

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 23, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Councilman Don Antczak, Councilman Scott Bracken, Councilman Bruce Jones, Councilman Gordon Thomas

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Liane Stillman, City Attorney Shane Topham, Community Development Director Kevin Smith, City Recorder Linda Dunlavy, Director of Finance David Muir

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Watson, Mike & Kris Falk, Mark Hooyer, Kit Lindsey, Scout Troop #408, Ron Fullmer, Bob Good, Lt. Robby Russo, Deputy Thornton, Alex Green

1.0 **WELCOME/PLEDGE**

1.1 Mayor Cullimore opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and welcomed those attending.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alex Green, Scout Troop #408.

2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

2.1 No public comments were received.

3.0 **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 **Unified Fire Authority Report**

3.1.1 Battalion Chief Mike Watson, reviewed the July 2005 fire report and customer service message. July closed with 118 fire runs, up from 77 fire runs in June. There were 176 medical runs in July compared with 165 medical runs in June.

Chief Watson reminded everyone that schools are back in session and pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic will increase.

3.1.2 Councilman Jones noted that there were firefighters at the Cottonwood Corporate Center to inspect the high rise buildings and noted that the professionalism and service offered in the business inspections is a very important part of what the Unified Fire Authority does.

3.1.3 City Manager Liane Stillman requested a hazmat report showing where hazardous materials are used in industry, how often they are required to be inspected and if the inspections are current.

Chief Watson will work with the Fire Marshall's office to get a detailed report for the City.

3.1.4 Chief Watson said that there were no major fires in Cottonwood Heights last month, but the heavy rescue squad responded to a two-alarm fire in South Salt Lake.

Mayor Cullimore explained to the residents that Cottonwood Heights is benefited by having the heavy rescue squad for the Unified Fire Authority headquartered at Station 10 on Fort Union Blvd.

Chief Watson added that it has taken the firefighters two years to complete the five different disciplines required to become heavy rescue specialists. Only the crews in Salt Lake City and the crew in Cottonwood Heights have met national standards.

3.2 **City Manager's Report**

3.2.1 Bark in the Park: City Manager Liane Stillman reported on the upcoming "Bark in the Park" event to be held October 8th at Bywater Park. The event will include a mobile spay/neuter clinic, vaccinations, microchipping, licensing, and a pet photographer. Details of the event are still being finalized. The City Council has suggested that the microchipping fee for senior citizens be waived.

3.2.2 Ms. Stillman recently attended a meeting regarding chronic homelessness sponsored by the Council of Governments. She stated that they are proposing a ten year plan and are asking for a commitment from each city to provide a certain number of affordable housing units or provide other similar resources that could aid in the fight against chronic homelessness..

Councilman Thomas will provide a summary of the proposed program to the Mayor and Council.

3.3 **Mayor's Report**

3.3.1 Mayor Cullimore explained that last week he and Councilman Thomas were contacted by constituents living on Dawn Drive that were experiencing flooding in their basements. They indicated that the flooding started on the west end of Dawn Drive, worked eastward and was coincidental with the filling of the Jordan Canal. 12-15 homes were affected this year, which is more than in past years. The canal may have been overfilled based on comments from water officials and the fact there was standing water in the Mountview school playground adjacent to the canal. Salt Lake City took samples of water from the basements, and does not believe the water came from the canal. Cottonwood Heights has taken samples and believes there is a causal relationship between the two. Salt Lake City has agreed to retain a consultant who will start drilling to identify the geotechnical characteristics of the underground aquifers and the water flows in the area. The flow in the canal was reduced by 50 percent on Sunday, and by Tuesday everything was virtually dried out or at least the inflow of water had ceased. The City is trying to set up a meeting with the Salt Lake City engineer to review the findings. Geotechnical work will then be done, a plan devised to see what can be done to correct the problem, and then a meeting will be held with the homeowners to present the findings.

4.0 **PLANNING/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS**

4.1 **Update on Oak Creek Drive**

- 4.1.1 Community Development Director Kevin Smith, stated that the City Engineer is in the process of analyzing data from Salt Lake County and finalizing five design options for Oak Creek Drive. Mr. Smith reported that JUB Engineers has done traffic counts on Oak Creek Drive prior to school starting and will do traffic counts after school has opened. This information will be compared to the information provided by Mr. Mark Hooyer. Mr. Smith will present more information as soon as the design options are finalized.

Mayor Cullimore noted that the City will hold a public hearing on September 27th at which time the City Engineer will review the design options and the public will be invited to comment.

- 4.1.2 Mark Hooyer, 7986 South Oak Creek Drive, told the Council that this is a residential street acting as a main corridor to a public high school. Along with the traffic there is a problem with litter and trash on Oak Creek Drive, including residents having things thrown at them. Students ignore the stop signs in the early morning hours on their way to practices. He said that Salt Lake County has been reluctant to act on a long-term solution for this problem and is pleased to see the City taking the concerns of the residents seriously. He said that some residents will probably be inconvenienced in some way by whichever solution is chosen, but are willing to live with the solution. He told the Council that the neighborhood would like the opportunity to take part in reaching a consensus that is good for the neighborhood.
- 4.1.3 Councilman Bracken suggested having traffic counters placed at 2325 East and on Nantucket Drive just before Portsmouth in the next few days, it would be helpful to see traffic before school starts and then again after school starts. He said that one proposal is to close a street which could have significant increase of traffic on the other streets.
- 4.1.4 Russell Gibson, 2609 Oak Creek Drive, expressed appreciation to the Council for looking at the problem in this area. He suggested that after a decision is made on traffic calming, that the City shut down the traffic at Oak Creek and Portsmouth for a short time so that it can be made apparent that the road has been changed.
- 4.1.5 Mike Falk, 2325 East, agreed with the comments that have been made, but pointed out it is not only kids causing the problem, it's everyone. He asked the Council to also consider finding a solution for 2325 East since that street has the same problems as Oak Creek Drive – particularly drivers ignoring the stop signs on 2325 East. .

4.1.6 Kris Falk, 2325 East, said that they have lived in their home for 30 years and have been fighting the County about the traffic in this area for many years. She said that she has been hit by trash thrown by high school students as they pass the area. The residents on Oak Creek Drive and 2325 East have had problems for years and she asked that both streets be addressed at this time.

4.1.7 Lt. Russo will look at the costs for manning that area with an officer on an overtime rate.

5.0 **OTHER MATTERS**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2005-57 approving a contract with Unified Fire Authority**

5.1.1 City Attorney Shane Topham explained that counsel for the UFA responded to the City's request for an agreement admitting Cottonwood Heights to the UFA with a resolution which encompasses amendment 2005-03 to the UFA Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Topham said that counsel for the UFA will prepare an amended and restated UFA Interlocal Agreement that will incorporate the amendments into the full body of the agreement. The City's resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign the amendment resolution, and to enter into other necessary documentation as appropriate in consultation with the City Attorney.

5.1.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Jones moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-57. The motion was seconded by Councilman Antczak and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.2 **Resolution No. 2005-58 approving a contract with Brian Allen for lobbying services**

5.1.2 City Attorney Shane Topham noted that this agreement was originally provided to the Council in June. Section 3 clarifies that the focus areas for the consultant will be designated by the City from time to time. The Council will need to take the initiative of communicating to the consultant what they would like to see accomplished in any point in time.

5.1.3 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-58. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

6.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6.1 The minutes of August 9, 2005 were approved as corrected.

7.0 **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

7.1 Mayor Cullimore reviewed the upcoming events.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

- 8.1 The Council adjourned the business meeting at 8:13 p.m. and reconvened the work session.