

MINUTES OF COUNCIL STUDY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN STUDY SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND CONDUCTED BY MAYOR BIGELOW.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Councilmember Rushton arrived at the meeting at 5:17 P.M.

Ron Bigelow, Mayor
Corey Rushton, Councilmember At-Large (Arrived as noted)
Lars Nordfelt, Councilmember At-Large
Tom Huynh, Councilmember District 1
Steve Buhler, Councilmember District 2
Karen Lang, Councilmember District 3

ABSENT:

Steve Vincent, Councilmember District 4 (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT:

Wayne Pyle, City Manager
Nichole Camac, City Recorder

Nicole Cottle, Assistant City Manager/CED Director
Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Russell Willardson, Public Works Director
Lee Russo, Police Chief
Layne Morris, CPD Director
Eric Bunderson, City Attorney
Erik Brondum, CED Department
Bob Fitzgerald, Fire Department
Jason Erekson, CED Department
DeAnn Varney, Administration
Aaron Crim, Administration
Jake Arslanian, Public Works Department

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD AUGUST 25, 2015**
The Council read and considered Minutes of the Study Meeting held August 25, 2015. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

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After discussion, Councilmember Nordfelt moved to approve the Minutes of the Study Meeting held August 18, 2015, as written. Councilmember Huynh seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes
Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mr. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

2. **REVIEW AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Mayor Bigelow indicated no new items had been added to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting scheduled later this night.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-151, APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEST VALLEY CITY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE, BLUFFDALE CITY (SARATOGA SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT), COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, DRAPER CITY, GRANITE SCHOOL DISTRICT, MURRAY CITY, SALT LAKE AIRPORT POLICE, SALT LAKE COUNTY, SALT LAKE CITY, SANDY CITY, SOUTH JORDAN CITY, SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY, TOOELE CITY, TOWN OF ALTA, UTAH STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, UTAH STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, UNIFIED POLICE DEPARTMENT, UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR UTAH, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH POLICE, UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY (UTA), UTAH STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, UTAH MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND WEST JORDAN CITY (THE “AGENCIES”) FOR MULTI JURISDICTIONAL SHERIFF AND POLICE SERVICES**

Police Chief, Lee Russo, discussed proposed Resolution No. 15-151 that would approve the execution of an Interlocal Multi-Jurisdictional Aid Agreement for the purpose of providing mutual assistance in situations involving crimes, disturbances of the peace, riots, and other emergency situations.

He stated the renewal would update language in the agreement but nothing substantial would be changed. The proposal would authorize the City to participate in an Interlocal Agreement with the Attorney General’s Office, Bluffdale City (Saratoga Springs Police Department), Cottonwood Heights, Draper City, Granite School District, Murray City, Salt

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Lake Airport Police, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, Sandy City, South Jordan City, South Salt Lake City, Tooele City, Town of Alta, Utah State Department of Corrections, Utah State Department of Natural Resources, Unified Police Department, United States Marshal for Utah, University of Utah Police, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), Utah State Department of Public Safety, Utah Motor Vehicle Enforcement division, and West Jordan City for the purpose of providing mutual assistance in situations involving crimes, disturbances of the peace, riots, and other emergency situations.

The subject agreement had importance in order that mutual aid matters did not become outdated and would allow West Valley City Police Department to continue to give and receive aid and assistance to and from other jurisdictions named in the agreement.

Law enforcement agencies had varying resources of equipment and personnel, and it benefitted all cities and their citizens when law enforcement agencies worked together by pooling resources in order to prevent and detect crime. It also allowed appropriate response to major incidents such as riots and mass shootings.

In response to questions, Chief Russo explained that resources were shared across the region when a crisis occurred and larger agencies, of course, had more resources. He also clarified the agreement applied to agencies in Salt Lake County.

Chief Russo further reviewed and discussed the proposed Resolution and answered additional questions from members of the City Council.

The Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 15-151 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled September 15, 2015, at 6:30 P.M.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-152, APPROVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT CONTRACT MOD 1 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEST VALLEY CITY, THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TAYLORSVILLE CITY AND AVENUE CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THREE INTERSECTIONS ON 4100 SOUTH, 1300 WEST, 2700 WEST, AND 4000 WEST**

Erik Brondum, CED Department, discussed proposed Resolution No. 15-152 that would approve a Local Government Project Contract MOD 1 with Taylorsville City and Avenue Consultants through the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for traffic signal improvements at three intersections on 4100 South, 1300 West, 2700 West, and 4000 West.

The proposal would modify the consultant contract for additional right-of-way tasks that had not been included in the original contract and added no fiscal obligation of the City. The additional right-of-way impacts had been identified at the intersection of 4100 South 4000 West and required additional survey and documentation work by the consultant.

