

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING-REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

FINAL

This meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The host site was located at 10 East Center Street in North Salt Lake.

Mayor Arave called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Len Arave
Council Member Lisa Watts Baskin
Council Member Natalie Gordon
Council Member Brian Horrocks
Council Member Ryan Mumford
Council Member Stan Porter

STAFF PRESENT: Ken Leetham, City Manager; Paul Ottoson, City Engineer; David Frandsen, Public Works Director; Janice Larsen, Finance Director; Craig Black, Police Chief; David Church, City Attorney; Sherrie Llewelyn, Community Development Director; Linda Horrocks, City Recorder; Andrea Bradford, Minutes Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Beth Holbrook, Hal Johnson, UTA; Andres Colman, Carol Pappas, Kenny Akers, Idefreitas, jray, Seth, Dee Lalliss, YO, Angie Keaton.

1. CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

2. UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY (UTA) DISCUSSION OF BUS RAPID TRANSIT,
BETH HOLBROOK AND HAL JOHNSON

Beth Holbrook, UTA, spoke on bus rapid transit (BRT) services and said the City had been very engaged with UTA from the beginning. She said UTA had just received funding from the legislature to prepare a study for the area.

Ms. Holbrook then spoke on UTA COVID-19 recovery efforts, which could be found at rideuta.com/recovery and included information on ridership, financial updates, planning, and safety measures.

Hal Johnson, UTA, provided a summary of the UTA ridership and a map showing the routes in the City including the routes that were currently suspended due to COVID. The summary

showed four bus stops, which had been improved since 2016 with Prop 1 funds and 20 stops currently in design with a 5310 grant. He spoke on the regional transportation plan cost estimate of \$167.3 million, which would include a Davis County to Salt Lake City connector BRT. This project would improve transit service between Davis County and Salt Lake, which aligned with the long range plan and 30 year investment goal. This project would follow FTA guidelines for funding strategies and eligibility. Mr. Johnson spoke on the UVX transit line in Utah County and said they would like to copy this model in other areas of the State.

Beth Holbrook said the UVX line provided access between Orem and Provo stations. The original modeling was for 6,000 users per day but actual numbers are 14,000 a day with COVID. She said that residents were initially opposed to the BRT line but have since embraced the connectivity and have requested increased access in the area. Hal Johnson commented that the UVX line was great for access to special events at BYU and UVU campuses.

Hal Johnson then shared a 2014 map of the proposed connector. He spoke on current efforts for the project including environmental work, preliminary design, the collection of traffic count data, aerial imaging of the corridor, section and station configuration development, mapping of utilities, alignment development, coordination with stakeholders, traffic modeling, and refining the LPA. The key decisions to be made included operational connections, funding opportunities, and the level of investment from Davis and Salt Lake counties, enhanced bus services, and vehicle propulsion options such as diesel, CNG, and electric. Mr. Johnson then showed a map with potential corridor service connections and the possibility of combining some routes and connections.

Hal Johnson reported on the public outreach plan, which included engaging project partners via media outreach and obtaining public input on proposed changes via UTA survey/input tool, enlisting cities to promote via their social media, and promotion via UTA social media. He said there had been some delays due to weather and COVID but there would be another round of public engagement to obtain input on the process. The next steps in the process would be to finalize the LPA, determine service extensions such as Farmington and the University of Utah, the presentation of the revised project to the public, City Council updates, advancing environmental work and preliminary engineering, securing funding in preparation for federal grant applications, and requesting entry into the project development from FTA when a local match was found.

Beth Holbrook explained that with the UVX line UTA was able to secure funding to remove the service cost and offer free rides for three years. She said the Ogden BRT just received approval for the same service and UTA would try to obtain the same benefit in the City. She said that one key element of BRT was the connection to the traffic lights to allow them to stay green longer to allow the bus to get through intersections. The UVX bus line runs every six minutes during peak hours and every ten minutes during off hours.

Hal Johnson commented that the goal of a BRT line was to get residents to use their cars less and to connect Davis and Salt Lake counties.

Mayor Arave asked if the buses would have internet available to riders. Hal Johnson replied that the express buses had internet service but the BRT buses did not because the rides were shorter.

Beth Holbrook and Hal Johnson thanked the Mayor, City Council and staff for their engagement and efforts.

3. APPOINTMENT OF KENNY AKERS TO THE PARKS TRAILS ARTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD, COUNCIL MEMBER LISA BASKIN

Council Member Baskin commented that she wanted to formally appoint Kenny Akers to the Parks Trails Arts and Recreation Advisory Board. She said she was struck by Kenny's leadership and warmth and felt he would bring life experience with his background and young family.

Council Member Baskin moved that the City Council confirm the appointment of Kenny Akers to the Parks Trails Arts and Recreation Advisory Board. Council Member Mumford seconded the motion.

Kenny Akers thanked the Council for the recommendation and said he was looking forward to the task at hand.

The motion was approved by Council Members Baskin, Gordon, Horrocks, Mumford and Porter.

