

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the Logan Municipal Council Chambers located at 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah 84321 at 5:30 pm. Logan Municipal Council Meetings are televised live as a public service on Channel 17 and the City of Logan YouTube channel at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLPAOK5eawKS\\_RDBU0stRQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLPAOK5eawKS_RDBU0stRQ)

Council Members present at the beginning of the meeting: Chairman Ernesto López, Vice Chair Amy Z. Anderson, Councilmember Jeannie F. Simmonds, and Councilmember Tom Jensen. Administration present: Mayor Holly H. Daines, City Attorney Craig Carlston, Finance Director Richard Anderson, City Recorder Teresa Harris, and Deputy Recorder Esli Morales.

Councilmember Mark Anderson was excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Ernesto López welcomed those present. There were approximately 7 in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

### **OPENING CEREMONY:**

Chairman Ernesto López gave the opening remarks and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

*Welcome to the hot-out of the-oven year 2023! We have many great projects going on in our city this year, and I want to thank everyone who is involved in their many details. It will be very exciting to cut ribbons later in the year to open our new library, center plaza, and more. Thank you to our mayor and city departments for their leadership as we continue to evolve as a city, and improve our infrastructure and services. I believe our citizens from Logan and beyond, will enjoy our new facilities and gathering places for many generations to come. I also want to thank our city council members for trusting me to chair our meetings this year. I'm honored to accept this responsibility and grow as a public servant with this experience. I promise I will do many things right, and I also ask you to please help me correct possible mistakes.*

*While there may be some uncertainties on the horizon, this year may turn out to be one full of opportunities. I look forward to serving our community, working together, and improving when possible or needed. Thank you.*

**Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the Council meeting held on December 6, 2022, were approved with no corrections.

**Meeting Agenda.** Chairman Ernesto López announced there are two public hearings scheduled for tonight's Council meeting.

**ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Vice Chair A. Anderson to approve the December 6, 2022, minutes and approve tonight's agenda. Motion carried (4-0 Councilmember M. Anderson Absent).**

**A. Anderson: Aye**

**M. Anderson: Absent**

**Jensen: Aye**

**López: Aye**

**Simmonds: Aye**

**Meeting Schedule.** Chairman Ernesto López announced that regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 pm. The next regular Council meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

#### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Chairman Ernesto López explained that any person wishing to comment on any item not otherwise on the agenda may address the City Council at this point by stepping to the microphone and giving his or her name and address for the record. Comments should be limited to not more than three (3) minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Council Chair. Citizen groups will be asked to appoint a spokesperson. This is the time and place for any person who wishes to comment on non-agenda items. Some items brought forward to the attention of the City Council will be turned over to staff to respond to outside of the City Council meeting.

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

#### **MAYOR/STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **Logan City School District Update – Superintendent Frank Schofield**

Superintendent Frank Schofield addressed the Council.

The Logan City School District “ensures all students leave our schools ready to create a positive future for themselves and their community.” There are 5244 students total: 2 preschools, 6 elementary's, 1 middle school, and one high school. 45% of students are non-Caucasian. And 54% of students live in poverty.

#### **Celebrations:**

- There is an 89.9% graduation rate. Out of a graduating class of 342 students, 358 scholarships were awarded for a total of more than \$2,000,000.
- Logan High School had HOSA National placers (3<sup>rd</sup> place) and in 2022 a Utah Presidential Scholar (10<sup>th</sup> since 2003).

- Adams Elementary is considered a National Blue Ribbon School.
- Mountain Logan Middle School for the 17<sup>th</sup> year is a school to watch. Ryan Mueller, MLMS teacher was elected as the Utah History Teacher of the Year.
- World Language Academy at Hillcrest Elementary.

**Facilities:**

- The completion of Ellis Elementary.
- An outdoor learning center & family resource center.
- Partnership with Cache Humanitarian Center & ensure there are food pantries in every school.
- LCSD & Logan City partnership management of the Recreation Center. There are ongoing discussions of how the Recreation Center will gradually transfer to full usage by the Logan School District.

**Current Initiatives:**

- Student Wellness Rooms – reflect increasing awareness of the importance of trauma-informed care and student's social-emotional needs
- Address two main concepts: How the stress response system works & what coping skills students can use to self-regulate.
- All Graduating seniors visit their former elementary school and MLMS they attended and greet the students. It helps students value their community and the value of being part of the community.

Councilmember Jensen said that nationally and on a state level there is a teacher shortage. What is our situation in regard to teacher retention.

Mr. Schofield answered the benefit of being close to a university, is there are plenty of (university students), who do their student teaching with us. As a result, we can bring them in as teachers. However, the difficulty we have with retention is that many teachers are not here long-term for more than a few years. The other part is there is a 25% staff shortage who have non-traditional degrees meaning their primary profession is not teaching. We have been fortunate not to have experienced severe teacher shortages. Some of the largest districts such as Salt Lake started the year (in Special Education) with 20 to 30 positions empty. The biggest challenge and shortages are teacher assistants, classroom aids, etc. who help provide supplemental services.

Councilmember Jensen expressed sympathy and concern regarding the tragic violence that has occurred on school campuses. He asked, what has the Logan School District done to help prevent, protect, and provide security on campus.

