NORTH SALT LAKE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – WORK SESSION
JANUARY 18, 2011

Mayor Len Arave called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Len Arave
Council Member Stewart Harman
Council Member Brian Horrocks
Council Member Conrad Jacobson
Council Member Matt Jensen
Council Member Stan Porter

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Edwards, City Manager; Ken Leetham, Economic Development Director; Rod Wood, Public Works Director; Paul Ottoson, City Engineer; Chief Craig Black, Police Chief; Dave Church, City Attorney; LaRae Dillingham, City Recorder; Linda Horrocks, Minutes Secretary.

1. POLICE REPORT

Chief Craig Black distributed information highlighting recent police related events, as well as an annual report, with information on major crimes, crime statistics, and financial information. The Council asked that the statistics be put on the City's website. Chief Black said he will have his secretary email them to Linda Horrocks.

Council Member Horrocks asked about discussions regarding the Woods Cross Police Department joining the NSL Police Department. Mayor Arave stated that the Woods Cross Mayor had some hesitancy with contracting out the services to NSL, but they may want to do a combined department. The Mayor said he would discuss it in more detail later in the meeting.

2. PAUL OTTOSON – CITY ENGINEER

Paul Ottoson reported from the Safety Committee on the possible pedestrian crosswalk on Eagleridge Drive. The committee looked at several different speed deterring devices. After some research, they found that there was not a concentrated amount of traffic at a specific location, and therefore the Safety Committee recommended doing nothing at this time.

The Mayor asked about the orange flags at the crossings. He stated that the issue of safety in this area has been raised by the residents. There is some concern about high school students crossing to catch the bus. He added that from his experience campaigning, he agrees that there is a need for some pedestrian safety measures.

Council Member Harman stated that if the City puts in one crosswalk, it would make sense to put others in as well, a quarter of a mile above and below the first one.

The Safety Committee found studies that show that marked crosswalks have no effect on the number of accidents.

Paul Ottoson and Rod Wood agreed to observe the area around Ridgetop Drive during busy hours and determine if other safety measures might be useful.

3. ACTION ITEMS

The action items list of January 4, 2011 was reviewed. Completed items were removed from the list. Incomplete items remained on the carry-over list.

Ken Leetham stated that he made contact with Davis County on the CDBG grant process, and his staff is working to put projects together.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

The City Council minutes of January 4, 2011 were reviewed and amended. **Council Member Jacobson moved to approve the work session and regular session City Council minutes of January 4, 2011 as amended. Council Member Harman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Harman, Porter, Jacobson, Horrocks and Jensen.**

5. ADJOURN

Mayor Arave adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. to begin the regular session.

NORTH SALT LAKE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 18, 2011

Mayor Len Arave called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Council Member Jensen offered the invocation and Sam Horsley, BSA Troop 997, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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OTHERS PRESENT: Michael and Lynnette Shimmin, Mike and Alicia Kelley, Kurt and Penny Falkner, Ray and Misty Christensen, POW*MIA; Ted Knowlton, The Planning Center; Bob Springmeyer, Bonneville Research; Travis Taylor, River Bend Warehouse; Allen Tidwell, Steven VanBallegodie, and Nabia Pena, residents; Derek Israelsen, BSA Troop 997; Dane Stone, BSA Troop 1632.

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-2 VACATING THE NORTH SALT LAKE WAREHOUSE CONDOMINIUM PLAT LOCATED AT 95 SOUTH RIVER BEND WAY IN NORTH SALT LAKE, AND RELEASING THE EASEMENTS THEREON AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED NORTH SALT LAKE WAREHOUSE CONDOMINIUM, AMENDED PLAT LOCATED AT 95 SOUTH RIVER BEND WAY IN NORTH SALT LAKE

Ken Leetham stated that this is a minor change, adding approximately 185 square feet to allow more storage for the tenant.

Council Member Porter moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-2 vacating the North Salt Lake warehouse condominium plat located at 95 South River Bend Way in North Salt Lake, and releasing the easements thereon and approving the proposed North Salt Lake warehouse condominium, amended plat located at 95 South River Bend Way in North Salt Lake. Council Member Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Jensen, Horrocks, Porter, Harman, and Jacobson.

3. AWARD OF BID FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS RELATED TO THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATES PROJECT

Ken Leetham stated that they met with all nine firms making proposals for the General Plan updates project. The hiring subcommittee recommended awarding the bid to The Planning Center, and Bonneville Research for the amount of $97,400.

Council Member Jensen moved to award the bid for professional services as related to the General Plan updates project to The Planning Center for the amount of $97,400. Council Member Porter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Jensen, Horrocks, Porter, Harman, and Jacobson.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE POW*MIA FLIGHT

Lynnette Shimmin "Mala" of POW*MIA addressed the Council expressing the need for greater awareness for the soldiers who are still missing in action, or are prisoners of war. She stated that it is not impossible to have 100% accountability of all soldiers, as Australia has recently shown. There are many families who do not yet have closure. They would like to see their flag flown in as many places as possible.

The POW*MIA then made a brief presentation in this regard. Following the presentation, Mrs. Shimmin asked if the City would please fly the POW*MIA flag in front of City Hall.

