

Pleasant Grove City Council Work Session Minutes
May 26, 2009
7 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor:

Michael W. Daniels

City Council Members:

Cindy Boyd

Jeffrey D. Wilson

City Recorder:

Kathy T. Kresser

Colleen A. Mulvey, Deputy Recorder

Others:

Frank Mills, City Administrator

Tina Petersen, City Attorney

Ken Young, Comm. Dev. Director

Richard Bradford, Economic Dev. Director

Deon Giles, Leis. Services Director

Lynn Walker, Public Works Director

Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief

Tom Paul, Police Chief

Degen Lewis, City Engineer

Libby Flegal, NAB Chair

Absent:

Council Member Atwood

Council Member Call

Council Member Jensen

Gary Clay, Finance Director

The City Council Members and staff met in the City Council Chambers at 86 East 100 South, Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062 at 7 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Daniels called roll for the Council and noted that Council Members Boyd and Wilson were present and Council Members Atwood, Call and Jensen were absent.

In that there were not enough City Council Members present to make up a quorum which is needed to discuss or act upon any subject over which this quorum has jurisdiction or advisory power, the Mayor stated that the presentations on the agenda would be heard.

Oak Canyon 7th Grade Class - Presentation on Recycling

Four members of the 7th grade class of Oak Canyon Junior High School; Matt Crab, Tyler Richardson, Sarah Clifford and Ella Willardson came forward and stated that they would like to educate the audience on how to Reduce, Reuse and to Recycle.

Their 7th grade class was given a recycling project as an assignment so they conducted a survey of six hundred and seventy five people from the cities of Lindon, Orem and Pleasant Grove; eighty three of the individuals surveyed live in Pleasant Grove. The class members explained the reason why recycling is important, stating that it keeps the earth clean and healthy and uses less of nature's

natural resources, recycling preserves many things such as money, time and the environment. As a result of their survey they discovered that fifty five percent of the people surveyed do not use curbside recycling. The majority of these individuals said it was because the City does not offer it, other reasons given for not recycling were that it is too expensive or too much work. Eighty nine percent of those surveyed said that they would recycle if the City was to offer it. Ninety eight percent of those surveyed felt that it is important for the City to offer a recycling program. The items that people recycle most are paper, plastic, cardboard and aluminum. The class members then pointed out the five qualities of a good recycling program; 1.) Educating the community 2.) Simple to use 3.) Readily available for those who want to participate 4.) Get government support 5.) Cost effect for those involved. As an action plan the students stated that flyers could be sent in utility bills, start a door to door awareness campaign to enlist volunteers, have local and State leaders help motivate citizens to recycle and work through the schools to help educate about recycling programs. The students also visited the local Macey's grocery store and learned about their recycling program.

The students ended their presentation with saying "Help us make the world a better place."

Council Member Boyd asked how long it took them to prepare this presentation. They said it took a couple of months to do the survey and put the presentation together. Council Members Boyd and Wilson both complimented them on the good job they did.

North Utah County Water Recharge Aquifer Presentation

Matt Shipp, Highland City's Public Works Director who is representing the North Utah County Aquifer Association (NUCAA) began by explaining the need for the recharge of the aquifer which is a resource that we are trying to protect. The estimation on groundwater levels at the current rate of drawing down on the aquifer is that in the next couple of decades we will lose about forty to fifty feet of our aquifer without any type of recharge. Mr. Shipp stated that all of the cities from Provo to the Point of the Mountain have a definite impact on the elevation of the aquifer.

Mayor Daniels asked about the members of NUCAA. Mr. Shipp said that right now they are a very "loose knit" organization and are working on the by-laws and are talking to the various Cities to get them involved as the founding members to help organize and write these by-laws, he said that Pleasant Grove has been involved from the beginning. Mayor Daniels then asked if the membership is limited to government entities. Mr. Shipp stated that they are asking Cities as well as other entities such as the Central Utah Water Conservancy District to fiscally commit to this organization.

