

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2007, 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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Liane Stillman, City Attorney Shane Topham, Deputy City Manager Kevin Smith, Planning Director Michael Black, Finance Director David Muir

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephanie Archibald, Dan Bartlett, Robby Russo, Cathy McKittrick, Battalion Chief Johnson, Ron Fullmer, Beau Babka, Sheriff Jim Winder, Ann Lehman, Jerry Snow, Clark Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. Richardson, Dee Bangerter, Corbett Ford, Brian Allen, Nicolle Bangerter

1.0 **WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

1.1 Mayor Cullimore opened the business meeting at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed those attending.

1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clark Richardson.

2.0 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

2.1 No comments were received.

3.0 **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 **Presentation of Sheriff's Department Citizen Awards**

a. Clark Richardson – Eagle Scout Project

b. Ann Lehman – Citizen Report of Burglary in Progress

3.1.1 Sheriff Jim Winder presented a Sheriff's Department Citizen Award to Clark Richardson for his Eagle Scout project which was the creation of emergency preparedness kits. He solicited the funds and donations for the kits and then prepared them.

Detective Ford commended Clark for the high quality of his project which is a need and benefit to many people.

3.1.2 Detective Ford told the Council that on September 18th Ann Lehman was leaving Brighton High School and happened to see several young men getting into a vehicle and acting suspicious. She called dispatch with descriptions and the location. Deputies responded and found that the men had burglarized the Brighton High School football locker room. He said that without that phone call there would have probably been many victims of an unsolved crime.

Sheriff Winder presented Ann with a Citizen Award certificate for her action.

3.1 **Unified Fire Report**

3.1.1 Chief Watson reviewed the statistics for the month of August 2007. There were 91 calls for fire compared with 92 calls last year and 188 medical calls compared to 169 medical calls previously.

With the cool weather on its way, Chief Watson recommended having furnaces serviced in order to obtain a mandatory green tag and making sure filters are clean. He noted that the shelf life of a carbon monoxide detector sensing unit will last five years and urged the public to make sure carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms are in working order.

3.1.2 Chief Watson reviewed the customer service message for Station 110 and Station 116.

3.2 **August Financial Report**

3.2.1 Finance Director David Muir reviewed the August financial report. The auditors have finished their fieldwork and did not find any exception or issues. Mr. Muir reviewed the report noting that the capital projects fund detail has been included in this report.

3.4 **Public Works Report**

3.4.1 Deputy City Manager Kevin Smith reviewed the current public works projects. He went over the pavement management contract and the ADA ramp project. Mr. Smith said the he has several design options for the 1495 East intersection improvement, but has not received any complaints sense the signal timing was modified. The Ridgcrest Elementary sidewalk project has been completed.

Mr. Smith will be scheduling the review of a draft policy on unwarranted stop signs in October; and a public meeting is scheduled on the proposed dog park on October 30th before the City Council.

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 **Presentation by Consultants of Inventory of Existing Parks and Recreation Facilities in Cottonwood Heights**

4.1.1 Bruce Jorgensen and Dave Garse, Landscape Architects, GSBS, reviewed the preliminary inventory of parks and open space. Mr. Jorgensen explained that they used the General Plan as a starting point and then generated the following categories: parks, school parks, private parks, unimproved public acreages, unimproved private acreages, and natural open space.

Mr. Jorgensen said that according to NRPA standards, the City should have 370 acres of parks and open space, ten acres per thousand people, and Cottonwood Heights has just over 100 acres. He explained that the City will have to consider whether they want to upgrade existing facilities, acquire land for new parks, or implement the trail system shown in the General Plan. He noted that there is not a lot of land available for new parks.

Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation will review the inventory and a final report will be presented next month.

The following citizen comments were made following the action items:

- Nicolle Bangerter discussed the upcoming election on the school district split. She asked that anyone that would like to donate to this cause be put in contact with her.

Mayor Cullimore told those attending the meeting that Herriman City had filed a lawsuit regarding the vote on the school district split.

- Lane Peterson stated he has fundamental concerns with plans regarding the proposed City Center. He values open space and park space, and believes that there is a large group of citizens that are concerned about spending tax dollars on a city center when there may be adequate office space available.

Councilman Bracken pointed out that for what the City paying in rent in this building, if it were put into a standard 30-year mortgage, you would get \$3 million which is enough to build an entire building and have as an asset.

Mayor Cullimore stated that the City is scoping out concepts and ideas, and obtaining feedback on the city center proposal.

- Dee Bangerter said that he is interested in having a fiber optic system in place and he does not believe the issue is one of public entities competing with private business. He believes that in the future more band width will be necessary for the general public, and the City should not delay modernizing with fiber optics.

Councilman Antczak said that he is concerned with the amount of money the City would have to pledge to participate and believes that the risk is greater than the benefits.

- Ron Fullmer stated that the residents on 1495 East are waiting for the City to present a plan on the intersection and if the City is willing to put the pipe underground a four-way intersection should be considered at Park Centre Drive.

4.0 **ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING AND RECONVENE WORK SESSION**

- 4.1 Councilman Jones moved to adjourn the business meeting and reconvene the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The business meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approved: October 9, 2007

Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr., Mayor

Don Antczak, Councilman

Scott Bracken, Councilman

Bruce Jones, Councilman

Gordon Thomas, Councilman