

MINUTES OF COUNCIL STUDY MEETING – JUNE 1, 2010

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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN STUDY SESSION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010, AT 4:30 P.M., IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. MAYOR WINDER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Mike Winder
Russ Brooks
Steve Buhler
Don Christensen
Corey Rushton
Steve Vincent

Wayne Pyle, City Manager
Sheri McKendrick, City Recorder

ABSENT:

Carolynn Burt

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Isaac, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Layne Morris, Community Preservation Director
Buzz Nielsen, Police Chief
Richard Catten, City Attorney
Nicole Cottle, CED Director
Stan Varney, Acting Fire Chief
Dan Johnson, Acting Public Works Director
Craig Thomas, Administration
Kelly Davis, Community Preservation Department
Jennifer Morrey, Community Preservation Department
Jake Arslanian, Public Works Department

1. **ZE MIN XIAO, SALT LAKE COUNTY REFUGEE SERVICES OFFICE – COMMUNITY GARDEN**
City Manager, Wayne Pyle, welcomed and introduced Ms. Ze Min Xiao of the Salt Lake County Refugee Services Office.

Ms. Xiao discussed the diverse population in West Valley City and other Utah communities. She related history of the term “refugee” and stated there were

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approximately 30,000 refugees in the State of Utah and many came from agricultural backgrounds. Ms. Xiao used PowerPoint and further discussed information summarized as follows:

- New Roots of Utah
- Refugee micro-training farm and community gardens to be located in West Valley City on land owned by Salt Lake County at 3060 South Lester Street (3100 South Redwood Road)
- Community garden project to assist in integrating refugees into the community
- Skills to be learned and benefits of the program
- Community involvement, partners, sponsors and funding
- Beginning with about two acres this year and long term plans to include remaining six acres
- Site plan

Ms. Xiao expressed appreciation to the City for support and assistance with the project.

Steven Storheim, designer, discussed the design and features of the micro-training and community garden components.

During the above presentation of information, Ms. Xiao and Mr. Storheim answered questions from members of the City Council. Ms. Xiao advised the City Council would be invited to the groundbreaking ceremony of the garden.

2. **DUSTIN ROETHEL, COMMUNITY RELATIONS MANAGER OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY – WESTERN BENCH RELAY FOR LIFE**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, introduced Dustin Roethel, Community Relations Manager, American Cancer Society. Mr. Roethel distributed written information and, using PowerPoint, discussed information summarized as follows:

- Overview of American Cancer Society
- Relay for Life – signature fundraising event
- West Bench Salt Lake County Relay for Life event scheduled August 20-21, 2010, at Centennial Park in West Valley City
- Overview and purpose of the event
- Cancer research institutes in Utah that American Cancer Society funds with grants
- Patient service programs
- Looking for volunteers for planning committee, business sponsors, other community involvement such as forming or sponsoring teams and in-kind donations for upcoming Relay For Life event.
- More information on website at www.relayforlife.org/westbenchut
- Invitation for City Council and City staff to attend planning meeting June 7th at 6:00 P.M., Room 230 at City Hall

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During the above presentation of information, Mr. Roethel answered questions from members of the City Council.

3. REVIEW AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED JUNE 1, 2010

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated no new items had been added to the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled June 1, 2010, at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Pyle reviewed items scheduled on the Agendas for the Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority and Building Authority meetings scheduled later this night.

Upon inquiry by the City Manager, there were no further questions regarding items scheduled on the above-referenced Agendas.

4. AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS SCHEDULED JUNE 8, 2010:

A. PRESENTATION OF ESSENTIAL PIECE AWARD TO WEST VALLEY CITY HALL VITA SITE VOLUNTEERS

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated presentations of the Essential Piece Award would be made to West Valley City Hall VITA site volunteers at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled June 8, 2010, at 6:30 P.M. He advised that Craig Thomas would address the City Council and make appropriate introductions. He expressed desire for a member of the City Council to read a narrative and then present the certificates. Councilmember Buhler accepted the assignment to read the narrative.

It was noted the following individuals would receive certificates:

Janet Boston-Rodgers
Margaret "Peggy" Dahle
Jackie Danial
Sam Houston
Kevin Legg
Michael Newman
Paul Richardson (Site Coordinator)
Jamie Schwarzenback
Darl Sorenson
Heidi Trefethen
Mary Ann Vila
Karen Tao
France Ross

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5. RESOLUTION NO. 10-97, AUTHORIZE THE LEASE OF A SWITCH SYSTEM FROM WESTERN STATES CONTRACTING ALLIANCE THROUGH VALCOM FOR USE BY THE FITNESS CENTER, POLICE SUBSTATION AND FIRE STATION 74

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, discussed proposed Resolution No. 10-97 which would authorize the lease of a switch system from Western States Contracting Alliance through Valcom, in the amount of \$31,103.36, for use by the Fitness Center, Police Substation and Fire Station 74.

Mr. Pyle stated the existing switches at the Fitness Center, Police Substation and Fire Station 74 had reached end of life and were no longer reliable. He reported formal bidding had not been required for the purchase because the vendor held a contract with the State of Utah. He indicated the purchase would be an upgrade of “ancient” equipment and had been needed for several years. He stated the upgrade would be necessary for the City to utilize UTOPIA’S fiber network for both voice and data.

The City Manager also reported the amount for the upgrade would be financed through the HP four year Lease Purchase Agreement previously approved on January 3, 2006, by Resolution No. 06-04.

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, further reviewed the proposed Resolution and answered questions from members of the City Council.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 10-97 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled June 8, 2010, at 6:30 P.M.