Mr. Schofield responded all of the schools have single entry points. All the doors are locked during the day except for the main entrance. There are secure vestibules that have been placed at each of the schools. No one can enter the school unless the office staff buzzes them in. They have done this to have greater control over who enters a school

building rather than through random points of access. They regularly run drills and training with the Logan Police Department and Cache County's Sherriff's office. They have an app called "Duress" that allows any staff member to initiate an alert in an emergency. The app allows first responders to have access to building maps, where the emergency is to permit them to respond in a targeted manner. He expressed his gratitude for their partnership with the police and sheriff's office.

Mr. Schofield emphasized that the next step in building security is if the legislature provides a one-time fund for building security. The funds if granted will be used to put locking sensors on all exterior doors in a school building. Currently, the doors all automatically lock, but the current system does not indicate if a door fails to close (accidentally is left ajar). The Uvalde tragedy also had the same system, but one of the doors was accidentally left ajar. The sensors once put in place will the school know if in fact the door is secure.

The final objective is to create a positive school environment where they can catch and aid students who are in distress. They are working to create an environment where a school does not become a target. They are creating an environment where they feel connected to the school, peers, teachers, etc. In doing so, they are able to decrease the likelihood of the school becoming a target, since the school becomes a source of positive connections.

Vice Chair A. Anderson inquired what is the School District's intention for Hillcrest and the anticipated need to bond for additional construction for the Logan School District (for example the middle school).

Mr. Schofield answered the old Hillcrest renovations are temporarily postponed as they finish other minor projects. It is anticipated that by June, they will depart from Hillcrest and make plans for demolition. The hope is to finish demolition before winter, but it is unlikely sodding will be done before school starts. Next spring, there will be an available open field again.

In terms of future construction projects long-term, they will need to bond again. This is a few years out. All of their facilities are in good working shape except for Adams and Wilson Elementary which have some unreinforced masonry which are in the process of being repaired. They want to expand the early childhood center to bring in a general special education and preschool population in a single building. They also want to upgrade the MLMS facilities, both in the parking and drop-off. Currently, the cost of building a new elementary school is \$15 million.

Councilmember Simmonds commented when Bridger had the Spanish dual language program, it seemed to provide more stabilization to the school. With the removal of the dual language program at Bridger it returned to being the least stable population in terms of the elementary or due to the reconfiguration of the boundaries become a more stable population over time.

Mr. Schofield replied they have seen some stability in the population, but there is still a high mobility rate. Part of that is a consequence of the boundary shifts, they won't really see that in a year or two. Due to the housing reality, Bridger will likely continue to have mobility in the population. They will continue to watch and observe the situation.

Councilmember Simmonds inquired about the purchase of the Municipal Pool and asked what are the districts plans and intentions.

Mr. Schofield responded they are currently working with contractors on what is needed to return the Municipal Pool to working order. Staff is readily searching for cost-effective solutions. The swimming pool teams are excited to have a pool to consistently hold practice. As of right now, he feels they can have a functioning pool. They want to alter the structure for parent and student access and are not planning to have P.E. swim classes. The general consensus of those who participate in swim classes at the Middle School is that it was not a good experience.

The Council thanked Mr. Schofield for his time and presentation.

### **State of the City Address – Mayor Holly Daines**

#### ***State of the City Address, January 3, 2023***

*Good evening! I'm delighted to present a State of the City message. I have just completed my fifth year as Mayor. Our council members have served well and we have accomplished a great deal in that time! Tonight, I would like to especially recognize and thank them for their support and their thoughtful comments and input, as well as thank our outstanding Executive Team and all the employees at the city. Running the city is truly a team effort. We have a well-seasoned group who work collaboratively, and we continue to invest in our city and make decisions with long term benefits for our citizens. We have a shared vision, communicate well, work hard and get things done!*

*As you know, one of the city council's primary responsibilities is approving the annual budget. Starting next month, the Finance Director and I begin working with department heads on that all-important budget process for the fiscal year that begins July 1, with a plan to hold budget workshops with the council members in May and move through the approval process in June, and we welcome their input.*

*After the stresses of Covid, 2022 was a banner year for the city in many ways. As always, our first priority is fiscal responsibility. In partnership with the Council, we always balance our budget, keep significant reserves in all critical funds in case of an emergency, and invest appropriately in capital and infrastructure projects.*

*The Finance Department serves all departments city-wide. They keep us on track with annual budgets, quarterly financial statements, audits, helping develop long term plans*

*for capital improvements, infrastructure investments, and in building and maintaining reserves. They again received a Certificate of Achievement, which is, and I quote: “the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting... for excellence in preparing the city’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report demonstrating a constructive spirit of full disclosure to clearly communicate its financial story.” We take our stewardship of taxpayer dollars, city revenue and expenditures very seriously. Transparency is extremely important and we are always happy to answer questions about how city funds are used. We also appreciate our IT department which is part of Finance. We continue to right-size our city operations given the significant growth in Logan City and Cache County. Three years ago our Fire and EMS services were challenged to respond to the volume of calls generated outside Logan City where we’d historically served, and we moved ahead with a planned separation. This year, the number of Fire and EMS calls in the Logan service area, which includes North Logan, Providence and River Heights, has increased 10% and will equal the total number of calls countywide before we separated. Because the area we serve is not nearly so spread out, we are keeping up with our current staffing levels, but that was clearly a good decision given our growth. The county has increased their capacity as well, and we back each other up as needed.*