Mayor Daniels commented that one of NUCAA's objectives in working with Pleasant Grove is our Battle Creek facility. Mr. Shipp stated that Battle Creek is one of several areas looked at and is a great location that charges that aquifer, he said that he could not get into too much detail on it at this time but this is one of the areas where the ability to recharge is astronomical. Mayor Daniels then asked how would all of the members of NUCAA participate in this project. Mr. Shipp explained that the way they envision this organization working is that each member has a certain amount of water rights and in some years they do not use all of these rights so the extra water gets charged into the recharge basin and at that time it is a bank of water; it can be used as an exchange of water rights or a way to save your water rights to draw on it later. Mayor Daniels asked how can an entity/member that is not located within the area where the recharging takes place contribute to the water bank or the recharging. Mr. Shipp remarked that that was a good question, so far all of the entities that they have been approaching all have water that they can push into this recharge, an entity cannot take from the aquifer any more than their rights, this gives the ability to bank the water and trade it around as it is needed.

Mayor Daniels asked if this satisfies the beneficial use requirement. Mr. Shipp stated that it does. Attorney Petersen asked who the legal advisor was for NUCAA. Mr. Shipp said that they are still working on getting the organization set up, there is a loose knit draft put together that says NUCAA supports Highland City going forward with a conceptual study and that is about as far as they have

gone on this.

Administrator Mills stated that the way things have worked up until now is that they have been working with Central Utah and their legal staff and also the State Engineers office. Administrator Mills said that the next phase is to organize and set up our own district and it should involve the attorney's from all of the entities who participate. Engineer Lewis added that this is not entirely a first for the State; there is already a similar program in the St. George area, so we are not breaking entirely new legal ground.

Mr. Shipp wanted to mention that the State is very excited about this program; they are highly in favor of this recharge project, Central Utah as well. Mr. Shipp stated that the grants are there and that they have applied and have the ability to get the grants right now with the matching funds. Mr. Shipp added that right now there are presenting this to the different City Councils in efforts to establish the founding members and the funds to go into the project.

Revised Draft Transportation Master Plan Presentation

Kelly Ash from Horrocks Engineers began by stating that it was a pleasure to work with the City's staff on this project. He started with a brief general overview of the update on the Transportation Master Plan, they have gone through the City and collected traffic data and modeled that traffic on the existing roadway network and came up with the level of service that is the industry standard for traffic operations. Mr. Ash said that under the existing conditions they found a few areas of real concern one being 1st East all the way up to 2600 North, another problem area is Pleasant Grove Blvd. and 13th West. Mr. Ash reviewed the future conditions and stated that it was assumed that a few of the improvements that are currently on MAG's (Mountainland Association of Governments) plan would be built such as 2000 West and a widening of Pleasant Grove Blvd. to five lanes and seven lanes on State Street. He then went on to review the proposed roadway improvements which include typical cross sections, roadway widening and new alignments. He then briefly reviewed the transportation improvement program, the proposed bicycle and pedestrian plans and the proposed transit plans.

Mr. Ash mentioned that at the Transportation Master Plan Open House that was held here on May 13th, there were over one hundred people who attended, they were provided with comment forms for feedback. He stated that the public comment period is still open and they are still collecting the comments and compiling the results. The final public hearing is scheduled to be held on June 23rd, at the City Council and Planning Commission meeting.

Department Report (Administration Services)

Administrator Mills commented on the timeliness of the presentation given earlier tonight on recycling and that it is time for the City to move forward on this matter one way or the other. He stated he has talked to other cities as well as citizens and feels that if we are going to pursue providing this service the first thing we should do is put out a request for proposals. Administrator Mills stated that what he is requesting from the Council is the go ahead to put the request for proposals out and to come up with a timeline for implementing this program.

Administrator Mills explained that currently there are about seven thousand two hundred residential solid waste customers and that around three thousand one hundred fifty customers have a second can. The City has received input from residents and there is a definite interest in a curbside recycling program. Administrator Mills said that in talking with some of the other cities they recommend making sure that the company that you contract with is the company that actually does the pickup and are not sub-contracting to someone else because it will make the customer service side of things run more smoothly.

