

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 8, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Staff Present: City Manager John Park, Police Chief Robby Russo, Public Works Director Mike Allen, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Watson, Public Relations Specialist Stephanie Archibald, City Attorney Shane Topham, Police Support Specialist Sheila Jennings, Community and Economic Development Director Brian Berndt

Others Present: Youth City Council Representative Sean Robison, Tracy Fisher, Rob Hortin, Raymond Marmouze

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 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Bracken.
- 1.3 Councilman Bracken introduced Youth City Council Representative Sean Robison.

2.0 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- 2.1 Rob Hortin thanked the City for the traffic improvements on Union Park and how beautiful it looks. He shared safety concerns regarding the absence of striping on the project.
- 2.2 Mary Francis Rich stated that she is representing the Willow Crest Road neighborhood. She expressed frustration with the lack of ordinance enforcement of illegal rental properties. It is her understanding that it is difficult for the City to prove violations of the single-family ordinance and that the City is able to enforce only the criminal nuisance ordinance. Ms. Rich stated that she believes that illegal rentals also adversely affect neighborhood property values.
- 2.3 Councilman Bracken stated that there are significant difficulties in targeting specifically what are being called “illegal rentals”. This is not an issue only in Cottonwood Heights but a problem county wide. He reported that there are numerous issues that are still being addressed by the City.
- 2.4 Mayor Cullimore confirmed that it is a problem and has been an issue since the City incorporated. It is the intent of the City to determine how the matter can best be dealt with. He agreed to further address the problem.
- 2.5 Jackie Egbert asked for clarification regarding the ordinance process. She stated that there are numerous rentals surrounding her home and she questioned the proper way of reporting them.
- 2.6 Mayor Cullimore explained the steps involved in creating an ordinance. The process of determining violations of the City ordinance was also detailed. He encouraged neighborhood involvement in helping the City become aware of violations.

- 2.7 Raymond Marmouze concurred with previous comments regarding illegal property rentals. He also shared concern about the privatization of the City's public work services and snow removal with a company out of Colorado.
- 2.8 Councilman Bracken clarified that the bulk of funds for the public works contract will be used as it was with Salt Lake County. The majority of funds will be used toward labor and resources within the State of Utah.

### 3.0 **REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

#### **Standing Monthly/Quarterly Reports**

#### 3.1 **September Police Report**

Police Support Specialist Sheila Jennings presented statistics for the month of September. She reported that on September 14, there were 4,000 participants in the Big Cottonwood Canyon marathon. Twelve officers worked the event without incident. With regard to calls for service by source 9-1-1 calls were down from the previous month and on-view calls increased. Response times for Priority 1 calls averaged 5.10 minutes while Priority 2 calls averaged 5.58 minutes and Priority 3 calls averaged 9.36 minutes.

Ms. Jennings noted that assaults were down, burglary was similar to the previous month, and crimes involving stolen vehicles decreased. Vehicle burglaries increased in September. Ms. Jennings discouraged leaving vehicles running in the driveway and recommended keeping vehicles parked in the garage, free of valuables, with the garage door closed.

There were 83 arrests, 76 were adult arrests and 7 were juvenile arrest. Traffic citations totaled 297, 7 were DUI's. There were 49 traffic accidents reported resulting in 8 injuries.

A complete report is available on the City's website.

#### 3.2 **Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Mike Allen presented the Public Works Report. He stated that concrete work has continued and 3 new ADA ramps were constructed and 24 resident 50/50 sidewalk requests were completed.

Mr. Allen reported that work on the Union Park Project has slowed. Staff will confirm a striping date with Staker Construction. The Safe Sidewalk Project along 7200 South is complete and the ribbon cutting will take place on October 11, 2013.

Trip hazards are progressing and staff is currently working in the neighborhood above 2700 East and south of Banbury. Currently 212 trip hazards have been eliminated. Street sweepers are out and cleaning up fallen leaves to prevent blocked storm drains.

The Big Cottonwood Trail Project was discussed. Mr. Allen reported that plantings will take place this week after the project will be complete. Speed limit signs on 3000 East are still not functioning correctly due to the delay in getting a replacement part. To continue the storm drain mapping an additional person was hired.

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4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-44 Approving an Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement with Valley Emergency Communications Center.**

4.1.1 Mayor Cullimore explained that the proposed resolution is to approve an amended and restated interlocal agreement with Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC), which is the group that takes all 911 calls and dispatches for the police and fire departments.

4.1.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Shelton moved to approve Ordinance Number 2013-44. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

5.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to adjourn and reconvene the work meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The business meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes approved: 12/03/2013