*The other service we are in the process of right-sizing is garbage collection. For the past 60 years, Logan has provided county-wide garbage collection and landfill service, the only city in the entire state to do that. Because of growth it was becoming difficult to manage current and future garbage collection as more of our collection service was outside Logan City vs. inside Logan. We were dispatching trucks all over the county, on multiple days, stretching our capacity and increasing our costs and risk. We were becoming a large, for-profit garbage business rather than serving Logan citizens and that was not our intent. Change is difficult, and there was initial angst among other cities, but we have continued to assist them through the process as they determine the best path forward for them individually or collectively. We will shortly sign an MOU with the county to formalize our promise to continue to provide garbage collection until June 2025, if needed, as they transition to other collection options. Logan will continue to operate the transfer station and green waste site at the Environmental Center and own and operate the North Valley Landfill for the use of all citizens county-wide.*

*Another long-standing tradition needs re-evaluation. You heard earlier from Superintendent Schofield in his report on the school district that after 46 years of a great partnership at the Rec Center between the city and school district, needs and conditions have changed and we are mutually discussing a phased plan that will eventually allow the school district, which owns the property underneath the Rec Center, to utilize the entire facility to meet their growing needs. The city is discussing how to provide future recreation services for its citizens, particularly our youth.*

*This year we will be completing multiple large capital projects which will benefit our community and downtown for years to come. The Center Block Plaza, which included \$2,360,000 of private donations including a lead gift of \$1 Million from the Laub Family Foundation – to which they recently added another \$160,000. The Library, which garnered \$1.5 Million in donations, with a lead gift of \$1 Million from the Hansen Sisters Foundation, who also added \$50K to their contribution. We are so fortunate to have generous citizens who have been successful and want to give back to their community, as well as Foundations that recognize the value of these projects and are willing to help. A huge thank you to those folks from the council members and myself!*

*Other major projects to be completed in 2023 include a new fire station across the street from the old station, which was made possible by \$10M in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2022, and a significant \$11M investment in transportation infrastructure with the construction of the new bridge over the Logan River at 100 West and 600 South. That project required years of preparation from our public works department, from road design to acquiring property and strips of right of way from multiple owners. In the middle of construction last spring, the concrete plant in Utah had equipment issues and was mostly closed for several months, meaning many projects statewide couldn't get concrete which impacted construction schedules.*

*That delay also contributed to a delay in constructing the pedestrian underpass under Main Street at 600 South. As you may recall, UDOT granted the city \$4.1M for the project, but since it is under Main Street, UDOT opted to design, bid and manage the underpass and they have bumped that project to 2024. All the connecting pathways will be finished by summer, awaiting completion of the underpass which will provide a great link for our trail system and enhance active transportation options.*

*In the Environmental Department, we appreciate all the employees who drive garbage trucks and work at the landfill. In addition to facilitating the future change in garbage collection, Environmental hosted the ribbon cutting on the new wastewater treatment plant and began the conditioning phase. This important project will greatly improve the quality of our water resources and protect the environment. They also completed closure of the south-facing part of the Logan landfill. This will help reduce the impact of the landfill on the environment and is an important step in the proper closure and post-closure management of the landfill. The Environmental department has also expanded the size of the North Valley Landfill leachate treatment pond, which will allow better management of run-off from the open face of the new landfill. They have also completed phase one of the new compost facility, allowing us to divert more green waste from the landfill, mix solids from the new wastewater treatment plant, and produce nutrient-rich compost that can be used in agriculture and landscaping.*

*The Forestry Department works for both Environmental and Light and Power, and in addition to all their tree work throughout the city, they also put up our festive holiday decor on Main Street and Center Street.*

*By way of an update on the new library, I think we've all watched with excitement to see the new library take shape at 300 North Main Street, and we expect an early fall opening. By building a three-story library, it will allow for both more parking and expanded plaza space. The Library Director and staff have put tremendous energy into the multitude of decisions required for this significant new facility that will be a wonderful community center. In addition, they're switching to a new software cataloging/circulation system that will be debuting this month. The new software will provide better access to our online catalog with easier searching capabilities. This final change in our software concludes our updates which began with the implementation of security tags in over 150,000 items. They will have several self-checkout stations and a mobile app to make it even easier for patrons when the new library opens.*

*Our Economic Development Director continues to work as a team with other city departments on business growth and ongoing redevelopment including Costco, along with the new road and utility infrastructure which will benefit a wide variety of businesses in that area. The Director also assisted Campbell Scientific which announced a \$40 Million expansion that will create 268 new jobs over 10 years and Frulact (producing fruit fillings for yogurt) which announced a \$75 Million expansion with 131 new jobs over 15 years, both providing opportunities for our children to have good paying jobs if they choose to stay in Cache Valley. This also enhances our tax base, allowing us to keep taxes low. He also helps with our team efforts to revitalize downtown, including beautiful Center Street and the new Center Block Plaza which is coming this summer.*

