

**MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL WORK ROOM LOCATED AT 2277 EAST BENGAL BOULEVARD,  
COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, UTAH**

**Members Present:** Mayor Mike Weichers, Council Member Scott Bracken, Council Member Shawn E. Newell, Council Member Matt Holton, Council Member Ellen Birrell

**Staff Present:** City Manager, Tim Tingey; Records, Culture, and Human Resources Director, Paula Melgar; Culture Manager, Ann Eatchel; Community and Economic Development Director, Michael Johnson; Police Chief, Robby Russo; Assistant Police Chief, Paul Brenneman, Administrative and Financial Services Director, Scott Jorges; Systems Administrator, Alex Earl; UFA Assistant Chief, Riley Pilgrim; Public Works Director/City Engineer, Matt Shipp

**1. WELCOME – Mayor Weichers.**

Mayor Mike Weichers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed those present.

**2. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – Mayor Mike Weichers.**

The Business Meeting Agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

City Manager, Tim Tingey reported that Resolution 2023-41 involves consideration of the appointment of Cheryl Glenn to serve on the Arts Council. Ms. Glenn has been involved in pottery and ceramics and is looking forward to serving. Staff recommended approval of the appointment.

Mr. Tingey reviewed Resolution 2023-42 involving consideration of an appointment to the Planning Commission. Five individuals were considered during the selection process with Daniel Poulson being selected for appointment. Mr. Poulson has an extensive background of service in the City and currently serves on several committees for Salt Lake County. He has a broad knowledge of land use. The vacancy comes with Commissioner Jesse Allen having fulfilled his two terms. Mr. Tingey commended him for his service. Staff recommended approval.

Council Member Birrell thanked Jesse Allen for serving two terms and for his time as Planning Commission Chair.

**3. COTTONWOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT REPORT – Mr. Greg Neff, General Manager/Engineer.**

Cottonwood Improvement District (“CID”) General Manager and Engineer, Greg Neff presented the District Report and stated that their singular charge is to collect and treat wastewater. The CID was established in 1955 and is an entity of the State of Utah. Service is provided to the majority of the cities of Cottonwood Heights, Murray, Sandy, Holladay, and Midvale with collections in

both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. 135,000 residents are served with 37,935 residential connections covering 22.5 square miles and seven million gallons per day. There is currently a monthly service charge of \$20 per resident with an annual budget of \$16 million. CID is a participant in the Central Water Reclamation Facility, which treats 60 million gallons of wastewater per day. It is currently undergoing a \$450 million rebuild. The main factor driving the upgrade is the Technology-Based Phosphorous Affluent Limit Rule which requires all entities in the State to meet a one-part per million phosphorous limit.

Mr. Neff reported that issues facing the District include the following:

- Aging infrastructure;
- Provide capacity for new development and rezoning, and redevelopment;
- Meeting treatment limits;
- Rapidly escalating construction costs; and
- Funding.

There are 11 Capital Improvement Projects where pipes are not large enough to serve anticipated development. A project rendering was displayed. Mr. Neff reported that they did not anticipate major work on the collection system until 2040 and continue to provide regular maintenance. They work on having a reserve but expect it to be depleted with the construction of Central Valley and Capital Improvement Projects. The \$28 million in anticipated costs include Capital Improvement Projects focused on capacity, rehabilitation, line replacement, and the Central Valley construction.

Mayor Weichers asked if there are specific obstacles when dealing with infrastructure in new development that impedes their progress. Mr. Neff stated that the permitting process tends to slow down progress but they have not experienced many roadblocks.

Council Member Newell noted that the CID website lists items not to flush and questioned the impact on the work being performed. Mr. Neff stated that items that should not enter the system may lead to overflows, basement backups, problems at the treatment plant, and pump stations. Stations are cleaned frequently to avoid backups with additional maintenance required at the treatment plant.

Council Member Bracken asked which intense user creates a bigger impact on the overall system. Mr. Neff reported that restaurants create a larger impact due to low wastewater strength with a large number of contaminants. They are followed by high-density housing developments.

