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Cottonwood Heights City Budget and Financial Outlook

By Cottonwood Heights Administrative Staff

On June 16th, the Cottonwood Heights City Council adopted the 2020/2021 budget for the fiscal year that spans July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The process of developing the budget is very extensive and begins six to nine months prior to the time that the budget is adopted. It involves department head input and detailed analysis regarding service needs, cost estimates, revenue projections, and coordination with council members through multiple compensation and budget committee meetings. There is also significant discussion and debate in multiple City Council work meetings and a public hearing and comment period to obtain resident input on the proposed budget.

During this most recent budget process we developed a five-year budget plan. This plan attempts to look at revenues and expenses

over a five-year period to help understand the long-term impacts of service and cost delivery decisions on funds available year over year. For the past five-year period we had been averaging about a 4% annual growth in our sales tax revenues which is one of the City's main sources of revenue (property taxes being the other). This revenue growth helps the city to adapt to inflationary and market cost impacts.

In March of 2020 we suddenly were faced with the impacts of COVID-19 reversing economic growth and impacting businesses and residents throughout the world which was not foreseen even weeks prior. This impact had far reaching effects on the budget process and the overall economic influences were not easily predictable, and we did not have any relevant historical basis to look to guidance

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

LOBBYISTS CONTRACT RENEWAL DISCUSSION

AUGUST 4

- Wasatch Boulevard Aesthetic Design Plan
- Police Policies and Training Continued Discussion
- East Jordan canal Project Discussion
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AUGUST 18

- Budget & Revenue Review
- Stormwater Fee Discussion
- Inflationary Tax Increase Discussion
- On-Street Parking Permit Discussion
- Road Project Adjustments

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REVEL Big Cottonwood Marathon & Half is Canceled

Over the past several months, we've been optimistic that REVEL Big Cottonwood Marathon & Half could go on as planned; however, with current COVID-19 spikes in Utah and tight restrictions in Salt Lake County, it has become evident that organizers will not be allowed to produce the event. It is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of REVEL Big Cottonwood on Sept. 12. That said, we look forward to the race coming back better than ever for an in-person event on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021. ■



Take the Survey

In 2008, Utahns came together to create a vision for the Jordan River Parkway. This vision, called the Blueprint Jordan River, helped to elevate the Jordan River from an overlooked and neglected drainage into a cherished community asset. Now it's time to reaffirm this vision and chart a course for the next decade. The Jordan River Commission and Envision Utah invite you to share your ideas and dreams for the future of the Jordan River. Find the survey and learn more at blueprintjordanriver.org. Those who complete the survey will be entered to win one of three \$100 REI gift cards. ■



History Question of the Month

Five of the original Homestead Patent holders in our city were women. Who were they and what circumstances led to them to being eligible to receive patents?

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COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS & MIDVALE CITY ROLLING CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020
CARS START ROLLING AT 6:00 P.M.

Hot Rods, Classics, Rat Rods and more awesome cars will roll through the neighborhoods of Cottonwood Heights & Midvale. View the route on the cities' websites. Please use proper social distancing if viewing from a public location.

www.ch.utah.gov/community/car-show
www.MidvaleCity.org/CarShow



Joining forces to spread cheer



"A Look Ahead", continued from cover

on just how the various revenues of the city would be impacted. We knew there would be an impact on sales taxes as businesses were not able to open and it was anticipated there would be other declines in revenue sources and the duration of effects were also unpredictable. In the end, through collaboration with State of Utah, Salt Lake County and other governmental jurisdictions, we made an estimate that the economic impact would reduce sales taxes by about 20% for a six-month duration (from July through December) for an overall annual impact of about a 10% reduction in sales tax revenue. This does not mean that we assumed that the pandemic would end abruptly after a six-month period, but that the overall effects would be worse in July with a gradual improvement throughout the year returning to a more normal level of economic function in the early months of 2021. This reduction amounts to a reduction of \$600,000 from the prior year's budget. In addition, the projected increase (prior to the pandemic) of \$250,000 would not be realized.

