

1 **MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING**
2 **HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS**
3 **CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED AT 2277 EAST BENGAL**
4 **BOULEVARD, COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, UTAH**
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6 **Members Present:** Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Councilman Scott Bracken, Councilman Mike
7 Shelton, Councilman Tee Tyler
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9 **Staff Present:** City Manager John Park, Assistant City Manager Bryce Haderlie, City
10 Attorney Shane Topham, Finance Director Dean Lundell, Assistant Fire Chief
11 Mike Watson, Police Chief Robby Russo, Community Development Director
12 Brian Berndt, City Recorder Paula Melgar, Finance Director Dean Lundell,
13 Public Works Director Matt Shipp, Public Relations Specialist Dan Metcalf,
14 City Treasurer David Muir
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16 **1.0 WELCOME**
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18 1.1 Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
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20 1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Shelton.
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22 1.3 Councilman Bracken introduced Youth City Council Recorder, Emily Goodwater, who is a
23 student at Brighton High School.
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25 **2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**
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27 **2.1 Promotion of Sergeant Scott Ricks to Master Sergeant**
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29 2.1.1 Police Chief, Robby Russo, introduced New Master Sergeant, Scott Ricks, and commended
30 him for his efforts and willingness to take on additional responsibilities. Sergeant Ricks stated
31 that he loves what he does and feels honored to be a part of the Cottonwood Heights Police
32 Department. He appreciates the way Chief Russo runs the department and the way he treats
33 people. He was honored to be trusted with the added responsibility.
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35 2.1.2 Mayor Cullimore reported that Sergeant Ricks has proven himself to be very capable and has
36 been a great addition to the Cottonwood Heights Police Department, which he considered to
37 be the best in the State.
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39 **2.2 Presentation from the Government Finance Officers Association to Finance Director**
40 **Dean Lundell with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and to City Treasurer**
41 **David Muir with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.**
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43 2.2.1 Finance Director, Dean Lundell, introduced Paul Gerome who is a member of Government
44 Finance Officers of America (GFOA) Board and Eagle Mountain's Assistant City Manager.
45 Mr. Gerome reported that the first award to be presented was the Distinguished Budget Award,
46 which recognizes that the budget can be used by residents to see how budget funds are spent.
47 An organizational chart, strategic objectives, and financial goals of the City are also provided.
48 Mr. Lundell was presented with the award.

