

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 27, 2005, AT 7:20 P.M.,
IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

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

EXCUSED: Councilman Bruce Jones

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Liane Stillman, City Attorney Shane Topham, City Treasurer Gary Harmer, Director of Finance David Muir, Community Development Director Kevin Smith, City Recorder Linda Dunlavy, Planning Intern Glen Symes

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Bowen, Jim Keane, Ron Fullmer, Mike Watson, Robby Russo, Corbett Ford, Don Machin

1.0 **WELCOME**

1.1 Mayor Cullimore opened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

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2.0 **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

2.1 **Unified Fire Report**

2.1.1 Battalion Chief Watson reviewed the November 2005 Fire Report noting that there were 62 fire runs compared to 75 runs in October. There were 169 medical runs compared to 177 in October.

Chief Watson encouraged residents to have furnaces cleaned and inspected by a factory-authorized service representative so that it furnaces will have a green sticker. This will be a requirement by the winter of 2008. He also reminded residents not to leave fire places unattended. He reviewed roll-over accidents, a house fire on Stone Road, and the extrication of a 17-year old on Oak Creek Drive.

Seven new recruits were graduated from the Recruit Candidate Academy at Utah Fire and Rescue Academy. This is the first time UFA has participated in this manner. In the past UFA has taught its own recruit camps or done a valley-wide effort. He stated that they are satisfied with UFRA standards and products.

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2.1.2 Detective Ford commented that over the holiday weekend West Valley City had a homicide, and the individual that was killed, as well as the suspect, both lived in Cottonwood Heights, in separate residences within the last three months.

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3.0 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

3.1 Ron Fullmer asked if the law enforcement contract is still pending.

Mayor Cullimore explained that the contract was signed on December 13, 2005. The cost per officer is approximately \$121,000.

3.2 Don Machin asked if the contract includes liability costs.

Mayor Cullimore said that one of the reasons the City wanted the contract is because of the contractual limits on liability. The City is able to plan ahead and budget for its share of costs.

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

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4.1 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 30 Amending Title 8 of the Cottonwood Heights Code of Ordinance Relating to Animals**

4.1.1 City Attorney Shane Topham stated that the changes to Ordinance No. 30 have been made as directed by the Council.

4.1.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Thomas moved to adopt Ordinance No. 30 amending Title 8 of the Cottonwood Heights Code of Ordinances relating to animals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Mayor Cullimore noted that Councilman Jones is absent.

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4.3 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2005-70 approving a Nonbinding Letter of Intent for the Formation of the Unified Police District**

4.3.1 Mayor Cullimore explained that there was concern that not all entities were equally committed to the concept of the Unified Police District, and felt that since the Committee was to a point where specific policies and decisions were being made, they wanted the decisions made by people committed to participate in the formation of the District. The letter of intent is nonbinding, but acknowledges on the part of the cities that sign, that they intend to move forward in good faith and to participate in the formation of the Unified Police District.

4.3.2 Councilman Antczak asked where dispatch would be located.

Mayor Cullimore stated that no decision has been made. He said that there is a strong concern about going to VECC as the dispatching agency, and until issues are resolved the

UPD should either contract with the Sheriff, or provide the service and have the Sheriff contract with the UPD.

Councilman Antczak also said that the letter of intent indicates that “the terms and conditions will be determined by the organizing body” and questioned if those boards have been established.

Mayor Cullimore said the organizing board is composed of one authorized member from each of the entities and three from the County.

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4.3.3 Councilman Thomas expressed concern about paying the County back for assets.

Mayor Cullimore said that any entity that contributes assets to the entity as a whole will get credit.

4.3.4 **MOTION:** Councilman Antczak moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-70 approving a nonbinding letter of intent for the formation of the Unified Police District. The motion was seconded Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4.3.5 Ron Fullmer expressed concerns about the merit system and about dissolving the Sheriff’s Office as it currently exists. He said that the Committee should look at the Sheriff being the Chief of Police with a board of mayors to advise him.

Mayor Cullimore explained that the Sheriff will focus on his statutory authority.

4.3.6 Don Machin suggested that there be one police department, one fire department and one animal control agency under the County.

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4.2 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 32 Adopting a Capital Facilities Plan for Cottonwood Heights**

4.2.1 Community Development Director Kevin Smith suggested this item be placed on the next agenda and have the consultant respond to questions from the Mayor and Council.

4.2.2 Mayor Cullimore proposed that this item be placed on the January 10th work session agenda and asked that the Council forward any questions or comments to Kevin Smith so that the engineers will be prepared for the January 10th meeting.

4.2.3 **MOTION:** Councilman Thomas moved to postpone consideration of Ordinance No. 32 to a future date after the Council has had a chance to meet with the engineers to review the plan in detail. The motion was seconded by Councilman Antczak and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.0 **ADJOURN**

- 5.1 Councilman Thomas 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 8:25 p.m.

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