

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Bracken, Councilman Mike Shelton, Councilman Tee Tyler, Councilman Mike Peterson, Mayor Cullimore joined the meeting by phone at 7:12 p.m.

Staff Present: City Manager John Park, Deputy City Manager Linda Dunlavy, Police Chief Robby Russo, Public Relations Specialist Dan Metcalf, Community and Economic Development Director Brian Berndt, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Watson, City Attorney Shane Topham, Public Works Director Mike Allen, City Engineer Brad Gilson, Police Support Supervisor Sheila Jennings

Others Present: Sheryl McCallister, Jill McGee, Gary McGee

1.0 WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1.1 In the absence of Mayor Cullimore, Mayor Pro-Tempore Scott Bracken called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed those attending.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Shelton.

2.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

2.1 Jill McGee thanked resident Nancy Hardy for her perseverance and diligence in working with the City to implement live audio streaming of City meetings.

2.2 Paul Pazell stated that he believes it is reasonable to have police officers wear body cameras. He commented that it is the role of government to provide a safe and transparent environment for citizens.

2.3 Sheryl McAllister is also in favor of police body cameras to ensure transparency and the safety of officers. She expressed concern with the recent city-initiated proposed text amendment to Chapter 19 introducing a Planned Development District and believes it does little to preserve what already exists in the City. She believes that much of what has been developed along Highland Drive leaves citizens wondering how it came to be. She also believes that the proposed text does a disservice to the community.

3.0 PRESENTATION AND DECISION – CITY HALL DESIGN

3.1 Valerie Nagasawa from GSBS Architecture updated the Council on the status of the city hall design and presented various elevations of the proposed new city hall building. The plan includes a city hall wing, police department wing, and a public lobby that adjoins the two. The main access is off of Bengal Boulevard with a secondary access off of 2300 East that leads to the main parking lot. The diagram provides public space that serves as the heart of the building with the city council chambers and multi-purpose community room, which are connected by a lobby. The building is oriented to the views and the intersection to capture the identity of Cottonwood Heights. The floor plan diagram showcases the public portions of the building and uses transparency detail so the public can see what is taking place and to feel part of it. The police department wing was next described. The multi-purpose room is 2,400 square feet in size and will seat approximately 240. It was noted that the proposed roofing and exterior materials are consistent with canyon and mountain architecture. A clock tower may potentially be incorporated into the design. Final adjustments and refinements are

to be made over the next several weeks in order to be prepared to move to design development the beginning of March.

- 3.2 Councilman Shelton appreciates the work of the architects and prefers Option A as did those he showed the plans to.
- 3.3 Councilman Peterson appreciates the different options available. Of the 25 people he shared the plans with, the majority chose Option D. He is in favor of the site plan and floor plan, but does not like the outward expression of Option A. He is also in favor of the clock tower design and expressed his support for Option D.
- 3.4 Councilman Tyler thanked GSBS for their patience with the different opinions on the outward design of the building. He is personally opposed to the sloped roof design but received a lot of positive feedback from citizens who viewed that particular design at the City's Anniversary Celebration. He stated that the citizens in the district he represents were generally in favor of Option A, he will be voting for Option A to represent them.
- 3.5 Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken viewed the project as both a neighbor and Council Member. He visited with neighbors and gave them an opportunity to voice their opinions. Overall, the majority preferred Options A and D. He supports the use of the brown canyon stone from the quarry in Wasatch County and the clock tower design.
- 3.6 Mayor Cullimore originally envisioned a two-story concept that was much grander than the one proposed. After reviewing the proposed options, he voiced his support for the single-story design and believes it allows more consistency with the surrounding neighborhood. He likes the floor plan since it enables them to do things with the design that are bolder than the other options at a lower cost. He expressed concern that in 30 to 40 years, Option A may appear dated. Option A with the inclusion of the clock tower design is his preference.
- 3.7 **MOTION:** Councilman Shelton moved to go forward with the outward expression represented in Design Option A. Councilman Tyler seconded the motion. Councilman Tyler amended the motion to include the site plan and floor plan as presented in the renderings. Councilman Shelton balked at the amended motion stating that he is not willing to approve a site plan or floor plan that is not finalized. Councilman Shelton amended the motion and reiterated his original motion to go forward with the outward expression represented in Design Option A. Councilman Tyler seconded the amended motion. Vote on motion: Councilman Shelton-Aye, Councilman Bracken-Aye, Councilman Peterson-Nay, Councilman Tyler-Aye, Mayor Cullimore-Aye. The motion passed 4-to-1

