

NORTH SALT LAKE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING-WORK SESSION
JANUARY 21, 2014

FINAL

Mayor Arave called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Len Arave
Council Member Conrad Jacobson
Council Member Matt Jensen
Council Member Brian Horrocks
Council Member Stan Porter
Council Member Ryan Mumford

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Edwards, City Manager; Ken Leetham, Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Director; Paul Ottoson, Public Works Director and City Engineer; Jon Rueckert, Assistant Public Works Director; Janice Larsen, Finance Director; Chief Craig Black, Police Chief; Brent Moyes, Golf Course Director; Linda Horrocks, Deputy Recorder; Andrea Bradford, Minutes Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott McFarlane, Chad Wilson, Justin Dolling, Bill Bates, Greg Sheehan, Randy Wood, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR); Laura Hanson, Jordan River Commission.

1. CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

Assistant Chief of Police Troy Johnson addressed the Council to discuss Davis County's Citizen's Academy scheduled for March. This 13-week program is held on Wednesday evenings for three hours and is taught on a rotating basis by the Woods Cross, Kaysville, Farmington, Sunset and North Salt Lake police departments. The NSL Police Department topics will include gang education, narcotics and homicide investigations.

Officer Johnson invited members of the Council to participate and asked them to let him know if they were interested.

2. DWR-UPDATE AND ACTION ON URBAN DEER SOLUTION

Greg Sheehan, Director of the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) addressed the Council reporting that urbanization of wildlife is a big challenge in Utah and asked the Council to share

their concerns regarding the urban deer problem in the City. Mayor Arave stated that the problem seems to be a result of fewer natural predators. He added that citizens report that deer are destroying gardens and yards and want something to be done to remove the deer. There has been significant property damage reported as well as concerns for safety, especially around children.

Justin Dolling, DWR, reported that the programs that the agency's deer and big game programs are managed on a unit level. Units are usually categorized by county, and the DWR goes into the unit or area and works with the concerned parties, i.e. sportsman, landowners to determine a population goal. If the population exceeds the goal they may then need to focus on controlling the female (doe) population. The DWR previously managed the overpopulation by hunting but those traditional methods generally do not work in the cities. The deer used to migrate into the cities in the winter and would generally return to the mountains in the spring. Offspring born in the city, harsh winters and the prevalence of food options, including residents feeding the deer, have caused the deer to remain in the cities permanently.

Barry Edwards asked what deer generally eat and what people are feeding them. Mr. Dolling responded that deer browse mainly on shrubs and bushes and really should not be eating what people feed them. He said that North Salt Lake should apply to qualify for the R657-65 Urban Deer Control "Rule" which includes a two year pilot program to design and administer a control plan for the removal of resident deer. Currently only Bountiful and Highland cities qualify for this program.

Council Member Mumford asked how those two cities have responded so far and if it has been successful. Mr. Dolling responded that the city needs to be involved with managing the program, and only Highland has really participated so far with a bow hunt. Their program was fairly successful in that 72 deer were removed from the city with minimal complaints from the residents.

Greg Sheehan commented that this rule has been written to be broad enough to cover a variety of instances and address a variety of views.

Mr. Dolling summarized the Rule and said that guidelines for a city deer removal plan should include the following: the city must demonstrate that the deer are causing significant damage, and or threatening public safety, and should be articulated in the plan. The city must pass an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer or elk, provide proof of \$1 million liability insurance, and agree to provisions of the Utah Governmental Immunity Act. The City would then apply for a certificate of registration which becomes a license from the DWR agency. The DWR will then commit to helping the city develop a plan with realistic goals and expectations such as removing a certain number of deer or reducing the number of citizen complaints.

The DWR will help determine the appropriate number of deer in the city and establish the best method for removal. Other steps to be addressed would include: tagging requirements, carcass removal, those who are eligible to participate in the removal, antler return and live capture coordination if necessary. The DWR also requires that the city gather public input on the plan.

Mr. Dolling commented that Bountiful City has considered using the processed deer meat to feed the hungry. Mr. Sheehan also said that North Salt Lake's hunting options are more limited than Highland's and that the burden of elimination tends to fall on city employees. Bountiful originally suggested their police department shoot the deer until they considered the liability for bullet ricochets, etc.