Council Member Harman moved to support the POW*MIA by flying their flag 365 days per year, in honor of those serving the United States of America. Council Member Porter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Jensen, Horrocks, Porter, Harman, and Jacobson.

The City agreed to also put a link on its website to the POW*MIA awareness website.

5. DISCUSSION OF CONSOLIDATED POLICE SERVICES

Barry Edwards stated that the Woods Cross Police Chief is getting ready to retire, and Woods Cross City has approached North Salt Lake about contracting with the City and combining departments. Through these discussions, it became apparent that it may also be time to look at creating a South Davis Metro Police Department. Mayor Arave has discussed this with the other mayors (WX, West Bountiful).

Council Member Porter stated that he believes it is a good idea, but it is not a money saving issue. He stated that the quality of officers may increase, as a larger department would have more opportunities for them.

Council Member Harman asked about a decrease, or deficit affect on timeliness, or attention in emergency situations. Barry Edwards stated that there would be a lot more resources on the street, and the City would actually have more representation in certain areas. He believes quality of law enforcement would improve substantially with better specialized units, which none of these smaller cities currently have. He added that there would obviously be some challenges, including determining city assessments, etc.

Council Member Horrocks stated that North Salt Lake has made a substantial investment in the new building as well as hiring one of the best police chiefs in the state. Barry Edwards agreed that NSL does have the best resources. There would be some startup costs, but this is not something to go into to save money, but to improve police services for all cities involved. We believe there needs to be more officers in NSL. We would need to carefully come up with a funding plan. The citizens are the ones who would benefit from this.

The Mayor and Council were in agreement that if departments were to be combined, they would insist that Chief Black be the Police Chief.

Chief Black then addressed the Council. He agreed with Barry Edwards in that there will be many details to work through. He wanted the Council to be aware that he would still be aware of, and involved with, the Council as well as community issues. He sees this as an opportunity to have a liaison with all of the other cities. He stated that he does have a reservation that the Council would feel neglected, but through a capable staff, etc., he would commit to the Council that they would still have the contact with the police as they do currently.

Chief Black stated that they would be able to increase the number of patrol officers at a time, while being able to decrease some inefficiencies because of overlap.

Both Barry Edwards and Chief Black strongly support this.

Council Member Jensen expressed some concern about not having control over costs. He wondered if this would be an autonomous group doing their own thing.

Mayor Arave said if this interlocal agreement does not work, participating cities can opt out, unlike the South Davis Metro Fire District. He believes this would make better neighbors.

Council Member Horrocks said he feels favorably about this plan. He then addressed the small pockets of County-owned property and said those need to be included as well. Barry Edwards said they would like to invite the County to participate in this interlocal agreement, and pay for police service in their area.

The Council agreed that it should be pursued, and additional information gathered before any decisions are officially made.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Barry Edwards reported that he is continuing to work on the irrigation water agreement with Weber Water to supply secondary water to the golf course. Discussions are progressing, although not without roadblocks, but they keep going forward.

Another ongoing project on which he is working is the Woodside Homes lawsuit regarding plan review fees. Mr. Edwards stated that they have their "arms around it," and have let Woodside know what the City thinks its liability is. He feels better about going to court now than he did previously because of all the work that Ken Leetham and his staff have done to gather more information.

Mr. Edwards reported that he is still working on a fair assessment with the South Davis Metro Fire Agency; however, he has not yet been successful.

7. CITY ATTORNEY

Dave Church reported that he is working to get the current owners of the Tran home to commit to getting the property and retaining wall up to standards. They have tried to identify who purchased the home in a foreclosure sale, and those owners will be required to bring it up to code.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Arave reported that the Elks Lodge recently honored Curtis Everett and Cade Veigel from the Police Department as Officers of the Year, and Robert Drinkhall as the NSL Citizen of the Year.

9. COUNCIL REPORT

Council Member Jacobson reported that the Youth City Council will be attending Local Officials Day at the legislature on January 26, and he suggested the Council meet together with a member of the legislature for lunch that day.

Council Member Harman said he sent notes to Dan Liljenquist and Becky Edwards about that day and is hoping they will make some time to see the Council as well.

Council Member Harman said the last Uniting Neighbors meeting had a favorable turnout. They had a good discussion on Neighborhood Watch as well as some emergency preparedness issues. Chief Black was there to answer questions for a number of residents, and they are hoping to have Officer Everett come in March to discuss gang issues.

Council Member Jensen said they are having their community development meeting this Thursday. He has asked those involved to bring proposals and cost estimates for their events. He will bring that information back to the Council.

10. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:20 p.m. Council Member Harman moved to go into closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property and to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual, and also pending

litigation. Council Member Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Jensen, Horrocks, Porter, Harman and Jacobson.

At 9:35 p.m. Council Member Jacobson moved to go out of closed session and back into regular session. Council Member Harman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Member Jensen, Horrocks, Porter, Harman and Jacobson.

11. ADJOURN

Mayor Arave adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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Mayor Secretary

New Action Items

____ 1. Action: Paul and Rod observe the area around Ridgetop Drive in busy hours – determine if better safety measures can be taken.

done_ 2. Action: Linda -put a link on the web site to the POW*MIA awareness website.

done 3. Action: Chief – email crime statistics to Linda to put on the City's website.