One specific area of study during the budget process was related to the City's aging storm water system. This system handles the water that runs out of the canyons as well as the runoff after each storm we receive in the city. There are areas of this system that need repair

or replacement. To address the cost impact related to the storm water system we hired an outside firm to provide a study of the system needs and cost impact of improvements. This study concluded in January of this year and our budget committee prepared fee recommendations for full City Council consideration. This storm water fee would be utilized exclusively for building, maintaining, and cleaning the system and is common for cities to cover the costs associated with storm water system. The initial results of this study show there is a need for approximately \$1 million in additional annual costs associated with the storm water system. It was the intent of city officials to have public input meetings on this proposal but with the challenges associated with COVID-19, it was determined to not consider the fee at this time. However, it will likely be discussed at the end of the year and input on the possible fee will be requested through a formal process.

The projected assumptions for the budget including reduced revenues prompted the city to put many cost increases on hold as we attempted to keep spending in check. We reduced anticipated employee increases and reduced current employee expenditures by almost \$100,000. We also put in place a hiring freeze and all other anticipated increases were put on hold

unless they were tied to contractual agreements or outside of the direct control of the city.

The general fund revenues of the city are budgeted at \$19,985,887 with property taxes (\$8,063,137) and sales taxes (\$5,750,000) being the primary sources of revenue. The general fund expenses of the city are budgeted at \$17,602,952 with public safety (Police, Fire, Ordinance Enforcement) being the largest expense at \$10,233,218. In addition, there is a transfer of \$3,691,305 that includes the capital projects (roads and trails) of \$1,832,762, building bond payments (City Center and Public Works yard) \$1,131,225, Police vehicle lease \$417,099, and Public Works vehicle lease of \$310,219. When all of these considerations were in place it shows a use of \$1,308,370 of current general fund balance.

There will be a need to watch and communicate the actual revenues and expenditure trends to help the City Council and administration know when it may be possible to alter (either up or down) from the current budget and to help as we prepare for the budgets we will need to adopt in the future.

The City Manager and Director of Finance and Administrative Services believe this is a good representation of a fair budget considering the current conditions. This budget can be reviewed and read online at www.ch.utah.gov/finance/adoptedbudget ■

Bonneville Shoreline Trail Access Master Plan

Over the past months, the city has been working to prepare a draft master plan that addresses proper access to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in Cottonwood Heights. A public open house was previously held in February 2020 to receive public input, and a first draft

of the plan has now been completed and is ready for formal public review and feedback.

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail is a regional recreation amenity planned throughout the Wasatch Front and beyond. While not yet constructed, completion of the trail has been a city priority for many years and is referenced in the city's original General Plan from 2005 as being an important recreational amenity. A preliminary trail alignment has also been completed and in place since prior to city incorporation.

While much work has previously been completed to determine a potential trail location and alignment, there has never been a formal analysis of access to the trail, which is critically important for any trail to be successful. As such, the primary goals of the proposed Bonneville Shoreline Trail Access Master Plan is to 1) identify and provide sufficient and effectively located regional, secondary and local access points to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail within city limits, and 2) to ensure that each type of access point (regional, secondary and local) is well designed and in context

with recommended locations. The plan also identifies challenges that the city should be aware of in the implementation of potential identified access points.

The draft plan is currently under consideration by the Cottonwood Heights Planning Commission. Prior to any final decision, the plan will be reviewed and considered by the Mayor and City Council. Those who have not previously submitted a formal public comment to the Commission are welcome to share comments in writing via email or in person at the next Planning Commission meeting, which will be Wednesday, August 5th at 6:00 p.m. Public meetings are currently being held remotely, but those interested in commenting are invited to register to follow along with the discussion live and share comments.

A draft plan is available on the Community Development page of the city website, under the 'General and Special Plans' tab. Any questions may be directed to Mike Johnson, Community & Economic Development Director, at mjohnson@ch.utah.gov. ■



Salt Lake County Face Covering Requirement Extended Through Aug. 8

The wearing of face coverings that became a requirement across Salt Lake County, effective June 26, was extended through at least Aug. 8.

Wearing a face covering correctly is one of the easiest things we can do to help our local businesses and community during this challenging time. In Salt Lake County, face coverings are required:

- At public gatherings, indoor or outside, where social distancing is not possible.
- While waiting outside or inside retail and other public locations, including bars and restaurants, until seated.

Face coverings are not be required:

- Outdoors when social distancing is easily maintained.
- On a person with a health condition that would be made worse by wearing a face covering.
- On children under 2 years old.
- When wearing a face covering would prevent someone from doing the essential functions of their job or work.
- When wearing a face covering is not reasonable, such as while swimming or engaging in strenuous physical activity.

