

MINUTES OF COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, 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 BIGELOW.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

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

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
Russell Willardson, Public Works Director
Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director
Layne Morris, CPD Director
John Evans, Fire Chief
Sam Johnson, Strategic Communications Director
Anita Schwemmer, Acting Police Chief
Jake Arslanian, Public Works Department
Kevin Conde, Administration

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OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Councilmember Corey Rushton who read the quote from Abraham Lincoln, “I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.” He also led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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SCOUTS

Mayor Bigelow welcomed Scout Troop No. 1465 in attendance at the meeting to complete requirements for the Citizenship in the Community and Communications merit badges.

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16736 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 26, 2014**

The Council read and considered Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 26, 2014. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

After discussion, Councilmember Vincent moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 26, 2014, as written. Councilmember Nordfelt 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. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

16737 **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, SEPTEMBER 2014 – OFFICER CHRIS WELLS, POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Councilmember Lang read the nomination of Officer Chris Wells, Police Department, to be recognized as the Employee of the Month for September 2014. Officer Wells had been nominated for being a superior police officer with an ability to provide top-notch customer service and to show citizens the Police Department was an honorable organization that valued its relationship with the residents.

The award was presented and members of the City Council expressed appreciation and congratulated Officer Wells.

16738 **PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN WEST VALLEY CITY**

Councilmember Buhler read a Proclamation declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in West Valley.

16739 **COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon inquiry by Mayor Bigelow the following individual addressed the City Council during the comment period:

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A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ralph Astorga addressed the City Council and stated he desired to recognize the Police Department. He discussed incidents that had happened in the Salt Lake Valley in the recent past. He stated if one police officer did something bad, people thought all officers were bad. He also discussed an incident that happened today in which a police officer stopped traffic in order to capture a loose dog that could have been injured. He indicated he wanted the officer and the Police Department to know that someone saw what happened and appreciated this officer's service.

B. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, stated he was glad that citizens appreciated police officers and firefighters who served out in the community.

C. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Bigelow expressed appreciation to Mr. Astorga for his comments and observations.

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RESOLUTION NO. 14-149, APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MELINDA CHECKETTS HIBBERT TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE HEARING OFFICER SERVICES TO WEST VALLEY CITY
Mayor Bigelow presented proposed Resolution No. 14-149 that would approve an Employee Discipline Hearing Officer Service Agreement with Melinda Checketts Hibbert to provide employee discipline hearing officer services to West Valley City.

He stated Ms. Hibbert would provide hearing officer services to the City with respect to employment matters specifically defined in the City Code. He indicated she would conduct administrative hearings and render decisions on all employment matters assigned to her.

The City recently amended the City Code to allow the City Manager to appoint an Employee Discipline Hearing Officer. A public hiring process had been conducted and Hibbert was selected as the best candidate to fill the position. Ms. Hibbert had been selected by a committee consisting of a City Council member, a citizen, and a member of the City's Human Resources' team and would be paid an hourly rate of \$100.00 for her services.

After discussion, Councilmember Nordfelt moved to approve Resolution No. 14-149, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between West Valley City and Melinda Checketts Hibbert to Provide Employee Discipline

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Hearing Officer Services to West Valley City. Councilmember Buhler 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. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL, THE REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:50 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, September 9, 2014.

Sheri McKendrick, MMC
City Recorder