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I attended in person and want to thank you for offering monthly meetings with the Mayor. I like that the topics are limited to a few subjects which allows time for in-depth presentations and discussion. Also, I appreciate the opportunity to shake hands and meet with Mayor Winn, Chief Day, City Council Maresa Manzione, and City Council Ed Hansen.

GRAFFITI:

My eyes were opened to how difficult it is to identify the perpetrators, prove their guilt, and how minimal the consequences are. You could say I have a change of heart as to how much time our police should dedicate to this issue. Our police are short-staffed and budgets are tight. I believe our police have more pressing issues. Thank you to our police department for their hard work in keeping the peace.

Graffiti Takeaways:

1. Invest in higher resolution security cameras at my home. Without solid proof of a crime, it's nearly impossible to hold a person accountable.
2. I support dedicated graffiti walls. Maybe even post their work on social media and possibly in the Transcript-Bulletin to recognize their skills and to encourage them to display their craft in legal venues. It's possible that not all graffiti is a complete disregard for property, but could be one's need to create public art. I agree with Chief Day in that public art should not contain, what is widely regarded as, offending words or graphics.

SPEEDING:

We all do it at some point, (hahaha there are some seniors or a select few who maybe don't). I believe our world has changed and we are expected to accomplish more, in less time, and with many distractions. I don't believe, as a general rule, that people choose to leave inadequate time to get to their destinations, but rather allow it to happen with poor choices leading up to their departure time and most likely make this a habit. I'm shocked to learn that my definition of speeding, 5 mph, and sometimes 10 mph over the posted speed limit on long trips, is not in line with others, who are comfortable with an insane speed and apparently have a total disregard for public safety. Again, I don't believe they fully contemplate the disastrous possibilities, but would surely carry lifelong, deep regret when they finally kill someone.

Speeding Takeaways:

1. I'm less likely to speed now that I'm recently retired and have fewer time constraints along with the ability to live more in the here and now. I know my years of commuting to Salt Lake City entailed habits of speeding due to the pressures of rush hour.
2. I'm in favor of a photo cop that issues a letter to the owner of a speeding car. That would scare me enough to focus on maintaining a legal speed limit for the mere fact it would hurt to throw money away should I get caught in person, and know I was observed speeding. I believe that it's human nature to respond or change when we feel pain or fear. I wish we could make better decisions without that, but we typically don't.

3. Speed bumps may provide some positive impact on the issue of speeding, however, I learned in this meeting that they are mainly used on private property and that on city roads there is a potential for lawsuits. Also, they are susceptible to snowplow damage. This I've seen happen when I've done volunteer, meals on wheels, to trailer courts. So as a citizen of Tooele, I would like us not to risk a lawsuit by having them on our roads. Also, I feel that they are great for private property where the speed limit is maybe 5 or 10 mph. A speed bump on a 25 or more mph road would be aggravating to encounter.

4. I had some thoughts after our speeding discussion. I believe in our working years, many of us lose sight of the reason a particular speed limit is imposed. For example, going faster than the posted 35 mph or 40 mph on our busy Main Street makes it difficult and risky for our neighbors to join in from an East or West adjoining road. Also Highway 36 really doesn't have a "fast" lane as it has exits from both lanes, like leaving Tooele City to turn into Home Depot or coming into Tooele County from the North and needing to exit East to Erda. There was a time when if you pulled out of your driveway, and a car turned a corner to suddenly appear, they would gladly wait for you rather than honk. The scenario is typically no one's fault. We both have a few seconds to be safe and friendly.

Again, Thank you. I look forward to future meetings with Mayor Winn, to educate myself on the issues at hand, and do what I can to make this a better place to live, not just for myself, but for all of us.