*Our Public Safety employees do an outstanding job for our citizens. I mentioned our Fire and EMS department earlier, and their increasing number of calls. Last year's total calls were 5,336 and as of December 27th, they had already reached 5,668 incidents, likely a new record (even counting previous county-wide calls.) They also had a record number of 911 transports and inter-facility transfers. The new central fire station under construction will position them to continue their outstanding service for many years to come. They have worked hard to prepare plans and make decisions on that building in addition to their regular services. They have increased employee training to further build on their professionalism and have applied for and received grants to enhance funding for mental health services for first responders, for extrication equipment and EMS training and equipment. They respond to many difficult incidents nearly every day, some of which have an impact on their mental health and wellbeing, hence the programs to make sure our employees get help as needed.*

*Just before Christmas, Fire and EMS had an unprecedented set of events in a 36-hour period, including three significant and difficult structure fires. Multiple personnel worked extra shift hours to cover medical calls during these events, including mutual aid partners that assisted from Wellsville, Hyrum, Smithfield and Cache County for both the fires and medical incidents. We appreciate their help, and stand ready to provide the same assistance to them as needed.*

*Our Police Department has been a leader in adopting the ABLE program – or Active Bystander for Law Enforcement – and will be helping train other officers statewide. The program teaches officers to be proactive in stepping in to de-escalate a situation and “tapping out” another officer by saying “let me handle this” if a stressful situation necessitates an opportunity for them to cool down. In the Patrol Division, they have been concentrating on getting their younger officers trained with the ARIDE program, which is Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement. That training gives them tools to identify impaired drivers and get them off the road for the safety of our citizens and this year increased DUI arrests by 20%, from 200 in 2021 to 241 in 2022.*

*They have also certified or re-certified 19 officers for the Crisis Intervention Team which specifically trains them to assist individuals who are experiencing psychological episodes. More will be trained in late January. The council members, myself, and department leadership review all use of force incidents monthly to make sure they are appropriate, and to learn and improve response techniques as needed.*

*The police participate in the Cache Rich Drug Task Force and during 2022, investigated over 475 cases, seizing over 85 pounds of marijuana, 3.5 pounds of methamphetamine, five pounds of hallucinogenic mushrooms, and 137 illegally possessed firearms. The Detectives investigated numerous vehicle thefts and vehicle and residential burglaries, many of which were committed by juveniles repeating offenses. Using good investigative work, Detectives were able to solve most of the thefts, and in some incidents recover stolen property. Many of these were crimes of opportunity, where keys were left in vehicles, or homes were left unlocked, so please, lock your homes and cars.*

*Our 911 Dispatch team serves the entire valley, and continues to prepare for upgrading radio services for first responders in the Valley and for transitioning to next-generation 911 services. They help coordinate all calls for public safety personnel county-wide with calm professionalism.*

*The Parks & Recreation Department has a wide variety of responsibilities, from the 53-acre cemetery, for which a new master plan is underway, to the 162-acre golf course, which also serves as a managed wetland area. Due to increased golf revenue the staff*

*was able to address some needed capital improvements including a new pump house and pump system and to replace a section of cart path.*

*During 2022, parks struggled to find enough part time employees to fully staff their needs for summer mowing and maintenance, but still managed to keep our much-loved parks and well-used trails in good shape, complete the 1700 South Park landscaping and install new restrooms at Trapper Park. They are using a RAPZ grant to pay for the engineering design of a new bridge to cross the river at Trapper Park so we can access the 47-acre conservation easement the city purchased with grant funds along the Logan River. The bridge and trail will have to wait for funding, but is on our long term plan.*

*This summer we did have to close the swimming pool for a couple of unanticipated days because we were short the required number of lifeguards, but our lifeguards worked hard. The Parks department also provides after school programs for 445 students at six elementary schools and was recently awarded a three-year grant for \$1,170,000 to continue to fund after school programs. It is a great opportunity for those children and their working parents for the kids to have recreation activities as well as homework help. As mentioned previously, the department will be rethinking how they provide recreation programs as we transition over time from the Rec Center facility.*

*Parks will also be in charge of programming and maintaining the new Center Block Plaza, which is essentially an urban park with a splash pad, stage for concerts, and wintertime ice skating. They also collaborated with Community Development on a new micro mobility ordinance to better manage e-bikes and other devices on city trails and sidewalks. They are working with engineering firms on construction drawings for the Woodruff Neighborhood Park and the Foothill Nature Park and are applying for grant funding which would allow us to begin construction on those projects, which will need to take place in phases because of cost.*

*Public Works is another department with a broad range of responsibilities. They too struggled in 2022 with staffing for seasonal and also full-time employees in some departments. During that time, we truly appreciated those employees who were willing to work long overtime hours if there were leaks or problems which needed immediate attention, and we're pleased to be back to full staffing. However, with hard work and long hours, public works managed to keep up with deadlines, development reviews, construction demands, maintenance practices, etc.*

