

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY,
MAY 25, 2010, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Thomas, Councilman Scott Bracken, Councilman Tee Tyler

Staff Present: City Manager Liane Stillman, Public Works Director Michael Allen, City Attorney Shane Topham, Director of Finance Steve Fawcett, Chief Robby Russo, Assistant Chief Mike Watson, Youth City Council Mayor Callie Thackery, Steve Hopkins, Ann Bracken, Dale Howells, Bobbie Fox, Mike Ridgeway

1.0 WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 1.1 Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Thomas opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those attending.
- 1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tyler.

2.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

- 2.1 Dale Howells reported that he suffered a heart attack last December and commended the Fire Department for their efforts. He also reported that on several occasions property owners in his area have lost fences and mailboxes after being hit by cars. He expressed concern about speeding traffic and asked that city officials look into the situation. Mr. Howells stated that the incident described occurred at 2300 East 6500 South. Chief Robby Russo agreed to look into the matter.
- 2.2 Mike Ridgeway, a Tooele resident, was present to address a situation he hoped the council would look into. Mr. Ridgeway stated that he has been at the receiving end of numerous false accusations by the leadership of the Salt Lake County Republican Party. He claimed that Mr. Babka, who is the Sergeant of Arms for the County Party, arranged for Cottonwood Heights police officers to be present at Republican Party conventions. Mr. Ridgeway reported that Officers Ford and Bartlett were present at the Salt Lake County Republican Convention as well as two other officers from Cottonwood Heights who were present at the State convention. This year at the County convention, Mr. Ridgeway stated that he was confronted by officers and removed from the proceedings. At the time he was a candidate running for Congress against Congressman Bishop. Mr. Ridgeway stated that there is a long history of the Republican Party misusing law enforcement during conventions and causing difficulties for disadvantaged factions. Mr. Ridgeway asked that the city council keep the Cottonwood Heights police out of similar situations in the future.
- 2.3 Bobbi Fox, a Tooele resident, identified herself as the wife of Mike Ridgeway and stated that as a result of the incident he described, she filed a GRAMA request with the city. She pointed out that the Mayor was involved as well as the two officers mentioned. Ms. Fox stated that she was informed by the Chief of Police that her GRAMA request will not be fulfilled and that he authorized the police officers to be present that day.

3.0 **PUBLIC HEARING**

3.1 **Public Hearing to Receive Input on the Proposed Modifications to the Compensation Schedule for the Elective and Statutory Officers of the City of Cottonwood Heights.**

3.1.2 Mayor Pro Tem Thomas opened the public hearing. No public comments were made.

3.1.3 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

3.2.1 **Public Hearing to Receive Input on (a) the Proposed Amended Budget for Cottonwood Heights for the Period of 1 July 2009 through 30 June 2010; and (b) the Proposed Budget for Cottonwood Heights for the period of 1 July 2010 through 30 June 2011.**

3.2.1 Mayor Pro Tem Thomas opened the public hearing. No public comments were made.

3.2.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

3.2.3 It was noted that no tax or fee increases are proposed for the upcoming fiscal year.

4.0 **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 **Administration of Oath of Office to Cottonwood Heights Youth City Council Officers.**

4.1.1 City Recorder Linda Dunlavy administered the Oath of Office to the Youth City Council officers.

4.1.2 It was reported that the Youth City Council volunteers at various city events throughout the year. In addition, the knowledge and experience they gain becomes extremely valuable to them later in life.

4.2 **Standing Monthly Reports.**

4.2.1 **Finance Report.**

4.2.1.1 Director of Finance Steve Fawcett presented the April Finance Report. He explained that sales tax figures show that slightly more than what was budgeted will be received as a result of the budget being reduced mid-year. The year was expected to end with about a \$200,000 positive sales tax collection. Mr. Fawcett said he is comfortable that the fiscal year will end positively from a revenue standpoint.

Councilman Tyler asked about sales taxes, which appear to be trending downward. Mr. Fawcett stated that based on the current trend and historical information available, a better estimate can be provided. He noted that a budget of \$3.9 million was projected for next year, making it possible for the city to be under-projected for next year.

4.2.2 **Unified Fire Report – Assistant Chief Mike Watson.**

4.2.2.1 Assistant Chief Mike Watson presented the April 2010 Fire Report. The fire calls for April 2010 were up by four calls from the previous April. Medical calls increased by five calls from the

same month the previous year. Medical calls by type were reviewed with the largest category being Traffic Accidents at 21%; Falls at 15%; Other at 11% and Traumatic Injuries at 8%.

In reviewing ambulance transport statistics, Chief Watson said that Station 110 had 55 Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls resulting in 29 transports; and 29 Basic Life Support (BLS) calls with 10 transports. Combining the ALS and BLS calls, there were 84 calls with 39 transports. Station 116 received 40 Advanced Life Support calls with 24 transports and 19 Basic Life Support calls with 7 transports. In all, there were 59 total calls and 31 transports. For April the percentage of transports was higher at Station 116 than 110. It was clarified that Advanced Life Support is a much more serious call category.

Chief Watson reported on driveway backing accidents noting that the most recent data shows that there were 20 Utah children killed and more than 415 seriously injured between 1997 and 2003. In 2004, there were 10 children killed in Utah. He reported that every six days a child is injured in a driveway backing accident.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-30 Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Murray City for Infrastructure Repairs (Fort Union Blvd. Reconstruction – 2010).

5.1.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution Number 2010-30. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.2 Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-31 Urging Citizen Participation in the Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area Bond Election for Capital Improvements.

5.2.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to approve Resolution Number 2010-31. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.3 Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-32 Consenting to Appointments to the Planning Commission.

5.3.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution Number 2010-32. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.4 Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-33 Consenting to Appointments to the Board of Adjustment.

5.4.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to approve Resolution Number 2010-33. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.5 Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-34 Consenting to Appointments to the Cottonwood Heights Historic District.

5.5.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution Number 2010-34. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

- 5.6 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-35 Consenting to Appointments to the Architectural Review Commission.**
- 5.6.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to approve Resolution Number 2010-35. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 5.7 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-36 Consenting to Appointments to the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council.**
- 5.7.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution Number 2010-36. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 5.8 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-37 Approving the Acquisition of Property for a Trailhead and Bonneville Shoreline Trail Easement.**
- 5.8.1 Action on the above item was postponed.
- 6.0 **ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING AND RECONVENE WORK SESSION IN ROOM 250**
- 6.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The business meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.