

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members Present: Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Councilman Tee Tyler, Councilman Scott Bracken, Councilman Mike Peterson, Councilman Mike Shelton

Staff Present: City Manager Liane Stillman, City Attorney Shane Topham, Administrative Services Director Linda Dunlavy, Chief Robby Russo, Public Works Director Mike Allen, Community and Economic Development Director Brian Berndt, Police Support Specialist Sheila Jennings, Public Relations Specialist Stephanie Archibald, Sgt. Gary Young

Also Present: Rosemarie Syndergaard, Ellen Blodell, Debra Boushard, Bryce Bollinger

1.0 WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1.1 Mayor Cullimore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those attending.

1.2 Councilman Mike Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Councilman Bracken introduced Butler Middle School freshman, Bryce Bollinger, who will serve as Deputy Education Officer on the Cottonwood Heights Youth City Council. One of Mr. Bollinger's tasks will be to have a Youth City Council Representative present at each business meeting.

2.0 CITIZEN RECOGNITION – ROSEMARIE SYNDERGAARD

2.1 Mayor Cullimore told the audience that when Cottonwood Heights became a City seven years ago, they inherited a group of crossing guards who previously worked for Salt Lake County and when the police department was organized four years ago, they become employees of the Police Department. These employees help to protect the safety of children crossing major intersections and roads throughout the community. He said that often they assume risks that are not realized noting that recently a crossing guard near Canyon View Elementary was hit by a car, which fortunately caused no serious injuries.

Crossing guard Rosemarie Syndergaard has been a valuable City representative and helped countless children who have grown to love and appreciate her. Mayor Cullimore read a proclamation in Ms. Syndergaard's honor recognizing her more than over 20 years of service to the citizens of Cottonwood Heights. Ms. Syndergaard served the students and families of Bella Vista Elementary throughout her tenure as a crossing guard and became a recognized fixture to motorists and students alike along Fort Union Boulevard. She assisted thousands of children cross one of the busiest streets in Cottonwood Heights, setting out safety cones, and manning the crossing lights and putting herself at risk to protect the City's smallest and most vulnerable residents. Ms. Syndergaard's devotion was recognized and she was honored for her years of dedication. She was presented with a plaque for her valuable contributions.

2.2 Chief Robby Russo stated that crossing guards risk their lives daily and noted that not every motorist is as alert as they should be.

Sergeant Young commended Ms. Syndergaard for being at the crosswalk faithfully every day regardless of the weather.

3.0 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

3.1 Ellen Blodell, District 3, stated that she volunteers for a non-profit organization that assists Salt Lake County Animal Services called Utah Faces. She suggested that given the rather dismal facilities in Sandy City, (where Cottonwood Heights currently contracts for its shelter space) that the City consider having SL County Animal Services again provide those services. She stated that Salt Lake County Animal Services served the area and in recent years has taken drastic steps to cut their euthanasia rates virtually to zero except where the animals involved are sick or injured, an owner insists on euthanasia, or when an animal is dangerous or wild. She said the County Shelter has improved their adoption and return rate significantly and last year the County Council revised the animal control ordinances to eliminate restrictions on the number of animals a household can keep. They instead emphasize working with Animal Control Officers to improve the community.

3.2 Debra Boushard said she has been involved with animal rescue for the past few years and has seen firsthand what takes place. She discussed the no-kill movement and stated that the widely-accepted definition of a no-kill shelter is a place where all adoptable and treatable animals are saved and only unadoptable animals or animals that cannot be rehabilitated are euthanized. The following are benefits of a no-kill shelter: (1) improved perception of the shelter in the community; (2) the public is more likely to adopt from the shelter rather than worry that the animal they don't choose will be euthanized; (3) the public is more willing to donate their time and money to a no-kill shelter; (4) grants are available to shelters that are working toward and achieve a no-kill status; (5) steers the public conversation away from how to euthanize animals and toward how to save them; and (6) improves the morale of shelter employees and volunteers. Ms. Boushard reported that approximately four million animals nationally are killed in shelters every year and 95% are healthy and treatable.

In response to a question raised, Ms. Boushard stated that of the twelve shelters in the Valley, the South Salt Lake, Salt Lake County, and West Valley shelters are the only three to have adopted no-kill policies.