*They implemented a new Asset Management software to better track city infrastructure and maintenance schedules and coordinated the development and construction of needed roads and a sewer trunk line for the new developments around Blue Springs, FedEx and*

*Costco in the Tenth North Tenth West area, on a very tight timeline. That infrastructure will be a great long-term benefit for the citizens and for businesses in that area.*

*In specific departments under Public Works, the Streets/Stormwater Division completed the new bridge at 100 West which I mentioned earlier, and will complete the road on the south this spring to fully open that new section of road. They also covered about 50 lane miles with chip and seal which extends pavement life, saving significant funds for the long term. They have increased sidewalk safety by purchasing new equipment to better fix sections of lifted sidewalks by jacking them up, rather than tearing them out and they have constructed additional new sidewalks to help with pedestrian walkability and safety.*

*They coordinated with UDOT for new signals on Tenth West at both 1800 and 2500 North, and continue to work on improving our east west access for transportation. With Tenth North now widened and improved from 600 to Tenth West, the next priority on Tenth North will be a light at the 200 West intersection, then eventually moving to the east side of Main to improve Tenth North all the way to 200 East. We continue to negotiate with the railroad for an agreement which would solve the impasse, and allow us to use the traffic signal at 1400 North and 600 West, but also allow us to improve other intersections on 600 West where we have to cross the railroad right of way. That is one reason negotiations are taking so long – we’re trying to solve multiple issues. The Water/Wastewater Division completed the Crockett Well improvement which added a backup generator, improved piping, installed equipment to stabilize pressures when the well runs, improved site access and stabilized the hillside above the well house, improving the reliability of our water system. If you’ve passed the Crockett Well House, you will notice the lovely rock exterior of the building. That was made possible by a generous donation from Bruce Bugbee and Diana West who live nearby. They thought the stone would help the building tie in with the historic nature of the neighborhood, and offered to make a donation to cover the difference. We acknowledge and appreciate their generosity.*

*In other good water news, Logan City residents responded to calls to use water responsibly and reduce water waste. Although the city is growing and gaining water users, the peak water use this summer was lower than the previous four years! We thank those who helped conserve this precious resource. The water division also installed a new 12” water line in Canyon Road, one of our very old sections of pipe, which will drastically improve water for fire flow situations.*

*The sewer crews kept busy on preventative maintenance of our sewer lines. They’ve videoed over 32 miles of sewer main, cleaned over 37 miles and worked with a contractor to treat over five miles of sewer lines for intrusive roots that cause sewer backups. Believe me, when you’re talking sewer backups, prevention is worth every penny spent!*

*Our Fleet and Shops Department keeps all our city vehicles running well, and rotate and replace vehicles for cost and service efficiency. The Facilities Team is replacing some city hall carpet during this winter season using our multi-talented streets crews when they aren't out snow plowing, and also performed electrical upgrades to various city buildings and painted parts of city hall, all with city staff – saving the taxpayers money by utilizing existing city resources.*

*Our Engineering and GIS departments have lots of significant projects in design, and Engineering has also provided in-house management for the big projects I mentioned earlier such as the Library, Center Block Plaza and 100 West Bridge.*

*Our Light & Power Department has completed two new substations to keep up with the growing demand and to continue to provide reliable distribution throughout the city. They rebuilt a section of the Canyon Road transmission line from old wooden poles to new ductile iron poles, relocated and moved underground six blocks of power lines to assist the new 100 West bridge and roadways, and installed significant new power infrastructure for the Blue Springs/FedEx/Costco development on Tenth West.*

*They have also nearly completed a significant infrastructure upgrade by replacing outdated utility meters for the entire city at a cost of \$3.3M. Almost 18,000 meters have been upgraded along with the communication system that provides information for billing including the ability to turn power off and on via computer, rather than dispatching a meter technician. This will allow greater efficiencies for personnel.*

*Our biggest concern at the present time for Light and Power is the supply of baseload power available to purchase. A number of factors have combined to create a perfect storm in the western united states of decreased baseload power and increased cost for that power. For the past 20 years, power rates have been relatively stable. That is changing dramatically for a number of reasons. First, demand for power has increased significantly with population and business growth, a large increase in electric vehicles – which draw a lot of power – and the switch of many newly constructed housing units to nearly all electric power for furnaces, water heaters and appliances. The switch to electric vehicles and electric appliances in homes does improve air quality, which is a benefit to all. But it requires more power.*

*Second, our long-term contracts to purchase power have been cut way back. Our clean hydro power from Lake Powell has been cut in half. Our baseload coal resource has also decreased by more than half, as reduced coal deliveries have impacted megawatt output, as has a fire in one of Utah's most productive coal mines – likely meaning permanent closure. When the IPP plant at Delta switches from coal to natural gas in*

*2025 – providing cleaner power – the plant will be downsized, reducing our contracted megawatts by half.*

*We don't love coal power because of the impact on the environment, but we are having a difficult time replacing baseload power. We will be adding 15 megawatts of solar power to our portfolio, but during our summer peak, solar power drops off about the time our peak demand is kicking in, from 5-9 pm when folks get home from work and turn on air conditioners, appliances, etc. And we still need to have baseload power to back up our renewable energy because it is not available all the time. Both residential and commercial customers have already seen surcharges on their power bills because costs have gone up significantly. Given the law of supply and demand, the cost for power will continue to rise for everyone.*

