

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY,
JULY 3, 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, City Attorney Shane Topham, Administrative Services
Director Linda Dunlavy, Public Relations Specialist Stephanie Archibald, Assistant Chief Mike Watson ,
Chief Robby Russo, Public Works Director Mike Allen, City Engineer Brad Gilson, Community and
Economic Development Director Brian Berndt

Also Present: Rob and Melinda Hortin, Lee Brinegar

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 Mayor Cullimore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

2.1 There were no public comments.

3.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

3.1 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 192 Amending Chapter 9.77 by Imposing Fire Restrictions
on Additional Wildland Interface Areas**

3.1.1 Mayor Cullimore stated that at the request of the governor, all cities are considering ways to
tighten up fireworks restrictions within city boundaries. He explained that the State has the
authority to ban fireworks in unincorporated areas, however, within incorporated city limits the
authority falls to the individual city. The proposed ordinance would expand the existing wildland
interface area and prohibit the discharge of fireworks within 300 feet of any such areas. This
proposal expands the coverage to the extent allowable under state law. The area covered by this
ordinance will be posted on the website and will apply to the July 4 and July 24 holidays. This
ordinance will take effect immediately upon passage.

3.1.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to approve Ordinance Number 192. The motion was
seconded by Councilman Peterson and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

3.1.3 Councilman Bracken said the ordinance will be beneficial this year because it is very dry, and
will also work in future years. He noted that this matter can be reviewed annually if necessary.

3.1.4 Lee Brinegar asked if sparklers are considered fireworks.

Mayor Cullimore stated that the discharge of every type of firework would be prohibited.

Ms. Brinegar lives above Wasatch Boulevard and was encouraged to call the police if she sees
any firework activity. She also asked about the use of raised fire pits adjacent to scrub oak on
private property. She called UFA and was told that the fire was acceptable because it was being

used to roast marshmallows. She recommended that the ordinance be more inclusive of this type of activity and that this and similar activities be prohibited.

- 3.1.5 City Attorney Shane Topham reviewed Section 9.77.03(a) of the city code which prohibits open flames of any kind other than camp fires built in facilities provided in improved campgrounds, picnic areas, or permanently improved places of habitation.

Chief Watson agreed with the comments pointing out that homeowners cannot be prevented from having a fire on improved property as long as it complies with the regulations set forth.

4.0 **ADJOURN**

- 4.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Shelton 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 7:13 p.m.