MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED AT 2277 EAST BENGAL
BOULEVARD, COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, UTAH

Members Present:  Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Bracken, Councilman Tee Tyler, Councilman Mike Peterson

Staff Present:  Assistant City Manager Bryce Haderlie, City Attorney Shane Topham, Finance Director Dean Lundell, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Watson, Police Chief Robby Russo, Community Development Director Brian Berndt, City Recorder Paula Melgar, Finance Director Dean Lundell, Public Works Director Matt Shipp

Excused:  Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Councilman Mike Shelton, City Manager John Park

1.0 WELCOME

1.1 Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Bracken called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tyler.

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

2.1 Cottonwood Heights First Beautification Awards.

2.1.1 Mayor Pro Tem Bracken stated that several properties have been nominated throughout the City that beautify neighborhoods in the community in various ways. Those nominated in each District were scored. Presentations given on each nominee along with a commercial property selected by Mayor Cullimore. As the City Councilman for District 2, Mayor Pro Tem Bracken presented an award to Jerry and Alice Christensen.

2.1.2 Councilman Tyler reported that District 4 received the most nominations with 12. The Orton family home is located at 8830 South Grand Oak Drive. The Orton’s home was selected and commended for its beautiful yard.

2.1.3 Councilman Peterson reported that District 3 received 11 nominations. A committee evaluated the nominations independently and compiled a score sheet. Councilman Peterson reported that the Burns family who resides at 2579 East Sundown Avenue, was the recipient of the award with their unique and beautiful landscaping.

2.1.4 Mayor Pro Tem Bracken reported that the District 1 selection goes to the Smart home located at 1836 Moore Crest Court.

2.1.5 The commercial property selected was the Market Street Grill, which and is set in a gorgeous location overlooking the river. The tremendous work and time spent there was acknowledged. A representative of the Market Street Grill expressed gratitude for the award and was thankful to be a part of the community.
3.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

3.1 Nancy Hardy commented that on Twitter Cottonwood Heights announced that they are inviting citizen comments on the ADU proposal. She was interested in hearing those comments and asked where they will be posted or made available. Ms. Hardy also suggested there be a town hall forum regarding this issue.

3.2 Mayor Pro Tem Bracken was unaware whether the comments were being collected specifically to be posted, but confirmed that there has been some discussion on the City’s Facebook page. Community Development Director, Brian Berndt, confirmed that comments received are sent to the Planning Commission for consideration and are a part of the public record.

3.3 Jerry Christensen thanked the City for allowing them to host their Special Needs Leadership Activity. He reported that they have an activity every Thursday night for special needs individuals. Mr. Christensen was recently appointed Chair of the Legacy Committee at Brighton High School, which will be celebrating their 50th year. He asked for the City’s help getting the word out.

3.4 Andrew Day identified himself as the developer of Pheasant Wood Estates and has had a water problem with the waterway from the end of their private road to Siesta going north. Mr. Day explained that it floods whenever he or his neighbor water. $250,000 was spent constructing a complete storm drain system back in 1995. He asked that the issue be addressed since the water builds up there like a reservoir. A neighboring homeowner planted trees directly on the property line. Mr. Christensen questioned whether there is a setback and if the neighbor is allowed to place them there. He also raised concern about a home being constructed on Keswick Road and commented that it has been a disaster for over two years. Chief Robby Russo confirmed that the matter was being investigated.

4.0 SPECIAL REPORT

4.1 Canyons School District Plan for a New Bond – Ms. Amber Shill

4.1.1 Mayor Pro Temp Bracken introduced the special report to be presented by Canyons School District Board Members Amber Shill, Nancy Tingey, and Superintendent Jim Briscoe.