*We believe new, cleaner technology to provide power will likely come on line in the next ten years with nuclear power, improvements in battery storage to increase the reliability of solar power, etc. However, the other challenge for many cities in Utah is the transmission system. Right now, most of the power statewide comes over the Rocky Mountain Power transmission system. Any new projects are waiting 5-6 years to get in line for transmission capacity. In the meantime, we as a city are looking seriously at purchasing and installing natural gas turbines to produce about 10 MW of power “behind the meter” as they say. It would be adjacent to one of our substations so we could control when we use it, and it doesn't need to go over the transmission lines. Although we can't predict natural gas prices, the turbines would at least be a significant resource which we control as guaranteed baseload power.*

*In our Community Development department, efforts to streamline government included moving both landlord and business licensing on-line, better code enforcement tracking and reporting, and with the construction boom of 2022, staff has provided many, many design reviews, plan reviews, building permits and inspections, special event permits, as well as a number of updates to various standards to keep them current and relevant. These standards are crafted by staff, after lots of research, then vetted through the Planning Commission then reviewed and approved by the council. That list includes new standards for Mixed Use Development, Accessory Dwelling Units, Short Term Rentals, Micro-mobility (otherwise known as e-bikes, scooters, one-wheel devices, etc.), and parkstrip landscaping in an effort to be more waterwise. They also implemented the Public Art Master Plan with projects in two different parks.*

*As an added note, we appreciate the seven citizens who volunteer significant time to serve on the Planning Commission which meets twice each month, often with long agendas, as well as folks who serve on various city boards and committees such as the Parks & Rec board, Water and Sewer Board, Stormwater Advisory Board, Public Art*

*Committee, Light and Power Advisory Board, RESAB Committee, Audit Committee, Economic Development Committee, Golf Course Advisory Board and Library Board. Thanks to those who are involved.*

*I mentioned our RESAB committee, for the Renewable Energy and Sustainability Advisory Board. With their help and encouragement, the city has begun tracking our carbon emissions where possible, so we have good baseline data to measure progress in reducing those emissions. We have added incentives for cleaner HVAC options as customers replace aging furnaces and air conditioners. We will use some of our renewable energy funds to put solar panels on the new Library, as well as pay for other energy saving measures in that new building. As mentioned earlier, in working with RESAB members and our staff, the Light and Power Department has signed power purchase agreements for projects which will add 15 megawatts of new solar power to our portfolio, if all three projects come to fruition. We have a grant to explore battery storage, and how that could help increase the availability of renewable power to help our peak needs. We continue to improve and add sidewalks and trails that allow for active transportation, making it easier for people to get out of their cars. We have received grants to purchase cleaner vehicles, and continue to improve our fleet. We still have a significant recycling program, in spite of the volatility of the recycling markets.*

*The city is a big operation, and we couldn't provide all the services to citizens without the 447 full time employees, and the several hundred seasonal and part time workers as well. We appreciate our good employees who work throughout the city in rain or snow, hot or cold, during the day or in the middle of the night – or who work in our offices in a variety of roles to make things run smoothly and provide help when it's needed.*

*Our city employees are our most valuable resource, and 2022 brought unprecedented levels of low unemployment to the job market, leading the Human Resources team to develop creative ways to help retain and attract employees. We implemented different work schedule options, gave significant raises, added two paid holidays, adjusted personal leave options and continued to provide medical benefits without a premium, in spite of a 7% increase to the city on overall health premiums. HR also runs a wellness program to promote health and well-being among our employees.*

*We want our employees to be safe and healthy, and our Legal Department handles risk management. With the combined efforts of all city departments and employees, Logan City is currently running 25% below the state average and 35% below the national average on accidents and injuries which has resulted in significant savings to all insurance lines of the past year – and most importantly, healthier employees. Our legal*

*department also handles hundreds of contracts and other details every year to support all city departments. We appreciate their work.*

*The City Recorder keeps track of thousands of important city documents, and will be overseeing a city election this year for three city council seats.*

*In summary, when I campaigned for office, my goals were*

*First: Fiscal responsibility*

*Second: Revitalize downtown*

*Third: Upgrade aging infrastructure and invest in new infrastructure*

*Fourth: Continue to connect and expand our trails and parks, which add so much to our quality of life.*

*I also pledged to make the hard decisions which would put the city in a better position for the long term, even though in the short term they may be difficult. We have done that as well.*

*In the last five years, we've had our share of visible and high impact projects, but sometimes what we do is quiet and behind the scenes. With the support of the council and staff, I'm pleased to report that we – as a team – continue to pursue the big goals and the small improvements, and to make long term decisions that will promote good governance and move our city forward in the future. Together we will continue to work hard for the citizens we serve. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this position!*

No further Mayor/Staff Reports were presented.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

### **Planning Commission Update – Councilmember Simmonds**

Chair Simmonds reported that the Planning Commission met with Mountain Estates, who requested four additional building lots to their original project. The project is east of the university, it is a single-family housing development. It has been continued until January 26 as there is a lack of engineering data and soil stability. Raising Cane's plans to build a new location where the Sizzler restaurant was located, and it has been conditionally approved. A daycare has been conditionally approved. Rivergate, a subdivision at 1900 W 1600 S (109 single-family units) has been conditionally approved. Garry Rick Service, a design-review for office space at 1576 N 600 W was approved.