#### **4. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Wasatch Boulevard Traffic Mitigation Discussion – City Manager, Tim Tingey; Police Chief, Robby Russo; and Public Works Director/City Engineer, Matt Shipp.**

Mr. Tingey presented the Wasatch Boulevard Traffic Mitigation Discussion and stated that it is a follow-up to an email sent by Council Member Birrell to the City Council. Coordination meetings

occurred with a variety of entities and included representatives from Cottonwood Heights, Sandy City, the Utah Department of Transportation (“UDOT”), the ski resorts, Salt Lake County, the Utah Highway Patrol, and the Unified Police Department (“UPD”). Different traffic mitigation options were considered which prompted Sandy City to make adjustments that had a direct impact on Cottonwood Heights. Conversations with those entities were ongoing with a focus to enhance communication with UDOT, looking into possible signage to mitigate the impact and additional coordination efforts.

Mr. Tingey reported on the following three times of focus:

- Enhanced improvements to roads that would include concrete islands at the base of Big Cottonwood Canyon, Fort Union Boulevard, and Wasatch Boulevard. This is an investment Cottonwood Heights would need to make in coordination with UDOT;
- Law Enforcement options; and
- Coordination efforts.

Police Chief, Robby Russo reported that law enforcement mitigation options would work in tandem with other options presented. The proposed island would assist in the prevention of intersection blockage during snow days. This currently requires officer enforcement and poses a staffing issue. The need for dedicated traffic officers was emphasized. With upcoming changes to the UPD and Salt Lake County Sheriff’s Department, he was unsure of the number of officers who would be present since the area is under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff’s Department. He explained that when traffic concerns arise within the City the same dedicated officers will be available to address the issues and ensure the safety of residents.

Council Member Birrell asked if calls for service are broken down related to speed or if they involve motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. She stressed the need for speed mitigation to ensure the safety of City residents. With a posted speed limit of 50 MPH along Wasatch Boulevard, she felt that most motorists believe they can drive 60 MPH. Chief Russo confirmed that data was available but retrieval is labor intensive.

Mayor Weichers reported that in considering the need for additional police officers, the City will require the State, County, and Sheriff’s Department to participate in the cost with an Enforcement Division. The anticipated cost is \$300,000 and he has had discussions with the UDOT Executive Director. Discussions will continue to eliminate the entire burden from being placed on Cottonwood Heights. Allocation issues were discussed.

Public Works Director, Matt Shipp stated that the proposed cost of the island to be placed along Wasatch and Fort Union Boulevards was estimated to cost \$30,000 to \$35,000. The island to be located at Racquet Club Drive and Wasatch Boulevard was estimated to cost \$15,000. He noted that they have seen driver behavior change as a result of the candlestick poles.

Mr. Tingey requested Council direction on the pursuit of expenses for a budget amendment.

**b. Sensitive Lands Evaluation and Development Standards (“SLEDS”) Ordinance Update – Community and Economic Development Director, Michael Johnson.**

Community and Economic Development Director, Michael Johnson presented the Sensitive Lands Evaluation and Development Standards (“SLEDS”) Ordinance update and reported that Staff is working diligently to complete a finalized draft version. The SLEDS Ordinance has been ongoing since 2019 and they have consulted with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), The Army Corp of Engineers, the U.S. Forest Service, the Utah Geologic Survey, Salt Lake County Flood Control, and various fault experts. Discussion with the Planning Commission began in 2022 and they continued to make adjustments to the Riparian Protection Standards, which were presented at the Town Hall Meeting held in February 2023. The draft has remained largely unchanged with the following adjustments having been made:

- Staff clarified the review procedure language based on public input;
- Updated Riparian Protection Standards;
- Changed previous requirements to recommendations as they relate to the maintenance of the property;
- Focused on the strictest standards to new larger scale type development; and
- Clarified Slope Disturbance Section of the Ordinance pertaining to the definition of Wasatch Boulevard.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the various sections within the SLEDS Ordinance as follows:

Scope and Application

- All language contained in this section was moved to another section or deleted. The ability of the Community and Economic Development Director to declare that a proposed development area does not qualify as sensitive lands has been removed and will become part of the Development Review Committee's (“DRC”) typical review.
- Definitions were clarified throughout. City, Staff, or an approving body within the City has been clarified to ensure that it is the DRC.
- A clarifying provision was added specifying that DRC membership is reviewed and approved annually by the City Council.

Applicability

- Clarifies that the sensitive lands requirements apply to all lands located in Cottonwood Heights that contain or potentially contain a regulated hazard.
- Added clarification to IBC Risk Category III and IV buildings. These include buildings that represent a substantial hazard to human life in the event of failure (schools, utility stations, hospitals, fire, and police stations, high-occupancy buildings, etc.)