Administrator Mills stated that in the request for proposals we are asking them to provide costs for these two alternatives; one would be to provide mandatory pickup at all residences and the other

would be to provide curbside pickup on a voluntary basis or opt-out program. Also to be included in the proposal would be the days of the week for pickup and that we prefer that it be conducted on the same day of the week that our existing solid waste is picked up, which is Wednesday, and pickup will occur every other week and also that they have the ability to be able to deal with customer complaints.

Administrator Mills handed out an outline which included the background of the curbside recycling program, the scope of the project, the qualification requirements, anticipated schedule, the proposal requirements and the criteria for selection.

Mayor Daniels stated that we can not take any action on this tonight but from previous discussion on this he feels that it is the right thing to do to go forward with the request for proposals and that he should go forward with this administratively. Administrator Mills said that he would put the information together and forward it on to the Council members. The Mayor then thanked Administrator Mills for his presentation.

Review of items for the upcoming June 2, 2009 City Council Meeting

The Mayor then read the items of business from the agenda.

- a. **Miss Strawberry Days Royalty Presentation**
- b. **A Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance (2009-12) for approval and adoption of the proposed Roadway Capital Facilities Plan and Impact Fee for the City-wide Service Area in Pleasant Grove City**

Mayor Daniels stated that this would be the follow up to their last presentation.

- c. **A Public Hearing to consider the request of Madelyn Knudsen to rezone a parcel of land comprising 0.48 acres, from R1-8 (Single-Family Residential) to RM-7 (Multi-Family Residential), located at 350 East 600 South (String Town Neighborhood)**

Director Young stated that the current applicant would like to have the parcel rezoned to a higher density use of property. Director Young said that this does fit within the general plan designation for density.

- d. **To consider the request of Apple Grove PD Home Owner's Association to remove a small area of the northeast corner of Apple Grove Phase 4 PUD perimeter boundary, located approximately 530 East Apple Grove Lane, in the R1-8 PD (Single-Family Residential Planned Development) zone (String Town Neighborhood)**
- e. **To consider a Resolution (2009-014) authorizing the Mayor to sign a rental agreement between Pleasant Grove City, Dennis Baker and Don Brandt for a storm drain detention facility located at approximately 2000 West Pleasant Grove Blvd (Sam White's Lane Neighborhood)**

Mayor Daniels said that the resolution is needed to formalize this project.

- f. **Public Hearing to consider a Resolution (2009-015) for the approval and adoption of the City's Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget, including the allocation of revenue from the**

water, sewer and other enterprise funds to the general fund. The Pleasant Grove Redevelopment Agency Budget is included in the final budget (City Wide Impact)

Mayor, City Council and Staff Business

- City Engineer Lewis said that they are still taking comments from the public on the Transportation Mater Plan through Thursday, May 28th.
- Director Giles stated that he felt that the program on Memorial Day was one of the best we have ever had. Mayor Daniels thanked him and his crew stating that they did a good job and everything went well.
- Fire Chief Sanderson mentioned that the Fireman's Breakfast is this Saturday, May 30th starting at 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Chief Sanderson said that they would be hiring an administrative assistant using the program set up through Workforce Services.

- Police Chief Paul announced that Lieutenant Clark Nelson's retirement farewell will be held tomorrow from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Library.
- Council Member Wilson also wanted to add that he thought the Memorial Day program was very good, there was a good turnout and that he was very impressed by it.

Council Member Wilson asked if there was a reason why the Light Rail system is not planning to stop in Pleasant Grove. Mayor Daniels stated that they opted for the American Fork station; it had to do with the number of people they thought they could pick up. Engineer Lewis added that it was also the proximity to the other stations and the redevelopment of Geneva project argued strongly to bring the Light Rail stop and park and ride lot all together in their development.

The meeting ended at 8:08 p.m.

This certifies that the Work Session Minutes of May 26, 2009 are a true, full and correct copy.

Colleen A Mulvey, Deputy Recorder