The Campus Academy at 675 E 400 N in the campus residential zone, is an adolescent treatment home for up to 48 girls. It has been conditionally approved; the conditions are substantial including an elevator. There are issues with whether the location can house 48 individuals.

Mayor Daines interjected that a residential treatment center must be permitted in any city zone.

Councilmember Simmonds clarified that a residential treatment center cannot be denied in a particular zone, but conditions can be imposed to make it suitable and safe for the residents.

**Proposed Council Board and Committee Assignments for 2023 – Chairman Ernesto López**

Chairman López stated that he met with Mayor Daines and reviewed the Council Board and Committee Assignments and proposed the following:

Councilmember Jensen expressed concerns over more than one city council member serving on the Cache Arts Committee.

The Council agreed for the adjustment to be made to the committee assignments. (The Committee Assignments below reflect the adjustment).

**LOGAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - 2023 BOARD AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mayor Holly H. Daines

<b>Ernesto López Chair</b>	Public Arts/Fine Arts Committee (2)	As needed
	RESAB (2)	1st Fri (bimonthly), 8:00 AM
	Light and Power Advisory Board	Quarterly
	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	3rd Thur, 9:30 AM
	Wilson Neighborhood Representative	As needed
	**CDBG	Annually
<b>Amy Z. Anderson Vice Chair</b>	Downtown Alliance	2nd Wed, 11:30 AM
	Homeless Coordinating Council	As needed
	Audit Committee (2)	As needed
	Public Arts/Fine Arts Committee (2)	As needed
	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory	2nd Wed, 11:30 AM
	Hillcrest Neighborhood Representative	As needed
	**CDBG	Annually
<b>Tom Jensen</b>	Cache Valley Center for the Arts	1st Thur, 5:15 PM
	Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO)	1st Mon, 5:00 PM
	Golf Course Advisory Board	3rd Thur, 5:00 PM
	Storm Water Advisory Board	As needed
	Water and Sewer Board	3rd Thur, 4:00 PM
	Adams Neighborhood Representative	As needed
	**CDBG	Annually
<b>Jeannie F. Simmonds</b>	Audit Committee (2)	As needed
	Cache Valley Center for the Arts	1st Thur, 5:15 PM
	Logan Cache Airport Authority Board	1st Thur, 8:30 AM
	Economic Development Committee (2)	2nd Thur, 3:30 PM
	Historic Preservation Committee	1st/3rd Mon, Noon
	Planning Commission (1+)	2nd & 4th Thur, 5:30 PM
	Ellis and Bridger Neighborhood Representative	As needed
	**CDBG	Annually
<b>Mark A. Anderson</b>	RESAB (2)	1st Fri (bimonthly), 8:00 AM
	Library Board	3rd Mon, 5:30 PM
	Forestry Board	As needed
	Economic Development Committee (2)	2nd Thur, 3:30 PM
	Woodruff Neighborhood Representative	As needed
	**Solid Waste Advisory Board - <i>County Exec Appoints</i>	As needed
	**CDBG	Annually
<b>Approved January 3, 2023 - **Non-City Committees and Boards</b>		

## **Rules and Procedures for the Logan Municipal Council – Chairman López and Craig Carlson, City Attorney**

At the January 3, 2022, Council meeting, Craig Carlston, City Attorney addressed the Council regarding the proposed changes to the Existing Rules and Procedures for the Logan Municipal Council, (the changes are italicized):

a. Regular. Regular meetings shall be held twice a month. The times shall be stated by ordinance and announced through the news media (Current ordinance calls for the First and Third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm). *In the absence of a quorum or for other good cause, the Council may cancel or reschedule any regular meeting. The Council shall give notice of the cancelled or rescheduled meeting in a timely, reasonable and practical manner.* Unless otherwise determined by the Council members, the order by which matters are considered in regular meetings shall be as follows:

### AGENDA

(1) Call to Order

(2) *Opening Ceremony (e.g. prayer, thought, reading)* and Approval of Minutes (Minutes of previous meeting recorded and distributed prior to meeting)

The Council was in unanimous agreement with the exception of Councilmember M. Anderson who was excused from tonight's meeting.

No further Council Business items were presented.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FY 2022-2023 appropriating \$6,877,447 anticipated surcharge revenue and increased purchase power expenses in the Light & Power Department. This is an estimate through March 2023; \$162,000 funds received from a developer for work on the Meadowbrook Lift Station; \$8,508 a grant the Fire Department received from the State of Utah to purchase EMS equipment and for the training of fire personnel; \$70,440 funds received by the Water Department from the State of Utah to purchase a replacement Dump Truck anticipated surcharge – Resolution 22-49 – Richard Anderson, Finance Director**

At the December 6, 2022, Council meeting, Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustments.

Chairman López opened the meeting to a public hearing.

