

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 9, 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, Police Chief Robby Russo, Assistant Chief Mike Watson, Public Relations Specialist Bob Warnick, Detective Corbett Ford, Finance Director David Muir

ALSO PRESENT: Keith Biesinger, Stephanie Archibald, Rob Nance, Carol Majeske, Robyn Huchison, Kim Stojack

1.0 **WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

1.1 Mayor Cullimore opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed those attending. He excused Councilman Jones who is out of the country.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Gordon Thomas.

2.0 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

2.1 No comments were received.

3.0 **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

3.1 **Police Report**

3.1.1 Assistant Chief Brenneman gave the police report for the month of November. There were 1,705 calls for service including 414 traffic stops. The calls generated 497 cases. This month there were 19 DUIs which brings the total to 60 since September 1<sup>st</sup>. Thefts, burglaries and assaults were up slightly which is standard for this time of year. 87 cases were assigned to detectives for follow-up and during November 35 cases were cleared. A home invasion robbery occurred in November and currently there are four gang-affiliated persons in jail awaiting their first appearance in court.

3.1.2 Chief Brenneman updated the Council on the Doll House case and on the charging of the Olsen family for distribution of oxycontin.

3.2 **Public Works Report**

3.2.1 Deputy City Manager Kevin Smith reviewed the current public works projects that are occurring throughout the city. The ADA ramp project was awarded to Stapp Construction and includes 27 ramps and two cross gutters. This year the County will reset all of the traffic signals on Fort Union Blvd. to a more efficient timing pattern. This has not been done for almost eight years. A solar-powered streetlight has been purchased in order to test its effectiveness. A copy of the complete report is available to the public.

### 3.3 **Survey Results on Cottonwood Heights Police Department Effectiveness**

3.3.1 Rob Nance, BYU student, was part of a group that did a survey regarding the Cottonwood Heights Police Department. The group hoped to give the City a better understanding of the perceptions the residents have about the new department. The group members met with the police department to discuss which statistics were important, as well as to collect information regarding the first two months of operation as a department. They requested records from the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department and were told they could not separate personal information on a police report from the public information and under GRAMA did not have to provide the requested information.

3.3.2 The students were assigned high-traffic areas and asked residents to complete the surveys.

They asked people if they were aware the city had established a police department, whether or not they were satisfied, and what police services were most important to them. The majority of the residents that answered the survey were aware of the department and were satisfied with what they had seen. There were approximately 50 people were surveyed and several had needed assistance from the police department. Residents believe that the most important service police can provide is safety and protection. Residents recommended there be more visibility.

Mr. Nance said that figures show that during 2007, the Salt Lake County Sheriff's made 41 DUI arrests in the Cottonwood Heights. In the first 54 days of operation, the new police department had 38 DUI arrests, which was a very compelling statistic.

### 4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

#### 4.1 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 129 Amending Chapter 5.18 Regarding Bar Cards**

4.1.1 Keith Biesinger expressed appreciation to Chief Russo, Assistant Chief Brenneman, and Sgt. Gebhardt for working with him to include language that work cards for out of state entertainers have a one year expiration date.

4.1.2 Chief Russo explained that the proposed ordinance cleans up the language on employee work cards and employers seem to be supportive.

4.1.3 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to adopt Ordinance No. 129. The motion was seconded by Councilman Antczak and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### 4.2 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 130 Amending Chapter 5.85 to Conform to Chapter 19.89 Regarding Short Term Rentals**

4.2.1 Mayor Cullimore explained that the proposed ordinance aligns the wording in Chapter 5.85 with the wording in Chapter 19.89 to ensure that short-term rentals are administered consistently in all parts of the city code.

4.2.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Antczak moved to adopt Ordinance No. 130. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**4.3 Consideration of Resolution No. 2008-71 Adopting a Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan**

4.3.1 City Manager Liane Stillman explained that the proposed mitigation plan is a five-year plan that is required by the County. The prior plan did not include Cottonwood Heights.

4.3.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Thomas moved to approve Resolution No. 2008-71. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**4.4 Consideration of Resolution No. 2008-72 Adopting the Scenic Byways Study**

4.4.1 Robyn Huchison explained that the proposed resolution adopts a corridor management program for Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The study began 18 months ago with the award of a grant to finish the plan. The end of the plan is a determination of whether or not it should be nominated for a national scenic byway. She explained that any community along the byway or adjacent to the byway has to adopt the plan in order to move forward for the scenic byway designation.

4.4.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to approve Resolution No. 2008-72 subject to the textual change that was discussed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Antczak and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**4.4 Consideration of Resolution NO. 2008-73 Awarding he Contract for ADA Ramp Work to Stapp Construction**

4.4.1 Councilman Antczak moved to approve Resolution No. 2008-73. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5.1 Approval of October 28 and November 11, 2008 Minutes**

5.1.1 The minutes were approved as submitted.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

6.1 Councilman Antczak moved to adjourn the business meeting and reconvene the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.