

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 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, Deputy City Manager Kevin Smith, City Attorney Shane Topham, Police Chief Robby Russo, Public Information Specialist Bob Warnick, Assistant Chief Paul Brenneman, Sgt. Chris Gebhardt, Finance Director David Muir, City Treasurer Gary Harmer

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarika Khanwiler, Jeff Hatch, Marci Jensen, Susan Edwards, Kim Horiuchi, Kevin Cromar, Stephanie Archibald, Scout Troop 764, Jeremy Steed, Jeff Kafoosi

1.0 WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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 Mayor Cullimore

1.3 Mayor Cullimore introduced Sarika Kahnwilliker, representing the Youth City Council.

2.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

2.1 No comments were received.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

3.1 Presentation on County Auditor's Office

3.1.1 Jeff Hatch, Salt Lake County Auditor, reviewed the four divisions in the Auditor's office including accounting and operations; internal audit; management and budget; and tax. It is the responsibility of the auditor's office to provide financial analysis both internally and externally to legislators and other government agencies. The internal audit division ensures the money is spent the way it was intended. Performance audits are provided to organizations that need assistance in managing finances. The County recently evaluated animal services in helping them evaluate how they price their services and best meet the needs of the cities they serve. The tax division is responsible for setting the tax rates.

Mr. Hatch said that there has been concern over a small portion of Cottonwood Heights where individuals were in the Granite School District and found that they were responsible for Jordan School District debt. Mr. Hatch said the City's protest was

appropriate and he is hopeful the State Tax Commission sees that and the small area affected can be carved out into a separate tax district that would not be burdened with the school district debt repayment.

- 3.1.2 Mayor Cullimore said the City is asking the property owners in that area to give the city authorization to represent them with an appeal. He complimented Mr. Hatch on how helpful his office has been to the city.

3.2 **Canyons School District Presentation**

- 3.2.1 Susan Edwards, representing the Canyons School District, expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council and read the following letter into the public record:

“Dear Cottonwood Heights City Council and Mayor Cullimore: Canyons School District has at times experienced an uphill climb in the ramp-up to provide services. We couldn’t be more thankful for the support you gave us along the way, helping us to navigate some rocky roads and tight passages. We were thrilled to have you take part in our honor banquet, time capsule ceremony, and other celebrations. We especially enjoyed the mayor at our midnight bus party where he helped place ‘Canyons School District’ insignia on the first bus in the garage. We had a wonderful kick-off made all the better with your presence and your support. Thank you. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with you and of serving the children and families of our new community. Sincerely, Canyons Board of Education, Canyons Administration and Canyons Staff.”

- 3.2.2 Kim Horiuchi said that a call center was set up for the beginning of the school year. If anyone had questions or concerns, they received a ‘live’ person to answer and direct and was very positive and helpful. The call center received about 2700 calls the first week of school. Most calls were in regards to busing. It was a huge process to put the school district together and expectations were exceeded. Ms. Horiuchi feels that the district will be very successful.
- 3.2.3 Kevin Cromar said that the day was very historic. The first day Superintendent Doty was on a special education bus to help a girl get to Brighton High School which was a very personal touch. Mr. Cromar had the opportunity to visit each school in his precinct. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the support they have given.
- 3.2.4 City Manager Liane Stillman complimented Kim Horiuchi on the difference she has made. From the beginning of the City, Ms. Horiuchi called and encouraged the city to become better aware of the issues where the school district and the city had overlapping interests. One person that cares can make a difference.
- 3.2.5 Mayor Cullimore expressed support from the city and will do anything to help if asked.

Mayor Cullimore acknowledged Scout Troop 764 and scout leaders Jeff Kafoosi and Jeremy Steed.

3.3 **August Police Report**

- 3.3.1 Sgt. Gebhardt reviewed the police statistics for the month of August. Calls for service are up, in part due to the time of year. Response times are currently Crime was down in August with the exception of thefts. The City experienced its first homicide. The department received kudos from the district attorney on how it was handled. The calls and crimes were reviewed by district. Districts 1 and 3 had decreases and Districts 2 and 4 remained the same as the previous month. Sgt. Gebhardt noted that there were ten stolen vehicles in August, six of which were Hondas.

The detectives have been very busy and they are very productive and are one of the best groups in the County.

3.4 **Public Works Report**

- 3.4.1 Deputy City Manager Kevin Smith reviewed the status of the public works projects for August. The chip seal on Fort Union Blvd and Hollow Mill Drive has been completed. Other pavement work will take place in the spring. The pavement restoration using rejuvenators will be done the first part of September. Signal upgrades are being evaluated for the school zones. The city is working with the County on the installation of the new fiber lines to the signals and are looking at some school crossing flasher upgrades on Fort Union Blvd.

Mr. Smith reviewed the cross gutter replacement program and the storm drain mapping program. The mapping tool is being used, but a formal study will be done in the spring to map the lines and raise buried manholes.

A brief review of the contracted services was done including contracts with Salt Lake County for public works, trip hazard mitigation with Precision Concrete, landscape and facility maintenance with the Recreation Center and street sweeping with Taylorsville and Holladay.

- 3.4.2 Mayor Cullimore stated that residents in District 3 have expressed concern about the access onto Highland Drive from Rolling Knolls. They submitted proposed resolutions to the situation but have not received a response from the City.

Mr. Smith said he has met with the residents twice and will contact them. Several ideas were discussed and will be reviewed.

- 3.4.1 A complete copy of this report is available to the public.

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2009-53 Consenting to an Appointment to the Planning Commission**

4.1.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-53. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 **Approval of August 25, 2009 Minutes**

5.1.1 The minutes were approved as submitted.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

6.1 Councilman Thomas moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Antczak and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The business meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.