

NORTH SALT LAKE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL SESSION
JUNE 26, 2012

Mayor Arave called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Len Arave
Council Member Stewart Harman
Council Member Brian Horrocks
Council Member Conrad Jacobson
Council Member Stan Porter

EXCUSED: Council Member Matt Jensen

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Edwards, City Manager; Brian Passey, Assistant City Manager and Finance Director; Rod Wood, Public Works Director; Paul Ottoson, City Engineer; Brent Moyes, Golf Course Director; David Church, City Attorney; Craig Black, Police Chief; Marta Nielsen, Deputy Recorder and Administrative Assistant; Linda Horrocks, Minutes Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Jim Rampton, South Davis Fire Agency.

1. ORDINANCE 2012-10: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5-7 OF THE NORTH SALT LAKE CITY CODE, FIREWORKS AND OPEN CAMPFIRES, ADOPTING RESTRICTIONS FOR THE DISPLAY OR DISCHARGE OF CLASS C FIREWORKS IN NORTH SALT LAKE, DAVIS COUNTY, UTAH

Barry Edwards reported that this resolution has come about from discussions with Fire Chief Rampton, Police Chief Black, and David Church, City Attorney. Its purpose is to recognize the Fire Chief as the authority to shut down fireworks at any time, and in any place, he deems is a fire danger. Mr. Edwards added that this process codifies existing law. He then displayed a map and said that based on discussions with David Church, the Council can extend the fire restricted area to include all heavily wooded areas, such as ravines through the City.

David Church stated that the legislature gives cities the authority; however, we cannot mandate anything stronger than State law (which includes other conflicting language and makes it unclear). This ordinance would authorize Chief Rampton as the authority to make the decision, from day to day, rather than making a blanket decision. Some cities are just closing areas, based on the advice of the fire chief, so the City can choose based on either criteria.

Council Member Horrocks asked how to inform the citizens, if the law changed from day to day. Also, if the City gives Chief Rampton that authority, would he ban them immediately. Chief Rampton said that this really only affects about the eight days – before and after July 4th, and the few days before and after July 24th.

Council Member Porter asked about offering the residents one particular space where they can set off their fireworks. Chief Rampton said the nice thing about Orchard Drive is that it is a good defining line.

Chief Black said he agrees with Chief Rampton, and Mayor Arave questioned if passing the ordinance would cause more political flack than it is worth.

Barry Edwards stated that the radius of fire protection for the City's own fireworks display July 3rd had been increased. He recommended the Council pass the ordinance and designate Chief Rampton as the local fire official.

Council Member Stewart Harman moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-10, an ordinance granting the local fire official, Chief Jim Rampton, the authority to prohibit the use of any ignition source, including fireworks, lighters, matches, and smoking materials within North Salt Lake City. Council Member Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Horrocks, Porter, Jacobson and Harman. Council Member Jensen was excused.

David Church recommended that this issue be revisited with the legislature next year to ensure better clarification.

2. ADJOURN

Mayor Arave adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor

Secretary