

**MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Bracken, Councilman Mike Shelton,
Councilman Mike Peterson, Councilman Tee Tyler

Staff Present: City Recorder/HR Manager Linda Dunlavy, City Manager John Park,
Community and Economic Development Director Brian Berndt, Assistant
City Manager Bryce Haderlie, City Attorney Shane Topham, Assistant
Chief Mike Watson, Finance Director Dean Lundell, Lieutenant Mark
Askerlund, Public Works Director Mike Allen, Public Relations Specialist
Dan Metcalf

Others Present: Lisa Bartlett, Dr. Stephanie Gelman

Excused: Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore

1.0 WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1.1 In the absence of Mayor Cullimore, Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Bracken called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those attending.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tyler.

2.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

2.1 Dr. Stephanie Gelman expressed concern with the quality of life of her dog. She stated that she has to visit other cities to utilize their dog parks and there is nowhere she can let her dog off leash in Cottonwood Heights. She requested the City Council assist her in her efforts to create a dog park.

2.2 Lisa Bartlett concurred with Dr. Gelman's comments and state that she has to take her dog to Park City's dog park. She believes this is a deficiency in our city and hopes to see a park in Cottonwood Heights in the near future where people can take their dogs to play.

2.3 Councilman Bracken reported that the creation of a dog park has been discussed many times over the past ten years, and there are several hurdles the City has been faced with in trying to establish an off leash dog park.

2.4 Councilman Peterson stated that philosophically everyone desires to have a dog park. He stated that Salt Lake County proposed the construction of a dog park at the west end of Crestwood Park, but once proposed they were bombarded with opposition emails. The City also tried a pilot program at Bywater Park approximately 10 years ago, and because of opposition and liability, and the general feeling that mixing a dog park in an

established park was a problem, it did not work out. He stated that the City is in favor of a dog park, but have found that locating a suitable property is a challenge.

- 2.5 City Manager John Park reported that the issue is continuously being reviewed and finding the appropriate location is the challenge. The issue, however, is being taken seriously.

3.0 **REPORTS**

Standing Monthly/Quarterly Reports.

3.1 **Monthly Financial Report – Finance Director Dean Lundell.**

- 3.1.1 Finance Director Dean Lundell presented the financial report for October 2015 and noted that the audit is nearly complete. Mr. Lundell reported that property taxes are coming in and the first two installments of the franchise fee have been received, he also said that the sales tax revenue is up over the previous year.

The fund balance as of June 30, 2015, was at \$2.136 million and includes the six percent.

A complete financial report is available on the City’s webpage.

3.2. **Unified Fire Report – Assistant Chief Mike Watson.**

- 3.2.1 Assistant Chief Mike Watson presented the Unified Fire Report for the month of October and stated that the call volume for Station 110 closed with 131 calls, 103 were medical calls and 28 were fire calls. Station 116 closed with 81 calls, 63 were medical calls and 18 were fire calls. The top three medical calls included falls, traffic accidents, and sick persons.

Station 110 had 47 Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls resulting in 26 transports; and 56 Basic Life Support (BLS) calls resulting in 17 transports. Station 116 had 28 ALS calls resulting in 11 transports and 35 BLS calls resulting in 19 transports. Station 116 calls were trending upward in their totals due to the number of BLS calls.

Asst. Chief Watson reviewed the customer service message and the safety message.

The complete report is available on the City’s webpage.

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.1 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2015-72 Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Salt Lake County and Cottonwood Heights for the Allocation of Corridor Preservation Funding.**

- 4.1.1 Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken explained that the proposed Resolution approves an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Salt Lake County and Cottonwood Heights in the amount of \$275,000 from the Corridor Preservation funding. It will be used for work on the intersection of Fort Union and Highland Drive.
- 4.1.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-72. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton. Vote on motion: Councilman Shelton-Aye, Councilman Peterson-Aye, Councilman Tyler-Aye, and Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4.2 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2015-73 Accepting Requests for Indemnification.**
- 4.2.1 City Attorney Shane Topham explained that the Governmental Immunity Act of Utah provides that when a City employee is sued because of actions taken in the course and scope of job duties for the city, the employee is able to request indemnification from the governmental entity. The governmental entity is then required to provide the indemnification and defend the lawsuit.
- 4.2.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Peterson moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-73. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler. Vote on motion: Councilman Shelton-Aye, Councilman Peterson-Aye, Councilman Tyler-Aye, and Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4.3 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2015-74 Approving the Amended Jordan River Commission Interlocal Agreement.**
- 4.3.1 Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken said that the proposed Resolution approves an amended Interlocal Agreement with the Jordan River Commission.
- 4.3.2 Councilman Tyler explained that since the City became a member of the Jordan River Commission, they have had an Interlocal Agreement supporting their efforts to improve the Jordan River. Although not on the Jordan River, Cottonwood Heights has two tributaries that feed into the Jordan River and consider it important to participate on the Commission.
- 4.3.3 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-74. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton. Vote on motion: Councilman Shelton-Aye, Councilman Peterson-Aye, Councilman Tyler-Aye, and Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4.4 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2015-75 Awarding a Retiring Police Officer His Badge and Approving His Purchase of a Police Firearm.**
- 4.4.1 Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken explained that the proposed Resolution awards a retiring police officer his badge as a memento of his service to the City and allows the retiree to purchase his firearm.

This Resolution pertains particularly to Sergeant Corbett Ford. The Council thanked him for his service and wished him well in his future pursuits.

- 4.4.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Shelton moved to table Resolution No. 2015-75. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson. Vote on motion: Councilman Shelton-Aye, Councilman Peterson-Aye, Councilman Tyler-Aye, and Mayor Pro Tempore Bracken-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.1 **Approval of Minutes of August 11 and 25 and September 8 and 22.**

5.2 The minutes stood approved.

6.0 ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING AND RECONVENE WORK SESSION IN ROOM 250.

- 6.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to adjourn the Business Meeting and reconvene the Work Session. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6.2 The Business Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.