

1 **MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD**
2 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY**
3 **COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED AT 1265 EAST FORT UNION**
4 **BOULEVARD, SUITE 250, COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, UTAH**
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6 **Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bracken, Councilman Mike Shelton, Councilman Mike
7 Peterson, Councilman Tee Tyler

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9 **Staff Present:** City Manager John Park, City Attorney Shane Topham, Assistant Manager
10 Bryce Haderlie, Public Works Director Mike Allen, City Recorder Linda
11 Dunlavy, Community and Economic Development Director Brian Berndt,
12 Assistant Fire Chief Mike Watson, Finance Director Dean Lundell, Police
13 Chief Robby Russo, Public Relations Specialist Dan Metcalf, City Treasurer
14 Dave Muir

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16 **Excused:** Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore

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18 **WORK SESSION**

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20 In the absence of Mayor Cullimore, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bracken called the meeting to order and
21 welcomed those in attendance.

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23 **1.0 Review of Business Meeting Agenda.**

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25 **2.0 a. Legislative Update.**

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27 2.1 (14:19:57) City Lobbyists, Brian Allen and Chantel Nate, reported on recent Legislative
28 actions. They recently met with Salt Lake County regarding concerns with certain bills
29 including the Mountainous Planning District Bill, the Metro Township Bill, and the Body
30 Cam Bill. Regarding the Mountainous Planning District Bill, Mr. Allen expressed concerns
31 with the need for better representation on the Board from the City and the need for a
32 mechanism to remove certain areas from the District. It was recommended to the Legislature
33 that the various mayors of the cities involved be given jurisdiction to make necessary changes.
34 The sponsoring legislator will add language to the bill addressing the City's concerns.

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36 2.2 With regard to the Metro Township Bill, there was concern from legal minds regarding the
37 inclusion of territory in a planning district. Mr. Allen also mentioned concerns over the Body
38 Cam Bill and recommended that Senator Daniel W. Thatcher's bill move forward in the
39 Legislature. It was noted that at some point the competing bill may merge with this one.
40 Mr. Thatcher's bill takes into account what police officers see and record every day and
41 privacy issues regarding the public.

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43 2.3 There was some discussion regarding other bill amendments, including changes to the Short-
44 Term Rental Bill. Many cities and counties are concerned about this issue, including Mayor
45 Jon Pyke, St. George City Mayor. There was discussion regarding a bill for waivers of
46 business taxes/fees, a bill that imposes a fee on grocery store bags at stores, an energy bill
47 regarding solar power users accessing the power grid, as well as several other bills about

1 which the City is concerned. Mr. Allen invited the Council to come to the Utah State Capital
2 to see what is happening at the Legislative Session over the next few weeks.

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4 **2.2 b. SL County Caucus Meeting – Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bracken.**

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6 2.3 Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bracken, reported on behalf of Mayor Cullimore, on a recent Salt Lake
7 County Caucus Meeting he attended.

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9 **3.0 Public Relations Report.**

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11 3.1 Public Relations Specialist, Dan Metcalf, reported on the following media coverage of recent
12 events involving Cottonwood Heights:

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14 • KSL 5 News reported on recent automobile burglaries in the City. Police were warning
15 people not to leave valuables in vehicles and to keep vehicles locked. Recent security
16 footage showed one thief that also attempting to enter a residence. Police were asking the
17 public to contact them if anyone recognized the suspect.
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19 • One media outlet reported that several businesses and homes near Cottonwood Heights
20 were executing a search warrant with a large show of police force entering the locations.
21 The targets appeared to be involved in some type of business fraud and were believed to
22 be owned by a large polygamist sect. Reporters are describing IRS agents and local
23 officers removing boxes of documents. Attorneys on scene stated that the businesses were
24 not doing anything illegal. The media report initially provided information that one of
25 the mansions that was raided was in Cottonwood Heights, when in fact, it was not.
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27 • Fox 13 News at 9 reported that there was a growing epidemic of heroin drug overdoses in
28 Utah. Health experts reported that Utah needs to increase its efforts to fight the overdoses.
29 The use of the drug Naloxone (Narcan) can reverse an overdose within a short amount of
30 time. First responders, including police, are often in the best position to give Naloxone.
31 Cottonwood Heights will be one of the first police agencies in the State to arm officers
32 with Naloxone. In response to this positive story from News at 9, Police Chief Robby
33 Russo stated that his office will be trained soon and Naloxone stocked in officers'
34 automobiles by summer. Chief Russo discussed training, policy, State Legislative bills,
35 and liability issues. He also answered City Council questions regarding Naloxone use by
36 the Police Department.
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38 • One media outlet reported that a vehicle crashed and caught fire.

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40 3.2 Staff reported that the Citizen Dashboard issues were being resolved, the City Newsletter
41 would be out soon, and the City Website was being updated regularly.

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43 **4.0 Public Works Report.**

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45 Public Works Director, Mike Allen, reported on snow removal and filling pot holes. There
46 was discussion of rising temperatures and snow melt.
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1 **5.0 Planning and Economic Development Report.**

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3 **5.1 a. CHBA Lunch.**

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5 5.1.1 Planning and Economic Development Director, Brian Berndt, reported on the CHBA Lunch.
6 Mr. Berndt reported that there was a great turnout.

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8 **5.2 b. Mountainview Park Slide Solution.**

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10 5.2.1 Mr. Berndt discussed the estimated cost for the slide replacement as well as shade structures
11 to cover the slide. There had been concern with the slides heating up and making them too
12 hot for children to slide down during the summer months. There was also discussion of adding
13 signs as the park for the slide, and eventually adding splash pads.