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Upon inquiry, Mr. Brondum advised the funds were being added for right-of-way at 4000 West, as three or four additional parcels would be needed to complete acquisition of property. Also, advertising of the project was anticipated to be ready for February or March of next year in preparation for construction in the spring.

In response to inquiry by Councilmember Buhler regarding any work scheduled on 2500 South, Mr. Brondum advised he was not aware of any however engineering and maintenance work regarding 3500 South Street was coordinated with the State of Utah prior to the City completing any advertising. He indicated being unaware of current work on 3500 South and 4000 West.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-153, TERMINATION OF EASEMENT THROUGH PORTIONS OF THE COMMERCE CENTER SUBDIVISION (PARCEL NOS. 15-19-201-016, 15-19-201-017 AND 15-19-126-009)**

Mayor Bigelow discussed proposed Resolution No. 15-153 that would terminate an easement through portions of the Commerce Center Subdivision (Parcel Nos. 15-19-201-016, 15-19-201-017 and 15-19-126-009).

On April 15, 1999 a Grant of Underground Easement had been recorded in favor of Lake Park Golf, L.L.C. for a sewer line from the Stonebridge Golf Course through property owned by Liljenquist Investment Company, LTD. With the acquisition of Stonebridge Golf Course, West Valley City had become the successor in interest and the new owner of the easement. The easement crossed through property being developed at the 201 Commerce Center. In 2013-2014 West Valley City constructed the extension of Commerce Center Drive to the SR-201 South Frontage Road. This project included construction of the sewer located in Commerce Center Drive to connect to the sewer line in the SR-201 Frontage Road. Although the old sewer line had been abandoned, the existing easement remained an encumbrance to future development of the 201 Commerce Center. As the easement was no longer necessary, a Termination of Easement had been prepared for approval.

Upon inquiry, Public Works Director, Russell Willardson, advised the sewer line was likely never installed since it had been based on a design that was never developed.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 15-153 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled September 15, 2015, at 6:30 P.M.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-154, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO EXECUTE AN ABANDONMENT EASEMENT LOCATED ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE FALCONCREST SUBDIVISION (PARCEL NOS. 14-34-354-010, 14-34-354-011 AND 15-34-357-009)**

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Public Works Director, Russell Willardson, discussed proposed Resolution No. 15-154 that would authorize the City to execute an Abandonment of Grant of Easement located on property within the Falconcrest Subdivision (Parcel Nos. 14-34-354-010, 14-34-354-011 and 15-34-357-009).

In 1986 an easement had been granted to the City for a temporary turnaround and an access for the dead end streets in the Falconcrest Subdivision. Approval and construction of Park Vista Subdivision Phase I and the approval of Park Vista Subdivision Phase 2 provided connections to existing streets and to 4100 South Street. As the easement was no longer necessary the abandonment had been requested.

Mr. Willardson further reviewed and discussed the proposed Resolution and answered questions from members of the City Council.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 15-154 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled September 15, 2015, at 6:30 P.M.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. **FURTHER PARKS BUDGET DISCUSSION**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated time had been scheduled for further discussion regarding Parks and Recreation Department budget matters.

Mr. Pyle discussed various options regarding preparation of the Parks and Recreation Department budget in order to improve park situations throughout the City. He advised options could include hiring of additional maintenance workers or prioritizing improvements (i.e., new parking lots, fixing equipment, and others). He indicated the Council could allot \$300,000, or any other amount, on a yearly basis to the parks program, or a one-time allocation to be reviewed annually.

He stated if the Council desired to make parks a priority the funds could be taken from existing budgets, taxes increased, or another funding source implemented such as a parks special service district-type program. He added the monies could also be taken from the general budget and evaluated on an annual basis by the City Council.

Upon discussion, Mayor Bigelow informed he would not be in favor of committing to an ongoing program and desired to see what changes could be effected by providing a one-time budget allocation.

Councilmember Buhler concurred and stated safety should be prioritized and therefore hazardous playgrounds should be fixed first. He indicated improving fences and other things could help reduce workload for parks' workers and therefore be more cost effective going forward.

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Councilmember Nordfelt expressed the importance of increasing maintenance and providing improvements to existing parks. He also indicated the new skate park would require more maintenance and it was important that it functioned well.

Councilmember Huynh concurred with remarks made by Councilmember Buhler.

Councilmember Lang expressed the desire for this type of presentation in November or December prior to the Council's annual Strategic Plan meeting.

Upon inquiry regarding the annual CIP allocation, City Manager, Wayne Pyle, indicated funding depended on monies accrued in a particular year via property sales, excess unspent funds, and others.

Councilmember Lang continued indicating the importance of providing funding for both workers and parks maintenance.

