

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 9, 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, City Planner Michael Black, City Recorder Linda Dunlavy, Director of Finance David Muir, Deputy City Recorder Sherry McConkey, City Engineer Brad Gilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Watson, Paul Brenneman, Ron Fullmer, Don Machen, Brian Allen, Dianna White, Barbara Morrell, Catherine Garrett, Rick Lavis, Chad Booth

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 Mayor Cullimore.

2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

2.1 Barbara Morrell, 7703 Plum Creek Lane, said that the parents in her area are very concerned with the proposed closure of Crestwood Swimming Pool. She is obtaining signatures to keep the pool open which she would like to present to the County. The County Parks & Recreation Director told the residents that the repairs that need to be made at the bath house and pool would cost \$3-4 million. She said that the residents like the small pool and are not asking that the pool be enlarged or that there be more equipment. Ms. Morrell noted that people from all over the County are using the pool and would like to see it remain open.

Mayor Cullimore stated that he does not know the timing of the closure. He said that one possibility would be for the neighborhood to create its own tax district to support it.

Ms. Morrell noted that the director of the pool explained that they either break even or have some revenue, they do not lose money.

Councilman Antczak suggested the possibility of having the residents annex into the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Service District and let the Service District consider buying it from the County.

2.2 Ron Fullmer, commented that a joint deal between the Service District, the City and the County could be beneficial.

2.3 Diana White, 7581 Riverwood Drive, said that in conjunction with the previous comments, she belongs to "Friends of Crestwood Park" which concerns itself with all of the Park including the undeveloped land adjoining the Crestwood swimming pool. They

are actively working on getting that group involved to see if that would persuade the County to give the City more control over Crestwood Park. She said that several years ago this facility was slated to receive more funding and last year Mayor Workman promised the undeveloped land would be preserved as open space. She said that if the bath house were to be expanded or have some other type of building constructed it might attract more activities for the youth.

3.0 REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department

3.1.1 Sgt. Brenneman introduced Detective Thornton who has been assigned to the Cottonwood Heights investigative team and will also handle Community Oriented Policing in the City.

3.1.2 Sgt. Brenneman reviewed the calls for the month of May which had some minor increases. He said that the increases could be directly attributed to the fact that school is out. The increases were in burglary, larceny, shop lifting and in the area of public peace. He pointed out that surprisingly there was a slight decrease in gas thefts.

3.1.3 Sgt. Brenneman said that Butlerville Days and Night Out Against Crime were great successes. He noted that they are looking at moving Night Out Against Crime to sometime in September next year to be less competitive with Butlerville Days.

3.2 City Manager's Report

3.2.1 City Manager Liane Stillman introduced Sherry McConkey, Deputy City Recorder.

3.2.2 Ms. Stillman said that in regards to the Crestwood Swimming Pool, Salt Lake County has a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that is currently being reviewed and updated. The Mayor and Council have been working toward having language included in the Master Plan stating the needs of Cottonwood Heights. A meeting has been set up this week with the Parks and Recreation Director to discuss the Master Plan. Crestwood Park will be one of the topics discussed.

Mayor Cullimore stated that the City made comments at the Parks & Recreation Master Plan public hearing last May including comments about Crestwood Park because the initial draft of the Master Plan was deficient in regards to issues in Cottonwood Heights. The City was assured some of the issues would be addressed, but the revised plan did not show any changes other than the change in name from Cottonwood Heights Township to Cottonwood Heights..

- 3.2.3 Bark in the Park is an event focusing on pets and their people. There will be a spay/neuter clinic, micro chipping, licensing, and vaccinations. There will also be look-a-like contests and best dressed dog contests.

3.3 **Mayor's Report**

- 3.3.1 Mayor Cullimore made a presentation to the Granite Community Council, one of the remaining unincorporated areas between Cottonwood Heights and Sandy. The Mayor explained the negotiation with the County Sheriff to expand the officers in Cottonwood Heights precinct in order to provide better and more timely coverage for the unincorporated parts of Granite and Willow Creek.

Questions were asked about the annexation process and if there was a level of interest on the City's part to include this area. He explained that it is the decision of the residents, not the City to proceed with annexation, but that Cottonwood Heights would be receptive to a request for annexation. He further explained that most of the municipal services for Granite and Willow Creek are now provided by the County from police and fire stations within Cottonwood Heights. Therefore, it would be almost a transparent effect in annexing into the city.

Mayor Cullimore further reported that the Granite Community Council expressed concern over hillside development. He explained that we share that concern and so state that fact in our recently completed General Plan.

- 3.3.2 Mayor Cullimore explained that for the last six months, cities contracting with the Sheriff for law enforcement services have been trying to come up with a model called a 'Unified Police District'. This concept would make provision of law enforcement services independent of the Sheriff and the County. The proposed structure would call for individual precincts in the areas now serviced by the Sheriff with control of the precinct being held by the elected officials of that area. There would be a board of governors comprised of representatives of the member cities and the County. This board would oversee the precincts and the pooled services. The pooled services, such as homicide investigators, canine units, SWAT teams, etc. along with shared administrative services would be supervised by a separate command structure that would also report to the Board of the UPD. This model would provide shared records, better communication, local control and reduced costs. The basic concept has been agreed to, but a structured analysis for the overhead services will be presented at the next meeting and then discussions regarding cost and funding will begin.

