

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members Present: Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Councilman Mike Shelton, Councilman Tee Tyler, Councilman Mike Peterson, Councilman Scott Bracken was excused

Staff Present: City Manager John Park, Police Chief Robby Russo, Public Works Director Mike Allen, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Watson, Public Relations Specialist Stephanie Archibald, City Attorney Shane Topham, Deputy City Manager Linda Dunlavy, Finance Director Steve Fawcett

1.0 **WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

1.1 Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those attending.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Peterson.

2.0 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

2.1 Tobi Paulos stated that she believes the issue of Mr. Cobb's snakes has become a private property rights issue. A photograph was presented showing Mr. Cobb and one of his many snakes on his front lawn. She shared concern regarding the large number of snakes Mr. Cobb owns and the stigma it has placed on the City.

2.2 Thomas Cobb detailed a recent home fire that involved several snakes. He reported that he currently possesses 27 snakes, although he is permitted to keep 29. The largest snake measures seven feet and the smallest is approximately 14 inches.

2.3 Dave Jensen, from Wasatch Snake Pet Removal, reported that he removes rattlesnakes under state license. He reported that Mr. Cobb is not housing venomous animals and those who are should be punished.

2.4 Mike Littlefield, a neighboring resident, shared concern regarding Mr. Cobb running a snake mill.

2.5 Debra Cobb expressed frustration with neighbors counting the number of cars that come to her home. She believes that more time and energy should be directed toward animals that pose a danger to the community.

2.6 Jennifer Scott, a Cottonwood Heights resident, shared concern over how the number of pets in a home is currently regulated.

2.7 Mike Hanson explained that he feels this issue is dividing the community.

2.8 Dr. Laurel Harris considered the stock piling of ammunition to be much more hazardous than living next door to a snake enthusiast.

2.9 Mayor Cullimore stated that the following week there will be a presentation from Snake Specialist Dr. Baker who will provide an expert's perspective for Council consideration. No resolution will be passed at that time. The health, safety, and welfare of the citizens will be of utmost importance and the Council will make a determination as to whether Mr. Cobb's exotic pets pose a danger. Mayor Cullimore further detailed personal property rights as being the other side of this issue. He stated that the Council's decision will establish a long-term impact and may be precedent setting.

3.0 **REPORTS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Standing Monthly/Quarterly Reports

3.1 **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Steve Fawcett presented the financial report for June. He reported that real property taxes are at 103% of the estimated budget. Sales tax revenue is expected to reach over \$5 million, for the first time since 2008.

Overall, department expenditures are within budgeted amounts. The City Attorney's budget has an overage, due to 13 months of contracted payments paid in one fiscal year and additional litigation expenditures.

Planning budget overspent by 5% due to personnel changes and an increase in building inspections which was offset by additional revenues. Mr. Fawcett next discussed General Fund balance issues.

Councilman Tyler asked what the time period after the end of a fiscal year is for transactions to settle.

Mr. Fawcett confirmed that settlement generally takes place within 90 days.

A complete report is available on the City's website.

3.2 **Unified Fire Report**

Assistant Chief Mike Watson presented the Unified Fire Report for the month of June. He stated that in terms of call volumes Station 110 came in 5th and Station 116 came in 18th overall among all UFA stations. Station 110 had 150 total calls with 128 Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls resulting in 61 transports; and 22 Basic Life Support (BLS) calls resulting in 10 transports. Station 116 had 51 total calls with 42 Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls resulting in 6 transports; and 9 Basic Life Support (BLS) calls resulting in 1 transport.

Chief Watson reviewed the customer service report for Stations 110 and 116 including recognition of Steve Lawrence for his work with an elderly Cottonwood Heights resident, among other generous acts of service. Photographs of Butlerville Days were displayed.

Chief Watson reviewed fire drill safety and practicing for a home fire.

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4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-30 Approving an Agreement with Gilson Engineering for Engineering Services**

4.1.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Shelton moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-30. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

4.2 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-31 Approving and Ratifying the Appointment of a City Recorder**

- 4.2.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-31. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson and passed unanimously on a roll call vote
- 4.3 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-32 Approving Entry into an Interlocal Agreement Concerning a Regional Study for the Central Wasatch Mountains Known as “Wasatch Summit Phase I”**
- 4.3.1 Mayor Cullimore explained that the proposed resolution concerns Canyon Transportation. The City of Cottonwood Heights commit \$50,000 over the next two years toward this effort.
- 4.3.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Peterson moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-32. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a voice vote
- 4.4 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-33 tentatively approving a Proposed Amended Compensation Schedule for Elective and Statutory Officers; Providing for Public Inspection of Such Schedule; Establishing the Time and Place of Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of such Schedule; and Provided for Publication of Such Public Hearing**
- 4.4.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Shelton moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-33. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson and passed unanimously on a roll call vote
- 4.5 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-34 Approving a Reimbursement Agreement with Questar Gas Company for Road Reconstruction**
- 4.5.1 The above item was postponed.
- 4.6 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-35 Approving Polling Locations (2013 Primary Municipal Elections)**
- 4.6.1 Mayor Cullimore explained the proposed resolution and stated that there will only be one polling location, which will be open on Election Day at City Hall. Citizens can also vote by mail.
- 4.6.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-35. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 5.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**
- 5.1 **Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2013**
- 5.1.1 The minutes stood approved.
- 6.0 **ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING AND RECONVENE WORK SESSION IN ROOM 250**
- 6.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Peterson moved to adjourn and reconvene the work meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The business meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.