

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Councilman Scott Bracken, Councilman Tee Tyler, Councilman Mike Peterson, Councilman Mike Shelton

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Liane Stillman, Deputy City Manager Linda Dunlavy, Community Development Director Brian Berndt, Public Relations Specialist Stephanie Archibald, City Engineer Brad Gilson, Police Chief Robby Russo, Assistant Chief Mike Watson, City Attorney Shane Topham

OTHER PRESENT: Rob Hortin, Von Hortin

1.0 WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

1.2 Councilman Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

2.1 Rob Hortin, Property Manager of Waterside Condos expressed concern about the ordinance enforcement of the City's snow removal policy. He stated that restriction of snow removal activities before 7:00 a.m. is detrimental to maintaining a snow and ice free property. Mr. Hortin supports having snow removed in a timely fashion since most residents leave by 7:30 a.m. If roads and sidewalks cannot be cleared before that time it becomes a public safety issue.

Chief Russo remarked that the snow removal ordinance is in place due to noise issues.

Mayor Cullimore stated the importance of snow removal is to ensure that sidewalks are clear for students traveling to school and for the general public's safety. Delaying snow removal could pose a problem as stated by Mr. Hortin.

Mr. Hortin stated that the Public Works Department informed him the only way to be exempt from the ordinance is to include it in the condos CCR's.

Chief Russo noted that if an exception is made it could open the door to other issues such as early morning garbage removal. However, Chief Russo agreed to review the ordinance and respond to Mr. Hortin with any findings that might allow earlier snow removal.

2.2 Von Hortin thanked the Council for the speed bumps installed on 6710 south, and stated they have successfully calmed traffic in the area. He also expressed concern about early snow removal restrictions because he lives in an elderly community and helps neighbors with snow removal before he leaves for work which is often before 7:00 a.m.

2.3 Kasey Payzant thanked the city and police department for permitting the half marathon event that took place in September. Ms. Payzant explained that she submitted an application to the city to hold a half marathon on June 1, 2013 and was denied due to another application for a similar

event on the same day being approved. She questioned why two events could not take place concurrently.

Mayor Cullimore stated that one consideration the city has to look at is the disruption resulting from multiple activities taking place in the City at the same time as well as the resources needed for each event, especially the number of off-duty police officers.

Ms. Payzant said she considered moving the date back one week, but another organization is advertising a half marathon down Big Cottonwood Canyon on that date, and they are currently taking registrations on their website.

Councilman Peterson said that Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation has applied to hold a triathlon on June 1, 2013, and suggested that Ms. Payzant contact him in the coming week regarding whether there is any possibility of a date change.

2.4 Leslie VanFrank, representing Reagan Outdoor Advertising, thanked the council members for their hard work. She stated that a resolution has been reached on the issues previously discussed regarding the proposed change to the City's sign ordinance affecting electronic billboards.

2.5 Jared Johnson, representing YESCO, also expressed appreciation to the council and staff for the time and effort spent on this issue and believes the ordinance will be effective.

Mayor Cullimore commented that the industry has been concerned with this issue and is pleased the outcome has been mutually acceptable to the city and to industry.

Councilman Tyler noted that the Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee reported that information has been submitted to the state legislature regarding a upcoming bill primarily because of the implementation of new ordinances by Murray City and Cottonwood Heights.

Councilman Bracken brought up a specific question raised by the Youth City Council regarding energy consumption in regards to relative energy use between an electronic billboard and a standard billboard.

Mr. Johnson explained that energy efficiency is a goal in the industry and the YESCO product is the most energy efficient he is aware of. A typical electronic billboard requires twice the amount of electricity of a standard billboard. Signs installed in 2002 had a monthly cost of approximately \$800 while new ones cost less than \$200 per month and are 98% recyclable.

3.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

3.1 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 196 Amending Chapter 19.82 "Signs"**

3.1.1 Mayor Cullimore stated the proposed ordinance amends the sign ordinance by addressing the conversion of standard billboards to electronic billboards and the conditions under which that can occur. The new ordinance does not allow additional billboards, but sets out limiting parameters for converting existing paper billboards to electronic billboards. He expressed appreciation to the industry and community for their input and commended City Attorney Shane Topham for a job well done.

3.1.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Shelton moved to approve Ordinance No. 196. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously with Councilman Tyler abstaining.

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

4.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to adjourn the business meeting and reconvene the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 8, 2013