3.3 Mayor Cullimore urged concerned citizens to attend a Sandy City Council Meeting and express their concerns about the existing shelter since they can make significant decisions and changes. He said that the City is not willing to have Salt Lake County provide animal control services and noted that since changing providers citizens have received much better service and the cost of that service decreased dramatically. He noted that the City of Cottonwood Heights has a very good record of returning animals, particularly dogs, to their owners. They also have very good Animal Control Officers who work diligently to ensure that pets are returned to their owners.

Ms. Boushard asked that the Mayor inquire with Sandy City as to why animals are euthanized after five days when there are open kennels. Currently there are three dogs at Sandy's shelter and 50 kennels.

3.4 Ms. Blodell spoke highly of Officer Lovato and appreciates that the city uses its own Animal Control Officers. She suggested simply using a different physical facility for the operations, not different officers.

3.5 City Manager, Liane Stillman, stated that Cottonwood Heights' citizens love their pets. She described various events that the City sponsors and participates in for the benefit of pets and their owners. She also reported that the city recognizes the need to acquire property for a dog park.

4.0 **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

4.1 **Standing Monthly/Quarterly Reports**

May Police Report

- 4.1.1 Police Support Specialist Sheila Jennings presented statistics for the month of May and commented on the Torch Run for the Special Olympics. Throughout Utah and the world law enforcement officers serve as guardians of the Special Olympics flame as it is taken to a destination prior to the Special Olympics ceremony. It began as a fun run but has turned into a grass roots fundraiser for the Special Olympics. A photo of the flame being carried down State Street was displayed.

Ms. Jennings reported on calls for service by source and stated that both phone calls and on-view calls increased. Priority 1 and 2 calls increased with response times being less than 3 ½ minutes for Priority 1 calls. During the month of May two rapes were reported, both of which were recanted. Ms. Jennings reported that there were also two robberies and described the details of each. She reported that there were a total of 93 arrests in May and presented arrest data by offense.

- 4.1.3 District 1 had two sex offenses involving lewdness; District 2 had one incident involving arson near the Recreation Center which was started by Albion Middle School students; District 3 and District 4 each had one rape reported. 503 traffic citations were issued with 161 of the citations for seat belt violations. Ms. Jennings reviewed the “Click it or Ticket” program is primarily funded by Utah Highway Safety program. Of those ticketed, ten were driving on suspended licenses, two involved DUIs, and one was a drug arrest.

An administrative checkpoint was held in conjunction with high school graduation and from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. 1,314 vehicles passed the DUI checkpoint. 553 vehicles were screened, 85 were detained, and there were 23 total arrests. It was noted that a total of 106 hours were worked to man the DUI check point. This year’s effort was the most productive of any check point in the state throughout its 15 year history.

A complete report is available on the city website.

Public Works Report

- 4.2.1 Public Works Director Mike Allen presented the monthly public works report noting that asphalt maintenance has started and an overlay on Danish Road, Old Mill Circle and Deville Drive have been done using money left over from the snow plowing budget.

With respect to signal upgrades, Councilman Bracken stated that the new detection system on 2300/2325 East and Bengal Blvd. is functioning and works much better than in the past.

Mr. Allen reported on the 7200 South Safe Sidewalk Project which is in the final stages of design. Representatives from UDOT will begin meeting with residents on right-of-ways and easements and reminded the Council that the City is responsible for the right-of-way acquisitions. The Danish Road Curb project consists of 450 feet of curb and gutter to help contain water that ran through one of the homes in the area. The bid was opened earlier today and will be awarded next week so work can progress.

Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail plan review is scheduled for June 14 and the Council will be updated at the June 21 meeting.

4.2.2 Mayor Cullimore observed that since the overlay was redone on Towncrest Drive, one curb and gutter on the west side of the road between Worchester and Camino always has standing water because the dip is below the road surface. He asked that staff conduct an inspection to make sure that the integrity of the new overlay isn't in jeopardy.

5.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

5.1 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2012-25 Approving an Activity Contract with Buck Wild Mechanical Bulls, LC for 2012 Butlerville Days**

5.1.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Peterson moved to approve Resolution 2012-25. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

6.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to adjourn the business meeting and reconvene the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The business meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.