

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Community Recreation Center
10640 N Canyon Road, Cedar Hills, Utah

Present: Jenney Rees, Mayor, Presiding
Councilmembers: Denise Andersen, Ben Ellsworth, Mike Geddes, Brian Miller
Absent/Excused: Ben Bailey
Chandler Goodwin, City Manager
Charl Louw, Finance Director
Jeff Maag, Public Works Director
Joel Wright, City Attorney
Colleen Mulvey, City Recorder
Others: Lt. Gregg Ludlow

This work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, having been properly noticed, was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Rees

Mayor Rees explained that she met with the Lehi Chamber of Commerce and they had recently re-branded the Point of the Mountain Chamber of Commerce. She noted they expressed a willingness to add the Cedar Hills golf course to their corporate memberships.

Chandler Goodwin explained they would discuss the Taco Bell and the Storage facility site plans. He presented the site plans, and described the access locations for the Taco Bell parking lot. He said there were concerns about cars backing up through the drive-thru, which was something that needed to be considered.

1. Open and Public Meetings Training

Joel Wright presented a handout to the Council and staff concerning the Open and Public Meetings Act. He explained that the purpose of the Act was to ensure government transparency. He noted which types of meetings needed to be made public record.

Mr. Wright continued by explaining which type of information needed to be made public or discussed openly. Mr. Goodwin asked Mr. Wright to clarify when it was necessary to email the entire Council or notify the Mayor specifically with information. Mr. Wright responded it was best to send email to the Mayor if a Council Member was planning on being absent.

C. Geddes asked if an email vote counted if a Council Member was absent at the meeting. Mr. Wright responded in the negative. Mayor Rees said these laws were not to prevent communication between Council Members. Mr. Wright said this was correct. The point of the regulation was to prevent corrupt behavior.

Mayor Rees asked how they should handle administrative issues that did not come before the Council. Mr. Wright explained that anything with money or budgeting needed deliberation.

Mr. Wright continued by discussing the difference between public hearings and public meetings. Recorder Mulvey read the definitions of each. Mr. Wright explained a public hearing was required to have a notice prior to the meeting. A public meeting was anytime the Council or other City entities met.

Mr. Wright then explained when a closed session was necessary. This was when they would be discussing the character or competence of a public figure or discussing litigation. He noted other instances that were appropriate for a closed session. Mr. Wright explained it was required to have two thirds vote to enter a closed session.

Finally, Mr. Wright discussed the penalties. He explained if the act was knowingly violated the penalty was a Class B misdemeanor. He said they should not hesitate to ask if they felt like the act was being violated. He suggested they proceed with caution.

Mayor Rees explained it was not prohibited for three Council Members to be together at a public location. Mr. Wright said this was correct but cautioned this could be perceived as something else.

2. Preliminary Plan Approval for Taco Bell & Storage Facility

Mr. Goodwin explained they were concerned about the drive-thru at Taco Bell. The Planning Commission was proposing the developer install an asphalt strip to change the location of the cue. C. Geddes asked if this would line up with the future parking lot. Mr. Goodwin responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Rees recommended they install a sign for clarification. C. Andersen noted a long cue would block parking spaces. Mr. Goodwin said this was possible, but he did not think it would be consistently busy.

Mr. Goodwin stated the developer would be present at the Council Meeting. They would be able to address this issue and agree on a solution.

Mr. Goodwin then went on to discuss the storage facility. He reviewed the proposed design changes to the facility. The majority of the changes were cosmetic.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. on a motion by C. Ellsworth, seconded by C. Andersen, and unanimously approved.

Approved by Council:
April 16, 2019

/s/ Colleen A. Mulvey, MMC
City Recorder