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Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Present: Mayor: Randy Lewis
Council Members: Kendalyn Harris, Richard Higginson, Beth Holbrook,
John Marc Knight, Chris Simonsen
City Manager: Gary Hill
City Attorney: Clinton Drake
City Engineer: Paul Rowland
City Planner: Chad Wilkinson
Department Directors & Personnel:
Chief Tom Ross – Police
Chief Jeff Bassett – SDMFA
Tyson Beck – Finance
Lloyd Cheney - Engineering
Shannon Cottam – Human Resources
Brock Hill – Parks
Alan West – Information Systems
Allen Johnson – Power
Mark Slagowski – Water
Gary Blowers – Storm Water/Streets
Nikki Dandurand – Recording Clerk

28 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

29 Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
30 Mayor Lewis made a few remarks about why he ran for Mayor again last year. He recently attended
31 the Wasatch Vision 2050 expo and was impressed by everything going on in the area. There is a big
32 push to have power moved to ground level, local level. Proximity, density, authenticity and the
33 “solid bones” of the area were discussed. Mayor Lewis is excited for our City and is proud to be the
34 Mayor.

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36 **PRIOR YEAR REVIEW AND UPCOMING PROJECTS**

37 Mr. Gary Hill provided paper and pens at the front of the room and asked the Council and
38 staff to write down great things about the City as well as weaknesses in the City. Among those things
39 written were each department’s ability to handle various issues well, great power rates, major projects
40 were completed on time, road survey completed, new park opening soon and many other
41 accomplishments.

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43 **INGREDIENTS FOR AN OUTSTANDING DOWNTOWN**

44 Mr. Chad Wilkinson introduced a You Tube video with Roger Brooks and his top 20
45 ingredients needed for an outstanding downtown. Mr. Wilkinson reviewed some of the top items that
46 included a phase called 10-10-10, having anchor tenants and bathrooms. Mr. Wilkinson then asked
47 how the criteria presented in this video can impact what we do with our downtown plan, and

1 specifically the new Plaza. Councilmembers mentioned branding, landscaping and the name of the
2 area. Staff and Council discussed different aspects they would like to include such as water features,
3 music, open space, etc. Mr. Wilkinson said all these ideas will be discussed later in the afternoon, but
4 in the meantime, be thinking of how can they support or construct a better plaza.
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6 **DOWNTOWN PLAZA DESIGN DISCUSSION**

7 Mr. Wilkinson started the discussion saying that retail will be a very important part of this
8 plan. Mr. Gary Hill asked what characteristics does the Council find important? What would you
9 show someone? Councilmembers replied good food, enough seating, a unique atmosphere and a
10 good vibe. Councilwoman Holbrook said that a vision was needed and it needed to be articulated.
11 Mr. Wilkinson then introduced Mr. David Harris with EPG and Whitney Ward with VCBO. They
12 presented two plaza concepts based on the public's input through surveys and face-to-face
13 interaction. The features mentioned the most were public restrooms, more parking, open grass, water
14 feature and shaded seating. A possible synthetic ice rink was also discussed. Mr. Cheney said that a
15 final design will be presented in March, with a utility and amenities package as well. Mr. Gary Hill
16 asked staff and Council if these concepts were on the right track. Council and staff agreed they were.
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18 **VETERANS MEMORIAL**

19 Councilman Simonsen stated he has been trying to get a memorial for a long time in the City.
20 He wondered how come people are excited about a new dog park, but not helping veterans. A
21 memorial can help heal those who are here and families can look at it and acknowledge their loved
22 ones. Mayor Lewis allowed a committee to be organized last year, so now it's time to decide on a
23 location. This area needs to be quiet and thoughtful, not a playground or cemetery. Locations were
24 discussed to include it in the plaza design or next to the existing City Hall. Ms. Ward, from VCBO,
25 volunteered her help to look for the right location. Everyone was asked to visualize a memorial a
26 year from now and think about what they were seeing and feeling. All agreed the new plaza or
27 campus seems most relatable, a visual and civic area. A cemetery location is not wanted by the
28 committee or veterans. Mr. Gary Hill mentioned some city property up in the foothills that would
29 possibly work. These locations were discussed, but Mayor Lewis stated that a decision should be
30 made and not kick this down the road again. Mr. Gary Hill asked if the majority vote was to exclude
31 it from the plaza in the architectural designs. All agreed. Mr. Hill then asked the staff to work with
32 Councilman Simonsen and come up with a design concept to bring back to the Council.
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34 **WATER RATE SUBSIDIZATION**

