

MINUTES OF COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 13, 2013

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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND CONDUCTED BY MAYOR WINDER.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Mike Winder
Steve Buhler
Don Christensen
Tom Huynh
Karen Lang
Corey Rushton
Steve Vincent

Paul Isaac, Acting City Manager
Sheri McKendrick, City Recorder

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicole Cottle, Assistant City Manager/CED Director
Eric Bunderson, City Attorney
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director
John Evans, Fire Chief
Anita Schwemmer, Acting Police Chief
Chris Curtis, Acting CPD Director
Dan Johnson, Acting Public Works Director
Jake Arslanian, Public Works Department
Jeannette Carpenter, Finance Department

16251 **OPENING CEREMONY**

The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Mike Winder who noted it was Primary Election Day and there were many good candidates on the ballot including some sitting Council members. He expressed appreciation to all candidates for participating in the important democratic process. He also showed a video.

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Mayor Winder welcomed Scout Troop No. 597 in attendance at the meeting to complete the Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

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RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Winder recognized candidates Lars Nordfelt and Ron Bigelow, and former Representative Fred Cox.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 16, 2013

The Council read and considered Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 16, 2013. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

After discussion, Councilmember Christensen moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 16, 2013, as written. Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Vincent	Yes
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes
Mr. Christensen	Yes
Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mayor Winder	Yes

Unanimous.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 23, 2013

The Council read and considered Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 23, 2013. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

After discussion, Councilmember Christensen moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 23, 2013, as written. Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Vincent	Yes
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes
Mr. Christensen	Yes
Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mayor Winder	Yes

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Unanimous.

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COMMENT PERIOD

Upon inquiry by Mayor Winder the following individuals spoke during the comment period:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Will Kocher, the facility manager at the Acord Ice Center and swimming pool at Centennial Park, addressed the City Council. Mr. Kocher stated both of his managed facilities were Salt Lake County facilities and the County desired to expand its partnership with the City. He encouraged input from members of the City Council as well as City staff and residents.

Mike Markham addressed the City Council and stated another small business on 3500 South had been lost because the lawn mower shop moved to South Salt Lake City. He also expressed his opposition to allowing chickens in neighborhoods and requested the matter be considered next year when new Council members had been seated. Mr. Markham discussed a development by Ivory previously discussed in a Council Study Meeting and he stated there was enough high density housing in the City.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Christensen stated his grandchildren had participated in hockey leagues at the Acord Ice Center and the entrance was very dark at night. He suggested this matter be reviewed with the possibility of making improvements.

Mayor Winder expressed appreciation for the referenced ice rink and thanked Mr. Kocher for attending the meeting and providing information.

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PUBLIC HEARING, ACCEPT PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2013-2014

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, stated a public hearing was advertised in order for the City Council to hear and accept public input regarding the Tentative Budget for FY 2013-2014. He discussed proposed Resolution No. 13-111 to be considered by the City Council subsequent to the public hearing, as follows:

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, presented proposed Resolution No. 13-111 which would adopt the Final Budget; make appropriations for support of West Valley City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014; and determine the rate of tax and levy taxes upon all real and personal property within West Valley City, Utah, taxable by law for the year 2013.

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Mr. Isaac advised that the Finance Director, Jim Welch, had prepared an overview of the Final Budget for FY 2013-2014 for benefit of residents in attendance at the hearing.

Upon direction, the Finance Director addressed the City Council and with aid of PowerPoint explained the budget in detail, summarized as follows:

- Explanation of Truth in Taxation process
- Judgment levy
- Required public notice
- Property tax calculator on City's website
- Budget FY 2013-2014
- Significant dates – budget calendar
- Expenditure projections
- Adopted budget
- Comparison/General Fund
- Revenue sources FY 2013-2014
- Expenditures FY 2013-2014

Mayor Winder opened the public hearing.

Fred Cox addressed the City Council, expressed appreciation for the budget information appearing on-line, and indicated he also had received a copy via e-mail from the City Recorder. He advised he had read the budget and requested some clarifications on specific line items.

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, and the Finance Director responded to Mr. Cox's comments and questions and expressed eagerness to meet with Mr. Cox to further discuss budget items in detail.

There being no one else to speak either in favor or in opposition, Mayor Winder closed the public hearing.

ACTION: CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 13-111, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF WEST VALLEY CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014; AND DETERMINING THE RATE OF TAX AND LEVYING TAXES UPON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH, TAXABLE BY LAW FOR THE YEAR 2013

The Council previously held a public hearing regarding proposed Resolution No. 13-11 which would adopt the Final Budget, make appropriations for the support of West Valley City for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30,

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2014; and determine the rate of tax and levy taxes upon all real and personal property within West Valley City, Utah, taxable by law for the year 2013.

Upon discussion, Councilmember Rushton commended the Finance Director and staff for preparation of the budget and discussed various entities included on the tax billing. He also discussed fairness and balance as demonstrated by having the public included in an equitable and transparent process.

Councilmember Vincent stated a common comment he heard from residents was a "thank you" for the \$1,400 tax bill and he frequently reminded that only 27% of the bill could be attributed to the City. He discussed the difficulty residents experienced when trying to understand the tax bill since many entities were included. He stated when put into perspective for the City services received it seemed equitable.

Mayor Winder read from his state of the City address relating to being smart with tax dollars. He discussed the City holding the spending line and living within its means. He indicated the City had again received the Distinguished Budget Award for excellence in budget preparation, the highest recognition of government reporting in finance matters. He explained budget preparation was a big challenge with the biggest expenditures allocated to public safety that included police and fire. He also stated there had been 6,000 jobs created in the City over the last few years and currently there were a number of groundbreaking scheduled for more new businesses. On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Winder expressed appreciation to City staff for their budget preparation work, wise spending, and transparency.

After discussion, Councilmember Vincent moved to approve Resolution No. 13-111, a Resolution Adopting a Final Budget; Making Appropriations for the Support of West Valley City for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013, and Ending June 30, 2014; and Determining the Rate of Tax and Levying Taxes Upon All Real and Personal Property Within West Valley City, Utah, Taxable by Law for the Year 2013. Councilmember Huynh seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Vincent	Yes
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes
Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mr. Christensen	Yes
Mayor Winder	Yes

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Unanimous.

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RESOLUTION NO. 13-112, AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A POLICY WITH EMI TO PROVIDE DENTAL BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, presented proposed Resolution No. 13-112 which would authorize the City to enter into a policy with EMI to provide dental benefits for City employees for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Mr. Isaac stated EMI was the current provider for dental benefits for City employees and he proposed renewing the contract for FY 2013-2014. He reported dental premiums would increase by 4.8% in the proposed contract.

After discussion, Councilmember Rushton moved to approve Resolution No. 13-112, a Resolution Authorizing the City to enter into a Policy with EMI to Provide Dental Benefits for City Employees for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Vincent	Yes
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes
Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mr. Christensen	Yes
Mayor Winder	Yes

Unanimous.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL, THE REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013, WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:09 P.M., BY MAYOR WINDER.

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

Sheri McKendrick, MMC
City Recorder