

KAYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
January 20, 2022

Minutes of a joint work session with the Kaysville City Council and the Kaysville Planning Commission held on January 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Kaysville City Hall at 23 East Center Street, Kaysville, UT.

Council Members present: Mayor Tamara Tran, Council Member Mike Blackham, Council Member Abbigayle Hunt, Council Member Nate Jackson and Council Member Perry Oaks

Planning Commission Members present: Toby Barrus, Cody Branch, Jared W. Doxey, Steve Lyon, Larry Page, Wilf Sommerkorn, and Joshua Sundloff (via phone)

Others Present: City Manager Shayne Scott, City Recorder Annemarie Plaizier, Information Systems Manager Ryan Judd, Community Development Director Melinda Greenwood, Business License Official Mindi Edstrom, Rachel Lott, Mark Lund, Keith Romney, Julie Romney

GENERAL PLAN DISCUSSION

Mayor Tran opened the meeting.

Shayne Scott explained that the purpose of the City Council and Planning Commission work session tonight was to give the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed updates to the city's General Plan.

Melinda Greenwood explained that State law states that the city must have a General Plan, but more than that, we want to have a General Plan because it shows that we care about our community and what happens with our city. We can use the Plan as a guide to show that we have a plan for our city in place and we can use it as we make decisions in the future. It is very beneficial that this proposed Plan has been based off citizen comments and what they want to see for the city.

Wilf Sommerkorn added that this is an advisory document. It is doesn't stipulate exactly how things are to be developed. Our ordinances are in place to help provide the regulations that we want for certain areas and zones of the city.

Council Member Blackham said that he appreciates the data collected by our consultant has been included in the proposed General Plan but feels that the Plan is too long and complex. A frustration expressed by developers is that some cities have too complex of a General Plan. People get frustrated by the land use process when it is too complex. State House Bills want to take land use decisions away from cities. It is better to keep things like our General Plan more simple and easy to understand.

Mayor Tran said that a General Plan needs to be kept more generalized.

Council Member Hunt said she would like to see the executive summary simplified.

Melinda Greenwood commented that she has found that people will go to Staff to ask questions about the Plan, rather than reading plans themselves.

Council Member Oaks said that there are areas of the Plan that seems to conflict with itself.

Council Member Jackson said that some areas of the Plan seem to go in a direction contrary to another area. It's unclear what the goals of the city are. It's challenging to understand because the document is so large. Council Member Jackson said that he would also like to see the executive summary simplified. We need a document that we can reference easily to understand the vision of Kaysville.

The City Council suggested that the section of the Plan addressing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan be removed from the General Plan and put into its own document.

Mayor Tran asked if there was a way to shorten the Plan while still including the data.

Council Member Blackham said that he doesn't question the data within the Plan, but feels the executive summary could be written to be more robust. The executive summary could possibly be shorted to fifty pages, and still reference the complete Plan and the data within it. There is a better way to reformat the Plan. Council Member Blackham suggested removing Chapter 6.

Mayor Tran said that the amendment of the General Plan has been paid for through a grant and there is likely not enough money left to take this back to the consultant to revise at this point.

Wilf Sommerkorn commented that the consultants are likely not needed because we aren't looking for more research to be done. The proposed amendments as discussed would be more suitable for a professional writer to do an edit to the Plan and executive summary.

Council Member Blackham commented that just because we have spent money for this document doesn't mean this is the Plan that needs to be approved. Council Member Blackham added that there are areas within the plan that outlines specific numbers. We should keep this generalized and not be specific with numbers or the document. There are also areas where the Plan mentions the use of grants for funding, which is not something that needs to be stated in the General Plan.

Melinda Greenwood responded that while the Plan can be further condensed, it will likely still be a lengthy document, which is okay.

Steve Lyons commented that it seems that developers tend to refer more to zoning maps when considering development. This Plan gives an idea of what the community would like to see for the city over the next five to ten years.

Wilf Sommerkorn said that as things change over time and conditions change, it is good to have a more flexible Plan to continue to make changes to. Mr. Sommerkorn asked Council Member Blackham about wanting to remove Chapter 6.

Council Member Blackham responded that he feels that the chapter is redundant.

Josh Sundloff said that the data collected should be the controlling issue for the General Plan. There are things within the Plan that was included by the consultant based on their expertise and based off of their findings in Kaysville.

Shayne Scott said that Staff would have something for the Planning Commission to review at one of their upcoming meetings.

Council Member Blackham said that he would like to see the Planning Commission and City Council begin to meet on a quarterly basis.

The work session was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.