### Development Standards and Controls

- Clarification to Slopes;
- Definition of Wasatch Boulevard; and
- Require that SLEDS restrictions be noted and recorded on Subdivision Plats.

### Procedure and Preliminary Activity

- The current proposed Ordinance eliminates proposed changes and utilizes existing Procedure language;
- Scoping Study to conceptual proposal/permit request to preliminary proposal to final approval; and
- Include detailed requirements for Scoping Meetings, Disturbance Permits, Conceptual Plans, Survey/Staking/Bond requirements, Reclamation Plans, etc.

### Geologic Hazard Study Area Maps

- Clarification that City maps contain the official hazard study areas but that additional areas include those designated by Utah Geological Survey (“UGS”) or where hazards are otherwise observed or suspected.
- The proposed ordinance also includes an updated City Hazard Map.

Mr. Johnson noted that the expanded areas of the City Hazard Map do not pertain to or are specific to the Riparian Protection Hazard. Map details were reviewed. The appendices are very detailed with regard to how to prepare a Fault Study or Steep Slope Study. The following hazards are included:

- Fault Hazards;
- Surface Fault Rupture Studies;
- Slope Stability Analysis;
- Liquefaction Studies;
- Debris Flow Hazard Studies;
- Rockfall Hazard Studies;
- Groundwater Source Protection;
- Foundation Observation Standards; and
- Riparian Corridor and Water Shed Protections.

Mr. Johnson reported that Staff recommended establishing a minimum setback of 20 feet for single-family residents from any fault line. In response to a question regarding remodels, he confirmed that interior construction and renovations are allowed. Exterior remodels and construction, when feasible, would be required to trench where the addition will be located. Staff was working diligently to provide a finalized draft to the City website.

c. **Vigilant Solutions License Plate Reader System Discussion – Police Chief, Robby Russo.**

Mr. Tingey introduced the Vigilant Solutions License Plate Reader System discussion and stated that the matter was presented previously by the Flock Safety System. At that time, Staff recognized that a procurement process would be needed to evaluate the best solution. The City allocated funding for this type of solution and has since determined that Vigilant Solutions is a better option.

Chief Russo reported that Vigilant Solutions and the Flock Safety System are competitors and after further evaluation, they determined that Vigilant Solutions is a much larger company with additional resources offered at a lower cost. The City allocated \$20,000 to this type of program which would allow for the purchase of five cameras. Vigilant Solutions offers unique options with private vehicles that take and store photos of license plates. They have a mobile app that can be supplied to Neighborhood Watch Programs or property owners. The mobile app does not allow access to the system but would enable the property owner to scan the parking lot and input that information into the system should the need arise. He confirmed that several local municipalities use the Vigilant System. Salt Lake City currently utilizes both with plans to switch exclusively to Vigilant. Subscription details were discussed.

d. **Big Cottonwood Canyon Road Rezone Discussion – Community and Economic Development Director, Michael Johnson.**

Mr. Johnson introduced the Big Cottonwood Canyon Road Rezone discussion. The subject property includes a 15-acre parcel located at 6851 South Big Cottonwood Canyon Road and includes the Old Mill Building. A map rendering was displayed. The rezone request pertains to a small area that may be seen from Big Cottonwood Canyon Road that measures just over three acres in size. The applicant is proposing a Rezone and Land Use Map Amendment with the intent of constructing single-family homes around the cul-de-sac. They have proposed to amend the zoning designation to R-1-8. The future land use in the General Plan for the area is mixed-use. Staff finds the request to be reasonable and recommended approval. The matter will return to the City Council once the Planning Commission conducts a public hearing and makes a formal recommendation.

Council Member Newell expressed appreciation to the Cottonwood Heights Police Department. A resident recently reported that an officer notified him that his car had been stolen and recovered overnight even before he woke up and realized it was gone.

5. **REVIEW OF CALENDARS AND UPCOMING EVENTS.**

- a. **July 27 through 29 – Cottonwood Heights Butlerville Days (Volunteers and Sponsors needed. For more information, visit [www.butlervilledays.com](http://www.butlervilledays.com) or call Ann Eatchel at 801-550-8225).**
- b. **August 12 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Autism Council of Utah “Lunch with the Cops” Event.**
- c. **August 14 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Meet the Candidates Event in the City Hall Community Room.**

- d. August 26 – 9:30 a.m. to noon – Bark in the Park at Mountview Park.
- e. August 31 – 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Community Block Party at City Hall – (Tentative time).

