

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 28, 2006, AT 7:05 P.M., IN
THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

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

EXCUSED: City Manager Liane Stillman

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Shane Topham, City Treasurer Gary Harmer, Director of Finance David Muir, Community Development Director Kevin Smith, Planning Manager Michael Black, City Recorder Linda Dunlavy, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Dolan

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Watson, Kit Lindsey, Paul Brenneman, Brad Gilson, Ron Fullmer, Trace Stay, Jill and Gary McGee

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1.0 **WELCOME**

1.1 Mayor Cullimore opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Scott Bracken.

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2.0 **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

2.1 **Animal Services Report**

2.1.1 John Lovato, Animal Control Officer, told the Council that Animal Services is now under the Public Works Department, and is working on the goals that have been set for 2006 which include providing excellent customer service; reducing euthanasia of adoptable animals and reducing the number of repeat neglect cases. He noted that a veterinarian has been hired as part of the staff which will give Animal Services more flexibility and be a cost savings to the County.

2.1.2 Officer Lovato stated that fowl permits have been a concern and recommended that the City review the ordinance. Mr. Lovato stated that he is distributing brochures to the large apartment complexes, in order to educate the renters on what their responsibilities are for licensing pets. He is also working on acquiring contact numbers for owners of large animals in order to have an emergency contact. Mr. Lovato said that Bywater Park will be an on-leash park as of April 1st, and there needs to be an area designated for an off-leash park.

2.2 Unified Fire Report

- 2.2.1 Chief Watson reviewed the February 2006 Fire Report. He noted that February closed with 191 medical calls and 79 fire calls. Both medical calls and fire calls were down from February 2005.

Chief Watson reviewed the customer service message and reminded everyone to watch their driving and be very observant with the increase of pedestrian traffic as the weather gets warmer.

2.3 Introduction of Captain Steve Halligan

- 2.3.1 Chief Watson introduced Captain Steve Halligan, who is a resident of Cottonwood Heights, who was recently promoted to the rank of Captain. He was previously the Fire Department Liaison to the Cottonwood Heights Community Council.
- 2.3.2 Captain Halligan reviewed the promotional process of becoming a captain. He noted that the average score on the test to become a captain had a low score of approximately 94%.

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3.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

- 3.1 Ron Fullmer suggested that in regards to the Spencer's Pond proposal, water rights be obtained to have the pond filled, run the water down to the back of the Cottonwood Corporate Center property and pump it back up to the pond which would improve and create a value to the entire area.
- 3.2 Mary Swenson, expressed concern about the police visibility in her area. She said that there have been several incidents in this area, including an incident at Antczak Park where a child was hurt, and several tagging incidences have occurred. She said that the park is filled with adolescents as soon as it gets dark. They drive over the grass, and there are incidents of drug use. She believes there needs to be more police in this area, especially in the late afternoon and evening.

Mayor Cullimore stated that since Cottonwood Heights has become a city the police coverage is significantly better which has resulted in more crimes being solved. He noted that it is important that people report problems on a timely basis.

Sgt. Brenneman asked the residents to be their eyes and ears, and to call immediately if there is anything suspicious and they will come out.

Mayor Cullimore said the City will try to increase patrols in areas like Anczak Park.

- 3.3 Ron Fullmer asked the Mayor to comment on the status of the schools.

Mayor Cullimore stated that Cottonwood Heights Elementary School will be used as an interim school for the next two years for schools that are being renovated, and there are no plans at this time for Mountview. The City has expressed interest to the Jordan School District in acquiring both properties for the benefit of the citizens. Legislation initiated by Cottonwood Heights was passed during the last legislative session that requires school districts to give communities priority in acquiring surplus properties.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2006-08 approving for further consideration the Annexation Petition Received from Fortress Estate Properties, LLC for 6.80 acres of property located at approximately 9300 South Wasatch Blvd, otherwise known as the McGee Annexation**

- 4.1.1 Mayor Cullimore noted that this is the first annexation since the City incorporated and is located on the southern end of the City. All of the property is on the west side of Wasatch Blvd.

City Planning Manager Michael Black said that the Gary and Jill McGee have applied for a large-lot subdivision on this property.

- 4.1.2 City Attorney Shane Topham explained that this is an interim step. If the Resolution is passed, the City Recorder with the assistance of the City Attorney will review the annexation petition and make sure it complies with statutory requirements. If the petition passes that test, the City Recorder will certify the petition back to the City Council. The City Council would then notify surrounding governmental entities and other interested parties and hold a public hearing on the issue.

- 4.1.3 **MOTION:** Councilman Antczak moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-08. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.1 **Approval of March 14, 2006 Minutes**

- 5.1.1 The minutes of March 14, 2006, were approved as submitted.

6.0 ADJOURN

- 6.1 Councilman Thomas moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The business meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.