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Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL

January 28, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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Official notice of the City Council Meeting was given by posting an Agenda at City Hall and on the Bountiful City Website and the Utah Public Notice Website and by providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: The City Journal and Standard Examiner.

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Finance Director	Tyson Beck
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Police Chief	Ed Biehler
	Asst. Planner	Deanne Morgan
	HR Director	Jessica Sims
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

PUBLIC/PRIVATE ASSEMBLY USE – MR/ FRANCISCO ASTORGA

Mr. Francisco Astorga explained that the applicant, Lakeview Cemetery, is requesting to add two new uses to the Single-Family Residential zone. They would like to make add “Funeral Home or Mortuary” and “Public or Private Assembly” as conditional uses. He said that the Planning Commission reviewed this item and had robust deliberation about it. If the new uses are conditional, it means the Planning Commission would have the ability to further mitigate any issues as necessary after an application is submitted.

Mr. Astorga added that the applicant recently updated their request to increase the minimum setback from 75 feet to 150 feet, and to increase the minim lot size from 3 acres to 10 acres. They also included a maximum decibel level of 78 decibels to help with noise, offered to submit a traffic study, said that access would be limited to Bountiful Blvd and operating hours would be restricted from 8 am to 11 pm. This is all in an attempt to comply with the things that are worrying staff and Council about allowing an event space in a residential zone.

After some discussion, most of the Councilmembers were mostly concerned with the noise this would bring to an otherwise quiet neighborhood. Councilmember Bradshaw was also concerned about the traffic increase for neighborhood streets between the freeway and the site. Councilmember Higginson suggested they require no sound amplification after 9 pm. The other Councilmembers were happy with that addition. Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, and Price-Huish wanted to require a traffic study as well.

1 **GENERAL PLAN – MR. FRANCISCO ASTORGA**

2 Mr. Astorga went through the remaining place types from the general plan with the Council,
3 asking if the Council felt the maps were ready to be released to the public with the existing
4 boundaries.

5 The Council approved the boundaries for the “Downtown”, “Commercial Corridor” and the
6 “Community Commercial” place types after a few small changes.

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8 The work session ended at 7:00 pm.
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12 **Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**
13 **City Council Chambers**
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15 Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt 17 Murri, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Power Director	Allen Johnson
	Finance Director	Tyson Beck
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Police Chief	Ed Biehler
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28 **WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER**

29 Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Ms.
30 Kimberly Wirfs, Miss Bountiful for Utah for America Strong, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor
31 Benjer McVey, Flourishing Grace Church, offered a prayer.
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33 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

34 Public comment was opened at 7:06 pm.
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36 Mr. Gary Davis (2814 South 500 West) said it seems like the Council is planning to change
37 the land use code to benefit a single entity by considering the Lakeview Cemetery application. He
38 questioned their requirements that access for the event center must be off of Bountiful Blvd and that
39 the minimum lot size be 10 acres.
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41 Mr. Matt Jenkins (495 East 1350 North) said he would like to see the winter parking
42 restrictions changed to help accommodate families who have their adult children still living with
43 them, which is becoming more common in this housing market. He suggested having certain streets
44 be designated “No parking” zones and allowing residential streets to remain open to street parking
45 year round.
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1 Mr. Layne Papenfuss (719 West 3100 South) had some comments about the General Plan. He
2 cautioned against trying to preserve or protect parts of Bountiful from the effects of growth, and
3 advised keeping the following maxims in mind as they continue to work on the plan; small,
4 incremental improvements over large ones, emphasizing the resiliency of the result over the
5 efficiency of the execution, making sure changes are adaptable to feedback, prioritizing bottom-up
6 actions instead of top-down control, seeking to conduct business at a face-to-face level whenever
7 possible, being obsessive about accounting for revenues, expenses, assets and long-term liabilities,
8 and making sure no single neighborhood bears the burden of massive change and that no
9 neighborhood is exempt from changes either. He also suggested the City shrinking minimum lot sizes
10 and setbacks, providing pre-approved housing plans, ending mandatory parking, make it safe for kids
11 to get around independently, and embrace the pioneering spirit that welcomed growth in Bountiful.
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13 Ms. Brooke Freebairn (400 East) thanked the City for their careful consideration about
14 placing a crossing guard at Bountiful Elementary. She asked that we pay attention to what we value
15 in this community and follow the example of our young people in how they care for each other. She
16 hoped the Council would find the funds to prioritize the safety of the children.
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18 Public comment was closed at 7:14 pm.
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20 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON**
21 **JANUARY 14TH, 2025**

22 Councilmember Child made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on
23 January 14th and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with
24 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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26 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

27 Councilmember Murri did not have a report.

28 Councilmember Price-Huish reported that the Power Commission elected a new Chair, Ms.
29 Susan Becker. She also reported on accompanying the BCYC to “A Day at the Legislature” and
30 thanked Ms. Beverly Ward, Councilmember Bradshaw, Rep. Todd Weiler, Rep. Ray Ward and Rep.
31 Melissa Ballard for the time they spent showing the students around and explaining the workings at
32 the capitol.