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2 2.2.1 Mr. Gerome next reported that the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial
3 Reporting (CAFR) Award takes the City’s financial statements a step further and includes
4 additional documentation. Both are an achievement and the City was commended for the
5 caliber of people they employ. This year’s CAFR Award was presented to City Treasurer,
6 Dave Muir.
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8 **3.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS**
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10 3.1 Nancy Hardy expressed concern about the benefits to the City from the
11 Accessory Dwelling Unit (“ADU”) ordinance if individuals are living in a basement or
12 detached home. She asked if these individuals will contribute to the tax base. She also asked
13 how the City plans to keep the R-1 zone as single-family zone when more than one family
14 would be allowed to live in a single residence. She questioned whether there is a limit on how
15 many families or people the City would allow to live in an ADU. She suggested the gravel
16 pit be utilized as a location for affordable housing. Mayor Cullimore encouraged Ms. Hardy
17 to meet with the Planning Commission and staff who can better answer her specific questions.
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19 3.2 Tim Hallbeck expressed concern with an increase in the number of homeless people in the
20 City. He asked if the Council had contacted The Road Home shelter. Mayor Cullimore
21 confirmed that those being housed at Hawthorne have been relocated.
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23 3.3 Eric Kraan asked if there had been any progress with UDOT regarding the High-T Intersection
24 concerns. He believed the City should be more walkable and bikeable. He explained that
25 many want to maintain the character of the City and do not want high density, changes to the
26 zoning, or more PUDs. The Bicycle Master Plan was reviewed. Mr. Kraan was of the opinion
27 that the emphasis should be to improve travel corridors, including Wasatch Boulevard.
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29 3.4 Aaron Thompson, a resident in the Wasatch Blvd area, addressed the various UDOT projects
30 and stated that they are moving forward. Safety issues pertaining to biking interconnectivity
31 were of concern. Mr. Thompson, however, did not believe UDOT would create an unsafe
32 plan. Mr. Thompson commented that what needs to occur is exactly what UDOT
33 recommended and suggested the concerns of Mr. Kraan were motivated to generate interest
34 in his candidacy for city council.
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36 3.5 Gary McGee commented that construction on the High-T is to begin on August 21 and there
37 is a lot of concern about safety. Mayor Cullimore confirmed that construction was supposed
38 to have started the previous day and is moving forward.
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40 3.6 Linda Brooks, a King Hills Circle resident, expressed concern with access to her
41 neighborhood. She stated that for motorists traveling south out of the subdivision to Wasatch
42 Boulevard, the only access occurs when the light that is proposed to be removed as part of the
43 High T intersection stops traffic creating a gap for intersecting traffic to maneuver. If they
44 intend to remove the light and traffic is coming from the south in a continuous flow, they will
45 not be able to gain access to Wasatch from the side streets. She expressed opposition to the
46 plan.
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- 1 3.7 Christian White expressed concern with the High-T intersection and believed the problem was
2 not being addressed. He did not believe that opening it up benefits anyone and will create a
3 hardship for surrounding residents.
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- 5 3.8 Ms. Blackham expressed concern with the removal of the light and flow of traffic. She
6 commutes to Primary Children's Medical Center each day and stated that the hardest part of
7 her drive is pulling onto Golden Hills Drive. She asked about the process for reevaluating the
8 situation. If unsuccessful, she asked what the City's alternate plan will be. Mayor Cullimore
9 reported that he asked UDOT that same question and was assured that they will monitor it
10 closely. One of the things being considered was plans to create a double lane on the east side
11 of Wasatch Boulevard to help break up traffic and allow for ingress and egress.
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- 13 3.9 City Manager, Brian Berndt, stated they the City has hired a consultant to study Wasatch
14 Boulevard from the City of Holladay to Sandy City. That includes the mouths of Big and
15 Little Cottonwood Canyons and Little Cottonwood Road as it bifurcates from Wasatch
16 Boulevard. The study will go until April 2018.
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- 18 3.10 Connelly Olsen, a Nantucket Drive resident, stated that he has been experiencing a rash of
19 harassment from Catherine Petersen. He asked if the Council has some sort of protocol in
20 place as she is using the police, City Manager, and code enforcement to harass her neighbors.
21 He did not know what his recourse was. Mr. Olsen confirmed that he has been in contact with
22 Chief Russo. Mayor Cullimore recommended Mr. Olsen communicate with the Chief to
23 mitigate his concerns.
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- 25 3.11 Craig Fitch reported that he lives next door to Catherine Petersen and concurred with
26 Mr. Olsen's claims. He asked how long they must endure harassment before filing formal
27 charges.
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- 29 3.12 Jamie Fenler stated she lives on Kings Hill Drive and expressed concern with the stoplight
30 that is to be removed. She suggested the traffic study be completed before UDOT breaks
31 ground.
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- 33 3.13 Mayor Cullimore explained that in discussions with UDOT, they indicated that when the stop
34 light comes on line, it will allow traffic to come from Wasatch onto Wasatch Boulevard. He
35 clarified this is a UDOT issue, not a City issue since it is a UDOT road. Cottonwood Heights
36 has supported public meetings, provided feedback, and tried to get the word out through its
37 various channels. There are elements in place to mitigate the City's concerns with ingress and
38 egress. The most significant issue was traffic and living between the canyons as they are a
39 major attraction. He reported that both canyons receive more visitors than Yellowstone Park
40 and they are trying to regulate traffic in a way that will not negatively impact the City. He
41 noted that it is a high priority for the Council.
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- 43 3.14 Councilman Tyler remarked that he lives east of Wasatch Boulevard and shares the same
44 concerns. There had not been one issue raised that he had not personally addressed with the
45 UDOT engineers working on the design. He explained that Wasatch Boulevard is a State
46 highway and asked how many citizens have phoned UDOT and voiced their concerns. He
47 pointed out that UDOT is charged with making the decision. They have requested a

1 comprehensive study of I-215 to Alta and State Highway 210. He voiced his support for
2 another light to allow ingress and egress.