The goal of the requirement is not enforcement or to penalize anyone; the goal is to send a strong, clear message about the gravity of our current COVID circumstances and the importance of face coverings in effectively addressing this concerning data. ■



Cottonwood Heights City Hall & Police Department Requires



Slow the spread of COVID-19



Taking Shape: Public Input is Developing Wasatch Boulevard

As the “City between the Canyons”, Cottonwood Heights is the gateway to some of the most scenic and rugged skiing in the Intermountain West. As such, we are subject to heavy travel – especially on Wasatch Boulevard, one of the main arterial roads to each of the Cottonwood canyons.

One fact about Wasatch Boulevard that some residents may not know is that the majority of the road between I-215 and Little Cottonwood Canyon falls under the jurisdiction of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). What this means is that ultimately the State of Utah has final determination in changes to design, function, use, capacity, etc., of the roadway. This is important because UDOT is currently conducting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze and recommend changes to Wasatch Boulevard and Little Cottonwood Canyon to improve transportation in and around the canyon area. Therefore, a strong working partnership between the city and UDOT is required, and public engagement and input plays a critical role in the process to shape the future of Wasatch Boulevard.

So far, these efforts have been influential and effective. UDOT received over 6,000 public comments during the most recent public input phase of the EIS and will be using that information to refine the potential alternatives it has presented for the road to

date. This input proves the passion of residents and re-emphasizes the importance of this road to those who live along it and use it every day. Details on the current EIS phase, summaries of previous phases, and a road map for future phases can be found at the UDOT Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) website: (<https://littlecottonwoodeis.udot.utah.gov/>)

As of August 2020, the Wasatch Blvd EIS has just closed the most recent public input period for the draft of alternatives phase. This draft presented three potential scenarios for transit and roadway improvements to improve transportation to and from Little Cottonwood Canyon. Two of these scenarios include prioritizing bus travel, and one features a gondola at the base of Little Cottonwood Canyon. The city of Cottonwood Heights submitted formal public comment and recommendations based largely on the public input we have received and based on the goals and recommendations of the city’s adopted Wasatch Boulevard Master Plan. We are appreciative of all residents who submitted public comments to UDOT and helped demonstrate the importance of this road to the city.

At this point, the scenarios are simply conceptual alternatives and the official design has not been decided. As the process proceeds, it remains important for Cottonwood Heights officials and residents to



continue active involvement in the process. Changes to Wasatch Boulevard have a direct impact on the city (more so than any of the surrounding cities). The city’s adopted Wasatch Boulevard Master Plan emphasizes concepts that maintain and improve our quality of life (slower speeds, safe intersections, natural aesthetics, recreational trails, etc.).

While future planning of Wasatch Boulevard is still a work in progress, and the EIS currently has an estimated completion date of 2021; continued community engagement remains important to help shape the future of this corridor. Please visit the UDOT EIS website or contact the city’s Community and Economic Development department to learn more and make your opinions heard when the opportunity is available. ■

Updates from the District

Modified Area Cleanup Coming Aug. 24 through Sept. 10

While this year has brought many challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, it's so important to continue to provide services for our communities even with challenges due to staffing shortages.

As a result, this year's Area Cleanup program has been modified with containers being placed in a homeowner's driveway to reduce the need for the WFWRD team to physically handle the waste that is placed on the ground with the traditional services of containers in the streets.

Reservations will be open to residents when they receive their postcards, approximately three weeks in advance of the available dates. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are not enough containers for every home to reserve a container, nor does every home need a container. If homeowners are willing to share with their neighbors, they are

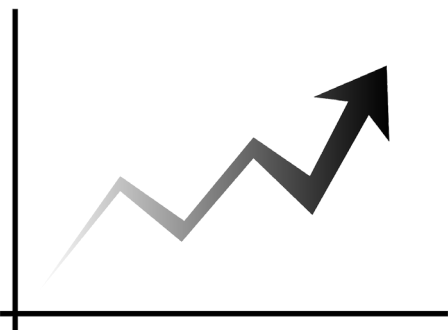


encouraged to do so to assist in meeting needs where appropriate.

