

**MINUTES OF THE
MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL
(Work Meeting)**

**Tuesday, 20 June 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Midway Community Center, Council Chambers
160 West Main Street, Midway, Utah**

Note: Notices/agendas were posted at 7-Eleven, Ridley's Express, the United States Post Office, the Midway City Office Building, and the Midway Community Center. Notices/agendas were provided to the City Council, City Engineer, City Attorney, Planning Director, and The Wasatch Wave. The public notice/agenda was published on the Utah State Public Notice Website and the City's website. A copy of the public notice/agenda is contained in the supplemental file.

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Prayer and/or Inspirational Message

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Celeste Johnson, Mayor
Steve Dougherty, Council Member
Jeff Drury, Council Member
Lisa Orme, Council Member
Kevin Payne, Council Member
JC Simonsen, Council Member

Staff Present:

Corbin Gordon, Attorney
Michael Henke, Planning Director
Wes Johnson, Engineer
Brad Wilson, Recorder

Note: A copy of the meeting roll is contained in the supplemental file.

2. Wayfinding Signs (Mayor Johnson – Approximately 20 minutes) – Discuss wayfinding signs for Midway City.

Rob Foster gave a presentation regarding wayfinding signs and reviewed the following items:

- Wayfinding system
- Street signs
- Color sets

Mr. Foster also made the following comments:

- The system was based on the new street signs.
- Red signs designated city owned or significant locations.
- Blue signs designated visitor related locations.
- Green signs designated trails, etc. They would be at trailheads and not replace the proposed fiberglass trail markers.

- The signs would be metallic and painted galvanized metal for low maintenance.
- An additional color could be added for historic locations.

The Council, staff, and meeting attendees discussed the following items:

- Liked clean and simple signs.
- The fiberglass trail markers would be unobtrusive, cheap, and easy to replace.
- There should be informational maps at each trailhead. Trail signs could include a QR code linked to a map.
- Graffiti could be a problem. Each public works vehicle would include a graffiti cleaning kit.
- The signs were simple and easy to read.
- Color coding was a good idea.
- One color would be more uniform.
- The Midway Boosters would like to use the design. They should be provided with a list of dos and don'ts so that the brand would not be diluted.

3. Code Text Amendments (City Planner – Approximately 40 minutes) – Discuss possible code text amendments based on the recent revisions to the Midway City General Plan and changes to the Utah State Code.

Corbin Gordon made the following comments regarding recent changes to the Utah State Code:

- No moratorium was needed to deal with the changes.
- Development applications would no longer come to the City Council.
- The changes would be effective beginning the first of 2024.
- The Council would still retain its legislative power regarding land use.
- The City had six months to bring its municipal code into compliance with the changes.

The Council, staff, and meeting attendees discussed the following items regarding recent changes to the Utah State Code:

- Could the City downzone all land which would then require legislative approval by the Council to upzone it? No one knew how the State Legislature would respond to such an action.
- The City should discuss the changes with the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) and other cities so that it did not reinvent the wheel. The Mayor spoke with several cities and they were unaware of the changes.
- Wasatch County and some larger municipalities had already delegated their land use authority to their planning commissions.
- The City could not make land use decisions completely discretionary.
- If a proposed development complied with the Municipal Code then it had to be approved.
- Some developers had voluntarily agreed to development changes in the past.
- Developers had also responded to feedback in the past.
- The new limit of only one public hearing would limit any negotiations.
- It was not known how the changes would affect development agreements.


The Council, staff, and meeting attendees discussed the following items regarding code text amendments based on the recently updated general plan:

- Potential amendments should be ranked by urgency. Urgency was ineffective.
- Amendments had been ranked by preferences indicated on a worksheet given to the Council. A lot of items were missing from the worksheet.
- Amendments should be focused on the Municipal Code and not wayfinding signs, etc.
- They should be focused on the big picture.

Mayor Johnson asked that additions to the worksheet be emailed to Mr. Henke.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Celeste Johnson, Mayor



Brad Wilson, Recorder