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15 **6.0 Public Safety Reports.**

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17 **6.1 a. Unified Fire Authority.**

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19 6.1.1 Assistant Fire Chief Mike Watson reported on noteworthy events involving the Unified Fire
20 Authority.

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22 **6.2 b. Police Department.**

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24 6.2.1 Police Chief Robby Russo reported on important events involving the Police Department.

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26 **6.2.2 1. IT Issue - Modems.**

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28 6.2.3 (14:50:25) Chief Russo reported that upgraded modems may be required for computers to
29 work in squad cars. It is not known at this point if modems are the problem, so Chief Russo
30 will borrow modems to help troubleshoot the problem.

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32 **7.0 City Manager/Assistant City Manager Report.**

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34 **7.1 a. New City Hall Construction Report.**

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36 7.1.1 City Manager, John Park, reported on City Hall construction. He reported that the City Code
37 and regulations restrict what equipment can be placed on the roof. Mr. Park also reported on
38 the plaza and landscaping and mentioned Mayor Cullimore's concern regarding signage.
39 Mr. Park reported that staff is being responsive to the Mayor's concern. Photographs of the
40 recent construction were shown to the City Council. There was discussion regarding police
41 equipment and communication systems.

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43 **7.2 b. Review of Staff Communication.**

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45 7.2.1 There were no reports regarding staff communications.

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1 **8.0 Mayor/City Council Reports.**

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3 **8.1 a. South Valley Mosquito Abatement District Meeting – Councilman Tyler.**

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5 8.1.1 Councilman Tee Tyler reported that the South Valley Mosquito Abatement District Meeting
6 was very interesting because of recent Zika virus issues. He reported that the Center for
7 Disease Control and the World Health Organization (WHO) were extremely concerned about
8 the Zika virus. So far, Utah has been unaffected by the disease but was not out of the woods
9 yet. Councilman Tyler stated that that WHO has indicated that there should be a vaccine
10 within the next 18 months. There was concern regarding Zika at the upcoming Summer
11 Olympics. He reported that the real concern was for pregnant women who are infected by
12 Zika.

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14 8.1.2 Councilman Tyler discussed a bill before the legislature that would require any Special
15 Service District Board Member to be elected, not appointed, including to the South Valley
16 Mosquito Abatement District. He expressed concern that an election would be difficult for
17 some cities to do. There was discussion among the City Council that appointments are done
18 by elected officials and should suffice. He reported that the problem with an election would
19 be voter interest and turnout.

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21 **8.2 b. Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling Administrative Control Board Meeting –**
22 **Councilman Scott Bracken.**

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24 8.2.1 Councilman Scott Bracken reported on the recent meeting of the Wasatch Front Waste and
25 Recycling Administrative Control Board. The Board swore in two New Board Members. Jim
26 Brass was elected as Chair and Craig Tischner was elected as Vice Chair. There was
27 discussion regarding the make-up of the Board with several new cities joining the Board due
28 to new townships in the unincorporated areas becoming cities. Councilman Bracken stated
29 that it appears that the Board membership will increase significantly starting January 2017.
30 There was discussion regarding the billing system and collection rate for customers.
31 Councilman Bracken provided a worksheet with the breakdown of service fees and fee
32 increases. There was also a discussion on the overall accounting practices of the Board and
33 suggestions made by Councilman Bracken that would help with accounting of the District

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35 **8.3 c. Butlerville Days Update – Councilman Peterson.**

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37 8.3.1 Councilman Mike Peterson reported on planning for Butlerville Days. He also addressed
38 sponsorship and committee appointments. He discussed dates of the event and new events
39 that would be included this year, including Pickle Ball events and sidewalk art. He also
40 reported on Movies in the Park and the selection of the Grand Marshall for the parade.

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42 **8.4 d. ZAP Update – Councilman Peterson.**

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44 8.4.1 Councilman Mike Peterson reported on recent ZAP proposals for funding, including a walking
45 bridge over Dimple Dell Regional Park. There was also a discussion of dog parks.

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47 **8.5 e. Valley Emergency Communications Committee – Councilman Shelton.**

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1 8.5.1 Councilman Mike Shelton reported on a recent Valley Emergency Communications
2 Committee Meeting. One City Council Member posed the question of why 911 fee are
3 significantly lower during certain months. There was discussion regarding 911 fees and the
4 cause of the reduced revenue. Councilman Shelton reported that there is a 911 fee imposed
5 on each individual cell phone and the 40% decrease in one month makes no sense when
6 landline use for the same amount of time was not reduced. It was reported that there was no
7 oversight over reported 911 income, but it was up to cell phone providers to collect the fees.
8 The fees are generally collected based on where the cell phone was originally purchased. The
9 State of Utah is reviewing the issue. It appeared that some of the information is not being
10 reported due to proprietary information with the providers. It was reported that the State
11 Auditor may be getting involved in reviewing the revenue from 911 calls.
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13 **9.0 Calendar of Events.**

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- 15 a. Councilmember Schedules for the Next Week/2016 Calendar.
 - 16 b. Caucus Meetings March 22 – NO CITY COUNCIL MEETING.
 - 17 c. City Easter Egg Hunt and Activities
 - 18 March 25 – Teen Activity – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Rec Center.
 - 19 March 26- Children’s Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m. at Butler Park
 - 20 d. ULCT Spring Meetings – April 6 to 8 in St. George.
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22 **10.0 Closed Meeting to Discuss Litigation, Property Acquisition and the Character and**
23 **Professional Competence of Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.**

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25 There was no Closed Meeting.

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27 **11.0 ADJOURN.**

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29 11.1 The Work Session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Cottonwood*
2 *Heights City Council Work Session held Tuesday, February 23, 2016.*

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12 Minutes Secretary
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14 Minutes approved: August 22, 2017