Council Member Mumford commented that the next Parks and Arts meeting would be held on Tuesday. He thanked Mr. Akers for his willingness to serve.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2020-28R: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS

Mayor Arave stated that this item would be removed from consideration and re-scheduled for a later date. Ken Leetham replied that no action should be taken and staff would re-advertise this item on an October City Council meeting agenda.

Mayor Arave commented that this item would be postponed due to current events.

5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2020-30R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT (2020-38A) BETWEEN THE SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE RELATED TO THE SHARING OF CARES ACT FUNDS WITH THE DISTRICT

Ken Leetham reported that the City Council acted on this item at the last Council meeting and that this was a follow-up. The South Davis Metro Fire District legal counsel drafted a contract related to the City's proposal to share \$55,500 CARES Act funding with the District. The purpose of these funds would be for the District to purchase equipment and supplies related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This resolution would adopt an agreement for the City to share that revenue with the District. Other cities in the District, including Bountiful, Centerville, Woods Cross and West Bountiful would also be sharing revenue for a total of \$269,000.

Council Member Mumford moved to approve Resolution 2020-30R: a resolution approving an agreement between the South Davis Metro Fire District and the City of North Salt Lake related to the sharing of CARES Act funds with the District. Council Member Horrocks seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Baskin, Gordon, Horrocks, Mumford and Porter.

6. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2020-29R: A RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (2020-37A) WITH DAVIS COUNTY FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A PERMANENT BALLOT BOX

Linda Horrocks reported that Davis County had requested to place a permanent ballot box in the City. Staff met with Davis County and reviewed different locations for the placement of the box in a location with cameras and easy access for residents. Staff recommended the site next to the existing utility payment box on the west side of the City Hall building, which has a designated drive-thru lane. Davis County would install the box including the installation of a concrete pad for permanent placement at that location. She showed an image of the location for the proposed box next to the existing utility payment drop box.

Mayor Arave asked if the existing blue ballot box would remain inside City Hall. Linda Horrocks replied that the proposed ballot box would replace the indoor box.

Council Member Gordon commented that as this box would be readily available on election day that it was a great idea and supported the installation 100%. Linda Horrocks clarified that the only in person voting location for residents would be the Farmington Convention Center.

Council Member Horrocks moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2020-29R: a resolution entering into an interlocal agreement (2020-37A) with Davis County for the placement of a permanent ballot box. Council Member Gordon seconded the motion. The City Council minutes of August 18, 2020 were reviewed and approved. **Council Member Porter moved to**

approve the minutes from August 18, 2020 as discussed and amended. Council Member Horrocks seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Baskin, Gordon, Horrocks, Mumford and Porter.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2020-31R: A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY PROCLAMATION WITHIN THE CITY DUE TO AN EXTREME WEATHER EVENT AFFECTING THE CITY AND REGION

Ken Leetham reported that the City did not often declare a state of emergency but said this year had been a challenge. He reviewed the proclamation, which was proposed in order that the City may have a stronger opportunity to request and obtain reimbursements for costs related to the wind storm that occurred on September 8th. The ability to declare emergencies was provided by State code as shown in the proclamation. This action was encouraged by Davis County, who also declared a state of emergency, as an effective use of this statutory process to obtain financial relief when it becomes available.

Mr. Leetham commented that the residents were lucky to live in a well-governed area. He then spoke on City personnel and their efforts to respond to this incident.

David Frandsen then provided briefing on Operation Zephyr. He said there were a wide range of emotions due to the chaotic situation. He provided a timeline of the events which included sending crews out to survey the damage on September 8th and the use of heavy equipment to clear the streets for emergency personnel. The Public Works building was used as a drop zone for debris and staff spent the day removing debris, securing equipment, handling power outages including at the water wells and pump stations, and setting up appointments to help residents. He said that staff was able to utilize the GPS mapping app to mark downed trees throughout the City. He said that Wednesday included setting up teams to cut and chip wood in priority areas as well as going to appointments and collecting green waste from residents. He presented a map which showed the City divided into five areas for morning and afternoon appointments. Mr. Frandsen said that residents were putting large piles on the street at higher rates than expected and ACE was not able to keep up with the amount of green waste. There was a water service leak on Redwood Road as well and City crews were out until 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Equipment was provided by Murray City, South Jordan City, Boise, and UDOT. On Thursday UDOT provided trucks which were used to remove debris from the Public Works building. Residents were notified to arrange for the removal of their own green waste to the Bountiful dump. The first pass through the City was completed.

Mr. Frandsen presented a graph, which showed the number of sites per day. Tuesday had 347 sites, Wednesday had 406 sites and Thursday had 430 sites. He explained that it was difficult to make much progress as residents kept putting second and third piles out in the streets. After residents were instructed to try to dispose of their own green waste staff was able to complete 315 out of 562 jobs on Friday. On Saturday, there were 591 sites and staff was able to service

421 of those locations. There was also a water break in the Foxboro area. On Sunday, UDOT provided trucks and the DNR provided a chainsaw team, which was utilized at the golf course. Mr. Frandsen said there were 86 trees removed from the golf course. There was also a pressure issue on Scenic Hills Circle on Sunday.