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

**ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Jensen seconded by Councilmember Simmonds to approve Resolution 22-49 as presented. Motion carried (4-0 Councilmember M. Anderson Absent).**

**A. Anderson: Aye  
M. Anderson: Absent  
Jensen: Aye  
López: Aye  
Simmonds: Aye**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of proposed fee increased in the Parks and Recreation Department – Resolution 22-50 – Russ Akina, Parks and Recreation Director**

At the December 6, 2022, Council meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Russ Akina addressed the Council regarding the proposed fee increases which are the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
<b>Logan River Golf Course:</b>		
Senior Season Pass	\$900.00	\$1,000.00
Regular Season Pass	\$950.00	\$1,100.00
Cart Season Pass	\$600.00	\$ 700.00
Range Medium Bucket	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00
Range Large Bucket	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.00
Power Cart 9-Holes	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00
Power Cart 18-Holes	\$ 16.00	\$ 18.00
<u>Item</u>		
<b>Youth Basketball Program (YBP) – Junior Jazz (10 Games)</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	\$25	\$35
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$30	\$40
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$30	\$40
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$40	\$50
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$40	\$50
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$40	\$50
<u>Item</u>		
<b>Girls Team Fast Pitch Program – Team Fee (10 Games)</b>		
10 U, 12 U, 14 U	\$270	\$320

Councilmember Jensen expressed concerns over the fee of the large bucket increasing from \$10 to \$12. He wants to ensure it is fair for fixed incomes.

Mr. Akina clarified they are currently in line with the projections and development in line with the start of the season. We can certainly make a change as requested.

Richard Anderson, Finance Director remarked that the Logan golf course is one of the few golf courses in the state where a driver (golf club) can be used. We can change the

fee if the council so determines it, but we do not change these fees regularly. However, that may be something we need to look at.

Mayor Daines interjected that a portion of the fees is for the golf course.

Chairman López opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Dr. Gail B. Yost, a resident of Logan inquired regarding the fee schedules for adolescents and if this is part of the recreation programs (for school). Since golf can be an expensive sport, but if done through school can benefit students.

Mr. Akina responded fees for the driving range for students are the same regardless of age. However, we do offer four different programs for the youth. A junior program teaching basics and a program with schools (on-site) to encourage participation. There is also a team play program and a traveling team program. We are trying to encourage children to have a love of the game for the future.

Dr. Yost asked if any of these programs are designated for underprivileged children, who may not have the economic means to play.

Mr. Akina replied it is dependent on the program, the programs that work with the after-school program have no fee. The others do charge a fee but are not fixed on a level of income but rather a flat fee. We have not established a program to specially address income. The closest program we have that addresses this is the program in conjunction with the after-school program.

Dr. Yost requested confirmation that there is no specific program designated for underprivileged children.

Mr. Akina confirmed that at this juncture there is not a specific program designated for underprivileged children.

There were no further comments and Chairman López closed the public hearing.

Council Jensen again expressed his concerns and suggested the fee be changed from \$12 to \$11 instead.

Vice A. Anderson is fine with the change but expressed concerns regarding making an abrupt financial change as a precedent during a council meeting.

After further discussion, the Council relented.

**ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Jensen seconded by Vice Chair A. Anderson to approve Resolution 22-50 as amended regarding changing the large bucket from \$12 to \$11. Motion carried (4-0 Councilmember M. Anderson Absent).**

**A. Anderson: Aye**

**M. Anderson: Absent**

**Jensen: Aye**

**López: Aye**

**Simmonds: Aye**

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FY 2022-2023 appropriating: \$20,000 EMS reserves toward EMS inventory equipment; \$14,179 State grant funds for the purchase of police body cameras; \$151,800 funds the Fire Department received from the State of Utah to provide first responders with mental health support and resources; \$145,001 a grant Parks & Recreation received from the State of Utah to be used for improvements at the Willow Pak Sports Complex; \$53,433 a grant Parks & Recreation received from the Cache County Trails Department to be used to create a pedestrian crossing on 1400 North to access the Middle Canal Trail; \$3,318 funds to be received from the US Department of Justice for federal cases worked by police officers; \$21,418 funds received for police overtime shift reimbursements; \$185,525 wildland fire reimbursements – Resolution 23-01 – Richard Anderson, Finance Director**

Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustments.

Vice Chair Anderson inquired about the additional funds shown in the resolution.

Mr. Anderson explained the funds shown are all tied to the \$185,525 in wildland fire reimbursements. The funds had to be separately shown as one was related to EMS and the other to fire.

The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the January 17, 2023, Council meeting.

**Consideration of a proposed ordinance amending Section 2.02.390 of the Logan Municipal Code Regulating Council Regular Meetings – Ordinance 23-01 – Craig Carlston, City Attorney**

City Attorney Craig Carlston addressed the Council regarding the proposed code amendment. The ordinance needs to be changed since the rules and procedures were changed to match the code amendment to the council meeting.

The proposed ordinance will be an action item and public hearing at the January 17, 2023, Council meeting.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

**ADJOURNED.** There being no further business, the Logan Municipal Council adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Esli Morales, Deputy City Recorder