33 Mayor Harris coordinated with the Council about the Bountiful Community Service Council
34 transportation conference on February 8th, in order to be sure they did not have a full quorum present.

35 Councilmember Child reported on the fundraising concert featuring a Carpenters tribute band
36 on April 11th at 7 pm, and also that tickets for TEDxBountiful go on sale February 1st on the City
37 website.

38 Councilmember Bradshaw reported that the Recreation District is working on its vision
39 statement and goals. She also reported that the BDAC recently changed its bylaws, and now the
40 member of the Council on the board will be a voting member.

41 Councilmember Higginson was not asked to report.
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43 **VICTIM SERVICES BIENNIAL REPORT – MS. COLETTE RAMPTON**

44 Ms. Colette Rampton reported on her work as the Victim Advocate for the City. She talked
45 about all the services she provides for victims of crime and how many services were rendered in
46 2024. The Victim Advocate helps victims navigate the confusing processes involved in the criminal

1 and civil justice systems, gets them information and referrals pertinent to their situation, provides
2 emotional support, helps them make plans to stay safe, helps them draft victim impact statements,
3 accompanies them to their court appearances and police interviews, helps them with restitution, and
4 notifies them of upcoming criminal justice events. In 2024 she helped with 32 pretrial protective
5 orders, 13 sentencing protective orders, 1 civil stalking injunction, and 2 civil protective orders.

6 The Mayor and Council expressed their deep appreciation for her work and how vital it is for
7 our community members.

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9 **CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – MR.**
10 **LLOYD CHENEY**

11 Mr. Lloyd Cheney explained that three items from the Traffic Safety Committee are coming
12 before the Council for approval.

13 First, is the request for a crossing guard at 50 West 1600 South, in front of Bountiful
14 Elementary. He explained that extenuating circumstances from the construction of the new school
15 have created a safety hazard in front of the school. Staff has committed to help the school with their
16 routing plans, and have reopened the kiddie walk by the tennis courts at Five Points Park, which will
17 hopefully help with some of the issues. Staff recommends a temporary crossing guard position be
18 added in front of the school for the remainder of the school year, with the expectation that the school
19 submit a new circulation plan for next year and fund a crossing guard themselves if needed.

20 Councilmember Bradshaw commented that it would be nice if the City could have a bigger
21 role in the conversation when schools are being designed, to make sure they integrate well with
22 neighborhoods and that circulation and safety are closely scrutinized. Councilmember Murri agreed.
23 Councilmember Price-Huish said that Principal Pickett invited the Council to be more involved and
24 engaged by attending the “Cluster Meetings” where feeder school issues are discussed in detail,
25 including traffic safety. Mr. Cheney said he will be asking fellow city engineers about how they
26 handle this issue in their communities at an upcoming conference.

27 Second, is the request to install two stop signs at the intersection of 750 East/700 South. After
28 looking into it and doing a traffic study of that street, staff recommends actually installing two speed
29 limit signs (25 mph) on 750 East instead.

30 Third, is the request for a pedestrian crossing at 150 North/400 East. Staff evaluated the best
31 place for a pedestrian crossing along this street, taking into account where the SB bus stop is and
32 visibility issues. Staff recommends placing the pedestrian crossing at 100 North instead.

33 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve all three recommendations from the
34 Traffic Safety Committee and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed
35 with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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37 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A VIRGINIA TRANSFORMER FOR**
38 **THE 1200 KVAR CAPACITOR BANK FROM CONTROLLIX CORPORATION IN THE**
39 **TOTAL SUM OF \$103,272 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

40 Mr. Allen Johnson explained that this purchase of a capacitor bank is for the NW substation
41 rebuild. Staff recommends accepting the low bid from Virginia Transformer.

42 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the purchase of the capacitor bank and
43 Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,
44 Child, Higginson, Murri and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

1 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE (3) THREE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH**
2 **DIAMOND TREE EXPERTS – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

3 Mr. Johnson explained that this contract with Diamond Tree Experts helps the City keep up
4 on their regular tree trimming and decreases the number of tree-related power outages each year. The
5 extension will be for three years, with an incremental increase in cost each year; 3% the first year, 3%
6 the second year, and 2% the third year.

7 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the contract extension with Diamond
8 Tree Experts and Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with
9 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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11 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2025-02 ADOPTING BOUNTIFUL CITY**
12 **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – MR. BRADLEY JEPSEN**

13 Mr. Brad Jeppsen explained that changes are being proposed to the personal appearance
14 section of the City employee policy manual. The update is an effort to comply with shifting societal
15 norms and staff believes that allowing tattoos on the arms and legs, among other changes, will help
16 Bountiful be more competitive in their recruitment and retention efforts. If approved, the change to
17 the policy would be effective immediately.

18 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 and
19 Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
20 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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22 **ADJOURN**

23 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Price-
24 Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Murri, and
25 Price-Huish voting “aye” and Councilmember Higginson voting “nay.”

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27 The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Mayor Kendalyn Harris

City Recorder