4.1.2 Board Member Shill stated they are pleased to be able to report on the bond that will be on the ballots this year. Superintendent Briscoe thanked members of the school board for their passion and dedication and the City of Cottonwood Heights for their willingness to work on intergovernmental agreements and partnerships they have established. He reported that 1,200 citizens participated in a Dan Jones survey to determine the level of support and interest for a bond to bring buildings up to Code. Superintendent Briscoe reported that the Canyons School District was the first district formed in the last 100 years in the State of Utah. When that occurred, architects and engineers were hired to assess all of the buildings. They soon realized there is over $600 million worth of work to do. Knowing it was impossible to expect the community to bear that burden, they issued a $250 million bond in 2009, which passed. The District also used $80 million in reserves to assist with the completion of approximately 13
4.1.3 Superintendent Briscoe described the completed projects and stated that the board fulfilled their promise and stayed within their budget. They need approximately $283 million to complete the projects on their list that were established previously. They hope to continue their momentum and offer a 21st century education for students. A list of improvements was reviewed. It was reported that the bond payments will be issued over the course of several years rather than a lump sum and paid off over the course of 20 years. Superintendent Briscoe confirmed that they will be working closely with staff and the City Engineer to ensure the safety of the students.

4.1.4 Councilman Peterson confirmed that ballots will be mailed out by the County Clerk on October 15.

4.1.5 Mayor Pro Tem Bracken commended the Canyons School District for their ability to demonstrate to the citizens their effectiveness in the use of the funds. He appreciated the way they involved citizens from both Butler Middle School and Butler Elementary.

5.0 STANDING MONTHLY REPORTS


5.1.1 Finance Director, Dean Lundell, presented the Monthly Financial Report for August 2017 and stated that final sales tax distribution ended at just over $5.8 million, which is $140,000 over the original estimate. The Energy and Sales Use Tax came in $2,000 under budget. The City received its first Class C distribution, which was $10,000 above the previous year. Two months of expenditures were received and are slightly under budget. The General Fund balance was just over $3.8 million.

5.2 Unified Fire Report – Assistant Chief, Mike Watson.

5.2.1 Unified Fire Assistant Chief, Mike Watson, presented the Fire Report for the month of August 2017. He reported that Station 110 closed with 20 fire calls and 137 medical calls. Station 116 closed with 23 fire calls and 57 medical calls. Station 113, at the top of the canyon, received 13 calls of which Station 116 helped with two. Medical calls by type included falls, traffic accidents, and psych and behavioral calls. Station 110 received 52 Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls with 24 resulting transports. There were 85 Basic Life Support (BLS) calls with 31 transports. It was noted that Station 116 no longer has residual data. The safety message included checking the expiration dates on the actual smoke alarm and having a fire extinguisher at least in the kitchen and suggested caution in overloading sockets and cords as activities move indoors.
6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Consideration of Resolution Number 2017-56 Approving Purchases of High-Performance Road Salt from Specified Vendors.

6.1.1 Mayor Pro Tem Bracken reported that the above resolution approves the purchase of high-performance road salt for the upcoming season. Public Works Director, Matt Shipp, stated that it involves a bid for high-performance salt and ties down unit prices for the year.

6.1.2 MOTION: Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution 2017-56. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson. Vote on motion: Councilman Peterson-Aye, Councilman Tyler-Aye, Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

7.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

7.1 Approval of City Council Business Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2017. Also, Approval of City Council Work Session Minutes for September 12 and 19, 2017.

7.1.1 MOTION: Councilman Peterson moved to approve the City Council Business Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2017 and the City Council Work Session Minutes of September 12 and 19, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler. Vote on motion: Councilman Peterson-Aye, Councilman Tyler-Aye, Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

8.0 ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING AND RECONVENE WORK SESSION

8.1 MOTION: Councilman Tyler moved to adjourn the Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson. Vote on motion: Councilman Peterson-Aye, Councilman Tyler-Aye, Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

8.2 The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.
I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Cottonwood Heights City Council Business Meeting held Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

Teri Forbes
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Minutes Secretary

Minutes approved: November 14, 2017