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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017, AT 6:36 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 BIGELOW.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Ron Bigelow, Mayor
Lars Nordfelt, Councilmember At-Large
Don Christensen, Councilmember At-Large
Tom Huynh, Councilmember District 1
Steve Buhler, Councilmember District 2
Karen Lang, Councilmember District 3
Steve Vincent, Councilmember District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Wayne Pyle, City Manager
Nichole Camac, City Recorder

Paul Isaac, Assistant City Manager/ HR Director
Nicole Cottle, Assistant City Manager/General Counsel/ CED Director
Eric Bunderson, City Attorney
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Lee Russo, Police Chief
John Evans, Fire Chief
Russell Willardson, Public Works Director
Layne Morris, CPD Director
Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director
Sam Johnson, Strategic Communications Director
Jake Arslanian, Public Works Department

OPENING CEREMONY

Karen Lang conducted the Opening Ceremony. She requested members of the City Council, City staff, and the audience to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 18, 2017

The Council considered the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 18, 2017. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

Councilmember Lang moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 18, 2017. Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion.

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A voice vote was taken and all members voted in favor of the motion.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES, AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 28, 2017 AS ARBOR DAY IN WEST VALLEY CITY

Mayor Bigelow read the proclamation declaring April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in West Valley City.

COMMENT PERIOD

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayra Cedano stated that she is a West Valley City resident and is attending this meeting with many other residents, groups, and allies. She thanked the Council and City staff for the many conversations that have been had. Ms. Cedano stated that she has experienced the deportation of a loved one and the effect that it has on individuals and families. She indicated that she would appreciate an official statement and resolution be passed by the City Council to prevent the further separation of families. Ms. Cedano read a resolution that has been prepared and requested that it be considered and approved.

Melissa Del Castillo requested that the City Council stand with the immigrant and undocumented community. She stated that people come to America to make a better life and asked the Council help them accomplish that dream by approving the resolution read by Ms. Cedano.

Claudia Curiel thanked the Council for the efforts and decisions they make. She stated that she is not invisible when it comes to paying taxes and asked that she not be invisible when she asks the Council to stand behind the immigrant community.

Fabiola Madrigal read the story of a community member. The letter, written by a mother of two, states that the deportation of herself and her husband would force the abandonment of her children and destroy the dreams of her family. The mother goes on to state that her family came to America for a better life and deserve that opportunity.

Isael Torres stated that he was born and raised in Utah. He supports his friends and family who are immigrants and would like to voice his support for the safe city resolution provided by Ms. Cedano.

Marla Mott-Smith stated that she is a candidate for District 4 in 2018 and urged the Council to pass the proposed resolution submitted by Ms. Cedano. She indicated that she has worked closely with the Hispanic community and added that they provide a significant economic value to the City.

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Joshua Cameron discussed the importance that immigrants provide to the economy and provided specific statistics. Mr. Cameron indicated that his wife is a first generation immigrant from El Salvador. He stated he will be running for West Valley City Mayor in 2017 and encouraged the Council to stand for the immigrant community.

Kat Kellermeyer stated that she grew up in West Jordan in a neighborhood that borders Kearns, Taylorsville, and West Valley City. She indicated that her community was extremely diverse and many immigrant residents took care of her and raised her when her parents were unable to. Ms. Kellermeyer urged the Council to take care of them in return during this time of need.

Justin Anfinen stated that he advocates for the protection of the immigrant population and asks that the Council provide reassurance to the community by passing a resolution. He indicated that the sentiment from the Council last week was that life will continue as normal. Mr. Anfinen stated that if this is so, the City will lose nothing in passing a resolution or approving a statement. He indicated that the resolution is not a rebellion but a show of solidarity that gives the immigrant population hope.

Lilianna Martinez stated that her family moved to America to provide her a better life. She indicated that she has accomplished this by becoming a graduate student at the University of Utah. Ms. Martinez stated that she feels strongly about immigration and indicated that the City should encourage solidarity, welcome immigrants, and speak out for them.

Jarved Martinez stated that he comes from a family of migrant workers and he is very involved with the youth throughout various communities. Mr. Martinez indicated that he is extremely concerned about the implications and pain that would occur if his family got deported. He added that the immigrant community is valuable and should be valued by the Council and City as well.

Mike Markham stated that he understands the plight of the immigrant population and the fear they face of being torn apart. He stated that he is a 66 year resident of West Valley City and is concerned about people moving into single family homes in his neighborhood, illegally dividing the homes internally to create duplexes, and moving several families in. He stated that he believes there is a cultural misunderstanding and asked the City to protect his American dream and neighborhoods and enforce single family homes and on-street parking.

Paul Nichols stated that traffic speed on 4100 South is too fast. He indicated that he would like to see it policed more heavily.

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Alycia Cervantes stated that her husband is undocumented and she has had four strokes in recent years. She is deeply concerned about who would care for her children if he got deported and something happened to her medically. Ms. Cervantes asked that the Council do what they can to protect the community and not aide President Trump's federal agenda.

Brandy Farmer stated that she contributes to the community in many financial ways and just wants a safe place for children to grow up. She stated that many people are afraid for their families, afraid to leave their homes, and even afraid to attend school for fear of being deported. Ms. Farmer indicated that she knows the work West Valley has done in the past with the immigrant community and asked that it continue its positive relationship and pass a resolution in support and solidarity.

Sarah Johnson stated that she has frustration with increased traffic on her street, rental units, etc. but would not come to a Council meeting and make racial slurs as has been done in this meeting.

B. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated that when the immigration subject came up during last week's City Council meeting, the City was taken by surprise because there had been no recent contact with anyone with any type of concern. He stated that he understands residents have been worried since the last election and the President's immigration policies. Mr. Pyle stated that City staff has met with members of the ALCU and other organizations and he felt meetings have been productive and gone well. He indicated that the City has always been open and supportive of the immigrant community and there has never been significant racial tension or problems, something he has always been proud of, within the community. Mr. Pyle stated that the City Council has always supported the diversity that exists in West Valley City and indicated that nothing new will be adopted or changed as part of new federal immigration policies. He indicated that the Police Department does not discriminate and will continue to welcome and respect every person's dignity and status in the community.

C. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Buhler thanked everyone for attending. He stated that the City Council always meets in public to ensure transparency and openness. He stated that a resolution cannot be adopted and approved during tonight's meeting since there are noticing requirements and legal reviews that must be done before any type of action is taken for the protection of the entire population of West Valley City.

Mayor Bigelow stated that he feels the positive record the City has with the immigrant population should speak volumes. He indicated that he is unaware of any police situation that has occurred that resulted in an unequal treatment of a

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resident due to a cultural divide. Mayor Bigelow stated that approving a resolution will change nothing but actions will reflect much more. He indicated that the City staff, the Police Department, and the majority of residents reflect the position of the City which has no connection or control over the Federal Government or School Districts. Mayor Bigelow stated that the actions of the City have been commendable and fair and will continue to be respectable. He indicated that local law enforcement serves to protect and uphold the peace and does not enforce immigration. Mayor Bigelow stated that all citizens who obey the law are treated courteously and with gratitude while those who break the law are penalized appropriately. He indicated that West Valley City has a lot to be proud of in the way that it treats immigrants and will continue to be a positive example.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-57: APPROVE A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST VALLEY CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE FOUR PARCELS OF PROPERTY ON LEHMAN AVENUE

Mayor Bigelow discussed proposed Resolution 17-57 that would approve a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with the West Valley City Housing Authority to purchase four parcels of property on Lehman Avenue.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included Information as follows:

This resolution authorizes West Valley City to purchase four (4) duplexes on Lehman Avenue from the West Valley City Housing Authority for use in future development. The City will pay the Housing Authority the appraised value of each property, with the total purchase not to exceed \$1,200,000.

The following property will be purchased under the real estate purchase agreement:

- 3015 West Lehman Avenue & 3602 South 3000 West, Parcel (15-33-105-012)
- 3027 & 3029 West Lehman Avenue, (Parcel 15-33-105-011)
- 3061 & 3063 West Lehman Avenue, (Parcel 15-33-105-009)
- 3107 & 3109 West Lehman Avenue, (Parcel 15-33-105-006)

The West Valley City Council allocated CDBG funds for the “Lehman Avenue Project” in September 2016, and authorized the City to partner with other agencies to redevelop aging residential housing units in a blighted area into a mixed income, transit-oriented residential development. CDBG funds will be used for property acquisition, tenant relocation, and demolition of dilapidated units on Lehman Avenue to make way for new residential development.

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Upon inquiry by Mayor Bigelow there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and he called for a motion.

Councilmember Buhler moved to approve Resolution 17-57.

Councilmember Christensen 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. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

RESOLUTION 17-58: AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A BETTERMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEST VALLEY CITY AND THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ADDITION OF VARIOUS ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CORRIDOR PROJECT

Mayor Bigelow discussed proposed resolution 17-58 that would authorize the execution of a Betterment Agreement between West Valley City and the Utah Department of Transportation for the addition of various items associated with the Mountain View Corridor Project.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included Information as follows:

This agreement adds various items of work to the UDOT Mountain View Corridor Project. (Betterment Agreement Local Agency Supplemental to MUA UDOT Finance No. 16855. PIN 8314 – Mountain View Corridor)

Opticom (\$40,915.16) Emergency vehicle signal preemption is being added to the following intersections: 6000 West 4100 South; SB MVC 4100 South; NB MVC 4100 South; 5600 West 4100 South; SB MVC 5400 South; NB MVC 5400 South; SB MVC 6200 South; NB MVC 6200 South.

4100 South Drainage (\$21,831.25) East of 5600 West – The city requested the extension of a storm drain from 5600 West to approximately 5450 West. The city

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will connect to this pipe in a future project. This will allow for the separation of storm drain and irrigation to minimize potential for flooding.

Pond 6-3 (Golf Course) Drainage Pipe (\$56,216.20) The existing golf course pond near the abandoned Westridge Blvd was the last in a series of ponds that are used for flood storage. This pond did not have an outlet. This betterment constructs a structure and pipe to enable the pond to be emptied in the event of an overflow.

4100 South 6000 West Drainage Pipe (\$188,315.83) The existing drainage system in 4100 South near 6000 West did not function properly and was difficult to maintain. The city requested that UDOT’s contractor remove and replace the existing storm drain. The replacement of this storm drain will leave the city with a new storm drain under the new pavement, minimizing the need for maintenance.

4100 South Culvert Delamination (\$109,737.14) – During the widening of the bridge on 4100 South over the Utah and Salt Lake Canal, it was discovered that there were four old steel drain pipes that extended through the deck of the existing city-owned bridge. Around each of these drains, the reinforcing steel had corroded, expanded and popped the concrete deck. It became apparent that the deck needed to be repaired prior to the return of the canal water and the pavement reconstruction

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Councilmember Vincent moved to approve Resolution 17-58.

Councilmember Lang 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. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Upon motion by Councilmember Christensen voted in favor to adjourn.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY COUNCIL THE REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017, WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M. BY MAYOR BIGELOW.

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, April 25, 2017.

Nichole Camac
City Recorder