6. CONSENT AGENDA SCHEDULED JUNE 8, 2010:

A. RESOLUTION NO. 10-98, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER’S REAPPOINTMENT OF HAROLD WOODRUFF TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TERM: JULY 1, 2010 – JULY 1, 2014

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, discussed proposed Resolution No. 10-98 which would ratify his reappointment of Harold Woodruff to the Planning Commission for the term July 1, 2010, through July 1, 2014.

Mr. Pyle stated Mr. Woodruff had expressed desire to be reappointed for a four year term and his experience on the Planning Commission since 1988 made him a valuable member of that board. He advised that Mr. Woodruff’s viewpoints as an architect added much insight into various issues addressed by the Planning Commission.

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B. RESOLUTION NO. 10-99, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH GARCIA TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TERM: JULY 1, 2010 – JULY 1, 2014

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, discussed proposed Resolution No. 10-99 which would ratify his reappointment of Joseph Garcia to the Planning Commission for the term July 1, 2010, through July 1, 2014.

Mr. Pyle stated Mr. Garcia had expressed desire to be reappointed for a four year term and his residency in the City as well as his employment with Wright Express Bank as a credit analyst added to his insights when dealing with difficult issues.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution Nos. 10-98 and 10-99 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled June 8, 2010, at 6:30 P.M.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL DISCUSSION

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, instructed Layne Morris, Community Preservation Director, to discuss issues regarding certain breeds of dogs.

Using PowerPoint, Mr. Morris discussed information summarized as follows:

- History of modern day pit bulls
- Statistics in U.S. regarding total number of dogs, number of Americans bitten each year, number of fatalities annually, and number of dogs euthanized annually
- Studies from Center for Disease Control (CDC) and www.dogsbite.org regarding number of dog bite fatalities during certain years related to Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, American Bulldogs and Huskys
- Other statistics from 1982 – 2006 regarding 2,209 dog attacks by breeds doing bodily harm
- Current statistics from West Valley City regarding estimated number of dogs, percentage of shelter dogs at any given time that are Pit Bulls or Pit Bull mix, number of dog bites by certain breeds in 2005-2009
- Statistics regarding “misbehavior rate” of top ten licensed breeds of dogs in West Valley City based on number of annual impounds
- Research and data from municipalities across the United States
- Options – outright ban, legal declaration of “vicious” requiring higher licensing fees
- Websites: www.dogsbite.org and www.badrap.org

During the above presentation of information, Mr. Morris answered questions from members of the City Council.

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Upon discussion, Council members expressed observations and respective opinions regarding vicious dogs and the options presented above. Some members of the Council made inquiry regarding the City's current ordinances and the impact of vicious dogs on neighborhoods. Upon further discussion, Mayor Winder requested a copy of the current ordinance and case history regarding vicious dogs be distributed to the City Council.

B. **COUNCIL UPDATE**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated the City Council had previously received a Memorandum outlining upcoming meetings and events as follows: May 14 – June 28, 2010: Western Federation of Watercolor Society's 35th Annual Exhibit, UCCC; June 5, 2010: Fabolous, E-Center; June 8 – 18, 2010: Early Voting, City Hall, 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. (ends at 5:00 P.M. on June 18th); June 8, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; June 9, 2010: Ribbon Cutting – Kelly Benson Apartments, 3122 South 3600 West, Buffet Lunch at 11:00 A.M. and Ceremony at Noon; June 15, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; June 16, 2010: Mayor's Summit of Ethnic Leaders, UCCC, 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.; June 22, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; June 23-26, 28 & 29, 2010: West Valley City Arts Council's Production of "Peter Pan", UCCC Amphitheater, 8:00 P.M.; June 24-26, 2010: WestFest, Centennial Park; July 5, 2010: Independence Day Holiday – City Hall closed; July 6, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; July 6, 2010: 30th Anniversary Celebration, UCCC; July 10, 2010: Justin Bieber – My World Tour Concert, E-Center; July 13, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; July 15, 2010: Employee Summer Barbecue Sponsored by EAC, City Park; July 19-24, 2010: Days of '47 Rodeo, E-Center; July 20, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; July 27, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; July 28, 2010: 30th Anniversary Mayor's Luncheon, UCCC, Noon; August 3, 2010: The Wiggles Wiggly Circus, E-Center; August 3, 2010: National Night Out Against Crime; August 10, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; August 17, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; August 24, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; and September 6, 2010: Labor Day Holiday – City Hall closed.

8. **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

A. **COUNCILMEMBER DON CHRISTENSEN – CROSSING GUARD BANQUET**

Councilmember Christensen reported regarding a crossing guard banquet he attended the previous week.

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B. MAYOR MIKE WINDER – UTAH BLAZE; MEMORIAL DAY EVENT; PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE; SALT LAKE CONFERENCE OF MAYORS; WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING; SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN; AND UTOPIA STIMULUS FUNDING REQUEST

Mayor Winder reported regarding the Utah Blaze “Honor The Troops” event held the previous Friday night at the E-Center.

Mayor Winder reported regarding a Memorial Day event held at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center (UCCC) the previous Saturday morning.

Mayor Winder reported regarding a Council of Governments (COG) Public Works committee meeting and West Valley City funded projects.

Mayor Winder stated he and the City Manager had recently attended the Salt Lake Conference of Mayors meeting and he advised regarding issues discussed about emergency response.

Mayor Winder reported regarding a Wasatch Front Regional Council meeting held the previous week.

Mayor Winder reported regarding the Special Olympics Torch Run and City staff involvement.

Mayor Winder reported regarding recent conversations with Senators Hatch and Bennett regarding the UTOPIA telecomm stimulus funding request.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY COUNCIL, THE STUDY MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010, WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:23 P.M., BY MAYOR WINDER.

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, June 1, 2010.

Sheri McKendrick, MMC
City Recorder