35 Councilwoman Harris presented to Staff and Council that approximately 160 families were
36 improperly included in the taxing district of the South Davis Water District for many years without
37 being able to obtain their services of secondary irrigation water, thus forcing them to irrigate with the
38 City's culinary water. She asked Mr. Rowland to help her present information about subsidizing
39 these particular residences. Mr. Rowland gave some facts about the general water use and how this
40 would affect the surrounding houses. The bottom line is that any adjustment would have to be
41 revenue neutral. Everyone in the City without access to secondary water would have to get the same
42 subsidy. This would equate to approximately 9,650 houses in the City. Some things to consider are
43 what amount of subsidy would be appropriate? How much consumption is being used? Low vs. high
44 elevation? There are some very important questions to ask. It is a complicated billing system
45 already, it would be very time consuming to recalculate everyone's rates for only 160 actual homes
46 being affected and could the Council approve a rate increase overall? Councilman Higginson said to

1 just leave it alone. Mayor Lewis said if it's not broke, why change it. Mr. Rowland said the
2 information was good to gather and be aware of, but it's not plausible. Councilwoman Harris
3 appreciated the work Staff did and it does ultimately affect her, but it's not the City's fault.
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5 Mayor Lewis thanked the Council and staff for their presentations and comments throughout the day
6 and postponed all other discussions until tomorrow.
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CITYWIDE COMMUNICATION PLAN – PART I & II

Mr. Gary Hill stated that this topic was discussed this last year and it can be duplicated this year. He asked what if there was room for improvement and why. The Council responded that the City needs to toot their own horn, get facts out early and often, social media is so predominate-we need to use it. Mr. Gary Hill pointed out that last year with the City Hall project, the City doesn't need to overreact about every item presented. Mayor Lewis said that sometimes regardless of the problem, weaknesses are exposed. Is there a better way to communicate with the public? Ideas were a marquee board or sandwich boards in neighborhoods. The overall challenge is to educate the public. Mr. Wilkinson said that most people just want a "sound-bite" of information, not pages and pages. Mr. Gary Hill said that correct information takes longer to explain. He asked Mr. Mark Slagowski how he talks with residents about potential problems with water issues. Mr. Slagowski stated he goes door to door to talk to them. Mr. Gary Hill said that Shawna has been great about posting on social media about any City problem or concern. But social media has also given the public a very loud voice. Mr. Gary Hill said that with the City Hall problem, what could have been done differently. How should we have attacked the negative? Mr. Brock Hill responded that City Staff didn't know how to respond or what to say. Mr. Gary Hill said Staff will take this all into consideration and bring it back in a work session.

RAP TAX PROECT PRIORTIZATION

Mr. Gary Hill said that over 1,800 people responded to the downtown survey online, 500 to the RAP tax questions. What was the purpose of the survey? The City is using Qualtrics for this service. They have provided good demographics, overall rankings, mean scores and other tracking information. The results indicated the public wants a new trailhead at North Canyon as a first

1 priority. An approximate cost for this is \$263-303k. A new Ward Canyon trailhead could be done
2 quickly and inexpensively as well. Another top priority was new playground equipment at various
3 parks. Mr. Hill identified four parks that could use an upgrade; Washington Park, Eggett Park, North
4 Canyon Park and Tolman Park. A new dog park was also in the top five priorities. The two locations
5 that were presented included a portion of Mueller Park by the junior high or Brickyard Park. The
6 Mueller Park option was expensive but suitable. Brickyard Park was cheaper and more minimal.
7 Councilman Simonsen did ask why so much money could be spent to help dog owners, but not
8 veterans. Councilmembers discussed the reasons for a dog park. Councilwoman Harris stated that
9 the Council has been committed to this idea for a long time and follow through is needed.
10 Councilman Higginson suggested spending a smaller amount for Brickyard Park and include a
11 veteran's memorial at the new plaza, which will be small but tasteful. Mayor Lewis asked if this is
12 the direction the Council would like to go with this and if they were ready to move it along. Mr.
13 Gary Hill noted that the public gave their opinions, which the Council asked for. What are their, the
14 Council's, priorities? Could we start the dog park and trailhead at the same time? Councilwoman
15 Holbrook would like to see costs involved for both. Mr. Gary Hill again asked what projects are
16 most important. Mr. Hill suggested he bring it back in a work session with a potential rank of
17 importance and estimated costs. Mr. Wilkinson stated that there are other recreational grants
18 available if we wish to pursue that.

19 Mr. Gary Hill asked what direction needs to be taken on the veteran's memorial now.
20 Councilman Simonsen said that it was to be included in the plaza design, when a new City Hall was
21 still in the plans as well. Now, the design concept is more of a playground atmosphere and he did not
22 believe that type of atmosphere provides the proper respect a veteran's memorial deserves. Mr. Gary
23 Hill agreed that the plaza is not a good idea anymore, and to review staff's recommendation for
24 another location, possible next to the existing City Hall. Councilman Simonsen said that might work.
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26 Mayor Lewis wished to thank everyone that came and participated in this year's retreat. He
27 stated that he is glad this event is held every year.
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