

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 22, 2006, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Councilman Don Antczak, Councilman Scott Bracken, Councilman Bruce Jones, Councilman Gordon Thomas

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Liane Stillman, City Attorney Shane Topham, City Recorder Linda Dunlavy, Assistant City Manager Kevin Smith, Finance Director David Muir, Planning Director Michael Black, City Treasurer Gary Harmer

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry & Bev Jensen, Ty Terry, Thomas Wusson, Bob Good, James Palmer, Jim Bacon, Tod Young, Ron Fullmer, Paul Benneman, Mike Watson

1.0 **WELCOME/PLEDGE**

1.1 Mayor Cullimore opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Bruce Jones.

2.0 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

2.1 Ron Fullmer, said he listened to the training that was held last week on conflict of interest and sexual harassment. He said that the EEOC has a section called "Compassionate Consideration". Mr. Fullmer distributed a study which states that you need eight to ten hugs a day to survive. He believes the City has passed too stringent of an ordinance and that the action needs to be reconsidered to allow for impromptu considerations that arise. He also asked the Council to be equitable on 1495 East intersection issue.

2.2 Robert Shannon, said that two weeks ago he presented a letter to Michael Black to be read at the Planning Commission meeting regarding the building of a 'monster house' next door to his residence. He requested a moratorium until a solution could be agreed upon, but the Planning Commission did not see the urgency to act on Mr. Shannon's request at that time. Mr. Shannon pointed out that once the building permit is issued the neighborhood will be changed forever. Other cities have implemented restrictions on this type of building in existing neighborhoods.

Mr. Black said that this was discussed at a City Council work session and those comments were relayed to Mr. Shannon. The Council believes that this needs to be reviewed and researched. No applications have been received at this time and no lot lines have been removed.

The Council asked that this item be reviewed and discussed at an upcoming City Council meeting and that Staff research what other cities are doing regarding this issue.

3.0 **REPORTS**

3.1 **Proposed Granite Township – Tod Young**

3.1.1 Tod Young, Granite Community Council, stated that Granite has submitted a letter to Salt Lake County requesting that Granite be designated as a township. It has been legally noticed and scheduled for a public hearing before the Salt Lake County Council to be held August 29, 2006.

Mr. Young distributed letters to the Council explaining how the residents feel about Granite becoming a township. He said that the main issue motivating the formation of the township is the control of land use planning and zoning.

- 3.1.2 Mayor Cullimore said the City is not opposed to the township, but he and members of the Council have been contacted by residents bordering the City about annexation procedures. Those people would be prohibited from annexing into Cottonwood Heights if the township status is granted.

Mr. Young said that if residents in Granite have a problem with the County's zoning ordinances, and believe the City's ordinances would permit them to do something that the County would not permit, he is concerned.

Mayor Cullimore said that he believes some of the people are looking at the City services that would be provided to them as a benefit. However, he pointed out that one development, Granite Oaks, elected to stay in the unincorporated county because they felt that working with the County Planning Commission would be more advantageous than the city planning commission.

- 3.1.3 Mr. Young said that August 29, 2006, is a discussion hearing and the decision hearing has not yet been scheduled. Mr. Young further indicated that Granite will not ask for their own Planning Commission because they do not have enough interested residents to staff it. They will instead rely on the County Planning Commission at this time, which includes a representative from the Granite area.

3.2 Unified Fire Authority Report – Chief Watson

a. Post Incident Analysis on Little Cottonwood Park Fire

- 3.2.1 Chief Watson read the post incident analysis and time line. (see attached).
- 3.2.2 Chief Watson said that the gulley provides unique challenges for the fire department. He explained that a new protocol has been adopted that always puts an engine at the top of the North rim anytime a fire is called in for the gulley. It is not formally in effect until there have been changes made with VECC. However, operationally, sending a unit to the north rim will be implemented now.
- 3.2.3 Mayor Cullimore said that it is difficult to know where to put a unit if there is a fire in the gulley because of the wind direction at any given time, but if there is a unit in the gulley the structures to the south, east and west can be protected.
- 3.2.4 Chief Watson said that the urban interface area needs to be treated more like wildland areas. Someone on the north rim would help the other units know which direction the fire is going and help them to be more proactive with sending resources.
- 3.2.5 Councilman Jones commended the UFA, noting that the report is well done and acknowledges what could have been done better and what changes will be implemented.

b. Monthly Fire Report

- 3.2.6 Assistant Chief Mike Watson presented the July 2006 run data. There were 174 medical calls this July compared to 176 last year; and 121 fire calls compared to 118 calls last year. Chief Watson reviewed the safety message for July. He said that fire danger is still very high in Utah and recently a firefighter lost his life due to changing winds. In 2005 there were 87 firefighter deaths and the number one killer was in the wildland industry followed by residential structure fires, and then commercial fires.

He reminded residents that school is back in session and to be mindful of children on their way to school.

- 3.2.7 Chief Watson reviewed the customer service message for Station 110 and Station 116.
- 3.2.8 Mayor Cullimore said that the City held a meeting with the County Parks and Recreation and a plan is being formulated to address protocol for wilderness-type parks and how they will handle interface issues with the surrounding urban areas. The reseeding project will be done in October and over the winter several hearings will be held to receive input on the plan being formulated with the County.

3.3 **July Financial Report – David Muir**

- 3.3.1 Finance Director David Muir presented the July Financial Report. Mr. Muir explained that the report is for the first month of the new year and everything is within budget. He noted that he recently attended training on purchase orders and encumbrances.

Mayor Cullimore recognized representatives of the Jordan School District, Mr. Tom Hicks, Brighton Feeder System Executive Director; and Ann Forbush, a member of the Board of Education.

4.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

4.1 **Approval of August 8, 2006**

- 4.1.1 The minutes were approved as amended.

5.0 **ADJOURN**

- 5.1 Councilman Antczak moved to adjourn the Business Meeting and reconvene the Work Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved: 09-12-06

Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr., Mayor

Don Antczak, Councilman

Scott Bracken, Councilman

Bruce Jones, Councilman

Gordon Thomas, Councilman