6. POSSIBLE CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS LITIGATION, PROPERTY ACQUISITION, AND/OR THE CHARACTER AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

There was no Closed Meeting.

7. ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION.

**MOTION:** Council Member Holton moved to ADJOURN the City Council Work Session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Newell. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The Work Session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY (“CDRA”) MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 2277 EAST BENGAL BOULEVARD, COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, UTAH**

**Members Present:** Board Chair Mike Weichers, Board Member Scott Bracken, Board Member Shawn E. Newell, Board Member Matt Holton, Board Member Ellen Birrell

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**1.0 WELCOME – Board Chair Mike Weichers.**

Board Chair Weichers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed those present.

**2.0 HILLSIDE CONSULTANT DISCUSSION – Community and Economic Development Director, Michael Johnson.**

Community and Economic Development Director, Michael Johnson presented an overview of the Hillside Consultant selection process. He reported that grant funding was originally submitted to the Wasatch Front Regional Council (“WFRC”) in December 2022 during the due diligence period for the purchase of the Center. The City was awarded \$180,000 in grant funding from the WFRC Land Use Connection Fund at which time the Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the consultant selection process takes place. In working with the WFRC, the City established priorities they wish to see in the Master Plan for the Town Center. Mr. Johnson reported that when considering the scope of work that was publicized, the bid was put out through the WFRC and requested the following:

- A background analysis;
- Public input and meeting presentations;
- Development of a Steering Committee; and
- Clarified that there will be multiple City-wide public engagement opportunities.

The Consultant candidates were asked to present their ideas on the following priorities:

- Master Plan Compliance and Community Vision;
- Economic and Market Analysis;
- Construction Cost Analysis;
- Lease and Revenue Projections; and



- Final Master Site Plan that is graphicly rich and detailed.

Mr. Johnson explained that to qualify consultants must be listed as a WFRC Consultant. 11 consulting groups were invited to apply with four applications received from Design Workshop, GSVS, MGB+A, MHTN Architects, and Voda Landscape + Planning. A weighted selection criteria was developed with the project team being 40%, project approach at 50% with an emphasis on public outreach, market analysis, design, and graphic quality of their deliverable, and schedule at 10%. The selection process was reviewed. Based on the initial review, the two finalist groups selected were MGB+A, MHTN Architects, and Voda Landscape + Planning. Interviews were conducted the previous week with the preferred consulting group being finalized. An announcement was to be made upon final confirmation.

Mayor Weichers thanked the four consulting groups who submitted applications.

**3.0 HILLSIDE STEERING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – City Manager, Tim Tingey and Community and Economic Development Director, Michael Johnson.**

Mr. Johnson presented the Hillside Steering Committee selection and stated that best practices include the following:

- Establishment of a regular meeting schedule;
- Establishment of a clear committee role;
- Educate the Committee on the project scope and the desired outcome;
- Limit the makeup of the Steering Committee in size to a reasonable number;
- Geographically represent each Council District; and
- Ensure consistent participation and attendance.

Mr. Johnson believed it would be beneficial to formulate ideas of what the Steering Committee is and who could participate. He recommended hearing from the public engagement side of the consulting team and considering their recommendations. Mr. Tingey asked for direction from the Council on how the committee would be formulated. Once individuals are identified they will formalize the selection in a CDRA Meeting. The selection process was described.

Mayor Weichers stated it is the intent to have representation from the entire City. He suggested two member selections from each Council District.

Council Member Birrell stated that the Fort Union Boulevard Master Plan had a Steering Committee comprised of 42 residents. The final product was very representative of the residents. She supported this item having strong, diverse, resident input. It was her preference that the selection largely be based on the determination of the Council and recommended two resident representatives from each District.

Council Member Newell commented that he would not recommend more than nine people with the ninth being from District 3. It was his opinion that residents should be selected who have not

participated previously but are familiar with the process and have a desire to be productive participants.

Council Member Holton preferred to see diverse voices engaged in the process. He was open to the Council making recommendations to Staff or the Council making the final decision.

Council Member Bracken was in favor of appointing three representatives per District and having Staff vet potential committee members.

The selection process was discussed at length. Mr. Tingey believed that having 12 committee members was reasonable and that there may be value in selecting someone with experience in commercial or housing elements. Based on the input received, it was determined that Staff would review and shape the parameters and prepare a draft document regarding the makeup of the committee.

