

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore (joined the meeting already in progress via telephone),  
Councilman Scott Bracken, Councilman Tee Tyler, Councilwoman Nicole Omer

EXCUSED: Councilman Gordon Thomas

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Liane Stillman, City Attorney Shane Topham, Administrative Services  
Director Linda Dunlavy, Public Works Director Mike Allen, Chief Robby Russo, Sergeant Corbett Ford,  
Assistant Chief Mike Watson, Public Relations Specialist Stephanie Archibald, Public Works Director  
Mike Allen,

ALSO PRESENT: Kent Thomas, Joseph Demma, Richard Fowler, Michael Hanson, Ben Derrick, Ron  
Fullmer, Karla Hortin, Joyce Fenner, Gordon Nicholl, Don Antczak, Stuart Motta, Kevin Wyatt, Brian  
Betenson and family, Mike Shelton

**1.0 WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

1.1 In the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore, Councilman Bracken opened the meeting at  
7:00 p.m. and welcomed those attending.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tyler.

1.3 Councilman Bracken introduced Youth City Council Representative, Stuart Motta. Mr. Motta is a  
sophomore at Brighton High School and currently enrolled in several AP classes.

Mr. Motta said that he enjoys serving on the Youth City Council and serves at t his time on the  
education committee.

Councilman Bracken explained that members of the Youth Council are given opportunities to  
speak and perform services to the city.

**2.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS**

2.1 Ron Fullmer acknowledged that a great deal has occurred with respect to public safety recently and  
commended the police department and fire department for the excellent jobs they do and for  
serving the needs of the public so well. He noted that he believes snow removal to be an  
emergency service and suggested it remain in the public sector. He stated that one problem with  
snow removal and street sweeping is that there are too many trees hanging over the roadway, which  
prevents service vehicles from accessing certain areas. He suggested the City find ways to deal  
with that problem. Mr. Fullmer commended the Council for their efforts.

2.2 Carla Hortin expressed appreciation to Nicole Omer for the work she has done for the District and  
the personal interest she has taken in the area. Ms. Hortin considered Councilwoman Omer's work  
to have been very beneficial to the citizens.

**3.0 REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**3.1 Proclamation Recognizing Butlerville Days Chair, Georgia Anderson**

3.1.1 The recognition was postponed until it could be rescheduled.

### 3.2 **Administration of Oath of Office to Bryan Betenson**

3.2.1 Chief Russo introduced Officer Betenson explaining that he has been put through rigorous training since joining the police department, including showing a video of recent taser training.

The oath of office was administered by Administrative Services Director Linda Dunlavy

Officer Betenson introduced his wife Alicia and various family members who were in attendance. He came to the City from Morgan Stanley Smith Barney where he ran their New Accounts Department. He said that working as a police officer has been his life's dream.

### 3.3 **Standing Monthly Reports**

#### **August Police Report**

3.3.1 Sergeant Ford presented the statistics for the month of August. He reviewed the data pertaining to calls for service by priority noting that response times have decreased for Priority 2 and Priority 3 calls. The overall UCR statistics reflect a 47 percent increase in burglaries and was attributed to a small group of individuals. It appears that six suspects are involved in the burglaries. One suspect was arrested and based on the information obtained this group is thought to have been involved in 50 to 60 burglaries in Salt Lake and Utah Counties. Sergeant Ford stated that property crimes will always be a problem in Cottonwood Heights and he suggested citizens take a proactive approach to securing their possessions since areas on the east side are prime targets.

Sergeant Ford reported on a recent bank robbery that occurred at the University of Utah Credit Union on Highland Drive and 7200 South, with the male suspect was still at large. Sergeant Ford also reported on a recent infant drowning in which charges were recently filed. A breakdown of crimes by district was next presented with the top five crimes being animal crimes, code enforcement, suspicious circumstances, crashes, and civil problems.

A copy of the entire report is available online at the city's website.

Mayor Cullimore joined the meeting via telephone.

#### **Monthly Public Works Report**

3.3.2 Public Works Director Mike Allen presented the monthly public works report. He has received comments and letters about issues at Brighton High School and updated the Council what has been done including the placement of flags; scheduling to have the curbs repainted by the County; and improved signage to help with cars that are stopping and parking in prohibited areas.

Mr. Allen stated that work on the overlay on Fort Union Boulevard will begin September 19<sup>th</sup> and will cause some traffic issues. Notices were hand-delivered earlier in the day and message boards will be posted along Fort Union Boulevard.

The East Jordan Canal Project will be put out for bid and bids opened on September 27. The project will extend the pipe work and enclose the culvert to help resolve flooding issues below the canal. He also noted that additional research was conducted on the 2300 East storm drain project via camera. The spots were determined to be holes and damage to the pipe and the intent is to install a new pipe rather than try to repair the existing one.

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#### 4.0 ACTION ITEM

##### 4.1 Consideration of Traffic Calming Measures on 6675 South/Rolling Knolls

4.1.1 Councilwoman Omer gave a brief account of the of the 6675 South/Rolling Knolls issues. A letter was sent to area residents a few weeks earlier detailing what was considered to be the best solution, which would include converting 6675 South to a one-way street, designating a second access for Bella Vista Elementary, accepting UDOT's upgrade to the I-215 intersection as the solution for the Highland Drive/Rolling Knolls intersection, as well as various traffic calming measures. She explained that since the last meeting a great deal of varied feedback was received, which has resulted in a number of other issues coming up for consideration. It was reported that the Bella Vista second access was delayed significantly, which was a key component in making the one-way street successful. There was also considerable feedback on whether the one-way street should be eastbound or westbound.

Councilwoman Omer recommended that additional time be allowed for continued work on the proposal and that no definitive decisions be made tonight.

4.1.2 Mayor Cullimore agreed that there are unresolved issues that need to be addressed including the second access, which is critical to the success of the proposal. There are also issues with regard to whether the one-way street should be westbound or eastbound, as well as concern from the residents that live on 6630 South. He agreed that the matter deserves more study and assured Councilwoman Omer that her efforts were not in vain and that the issue will be ongoing and ultimately resolved.

4.1.3 Councilwoman Omer stated that due to her resignation, the City put the decision on a fast track. She said that the considerations put forward are valid and hopes to see resolution to this matter.

4.1.4 Councilman Tyler thanked Councilwoman Omer for her efforts and the residents for their input. He stressed that the Council will continue to work toward a resolution.

4.1.5 Councilman Bracken commented that traffic calming issues are of particular interest to him and he is committed to bringing the matter to a successful resolution.

4.1.6 City Manager Liane Stillman explained that the City Council has discussed how this situation happened in this neighborhood. She said that the answer cannot simply be attributed to additional development because the area consists mostly of single-family homes and some of the commercial businesses exit in a different direction. Consideration was given to Royal Farms when the traffic pattern from the development changed as a result of the road being blocked off. That was done at the request of citizens who were concerned about traffic from the apartments cutting through the neighborhoods to use the elementary school. It was determined that a wall should be put up, and that left only one access onto Highland Drive. Knowing that there were unintended consequences with that decision, the City Council has concerns that future decisions could have unintended consequences for a future City Council.

4.1.6 **MOTION:** Councilwoman Omer moved to table consideration of this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### 5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 **Approval of September 6, 2011 Minutes**

5.1.1 The minutes stood approved.

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

6.1 **MOTION:** Councilwoman Omer moved to adjourn the business meeting and reconvene the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The business meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**Approved: September 20, 2011**