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4 3.15 Councilman Bracken confirmed that Councilman Tyler has consistently expressed his concern
5 for traffic along Wasatch Boulevard. The City recognizes it as a major concern for residents
6 and has been proactive in taking that action.

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8 3.16 Mayor Cullimore reported that they recognize there is not a perfect solution to the problem.
9 UDOT has presented the issue to the Council and the community and have listened to their
10 concerns. They believe that what they have proposed has merit for some of the issues they
11 are facing. Continuous feedback was needed so that it can be expressed to UDOT. UDOT
12 was invited to tonight's meeting, but had a conflict and could not be present.

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14 3.17 Jen Fredricksen reported that she spoke to a UDOT representative regarding a seasonal light.
15 She explained that left turns onto Kings Hill Drive are extremely dangerous and she was
16 concerned about the potential for accidents.

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18 3.18 Lynne Krauss suggested that the next time there is a rezone request on Little Cottonwood
19 Canyon Road or Wasatch, that the Council keep this issue in the back of their minds since
20 they all equate to more traffic.

21 22 **4.0 STANDING MONTHLY REPORTS**

23 24 **4.1 Monthly Financial Report – Finance Director Dean Lundell.**

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26 4.1.1 Mr. Lundell provided the Financial Report for the month of July 2017. He reported that year-
27 to-date compared to the budget shows that they are just under \$100,000 over budget. Energy
28 Sales and Use Taxes are close to budget. Property tax rates were reviewed. It was noted that
29 the report included Butlerville Days and Arts Council budget items. The year end fund
30 balance was expected to include a \$1 million increase.

31 32 **4.2 Unified Fire Report – Assistant Chief, Mike Watson.**

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34 4.2.1 Assistant Chief, Mike Watson, presented the Unified Fire Report for the month of July 2017
35 and stated that Station 110 came in 7th and Station 116 came in 13th. Station 116 assisted with
36 three of the 21 calls in Big Cottonwood Canyon and two of the 21 calls in Little Cottonwood
37 Canyon. Top medical calls included falls, sick person, and psych and behavioral. Top fire
38 calls included alarms, burns, outdoor fires, and smoke investigations. Station 110 transported
39 20 of 44 Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls and 27 of 56 Basic Life Support (BLS) calls.
40 Station 116 transported nine of 27 ALS calls and eight of 18 BLS calls. The customer service
41 report included Butlerville Days and participation in the neighborhood breakfast, station tours,
42 a talk, and a demonstration. Station 116 was involved in the parade. The safety message
43 included reminders for back to school safety.

1 **5.0** **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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3 **5.1** **Approval of City Council Business Meeting Minutes for June 27 and July 25, 2017. Also,**
4 **Approval of City Council Work Session Minutes from January 5, 2016 through June 28,**
5 **2016, November 29, 2016; and May 23, 2017 through August 15, 2017.**

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7 **5.2** **MOTION:** Councilman Peterson moved to approve the City Council Business Meeting
8 minutes for June 27 and July 25, 2017 and the City Council Work Session minutes from
9 January 5, 2016 through June 28, 2016, November 29, 2016 and May 23, 2017 through August
10 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler. Vote on motion: Councilman
11 Shelton-Aye, Councilman Bracken-Aye, Councilman Tyler-Aye, and Mayor Cullimore-Aye.
12 The motion passed unanimously.

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14 **6.0** **ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING AND RECONVENE WORK SESSION**

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16 **6.1** **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to adjourn the Business Meeting. The motion
17 passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

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19 **6.2** The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Cottonwood*
2 *Heights City Council Business Meeting held Tuesday, August 22, 2017.*

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14 Minutes approved: September 26, 2017