#### **4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The minutes of this meeting will be approved through the following process: The Agency's secretary promptly will circulate a draft copy of the minutes to the Board Members, who then will have three business days to provide any proposed corrections to the secretary. The secretary will then circulate a revised draft of the minutes to the Board members, and the same review process will continue until such time as no corrections to the draft minutes are received within the three business days review period, whereupon that draft of the minutes will be deemed approved and will become the final minutes of the meeting.*

#### **5.0 ADJOURN.**

**MOTION:** Board Member Birrell moved to ADJOURN the CDRA Meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Holton. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

The CDRA Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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**1.0 WELCOME**

Mayor Weichers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those present.

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge was led by Community and Economic Development Director, Michael Johnson.

**3.0 CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**3.1 Committee Reports by Council Member Scott Bracken.**

Council Member Bracken reported that very little has happened since the last meeting in terms of his assignments. The monthly Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center Meeting was postponed due to Butlerville Days. Tickets for the carnival are currently on sale. The inflatables will be free and be available Thursday through Saturday. There will be a Drone Show on Friday night and fireworks on Saturday.

In the fall, meetings will be held on the General Plan. There are many in his District who are interested in the SLEDS ordinance. He hoped it would be available for review fairly soon so that the Council can ensure that the adjustments were made. Council Member Bracken scheduled a Town Hall for next Tuesday night to get District 2 input on things that have taken place recently including the Record of Decision on the gondola, the Hillside Property purchase and vision, and Google Fiber. It will a Q&A type session. All interested were invited to attend.

**3.2 Committee Reports by Council Member Ellen Birrell.**

Council Member Birrell reported that one of her constituents, Barb Harmer has agreed to serve as a Captain for the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Committee. She noted that going forward every

park will be assigned a Captain. Ms. Harmer calls Council Member Birrell regularly to report on the park she has been assigned to and has also reported on other nearby parks she is concerned about.

Council Member Birrell recently introduced herself to the Manager of the Smith's Grocery Store on Bengal Boulevard and learned that they have been designated as one of many Smith's stores in Utah that offers a community program. The Assistant Manager welcomed ideas for how to make the store more community-oriented. A constituent, Ariella Gotlieb, sent Council Member Birrell a photo of an elderly man at a checkout stand at a grocery store in the Netherlands that offers a chat corner and someone to talk to during checkout for lonely elderly people. This was to be her first suggestion to the Smith's management .

Council Member Birrell commented on the Record of Decision that UDOT introduced last week that particularly affects the residents of District 4. There were no surprises although staff was poring over the entirety of the Record of Decision. She stated that they are on track to support the implementation of practical solutions over the next 15 years and build the gondola as part of Phase 3 from 2040 through 2050. They continue to meet with UDOT monthly and work to get the design elements that they want to see within the Wasatch Boulevard expansion.

### **3.3 Committee Reports by Council Member Matt Holton.**

Council Member Holton reported on Crestwood Park and stated that the County distributed a survey to get feedback. Over the next few weeks they will provide options for what they would like to do with and without the pool. The open space will remain and be maintained if not improved. The question was whether the pool will remain. He will make sure people have an opportunity to give feedback as the options present themselves.

Council Member Holton attended his first Mosquito Abatement Meeting recently and found it fascinating. They discussed technologies they want to implement and he suggested that there be proper education, communication, and Personal Relations program in place since some of the methodologies they want to use look somewhat like fogging machines. Many may be concerned with what it looks like. There was discussion about funding. There has not been an increase in the assessment in over 10 years and it was something they are discussing. He will understand the situation thoroughly before supporting any increases that would impact the residents of Cottonwood Heights.

### **3.3 Committee Reports by Council Member Shawn Newell.**

Council Member Newell has been working on an initiative involving safety on residential streets. He has met with small groups of residents to find out what their concerns are and ideas around the mitigation of the fear of speeding vehicles and the number of vehicles on the road. Staff has helped him navigate the space so that they can create opportunities for citizens to have input on how their neighborhoods are formulated around traffic. It has been great to meet new residents and serve in that capacity.

Council Member Newell also works in Emergency Management. As of July 10, Mayor Wilson announced that the threat of flooding is over. There were no devastating incidents which was fortunate. The collection of sandbags was discussed. Crestwood Park has shut down sandbag collection and this week the Public Works Department will collect sandbags, which can be taken to the LDS Church on Creek Road and 2100 East and at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. This provides an opportunity for people with unused sandbags to bring them back.

