

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 28, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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, Deputy City Manager Kevin Smith, Finance Director David Muir, Police Chief Robby Russo, Assistant Chief Mike Watson, Public Relations Specialist Bob Warnick, Ordinance Enforcement Supervisor John Lovato, Associate Planner Greg Platt

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Peterson, Stephanie Archibald, Beverly and Larry Jensen, Ron Fullmer, Mark Neff, Colton McComber, Troop 794 scouts, Carl Evans, Janet Janke, Patty Lisa Durrant, Patty Hansen, Charlene Peterson

1.0 WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1.1 Mayor Cullimore opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed those attending.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Colton McComber, Troop 794, Forest Bend Ward.

2.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

2.1 No comments were received.

3.0 REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Annual Cottonwood Height Park and Recreation Report

3.1.1 Mike Peterson introduced the Board of Trustee members and Staff in attendance. Mr. Peterson reviewed the boundaries of the service area noting that there are approximately 30,000 residents in the service area. Approximately 20% of the annual memberships are outside of the Cottonwood Heights area.

3.1.2 Mr. Peterson updated the Council on the summer and fall programs of the Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service District. This year they were approached by Butler Elementary School because of the interest nationally in more fit communities. Every week 450 children walk to the recreation center from the elementary school to participate in an aerobic activity. Also new this year is junior racquetball lessons. This will be the third Thanksgiving 5K race and it is expected to be bigger than last year. The service district also provides classes for lifeguard training, water safety instructor, first aid, and CPR classes.

3.1.3 The service area has a new Olympic-size ice rink which was made possible through ZAP funding and is very popular. With the new rink, the service area is the home ice of the junior Grizzly's hockey program. Mr. Peterson reviewed the aquatics programs, ice skating programs, fitness programs; community sports programs including tennis, soccer, football, and lacrosse. Mr. Peterson reviewed the parks located within the city and the facilities that are contained in each. He explained that Bywater Park is the only official Little League Baseball field in the city. Mr.

Dean Englund, in honor of his son Riley, participated in conjunction with the service area and the city, to rebuild the infield. The upcoming phase will include replacing the snack shack and scoreboard.

The City has cosponsored several events with the Recreation Center including the birthday party last January, Butlerville Days, Easter Egg Hunt, Bark in the Park, movie night, Relay for Life and the Cottonwood Heights Thanksgiving 5K run.

The service district budget is approximately \$4.6 million per year and they face the challenges of aging infrastructure, increased operations and maintenance costs and the lack of green space.

3.2 **Quarterly Ordinance Enforcement Report**

- 3.2.1 Ordinance Enforcement Supervisor John Lovato reviewed the first, second and third quarter statistics for animal control and zoning. Animal control cases averaged about 140 per quarter and zoning averaged approximately 160 cases per quarter. There have been 450 dogs licensed so far this year. The majority of euthanized dogs had been injured, or were aggressive. He said that cats continue to be a problem roaming the neighborhoods.

There has been one livestock issue with horses on 1300 East. The horses made it to Sandy where Assistant Chief Brenneman cornered them. The owner was called to pick them up with no further problems.

- 3.2.2 Officer Lovato reviewed the revenues which come from licensing, impounds, boarding and quarantines.
- 3.2.3 Officer Lovato asked for permission to place a "McGruff" sticker on the ordinance enforcement vehicles. There is a \$550 fee to participate. The Council was supportive if the budget is available.

3.3 **Unified Fire Report**

- 3.3.1 Assistant Chief Watson presented the statistics for September. There were 60 fire calls compared to 114 last year and 161 medical calls compared to 142 calls last year. He reminded the residents to have furnaces inspected and serviced by a reputable company and to purchase and install carbon monoxide detectors if they are more than five years old. He noted that if portable space heaters are used to make sure they have a label that says, "Underwriter Laboratories (UL) approved.

Chief Watson reviewed the customer service message for station 110 and 116.

3.4 **Financial Report**

- 3.4.1 Finance Director David Muir presented the September financial report. Electronic time cards have been implemented and the bugs are being worked out at this time. The franchise cable tax check was received this week, business licensing is ahead of prior year activity and the interest revenues for the year are about half of last year because of the drop in interest rates.

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 125 Regarding a Proposed General Plan Amendment at Property located at 8559-8595 South Wasatch Blvd., Cottonwood Heights, UT, to change the General Plan Designation from Low-Density Residential to Medium-Density Residential.**

4.1.1 Greg Platt, Planner, explained that the applicant is proposing to change the zoning on four parcels of property from R-1-8 to R-2-8 and be able to construct twin homes in the area. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended against the change of the general plan. Other uses under an R-1-8 zone would include day care services and larger homes.

4.1.2 Mark Neff, applicant, said that higher density is a more appropriate use and gives him a chance to build more affordable housing in a setting that seems more appropriate to a multi-family use. He stated that he does not think there are other conditional uses that would be appropriate in this location.

4.1.3 Greg stated the residents that attended the Planning Commission meeting were in opposition to the proposed change.

4.1.4 Mayor Cullimore said he is very sympathetic to this situation because it is not a great parcel for single-family homes. He also agreed with the Planning Commission that changing the property to R-2-8 takes it too far the other way. He told the applicant he would ask Staff to work with him to come up with a plan that is beneficial for him and for the residents.

4.1.5 The proposed ordinance died for lack of a motion.

4.2 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2008-67 Approving the Cottonwood Heights Bicycle Advisory Committee Logo**

4.2.1 Councilman Antczak moved to approve Resolution No. 2008-67. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

4.3 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2008-68 Approving Entry into a Janitorial Service Agreement with BearCom Building Services, Inc.**

4.3.1 Chief Russo explained that he was contacted by the landlord who wanted to allow their people access to the police department on off-hours. Because of the nature of police work that cannot be allowed and the landlord offered a rate to credit back to the city against the rent to provide janitorial service. The new company will do it for the same amount as the credit and will come in during the day to clean.

4.3.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to approve Resolution No. 2008-68. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 **Approval of September 14, 2008 City Council Minutes**

5.1.1 The minutes were approved as submitted.

6.0 **ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING AND RECONVENE WORK SESSION IN ROOM 250**

6.1 Councilman Antczak moved to adjourn and reconvene the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.