4.0 PLANNING/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

4.1 Potential Solutions to Oak Creek Drive

- 4.1.1 City Engineer Brad Gilson reviewed four traffic calming proposals for the 'Brighton Bump' area. He explained that the Brighton Bump is the unregulated intersection of Oak Creek Drive and Tuxedo Way where there is a significant downhill grade change. Mr. Gilson said that there is also a site distance issue with oncoming traffic and unnecessary stop signs on the adjacent intersections above and below the Brighton Bump.

Mr. Gilson said that there are several possible solutions for this roadway:

(1) Intersection Regulations – this would regulate flow and would stop the people that normally are not speeding in the first place. This does not restrict straight through travel and is one of the least expensive options for regulating the intersection. He reviewed an aerial photograph showing where the stop signs would be positioned. He said that there are sight issues with the placement of some of the signs due to overgrowth of landscaping. He did not feel this would be an effective deterrent.

(2) Traffic Calming Applications – such as a speed dip could be used. He explained that generally cities set up their own standards and warrants for speed dips. He noted that consideration would have to be made to determine whether a speed dip or a speed bump would increase the problem or alleviate the problems. He pointed out the optimum location for a speed dip. He said that the Institute for Traffic Engineers has guidelines governing speed humps and dips, and since this is an eight percent grade there are technical issues with the application of a speed dip in this location. He said that other traffic calming devices include raised crosswalks, stamped concrete; and visual barriers.

(3) Traffic Circle – is an option which would eliminate straight through travel, but can be confusing to the traveler. It is also one of the most expensive options. The application of a traffic circle would require cars traveling down the roadway to slow in order to safely make a movement and should eliminate teens driving at excessive speeds in order to “get air” when they jump the bump. He said that there is a concern with snow plows and other heavy trucks. However, even under winter circumstances a traffic circle would not create a significant life/safety to the occupants of the car in the event they could not stop and hit the circle.

(4) The fourth option would be to combine a traffic circle with a necking option which would restrict traffic flow and eliminate straight through travel. The traffic circle could be designed as a mountable curb.

The last option would be to take the bump out completely which would be very expensive and would require significant re-grading. It would be very difficult to do without encroaching into adjacent private property. The landscaping in yards would also have to be redone.

- 4.1.2 Mr. Gilson recommended that the entire intersection be redone in concrete to provide a transition between the dark asphalt and the lighter concrete so there is a visual difference to the driver which causes them to slow down.

Mr. Gilson said that he has been working under the constraint of keeping everything in the road right-of-way. If there was additional room it would provide added safety because the bump could be reconfigured. He explained that even if the bump were removed he would also recommend one of the traffic calming measures be implemented.

Mr. Gilson recommended that the traffic counts along the roadway be further analyzed in relationship to the speeds that people are traveling and to survey the site to obtain vertical data in order to layout alternatives for the traffic circle, necking and other traffic calming options.

- 4.1.3 A resident stated that counts have been done, but that is only a small part of the problem. He said that the problem starts at Bengal Blvd. and goes to Creek Road. When the school was proposed the residents were promised by the school district that traffic from the school would not go through the residential neighborhoods, but would be funneled onto Bengal Blvd.
- 4.1.4 Mr. Gilson pointed out that one of the by-products of traffic calming measures is reduction in traffic volumes.
- 4.1.5 Councilman Jones noted that the most important interest is public safety when making a decision. Mr. Jones received comments from people that live in the area and people that live further away. Those that live further away asked about connectivity and whether this is partly an enforcement issue. These issues are not as important as the safety of the people that live on the street and travel the street, but need to be considered.
- 4.1.6 Mr. Gilson will proceed with the traffic counts and a topographic survey of the intersection in order to analyze the potential design solutions.

5.0 **OTHER MATTERS**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2005-56 approving an Interlocal Grant Agreement with Salt Lake County**

- 5.1.1 Mayor Cullimore explained that the County has agreed to provide funding for Cottonwood Heights in the amount of \$3 million which is a result of months of negotiations. The grant will be funded as soon as the City concludes the law enforcement contract negotiations. \$2.5 million is restricted to be used for parks, open space or other types of County accessible utilization. The City would like to acquire the closed elementary schools in the city.

5.1.2 Councilman Jones said that this is a very good agreement that represents much work and effort, much negotiation, is beneficial to the City in many ways, and will permit the acquisition of open space.

5.1.3 **MOTION:** Councilman Jones moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-56 approving the Interlocal Grant Agreement with Salt Lake County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

6.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6.1 Approval of July 26, 2005 Minutes

6.1.1 The minutes were approved as written.

7.0 **CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

7.1 Mayor Cullimore reviewed the calendar of events.

8.0 **ADJOURN TO WORK SESSION**

8.1 Councilman Antczak moved to adjourn to a work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved: 08-23-2005

Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr., Mayor

Don Antczak, Councilman

Scott Bracken, Councilman

Bruce Jones, Councilman

Gordon Thomas, Councilman