Mayor Arave asked if more cities are approaching the DWR about the deer. Mr. Dolling responded that it seems like there is becoming a larger demand for action to help the situation.

Barry Edwards asked how this policy applies to Forest Service land and if the DWR's plan would show the areas of the City targeted for deer removal. Mr. Dolling responded that this could apply to the Forest Service land and that hunting is allowed there during certain times of the year. The DWR would target deer that are year-round residents in the city.

Council Member Jensen asked if archery/bow hunting was only done in more open areas. Mr. Sheehan responded that archery equipment tends to be safer than firearms for this circumstance and that Highland City uses certified expert archers for their deer removal.

Mr. Dolling stated that Highland was able to get rid of 70+ deer in 2 months and that this would be an ongoing process to get the deer population to tolerable levels. The goal is to reduce the population so people can co-exist with the deer.

Mayor Arave asked if the deer could only be removed from public or City property. He also asked City staff to follow up with the DWR on more information for deer removal. Mr. Dolling responded that private property could be included if the owner gives permission.

Council Member Jacobson was excused at 6:47 p.m.

3. JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION PRESENTATION "BEST PRACTICES FOR RIVERFRONT COMMUNITIES"- LAURA HANSON

Laura Hanson, Director of the Jordan River Commission, thanked the City for their support and help with the Jordan River. She commented that the City should consider adopting an ordinance to protect the river corridor and that the river should be highlighted as a resource for the

community. The Jordan River Commission provides training series and seminars to help educate people on protecting and utilizing these natural resources. There will also be an event on May 29th and 31st called “Get into the River” and will include a corridor-wide cleanup project of the river and trail on Friday and a celebration day on Saturday. The Commission will also provide grant reporting assistance to the City for projects or programs for the river.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Arave adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m. to begin the City Council regular session.

NORTH SALT LAKE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING-REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 21, 2014

FINAL

Mayor Arave called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. He offered the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Len Arave
Council Member Matt Jensen
Council Member Brian Horrocks
Council Member Stan Porter
Council Member Ryan Mumford

EXCUSED: Council Member Conrad Jacobson

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Edwards, City Manager; Ken Leetham, Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Director; Paul Ottoson, Public Works Director and City Engineer; Jon Rueckert, Assistant Public Works Director; Janice Larsen, Finance Director; Chief Craig Black, Police Chief; Brent Moyes, Golf Course Director; Linda Horrocks, Deputy Recorder; Andrea Bradford, Minutes Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stewart Harman and family, residents.

1. PRESENTATION TO STEWART HARMAN, FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Arave presented Stewart Harman with a plaque in recognition for his service on the City Council. He commended Mr. Harman for his hard work and acknowledged his efforts with Uniting Neighbors, the Neighborhood Watch program, and the 4th of July races.

Stewart Harman recited his favorite poem and commented that he will miss working with the City Council and staff.

2. CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

3. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2014-03R REAPPOINTING MAYOR LEN ARAVE AS THE NORTH SALT LAKE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD OF THE WASATCH INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Council Member Horrocks moved to approve Resolution 2014-03R appointing Mayor Arave as the North Salt Lake Representative to the Administrative Control Board of the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District. Council Member Porter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Jensen, Porter, Mumford and Horrocks. Council Member Jacobson was excused.

4. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED TRAIL USE POLICY

Jon Reuckert reported that the requested changes to the Trail Use Policy from the last meeting have been implemented including allowing trail use on Sunday. The section on large inflatables was changed to say that they shall not be allowed on grass areas for more than a 12 hour period and a description of the said inflatable would be required and that the City may reserve or deny any use of inflatables.

Council Member Jensen stated that the wording in Section 2 states that trails are reserved on a first come first served basis, and that priority needed to be established.

Barry Edwards stated that the only time this prioritization would be necessary is in the event of two applications arriving at the same time for the same date and time. The applicant who reserved it first would receive priority. He recommended adding wording that the event would need to be reserved in the same calendar year.

Council Member Jensen moved to adopt the Trail Use Policy adding section 2-1C which restricts scheduling to the same calendar year when the event occurs. Council Member Porter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Jensen, Porter, Mumford and Horrocks. Council Member Jacobson was excused.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

Jon Reuckert reported that the only notable change to this application was the change to the large inflatables section.

