watching cities over critical infrastructure and density. This includes Geneva.

15. Scooters

- a. Council would like geo-fencing put back on the scooters including the ones that are originating in Sandy. If the agreement is renewed it must include geo-fencing.

16. Adjournment

- a. Councilmember F. Lowry moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember T. Lowery seconded the motion
- b. A roll call vote was taken with Councilmembers Green, Lowery, Lowry, Roberts, and Vawdrey voting in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM