

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Logan City Municipal Council Chamber, 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah. Chairman Holly H. Daines conducting.

Councilmember's present at the beginning of the meeting: Chairman Holly H. Daines, Vice Chairman Tom Jensen, Councilmember Herm Olsen, Councilmember S. Eugene Needham and Councilmember Jeannie F. Simmonds. Administration present: Mayor H. Craig Petersen, Finance Director Richard Anderson, City Attorney Kymber Housley and Deputy City Recorder Sylvia Tibbitts. Excused: City Recorder Teresa Harris.

Chairman Daines welcomed those present. There were approximately 33 citizens in the audience at the beginning of the meeting.

OPENING CEREMONY:

Logan Parks and Recreation Director Russ Akina gave the opening prayer and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the Council meeting from March 7, 2017 were reviewed and approved with no changes.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Olsen seconded by Vice Chairman Jensen to **approve the March 7, 2017 minutes and approve tonight's agenda.** Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Daines welcomed a group of scouts attending the meeting.

Meeting Agenda. Chairman Daines announced there is one public hearing scheduled for tonight's Council meeting.

Meeting Schedule. Chairman Daines announced that regular Council meetings would be held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. The next regular Council meeting is Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Citizen Bill Bower addressed the Council regarding aggressive dogs. He feels large dogs present a danger of physical damage or death. He suggested that something be done to make sure dogs aren't being taken out of the City for a period of time, then returned back to the same location in the City.

Citizen Ron Flessner invited the audience to attend the National Christian Day of Prayer on May 4, 2017 at 7:00 am at the Copper Mill in North Logan to eat breakfast and devote time to prayer. He encouraged those who can't attend the breakfast to devote time during the day in prayer for our nation.

Citizen Tony Nielsen thanked Jed Al-Imari and the Street Department for their help in taking care of a downed tree in his parents' neighborhood. He expressed concerns with some planning commission issues he has and would like time to address these concerns with the Council.

Jennifer Roark, who was attending the meeting with her social work policy class, thanked the City for its support of domestic violence and sexual assault treatment programs in the valley. She also expressed her concern on her mother's behalf that a left hand turn signal needs to be installed on 200 East 1400 North. She also commended Mayor Petersen for donating his salary for a new Library.

Mayor Petersen responded that the City is waiting for a piece of equipment from UDOT and as soon as it arrives, a left hand turn signal will be installed at 200 East 1400 North.

Matthew Barnes expressed concern with the mental health crisis in the valley. He presented charts representing that Utah has a higher than national average in suicides. He is a part-time social services intern at Adam's Elementary School. He stated his caseload is larger than he can handle. He feels there is a need for more social services workers in schools to help children.

Breann Pixton added her feelings of a need for more social workers in schools. She is also a school social worker and her workload is full.

Chairman Daines suggested she address the School Board as they are the governing authority over the schools.

Hailey Mair, a therapy intern for the Family Place, echoed her support for the social services needed in the schools. She also suggested teachers be given more training in handling students who are suffering.

Amanda Beus spoke about transitional homeless housing, saying this type of effort could bring people back into the community in a positive way and help them become more productive. Sending homeless drug users who are in treatment to Ogden does not provide positive results. She advocated for more housing and case management for transitional homeless.

Cristy Gomez spoke about the Logan Canyon Trailhead. She has noticed garbage and pet waste along the trail. She would like a garbage receptacle located on the trail as a convenience to users.

Citizen Keisha Richardson spoke of attending a seminar where a mobile crisis unit was introduced. She advocated for one in Logan to cover crisis situations that occur after business hours to help people get the attention they need.

Andrea Lauritzen spoke to the Council of a need for helping children involved in trauma incidents. She said, "Do it for the children, they're worth it."

Stephanie McCalley, reported she is part of a research group of the Latino community, She advocated English as a Second Language programs be provided free for families who cannot afford it and for those who cannot attend during the regular work day.

Holly Larsen, who is working with the Latino population, has also noticed there is a language barrier and lack of communication problem. These families want to participate in the community; however, they do not have the ability to communicate. She suggested the use of flyers in both languages.

Diedre Patton, who is a staff member from USU, addressed the Council with the possibility of a partnership or collaboration in library activities. Public libraries are for everyone. She feels that some libraries just collect books, good libraries build services, but great libraries build communities. They also provide a place for populations, such as the homeless, who are coming into these spaces.

Chairman Daines suggested exploring this with the Community Bridge Initiative.

Matthew Edrington spoke of communication he has had with the Latino population. He is a Latino business owner and would like more face time with the Council to talk about the needs of Latinos. He invited Council members to come to his restaurant and eat.

Jacob Stacy expressed appreciation to the Police Department and how they serve the community. He advocated for a program titled “Start by Believing” as a support for victims of violence or rape. It is celebrated nationally on April 1st of each year and is a way of showing support for those victims in our community and those in law enforcement who are working to help these individuals.

Lance Cressall proposed the City pass a proclamation declaring April as Mental Health Awareness Month to go along with the Child Abuse Awareness Month the City has in place. This should reaffirm and add substance to the current proclamation that mental health is a crisis at institutes of higher learning.

Gail Yost spoke of the 100 East project. She is upset that the proposed housing project will encroach on the Garff Gardens property. She feels her neighborhood is being attacked. There have been many accidents since the street widening, Garff Gardens has been taken apart, and 100 East has been overrun. Historic houses in this district do not have the protections of those in the Downtown Historic District. City planning needs to be done with more openness and information along with input from the neighborhood.

There were no further comments or questions for the Mayor or Council.

MAYOR/STAFF REPORTS:

Updates on Projects/Issues – Mayor Petersen

Mayor Petersen gave a report on the following:

As to current construction projects, 600 East from 400 to 500 North will be open Thursday. 200 North at 600 East will be closed for two weeks starting April 3rd for

bridge repairs. Rendezvous Park will be closed tomorrow, March 22nd, until 6:00 p.m. and, starting Monday, March 27th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This will be effective Mondays through Fridays until April 21st for work on the railroad trail crossing.

A meeting to receive public input on the proposed 400 North median project will be held at the Adams School on March 30, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Petersen, Environmental Director Issa Hamud, and some members of the Wastewater Advisory Board will travel to Boston this Wednesday and Thursday to visit a wastewater site. The purpose is to evaluate their technology, which is similar to that proposed for the new Logan City facility.

The Library Steering Committee met March 17, 2017 to work on an RFP for architectural services. Mayor Petersen felt it was a very productive meeting. It is anticipated the RFP will be available next week.

Board Appointment (Power Advisory Board) – Mayor Petersen

Mayor Petersen asked for ratification of Dr. Chris Fawson to serve on the Power Advisory Board.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Olsen seconded by Councilmember Simmonds to **approve ratification of Chris Fawson** as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month – Esterlee Molyneux, Director

Mayor Petersen read the first paragraph of the Child Abuse Prevent Month Proclamation.

Chairman Daines thanked Esterlee Molyneaux for all her work at the Family Support Center.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Proclamation: USU National Handball Championship – Councilmember Herm Olsen

Councilmember Olsen honored members of the USU National Handball Championship for their participation in competing at this event. He introduced each member to the Council and audience. Two members won National Championship in their own divisions. He recognized the members of the team for being remarkable representatives for Utah State University and Logan City. Members included the following: Bodey Hancock, Lindsey Boelter, Jarod Jensen, Logan Jensen, Kevin Olsen and Manuel Santana.

SR 30 Alternative Selection Comments from the Logan Municipal Council – Chairman Holly Daines

Chairman Daines advised that the Environmental Impact Study Committee recommended one alternative while many others including the Cache Metropolitan Planning

Organization has recommended a different alternative, which would be a complete five lane road, rather than a few passing lanes. She asked Council members if they would support the creation of a letter similar to the Cache County Council's letter on this subject. She asked Councilmember Olsen to draft a letter since he represents a client who was injured on that stretch of highway.

Councilmember Simmonds recalled the financing authority for this project required the best alternative with the least impact on the environment. If other alternatives were suggested that did not meet this criteria, she felt there would be no funding.

Chairman Daines replied that is typically the process. However, the letter from the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization indicated the five lane road with the safety trade-off would require approximately \$5 Million extra and two additional acres of wetland.

Councilmember Olsen said if the proposed plan is insufficient, the Council needs to step up and say something.

Councilmember Simmonds noted the study was done by professionals and the original plan is what they determined was best.

Councilmember Olsen replied that although this may be true, in the future, there will be a demand for more passing lanes. The right solution needs to be done right now. Two acres of wetland is a welcome trade off to the safety components that will be negatively impacted if it isn't done correctly.

Chairman Daines asked the Council if they would like to draft a unified public letter or statement to UDOT.

Vice Chairman Jensen expressed support for a letter. He felt the meeting was to obtain the Council's input and this is the opportunity to give that input. He agreed with Councilmember Olsen that it is not losing two acres, its mitigating two acres, and it could save many lives.

Councilmember Needham expressed supported for a letter addressing the alternative plan and feels this is a vital link.

Councilmember Simmonds did not object to a letter adding the alternative, however, she was concerned that if the alternative was added, UDOT might not grant any funding.

Mayor Petersen agreed with adding the alternative. He expressed surprise that the wetland issue seemed to guide the selection process. He feels the City needs to step up and express its opinion.

Councilmember Olsen will draft a letter using some of the criteria in the CMPO letter and sharing his opinion as an attorney representing a client injured on this highway. This draft letter will be placed in the next Council packet for review.

There was no further Council business discussed at this time.

ACTION ITEM:

PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustment FY 2016-2017 appropriating \$38,000 to account for the donated salary and benefits from Mayor Craig Petersen for the remainder of FY 2017 toward the construction of a new library building - Resolution 17-10

At the March 7, 2017 Council meeting, Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustment for Mayor Petersen to donate his salary towards the construction of the new Library. The total amount will be \$93,000 but the City of Logan operates on a fiscal year so what he proposed is the amount of \$38,000 which is the remainder of Mayor Petersen's salary this fiscal year. Then in the next fiscal year bring forth the remaining \$55,000 for approval by the Council again, as a donation from Mayor Petersen to the construction of the new Library.

Chairman Daines opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There were no comments and Chairman Daines closed the public hearing.

ACTION. Motion by Vice Chairman Jensen seconded by Councilmember Simmonds to **approve Resolution 17-10** as amended. Motion carried 4-1 (Councilmember Olsen was absent when the vote was taken).

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

Budget Adjustment FY 2016-2017 appropriating: \$67,005 for a grant the Storm Water fund was awarded from the State of Utah. The funds will be used for bank stabilization of the Denzil Stewart Nature Park - Resolution 17-11 – Richard Anderson, Finance Director

Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustment. This is a state grant the City has received that goes hand in hand with another state grant the City also received for the same project. The funds will be used for bank stabilization.

The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the April 4, 2017 Council meeting.

Code Amendment – Consideration of a proposed amendment to the Land Development Code. Logan City requests to amend Section 17.38.050.C, eliminating the category of ineligible activities from being able to utilize off-site parking in order to meet minimum parking requirements – Ordinance 17-04 – Mike DeSimone, Community Development Director

Community Development Director Mike DeSimone addressed the Council. The proposed request is to amend Section 17.38.050.C (Off Site Parking) of the Land Development Code to eliminate the restriction against using off-site parking for residential uses through the Alternative Parking Plan. The use of off-site parking is a potential solution for

alleviating current and future parking issues in multi-family residential developments. The use of off-site parking would be reviewed and permitted through the alternative parking plan process.

The proposed language is as follows:

Section 17.38.050.C:

C. Off-Site Parking.

Required parking may be located off-site, if approved as a part of an Alternative Parking Plan and in compliance with all of the following standards:

2. Location. Off-site parking shall be located within a 600-foot radius from the use served. Off-site parking spaces may not be separated from the use served by a street right-of-way with a width of more than 80 feet, unless a grade-separated pedestrian walkway or other traffic control or safety device is provided.
3. Agreement for Off-Site Parking. Off-site parking requires a written agreement that shall run with the land and which shall be recorded. A signed, notarized copy of the agreement between the owners of record shall be submitted to the Director for review and approval. Recordation of the agreement shall take place prior to the issuance of a building permit for any use to be served by the off-site parking area. An off-site parking agreement may be eliminated only if the required off-street parking spaces are provided in conformance with the provisions of this chapter and as approved by the Director.

The proposed ordinance will be an action item and public hearing at the April 4, 2017 Council meeting.

Mike Desimone explained the need for the adjustment. Sharing of parking is advantageous in some situations such as the Mall with its many stores. By allowing the sharing of parking on uses that are complimentary to each other, allows intensifying development without requiring additional pavement. This will also work with Campus Residential parking. The shared parking will have to be recorded on the deed to the property.

Consideration of a proposed resolution approving the Budget for the 2017 Freedom Fire Event – Resolution 17-12 – Russ Akina, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Russ Akina addressed the Council regarding the proposed Budget for the 2017 Freedom Fire Event. He stated the Parks and Recreation Department is preparing to produce the Freedom Fire annual patriotic community event for Monday, July 3, 2017, at Utah State University Maverik Stadium to commemorate our nation's independence. The event known as Freedom Fire is composed of live professional entertainment, aerial fireworks, sound and lighting, and promotion of the event that

involves marketing and advertising, and the development of sponsorships, grants, and ticket sales to help offset event expenditures.