Council Member Newell reported on the trails at Crestwood Park. The Unified Fire Authority (“UFA”) assisted in getting wildland fire crews to expand the trail system. The before and after satellite photos were phenomenal. It will help with the mitigation of some of the brush that accumulated over the winter.

Council Member Newell attended the recent Arts Council production of *Guys and Dolls* and it was wonderful to see the talents of citizens in the community.

### **3.4 Committee Reports by Mayor Weichers.**

Mayor Weichers thanked the Council for their efforts. They are devoted to the City and do their best to improve the community.

During the CDRA meeting there was discussion of a Steering Committee to be created for the Hillside Plaza Redevelopment Project that the City now owns and will be directing. In going through the process they got serious about acquiring the property and involving the community. They want input from the community to shape and form what takes place there. The Steering Committee will involve residents from each district. He commented that one of the most important aspects of the Hillside Plaza Project is creating space where community wants to gather. He echoed Council Member Newell’s comment about the Arts Council and thanked them for their efforts. He received multiple comments on how impressed many were by the recent play. He stated that there are amazingly talented people in the City, which was remarkable to see.

### **4.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Blake Birrell* asked if taxpayer funds are to be used for the protection of public health and safety. He stated that asphalt warms solar temperatures, wide asphalt roads lead to speeding, and speeding vehicles kill and injure other motorists as well as those who walk, ride their bikes, and skateboarders. He asked why the City keeps widening roads in residential areas and questioned whether the best place for fast-moving vehicles is on interstates and highways. Vehicles Miles Traveled (“VMT”) is lowered when more people walk, ride, or use transit. He believed that roadways are fast, noisy, and create dangerous situations. He asked why his future is being compromised to save a driver a few minutes in their commute. There should be first-class transit in the valley and everyone is safer when speeds are reduced.

*Jackie Hibbert* was present representing the Homeowners Association (“HOA”) of Old Mill Estates. She expressed concern with the proposed developments and wished to be part of the discussions. The HOA is in full support of the Doug Shelby property and the R-1-8 Zoning. She lives in close proximity to the Creek and wants to ensure that it remains pristine. She asked the

City to be thoughtful in future planning. She appreciated the diligence of the Police Department in enforcing parking along the street at the nearby bar and encouraged the Council to remain thoughtful when considering gravel pit proposals. She was excited about the Hillside Plaza Development and thanked those involved.

*Jen Cottam* believed it is important to have a diverse perspective when selecting the Hillside Plaza Steering Committee and offered her help and support.

There were no further public comments. The citizen comment period was closed.

## **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **5.1 Consideration of Resolution 2023-41 Approving an Appointment to the Arts Council.**

Mayor Weichers stated that the above item involves consideration of Resolution 2023-41 – Approving the Appointment of Cheryl Glenn to the Arts Council.

Council Member Bracken stated that the Arts Council is involved in many amazing events and he believed that their monthly show is one of the best reasons to visit City Hall.

Council Member Holton reported that he auditioned for community theater when he was young and it helped him overcome shyness. He appreciated the involvement of the Arts Council in the community.

Council Member Birrell understood that Ms. Glenn has a background in ceramics and is a firm believer in supporting public schools. She looked forward to her sharing her talents with the City and appreciated that field of work.

**MOTION:** Council Member Newell moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-41. The motion was seconded by Council Member Holton. Vote on motion: Council Member Bracken-Aye, Council Member Holton-Aye, Council Member Newell-Aye, Council Member Birrell-Aye, Mayor Mike Weichers-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

### **5.2 Consideration of Resolution 2023-42 Approving an Appointment to the Planning Commission.**

Mayor Weichers reported that the above item involves consideration of Resolution 2023-42 – Approving the Appointment of Daniel Poulson to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Birrell was familiar with Mr. Poulson and his wife, Marie. Both give much of their time and effort to the community. She supported the appointment.

**MOTION:** Council Member Bracken moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-42. The motion was seconded by Council Member Birrell. Vote on motion: Council Member Bracken-Aye,

Council Member Holton-Aye, Council Member Newell-Aye, Council Member Birrell-Aye, Mayor Mike Weichers-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

**6.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6.1 Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Work Session and City Council Business Meeting of June 20, 2023.**

There were no minutes to approve.

**7.0 ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Holton moved to ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Council Member Birrell. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Cottonwood Heights City Council Work Session, CDRA Meeting, and Business Meeting held Tuesday, July 18, 2023.*

Teri Forbes

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Minutes Approved: August 1, 2023