

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 3, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members Present: Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Councilman Tee Tyler, Councilman Scott Bracken,
Councilman Mike Shelton, Councilman Mike Peterson

Staff Present: City Manager John Park, Police Chief Robby Russo, Community and Economic
Development Director Brian Berndt, Public Works Director Mike Allen, Assistant Fire Chief Mike
Watson, Public Relations Specialist Stephanie Dickey, Deputy City Manager Linda Dunlavy, City
Attorney Shane Topham

Others Present: Dave Browning, Scout Troop 425

1.0 **WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

1.1 Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those attending.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tyler.

2.0 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

2.1 There were no public comments.

3.0 **REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Standing Monthly Reports

3.1 **Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Mike Allen presented the November Public Works report. He stated that work is continuing on upgrading intersections at 1300 East and Union Park Avenue and Creek Road and Union Park Avenue. The intersections are being converted from loop detection systems to radar type detection systems for better traffic control at the intersections. Signal upgrades will continue, weather permitting.

New light poles are being erected on Union Park and the installation is near completion. This is the final stage of the Union Park project begun this summer – except when Questar comes through next year to install their line and we finish repaving that half of the road.

Mr. Allen introduced Justin Stewart, Terracare Vice President of Public Infrastructure Management.

Mayor Cullimore first thanked Mr. Stewart for literally jumping on a plane today to assist TerraCare local management in responding property to this storm. The Mayor detailed many of the emails from frustrated citizens throughout the City regarding the failure of snow removal during the current storm. He said that it appears as though Terracare was extremely unprepared and when it came time to take action all of the training and preparation seemed forgotten.

Mr. Stewart reported that the current storm was heavier than anticipated and because not all crews were deployed, they fell behind from the beginning. The full deployment was put out later than it should have been.

Councilman Bracken asked what a full deployment entailed.

Mr. Stewart stated that full deployment includes the 10 trucks that are allocated to the city for snow removal.

Councilman Bracken asked if there were 20 drivers to work 12 hour shifts for the 10 trucks.

Mr. Stewart replied that 27 people have been hired to work the trucks.

Police Chief Robby Russo asked why there weren't enough drivers to operate all the snow removal vehicles during this storm.

Mr. Stewart explained that full deployment was not called out at the beginning of the storm. The storm came in quicker and heavier than expected and it took time to deploy more drivers. It was a serious error in judgment.

Councilman Tyler expressed concern with the amount of snow his district received and it is his understanding that no street east of Wasatch Boulevard had been plowed all day long.

Mr. Stewart stated that one truck was dedicated solely to that area, and said that he would check on the status and report back. He explained that during the next 24 hours there would be two deployments of 10 trucks each and they would run continuously. He explained that once the primary routes have been completed, they will move to the second tier of roads, followed by the third tier and then the clearing of residential streets.

Mr. Allen detailed the severity of the storm noting that every storm has different factors and it is difficult to compare one storm to another. He drove the city and witnessed the trucks clearing the roads. He confirmed that shift changes are scheduled to take place at 2:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., eliminating any delay during rush hour.

City Manager John Park confirmed that he had tracked trucks throughout the day and the shift change was delayed due to traffic throughout the valley.

Councilman Peterson discussed previous winters and that the expectations of the community were for significantly better service than we are now seeing.

Mayor Cullimore stated that this level of service is totally unacceptable and the execution of their strategic plan for snow removal needs to be further reviewed.

Darrel Collins, Cottonwood Heights' resident, is of the opinion that larger trucks are more appropriate than the smaller ones currently being used.

A complete copy of Mr. Allen's public works report is available on the City's website.

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-52 Approving an Amendment to the Salt Lake County Interlocal for Trailhead Improvements**

- 4.1.1 Mayor Cullimore explained that the proposed resolution amends an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County for trailhead improvements, by extending the agreement for a five year period.

4.1.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-52. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 **Approval of Minutes for October 8, 2013, October 22, 2013 and November 12, 2013**

5.1.1 The minutes stood approved.

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

6.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Peterson moved to adjourn the business meeting and reconvene the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The business meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes approved: 12/17/2013