Council Member Porter asked if the large inflatables required liability insurance. Mr. Reuckert responded that it is already required if the event is a private or public event involving more than 200 people.

Barry Edwards commented that he would speak with the City attorney for policy regarding smaller groups and private or unauthorized use of inflatables at City parks.

Mayor Arave asked if this application only applies to groups over 100 people. Barry Edwards replied that an application is not necessary for events smaller than that.

Jon Reuckert said that for events with over 500 people, a mass gathering permit is required to be completed with the County. Chief Black commented that the mass gathering application addresses number of attendees, bathroom facilities, first aid station, security, and proper licenses, etc.

Mayor Arave commented that if someone is having a large event it doesn't seem like too much to ask to have residents fill out a form.

Barry Edwards stated that it makes the participant responsible and allows the City to control the use of the parks on events under 500 people.

Council Member Jensen expressed concern that this application seems to put barriers on those wanting to use the parks and requires excess demands like portable toilets, security and EMTs. He stated that it also seems like some ordinances are passed that may not be used again. Mayor Arave responded that this is not necessarily trying to discourage people but that the City just wants to be aware of what is going on and who is responsible for the event.

Council Member Mumford commented that the application says that it must be filled out 45 days prior to the event and asked if that much advance notice is necessary. Mayor Arave responded that there could be some leeway given.

**Council Member Porter moved to approve the Special Event Application as it stands.
Council Member Horrocks seconded the motion.**

Barry Edwards commented that City staff and the City Manager could process an application in less than 45 days and follow up on instances of leeway instead of bringing every event before the Council. He recommended adding a line to the application for approval from the City.

Council Member Porter moved to amend the motion to include City approval on the last page. Council Member Horrocks seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Jensen, Porter, Mumford and Horrocks. Council Member Jacobson was excused.

6. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ATHLETIC FIELD USE POLICY

Paul Ottoson reported that the revised Athletic Field Use Policy reflects the change to allow league games to be played on Sunday, but prohibits tournaments to be played on Sunday. Mr. Ottoson stated that the other changes to the policy involve deposits.

Council Member Horrocks stated that any event or activity that required City staff's participation should fill out an Athletic Field Use application.

Council Member Mumford moved to approve the amendments to the Athletic Use Policy including Paul Ottoson's revisions. Council Member Porter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Jensen, Porter, Mumford and Horrocks. Council Member Jacobson was excused.

Paul Ottoson commented that he would bring suggested deposit amounts to the Council at a future meeting as City staff is currently reviewing comparable costs from other cities.

7. CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTEES TO THE PARKS, TRAILS, ARTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Council Member Jensen stated that he would like to nominate Becky Edwards as his appointee to the Parks, Trails, Arts and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mayor Arave suggested that nominated residents attend the City Council meeting at which they are nominated, and also asked that a notice be put in the next City newsletter. He noted that Becky Edwards has been involved with the 2nd Sunday concerts already and is a Utah State Representative currently in legislative session.

Council Member Jensen moved to appoint Becky Edwards to the North Salt Lake Parks, Trails, Arts and Recreation Advisory Board. Council Member Porter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Jensen, Porter, Mumford and Horrocks. Council Member Jacobson was excused.

8. ACTION ITEMS

Council Member Mumford commented that he is concerned about the potholes on Center Street and that he had already addressed this with City staff.

The list of action items was reviewed. Completed items were removed from the list. Incomplete items will remain on the carry over list.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Jensen reported how nice it is that the trails were cleared again after the recent snow storm. He then reported that the Three Kings Race will be held either the third Saturday in June or the second Saturday in July and is waiting to find out when the State Road Racing Championship will be to avoid scheduling on the same day. He also said that there will most likely not be a Second Sunday Concert in February.

Council Member Porter reported that the February United Neighbors meeting will consist of CPR training and asked that the event be advertised to residents.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Arave reported that there is a South Davis Corridor meeting scheduled for February 3rd at the Bountiful city office and that the Council and staff were invited to attend.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Barry Edwards reported that the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Mid-Year Conference would be held in St. George on April 9-11th. The City Council needs to let Linda Horrocks know of their availability, and she will register them for this event and the upcoming Elected Officials Day at the legislature in February.

12. ADJOURN

Mayor Arave adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor

Secretary