Mayor Bigelow discussed the value of parks funding but pointed out it would mean monies would need to come out of the budget elsewhere and those cuts would be difficult to make.

Councilmember Lang pointed out the difficulty in continuing to increase the number of parks without providing necessary funds for maintenance workers.

Upon further discussion, Council members discussed various budget options and the pros and cons of hiring additional park maintenance workers. Additional discussion included questioning the wisdom of building a million dollar skatepark when not having the funds to maintain existing parks.

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, informed other measures were taken to ensure the City was able to stay on top of increased parks in the City. He advised impact fees were used to build new parks, and those funds had to be spent or lost and could only be used for construction and not maintenance.

Councilmember Huynh expressed desire for a large park somewhere in the City within the next 5 to 10 years similar to Sugar House Park, and the Council discussed that possibility including the City Manager's suggestion that the list of projects be prioritized.

After further discussion and direction, the City Manager indicated he would look at prioritizing certain projects and provide a suggested plan for a one-time budget opening for the City Council's review.

B. **COUNCIL UPDATE**

Mayor Bigelow referenced a Memorandum previously received from the City Manager that outlined upcoming meetings and events as follows:

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September 9, 2015	WVC Watch Wednesdays, City Hall – 6-7pm
September 9, 2015	Community Meeting with Chief Russo City Hall – 7-8pm
September 9, 2015	Lake Park Golf Social, Stonebridge Golf Course, 4415 Links Drive, 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
September 15, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Lars Nordfelt
September 16, 2015	Harman Home Heritage Series – Fiddle N Harp Sisters, 4090 South 3600 West, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
September 16-18, 2015	ULCT Annual Convention, Salt Lake City Sheraton Hotel (Details to follow)
September 20, 2015	Five Finger Death Punch & Papa Roach, Maverik Center, 6:30 P.M.
September 22, 2015	Glen Weaver Park Ribbon Cutting/Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Ron Bigelow
September 29, 2015	No Council Meetings Scheduled (5 th Tuesday)
October 6, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council, RDA & Housing Authority Meetings, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Tom Huynh
October 13, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Steve Buhler
October 20, 2015	CEP Field Trip to Granger Elementary/Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Karen L
October 20-30, 2015	Early Voting Period for Municipal General Election (Details to follow)
October 21, 2015	Harman Home Heritage Series – Sam Payne, 4090 South 3600 West, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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October 27, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Steve Vincent
November 3, 2015	Municipal General Election
November 3, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council, RDA & Housing Authority Meetings, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Corey Rushton
November 10, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Lars Nordfelt
November 11, 2015	Veterans Day Holiday – City Hall closed
November 17, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Ron Bigelow
November 18, 2015	Harman Home Heritage Series – Inspirational Art Association, 4090 South 3600 West, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
November 24, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Tom Huynh
November 26, 2015	Thanksgiving Holiday – City Hall closed
December 1, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council, RDA & Housing Authority Meetings, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Steve Buhler
December 8, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Karen Lang
December 15, 2015	Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M.; Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. – Opening Ceremony: Steve Vincent
December 16, 2015	Harman Home Heritage Series – Malcolm Judd (Filmmaker), 4090 South 3600 West, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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December 24, 2015

Christmas Holiday – City Hall closed

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, also updated the City Council regarding upcoming changes in the Administration offices, including an upgrade to the Council Office. He explained this would make it more of a gathering place for Council members as opposed to an office. He indicated he could provide the plan upon request by members of the Council.

Councilmember Buhler pointed out the monthly CEP meetings would need to be rescheduled until construction had been completed.

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

A. COUNCILMEMBER TOM HUYNH – INQUIRY REGARDING RECRUITMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS

Councilmember Huynh stated there seemed to be negative feeling regarding police officers nationwide and he inquired if that had affected hiring and recruiting new officers in the City.

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated the quantity of applications had not decreased and staff continued to work hard to ensure quality candidates were selected. He also advised various different methods were being reviewed that would provide a competitive market for young officers looking to join the force.

B. COUNCILMEMBER COREY RUSHTON – COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING RE: TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Councilmember Rushton advised he recently attended the Salt Lake County Council of Governments' meeting and the transportation issue on the election ballot was a big topic this year. He indicated there seemed to be a lot of push for an approval and advised different methods were being used for that campaign.

C. MAYOR RON BIGELOW – CONFERENCE OF MAYORS – RE: TRANSPORTATION BILL

Mayor Bigelow stated he recently attended a Conference of Mayors meeting and the transportation bill had also been a topic of discussion. He indicated mayors had been encouraged to publicly support the bill and added that he did not attend the press conference.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Huynh moved to adjourn. Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes

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Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mr. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY COUNCIL THE STUDY MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:32 P.M. BY MAYOR BIGELOW.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Study Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Nichole Camac
City Recorder