Containers are 8 by 12 feet and weigh 1.7 tons, which is the weight of a small pick-up or car. The containers will fit in most driveways

as long as vehicles don't block the space. Please visit the WFWRD website at www.wasatchfrontwaste.org/area-clean-up for more details and to reserve a container when you receive your postcard. ■

Recycling Rates (Clean Recycling)



Recycling rates measure the amount of usable recycling materials in the curbside blue cans. The remaining materials are contamination that gets sorted and sent to the landfills. The recycling rate has fluctuated over the past year, but has improved. The overall WFWRD-area rate is 78%. Cottonwood Heights' recycling rate is around 83%, based on the last community evaluation conducted.

Recycling disposal costs also have improved.

Commodity pricing and demand for materials is going up, which means disposal costs have decreased. The improvement is also due to residents recycling right. WFWRD is currently paying around \$39.46 per ton. This is an improvement of \$26 per ton from January of this year. For more help on "Recycling Right," download the district's free mobile app from the Apple Store or Google Play. ■

Recycling Tip #4



Although most paper-based products are recyclable, paper towels should not be recycled.

Recycling Tip #16



Paint is considered hazardous waste and cannot be placed in our blue recycle bins. However, there are disposal and swap programs for unused paint at the SL Valley Solid Waste and the Trans-Jordan Waste facilities.

Recycling Tip #25



Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) contain mercury and shouldn't be thrown in the trash. Most local home improvement stores operate CFL recycling programs.

Answer

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Jane Panter was the wife of William James Panter. They immigrated from England. They had 11 children, three of whom lived to adulthood. William also had a polygamous wife, Emma Bennett, whom he married in 1864. They had four children. William applied for a 160-acre "Homestead Grant" in 1869. He died in 1872. His second wife then moved to Gentile Valley where most of her family was living. Jane, his first wife, stayed on the homestead and applied for patent in 1874 as the heir to William's estate.

Eliza Boggess Van Valkenburg was the third wife of Peter Van Valkenburg. He was murdered in 1874. She was left to raise their five children. She received a patent for 120

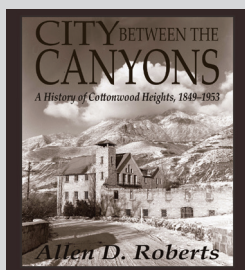
acres of land where they had been living by paying \$1.25 an acre, under the Land Act of 1820, on May 6, 1879.

Elizabeth Livingston immigrated from Scotland in 1863. She married Archibald Livingston on Nov. 25, 1865. He immigrated from Scotland in 1855. He filed for a 160-acre homestead, which included the property where the "Old Mill" now stands. In May 1878, while in Castle Valley, he came down with pneumonia. Knowing it was serious, he rode on horseback to the Salt Lake Valley to be with his family. He died on May 30, 1878. Elizabeth, as his heir, was able to file for patent on the property. The patent was granted April 15, 1880.

Janette Ritter was the widow of William Ritter, who was killed in an avalanche in Big Cottonwood Canyon on Jan. 16, 1875. William had come to Utah in 1847 as part of the first group

of "Mississippi Saints." After his death, Janette continued to run the 160-acre homestead with the help of her sons. On Feb. 10, 1881, she received a patent for the homestead as William's heir.

Harriett Francis Hatch Brown and her husband, William D. Brown, came to Utah in 1860. They lived in Salt Lake City for two years before moving to Parleys Canyon. After about one year, William left, leaving Harriett with seven children to care for. She moved her family to Holladay, then Provo, Payson and Bingham Canyon. She finally settled in Butler about 1879, where she homesteaded 160 acres of land, including 80 acres in "Poverty Flats." Harriett died in June 1880 and was buried in the Union Pioneer Cemetery. A patent was granted to the "Heirs of Harriet Brown, deceased" on Dec. 30, 1884. ■



Buy the Book!

Stories of our community can be found in the book "City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights 1849-1953."

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The Cottonwood Heights Historic Committee is now on Facebook



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City Council Meetings

Aug. 4 - Work Session 5 p.m.,

Business Meeting 7 p.m.

Aug. 18 - Work Session 5 p.m.,

Business Meeting 7 p.m.

(Work session may reconvene after business meeting.)

Agendas are posted 24 hours in advance of public meetings.