The proposed budget is the following:

**2017 Freedom Fire Proposed Budget
Parks and Recreation Department**

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Proposed</u>
Ticket Sales	46,680	48,000 (8,000 @ \$6/ea)
RAPZ	40,000	45,000
Sponsorships	39,000	40,000
Donations	578	500
RAPZ Pop. Split	<u>44,520</u>	<u>46,360</u>
Projected Revenue:	170,778	179,860
<u>Expense:</u>		
Production Expenses	18,000	18,000
Entertainment	38,239	38,392
Advertising	4,762	5,000
USU Facilities Fee	12,370	12,500
Portable Toilets	691	0
Staging, Lighting, Sound	25,700	35,000
Fireworks	60,000	60,000
Ticket Printing	779	900
Master of Ceremonies	200	200
Stage Handling, Camera Live Video	5,495	5,500
Sales Tax Expense	3,081	3,168
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>1,368</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Projected Expenses:	170,778	179,860

Parks and Recreation Director, Russ Akina, explained the proposed Freedom Fire budget.

Chairman Daines asked about revenue figures.

Mr. Akina replied it is difficult to project revenues. They have seen an increase in revenue through sponsorships and he anticipates more revenue this year. He reported on the increased need for staging, lighting & sound. The committee would like to increase the size of the side screens so as not to be blocked by the staging. The majority of the expense increase will be due to this item.

Mr. Akina advised they are looking into a premium ticket package. Those who purchase this package would not have to stand in line until the gates open at 7:00 p.m. and will have more favorable seating.

Chairman Daines expressed concern that this event needs to support itself without as much RAPZ tax allocation and extra City funds that it has been receiving.

Councilmember Olsen expressed concern over how bad weather could present a problem for the event very quickly, although he felt this is a fantastic community tradition.

The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the April 4, 2017 Council meeting.

Consideration of a proposed resolution approving adjustments to fees at the Logan River Golf Course – Resolution 17-13 – Russ Akina

Parks and Recreation Director Russ Akina addressed the Council regarding the proposed adjustments to fees at the Logan River Golf Course. He said the City of Logan owns and operates public facilities where fees for services are charged by the Parks and Recreation Department, specifically greens fees, cart rentals, driving range, room rental, and golf passes at the Logan River Golf Course. He proposed the following adjustments:

<u>Golf Course</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Birch Creek</u>	<u>Eagle Mtn.</u>
Regular 9-Hole Greens Fee	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$14.00
Senior 9-Hole Greens Fee	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Junior 9-Hole Greens Fee	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$7.00
Cart Rental/Person	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Driving Range Small Bucket	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$4.00	\$4.00
Driving Range Big Bucket	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$5.00
Driving Range Season Pass	\$400.00	\$400.00	N/A	\$100.00
Regular Punch Pass	\$235.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$220.00
Senior Punch Pass	\$195.00	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$200.00
Junior Punch Pass	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$140.00
Regular Season Pass	\$830.00	\$875.00	\$950.00	\$900.00
Senior Season Pass	\$775.00	\$825.00	\$850.00	\$825.00
Junior Season Pass	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$135.00
Tournament Room Rental:				
Non-Exclusivity Fee	\$0	\$100.00	\$150.00	No Option

Mr. Akina explained the Golf Advisory Board has been presented with the fee adjustments. There is a push to raise interest in youth to participate in this sport; therefore, those fees will not change.

The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the April 4, 2017 Council meeting.

Councilmember Olsen was excused from the meeting at this time.

Consideration of a proposed resolution approving the Annual Municipal Wastewater Self-Assessment Report – Resolution 17-14 – Mark Nielsen, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Mark Nielsen addressed the Council regarding the Annual Municipal Wastewater Self-Assessment Report. He said that each year the City of Logan completes a Municipal Wastewater Self-Assessment Report for the State of Utah Division of Environmental Quality which is required.

Vice Chairman Jensen expressed appreciation to Mr. Nielsen for Public Works' efforts in handling the flooding and wastewater systems this year.

The proposed resolution will be an action item at the April 4, 2017 Council meeting.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Councilmember Simmonds asked if the City could send a copy of the mental health issues portion of Council meeting to the City School Superintendent.

Mark Nielsen advised the Council meeting is recorded through KSL and is available to view on the City website. He will send an e-mail copy of the public comments made to Jennifer Roark at USU.

There were no further items discussed by the Council.

ADJOURNED. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Sylvia Tibbitts, Deputy City Recorder