David Frandsen said Team Rubicon assisted 16 residents and church and community groups provided service at Hatch Park. He showed images of the pile of debris that was collected at the Bountiful stake center on 3599 Orchard Drive. The majority of the debris has since been removed and should be completed by the 16th.

Mr. Frandsen said there would be a final sweep of the City on September 16th with City staff, heavy equipment, excavators and four UDOT trucks. He said there was still cleanup to do at the parks and golf course and spoke on the incredible amount of damage and work that had been, and still needed to be, done.

David Frandsen spoke on the impact to staff and the current projects, which had to be put on hold including the Union ditch project, water shutoff, blue stakes, cleaning, etc., and how this storm definitely impacted City services. He said the keys to success were the Collector application which allowed staff to manage data and develop a plan, help from friends, residents, Murray City, Bountiful City, and South Jordan City, UDOT, ACE, DNR, Century, Vermeer and Wheeler equipment, Chad Monroe with Davis County and Team Rubicon Disaster Response. He also thanked staff, said they were amazing, and did great work throughout this ordeal.

Ken Leetham said that the Public Works Department was filled with dedicated people and he was appreciative of David Frandsen's leadership and everything that his employees had done. David Frandsen commented that this group had never failed him or the City. He said they cared about residents and worked 14-hour days with no complaints. He thanked the City for their support as well.

Mayor Arave thanked David for his work ethic, leadership and creativity. He said these attributes transferred to his staff as well. He said these issues always happened at inopportune times and he could not express his gratitude enough for all the hard work of the Public Works Department. Mayor Arave said he was amazed at what the department was able to accomplish related to this situation.

Council Member Gordon moved that the City Council approve Resolution 2020-31R: a resolution declaring a State of Emergency by proclamation within the City due to an extreme weather event affecting the City and region. Council Member Mumford seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Baskin, Gordon, Horrocks, Mumford and Porter.

Mayor Arave invited Angie Keaton to address the Council as she had missed the citizen comment portion of the meeting.

Angie Keaton thanked City staff for the incredible amount of work they had done. She then asked about the annexation and requested that the City provide transparency and a dedicated FAQ website related to the annexation. Mrs. Keaton asked that a representative attend an event on September 23rd hosted by the Salt Lake City library to help educate the public on the annexation. Mayor Arave replied that he would attend the event and asked Ms. Keaton to email him the information.

Ken Leetham commented that Sherrie Llewelyn was working on a webpage to provide more information related to the annexation.

8. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The City Council minutes of September 1, 2020 were reviewed and approved. **Council Member Baskin moved to approve the minutes from September 1, 2020 as amended. Council Member Porter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Baskin, Gordon, Horrocks, Mumford and Porter.**

9. ACTION ITEMS

The action items list was reviewed. Completed items were removed from the list.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Horrocks provided a mosquito abatement update and said the first West Nile Virus case in Davis County had been reported. He said the mosquito population were worse this year and could possibly be attributed to a new pilot who did not spray accurately. He also said Gary Hatch compiled a list of COVID related expenses, which would be presented to each City with a possible reimbursement per the CARES Act.

Council Member Baskin reported that September 30th would be the last day to submit forms for the 2020 census. She asked staff to notify residents on the electronic message board of the date and web address to submit the information. The information collected would be used for ten years and was equal to approximately \$1,000 per resident.

Council Member Porter reported that while there was talk about canceling the Get To The River Event that the event ended up being well attended and fantastic. He thanked David Frandsen, Ali Avery, Ken Leetham, and Ryan Mumford for their efforts and attendance.

Council Member Mumford thanked the Public Works staff for their efforts. He said September 27th was the deadline for the NSL Reads writing contest and the photo contest submissions. He also said the Halloween Fun Run would be held October 31st in the morning.

Council Member Mumford also reported on a smell event and said he talked to Dal Wayment with the South Davis Sewer District. He said it was potentially the Wasatch Waste Recovery Center, which was now causing the odors. Council Member Mumford asked Mayor Arave to continue to provide support as he was on the Sewer District Board.

Mayor Arave commented that there was an issue in the industrial park, which was contributing to the smell. He said he would discuss this at a meeting on Thursday.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Arave had nothing to report. He asked Ken Leetham to provide an update on the golf course.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Church had nothing to report.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ken Leetham thanked the police department for their support during the storm as well. He reported on the Centennial Drive water line project and said it was underway this week. There would be water shutoffs during the project and the contractor was required to go door to door to notify residents of the shutoff.

Ken Leetham then reported that the League of Cities and Towns conference would be held next week. He said if the Council was interested in attending to notify staff. Mr. Leetham said the fall cleanup would be held October 2nd to the 4th at the Public Works building and would consist of trash and green waste disposal.

Ken Leetham spoke on the Quick Quack Carwash ribbon cutting to be held September 29th at 11:30 a.m. with Mayor Arave to attend.

14. ADJOURN

Mayor Arave adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.



Mayor



City Recorder