4.0 **REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Standing Monthly/Quarterly Reports

4.1 **Police Report**

Police Support Supervisor, Sheila Jennings, presented the police report for the month of January. She stated that there were a total of 368 calls made to 911, 752 on-view calls, and 452 phone-in calls. There were 461 Priority 1 calls, 394 Priority 2 calls, and 258 Priority 3 calls. Response times for Priority 1 calls averaged 4:55 minutes, Priority 2 calls averaged 5:59 minutes, and Priority 3 calls averaged 6:30 minutes. The overall crime view total was next discussed. It included 68 thefts, 15 assaults, 12 burglaries and 5 rapes.

Chief Russo reported that the police department is teaming up with the forensic nursing investigators and the program “Start by believing”. Sexual assault is a violent and horrendous crime taken seriously in Cottonwood Heights. The State reporting rate is unfortunately only 20% because of the stress, embarrassment and some public perception. The police department is training staff to empower victims and make them feel comfortable reporting the crime. With early intervention and evidence gathering strategies we hope to increase the numbers of cases submitted for prosecution and ultimately have greater success at trial. In conjunction with women’s advocacy groups Chief Russo will present a resolution for consideration supporting these efforts.

Ms. Jennings reported that there were 92 adult arrests and 9 juvenile arrests. There were 226 traffic citations issued, 17 DUIs, and 33 warnings. There were 41 crashes reported with property damage resulting in 11 injuries.

4.2 **Public Works Report**

Public Works Director, Mike Allen, presented the Public Works Report for the month of January. He stated that asphalt maintenance is underway. Concrete work is still on hold due to weather. Mr. Allen reported that garbage cans have been installed at the Fort Union Park and Ride. The Highland Drive/Fort Union Intersection Project has been added to the list although it is only in the design stage. The Recreation Center is undergoing a spring cleanup and park maintenance is underway. A request was received for additional traffic calming on Greenfield Way. It was reported that the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail will be complete once documentation is completed. The extension on the east side of Wasatch Boulevard is part of the contract with Park and Ride and will be completed in the spring.

5.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

5.1 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2015-08 Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Greg J. Curtis d/b/a Curtis Consulting (2015)**

5.1.1 Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken stated that the proposed resolution is for a contract with Curtis Consulting whom the City has contracted with in the past. Mr. Curtis has been instrumental in ensuring that City concerns are brought to the attention of legislators.

5.1.2 Mayor Cullimore stated that the proposed resolution is primarily for transportation-related items and that Mr. Curtis has also committed to help with other City priorities.

5.1.3 **MOTION:** Councilman Peterson moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-08. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton. Vote on motion: Councilman Shelton-Aye, Councilman Bracken-Aye, Councilman Peterson-Aye, Councilman Tyler-Aye, Mayor Cullimore-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2015-09 Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Unified Police Department (UPD)**

5.2.1 Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken stated that the above resolution approves an agreement with the Unified Police Department (UPD) for major traffic collision investigations.

5.2.2 Chief Russo stated that it is a regional project that allows the sharing of resources in different jurisdictions. It is a great tool that can also be used for crime scenes, autopsies, and excavation sites.

5.2.3 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution Number 2015-09. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson. Vote on motion: Councilman Shelton-Aye, Councilman Bracken-Aye, Councilman Peterson-Aye, Councilman Tyler-Aye, Mayor Cullimore-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6.1 **Approval of Minutes for January 27, 2015**

6.2 The minutes stood approved.

7.0 **ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING AND RECONVENE WORK SESSION IN ROOM 250**

7.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to adjourn the business meeting and reconvene the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The business meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Minutes approved: 02/24/2015