For details about the agendas, go to: www.ch.utah.gov

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting will be held on Aug. 5

- North Gravel Pit rezone and master plan
- Bonneville Shoreline Trail Access Master Plan

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Student, Family and Employee Safety Paramount as Canyons District Reopens Schools

With a focus on health, wellness and learning, the Canyon School District (CSD) has developed a Back-to-School Action Plan to guide operations for the 2020-2021 school year. The plan, approved by the Canyons Board of Education on July 14 was required by the Utah State Board of Education, which has directed all Utah public schools to prepare to return to school safely in the fall.

It was created in accordance with state health guidelines and with vast input from the Canyons community; the District received hundreds of emails and more than 15,500 responses to parent and employee surveys. The plan prioritizes health and safety while also providing families with choices. When they register for school on July 27, parents will be able to decide if their children will be taught in person or take advantage of online offerings. "Overwhelmingly, the sentiment [in surveys] was in favor of reopening schools in the fall. Families have made it known that the connection students have to their school is important," said CSD's new Superintendent Dr. Rick L. Robins. "They also made it clear that they want choices. Our online learning options were developed with those goals in mind."

Extensive cleaning and safety practices are outlined, as are the expectations regarding physical distancing and the required use of

face coverings in schools and on buses, per an order by Utah Gov. Gary Herbert. Attention also is being paid to providing social-emotional supports to help those who are struggling during a challenging and uncertain time.

More details about CSD's plan can be found at canyonsdistrict.org. Schools also have been tasked with developed school-specific plans for publication prior to Aug. 1. Following are just a few of the health and safety measures being put into place:

- Schools and buses will be properly ventilated and cleaned throughout the day and into the evening hours using hospital-grade, Environmental Protection Agency-approved sanitizers and disinfectants.
- CSD, which will follow the governor's order to require the use of face coverings, will supply hand sanitizers, soap and other Personal Protection Equipment, such as Plexiglas in high-traffic areas and face shields and coverings.
- Students will be assigned seats in their classrooms and on buses to support any contact tracing; space between desks and tables will be maximized; large common areas will be used as learning areas; and schools will monitor and minimize congregations of students and stagger or limit transitions between classes to minimize interactions with multiple groups. Also, to the extent possible, students will remain with the same teachers and staff throughout the day.
- Visitors to buildings will be limited and undergo temperature checks, those displaying symptoms will be asked not to enter CSD buildings, and students will be trained on proper hygiene. Parents will be expected to check their children's temperature every morning.
- Additional school nurses will be provided to CSD facilities for medical advice and support. ■



Business Spotlights



Handel's Homemade Ice Cream 6933 S. 1300 East

After coaching high school soccer for years, Krissa Reinbold was ready for a new challenge. So Krissa and her husband, Matt, made the decision to bring Handel's Homemade Ice Cream to Utah, and recently opened at 1300 East and Fort Union Boulevard.

Alice Handel founded Handel's Homemade Ice Cream in 1945 when she made ice cream using fruit from her own garden to sell in her husband's gas station in Ohio. Today, all ice cream is still made by hand, serving 48-plus flavors daily and using premium quality ingredients. In fact, Handel's has been rated the No. 1 brand worldwide with stores around the country, so it's exciting for Krissa and Matt to open here in Cottonwood Heights. Graham Central Station,



Chocolate Peanut Butter Brownie and Black Raspberry Chunk are some of the favorites. You may see the line out the door, but it moves quickly and is worth it. You'll have a cone in your hand in no time! ■



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PM Billing & Consulting is a full service practice management and medical billing company located in Cottonwood Heights, although it services clients from all over the states. PM Billing has experience integrating and using multiple EHR and practice management software platforms and can

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ALL BUSINESS INDUSTRIES: APPLY NOW

Cottonwood Heights Economic Development Staff encourages all local businesses to take advantage of a new round of grant funding available through Salt Lake County.

As of July 28, 2020, the eligibility requirements have been updated to include all industries, as well as businesses that received less than \$35,000 in CARES act funds.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be based in Salt Lake County
- Employ fewer than 100 employees
- Provide documents verifying your financial loss
- Be in any industry impacted by COVID-19
- Have operated prior to January 1, 2020
- Not received more than \$35,000 financial aid through CARES Act programs, like the PPP, EIDL or State ComRent programs

Apply online: slco.org/covid-19/economy/grants

For assistance, call the County Business Relief Hotline at 385-468-4011

