MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Linda Dunlavy, City Attorney Shane Topham, Public Relations Specialist Stephanie Dickey, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Watson, Public Works Director Mike Allen, Finance Director Steve Fawcett, City Engineer Brad Gilson, Police Chief Robby Russo, City Manager John Park, Police Support Supervisor Sheila Jennings

Excused: Community and Economic Development Director Brian Berndt

Others Present: Nancy Dahill, Cystal Liechty, Sherry Sorensen

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 Bracken.

2.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

2.1 David Harrison asked for direction from the City on how to organize a community activity entitled “Poetry in the City”. It would be an outside event that would take place the third Thursday of each month at the Timberline Trailhead Amphitheater. Mr. Harrison believes the only thing required from the City would be the ability to have access to an electrical hookup.

2.2 City Manager, John Park, stated that the request may need to go through the city’s events process and could also be an event the Arts Council may wish to be a part of.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Public Hearing to Receive Input On the proposed amended budget for Cottonwood Heights for the period of 1 July 2013 through 30 June 2014

3.1.1 MOTION: Councilman Peterson moved to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken. The motion passed unanimously.

3.1.2 Finance Director, Steve Fawcett, explained that budget amendments are needed on a regular basis and mostly include routine items. As in this case, the first issue is the appropriation of grant funds as they are received. The second issue involves making budget clarifications and reclassifications with respect to the handling of impact fees. One expenditure is for additional funds that were needed to repair Mountain View Park. This also recognizes a grant from TRCC funding from Salt Lake County that will be used to pay approximately one-third of the City’s costs to expand the auditorium at Butler Middle School.

3.1.3 There were no public comments

3.1.4 MOTION: Councilman Tyler moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton. The motion passed unanimously.
4.0 REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Standing Monthly/Quarterly Reports

4.1 December Police Report

Police Support Supervisor, Sheila Jennings, presented the statistics for the month of January. She stated that two DARE graduations took place.

In terms of calls for service by source there were 794 calls for service, a total of 508 calls were reported by officers and 9-1-1 calls totaled 284. The number of Priority 1 calls increased while Priority 3 calls decreased. Overall crime decreased with a total of 76.

Ms. Jennings reported that there were 111 total arrests, seven of which involved juveniles. The theft category was the highest reported. There were 319 traffic citations reported with 13 DUI’s and 66 warnings. 32 crashes were reported with property damage resulting in six injuries.

A complete copy of this report is available on the City’s website.

4.2 Public Works Report

Public Works Director, Mike Allen, presented the public works report for the month of January. He reported that there is ongoing asphalt maintenance, pothole and sign repairs, and winter related items taking place. Mr. Allen reported that the new signal detection system on 1300 East and Union Park is working well. Surrounding businesses have been notified of the incoming gas line project along 1300 east. Mr. Allen stated that the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center has done a good job of keeping up with snow removal on local trails and sidewalks.

City Engineer, Brad Gilson, discussed road improvements on Bengal Boulevard, which included restoring pavement life, improving safety, increasing the level of service, the correction of storm drain deficiencies, neighborhood beautification, and sidewalk connectivity improvements. A summary of proposed project options was presented in ranking order of importance including proposed costs. Proposed were chip seal and overlay at a cost of $584,000. A proposed roundabout totaled $410,000. Small roadway projects for a total of $179,000. Slope stabilization costs totaled $112,000. A landscaping project was projected at $95,000. Sidewalk extensions with storm drains were proposed at $527,500 and adding a 4th leg traffic signal was proposed at $62,500.

Mayor Cullimore understands the benefits of a roundabout, but questions the need at a cost of $465,000.

Councilmember Tyler stated that a roundabout may provide improvements with regard to safety, but a sidewalk would accomplish the same thing. Details of an overlay versus completely redoing Bengal Boulevard were discussed.

Mr. Allen recommends reevaluating the road base and fine tuning details in order to return with all of the information regarding the road structure.

It was the consensus of the Council that the sidewalk project and improving safety be given precedence over the proposed roundabout.

A complete copy of this report is available on the City’s website.
5.0  ACTION ITEMS

5.1  Consideration of Ordinance No. 216 Adopting an Amended Budget for the Period of 1 July 2013 Through 30 June 2014

5.1.2  MOTION: Councilman Bracken moved to approve Ordinance No. 216. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and pass unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.2  Consideration of Resolution No. 2014-07 Approving a Federal Aid Agreement for Construction of the Highland Drive/Fort Union Intersection

5.2.1  Mayor Cullimore explained the proposed ordinance and stated that the City applied for federal funding six years ago for a project to widen and expand the intersection at Fort Union Boulevard and Highland Drive for traffic improvements. The project was to be completed this year, but was delayed due to the replacement of steels power poles and finding a manufacturer of the poles located in the United States which is required when using federal funding under the Buy American Act. If the expansion goes through as proposed, there will be dual turn lanes in each direction.

5.2.2  MOTION: Councilman Shelton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-07. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

6.0  CONSENT CALENDAR

6.1  Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2014

6.1.1  The minutes stood approved.

7.0  ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING AND RECONVENE WORK SESSION IN ROOM 250

7.1  MOTION: Councilman Tyler moved to adjourn and reconvene the work meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The business meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 02/25/2014