

**Pleasant Grove City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Budget Workshop
April 28, 2007
9:00 a.m.**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Mike Daniels

City Council Members:

Cindy Boyd

Darold McDade

Mark Atwood

Bruce Call

Lee Jensen

Others:

Frank Mills, City Administrator

Gary Clay, Finance Director

Tina Petersen, City Attorney

Lynn Walker, Public Works Director

Ken Young, Supervisor of Community Development

Deon Giles, Leisure Services Director

Tom Paul, Police Chief

Richard Bradford, Director of Economic Development

The City Council and staff met at the Council Chambers at 86 East 100 South, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

1. TO DISCUSS CITY'S TENTATIVE OPERATING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RDA) BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008.

Mayor Daniels opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and participating in the budget process with the council. The Mayor then gave a broad overview of the budget review that had already been done by he and the staff. He reviewed the revenue and expenses, generally. He also identified several areas where the council may want to ask questions.

A discussion was held regarding what steps would have to be taken in the event that the Public Safety contract with Lindon was terminated. Chief Paul stated that they would first cut the part-time employees back and maybe go to only one animal control officer instead of the two they have now. Then, he said his department would try to let normal attrition take care of some of the cuts that would need to be made. Administrator Mills stated that the City can plan for it and make midyear adjustments if the Lindon contract goes away.

Council Member Jensen next asked about the “equipment” line-item in the budget. The amount was about \$214,000. He asked Chief Paul if the expense was for vehicles. Chief Paul said “yes.” The Chief went on to say that there were about 15 vehicles in the budget on a new lease program that they have decided to try. He said his department has been discussing the possibility of going to a lease program instead of buying all of the vehicles. He said he felt like it would save money in the long run on maintenance costs and turn-in value. There will be about 30 vehicles on the program, eventually. This will include 15 vehicles this year and 15 more next year. Administrator Mills stated that they have been doing something similar in the public works and parks departments on large pieces of equipment and it has worked very well. He noted that it has resulted in significant reductions in maintenance and vehicle expenses in those departments.

Next was the Fire Department. Chief Sanderson reported that the equipment budget would be \$314,000.00. He explained that \$300,000 of his equipment expenditure will come from an anticipated grant. However, he said that if they don’t get the grant, then they won’t spend the money. There is a \$450,000 increase in the fire department budget for 2007/2008. The cost of \$278,000 is for one more full-time Paramedic Captain as well as for more part-time people. Additionally, he said that \$75,000 would be for the full-time person. The rest of the expenditures would be an increase in the part-time hours and wages as well as increases for part-timers that include a new program where they get paid a dollar an hour just to carry the pager. Chief Sanderson says that we may be a little early on hiring another full-time person, but he wants the money in the budget so he can hire later on in the year, if necessary. He said that he is trying to get the department ready to make the full-time paramedic service a reality in the next fiscal year of 2008/2009.

Community Development was the next department discussed. Mayor Daniels indicated that this department was 6% of the overall city budget. He also said that the department was up 11% in their budget over last year’s budget requests. This department is fee-based, so most of the expenses are covered by revenue. The building permit fees, etc, cover expenses many of the expenses for the department.

The discussion on budget ended at 11:40 a.m. A discussion then began on the Mayor’s list of information items to bring the Council up to speed on various issues facing the City.

At 1:00 p.m, the discussion began on the visioning process. Mayor Daniels began by explaining what the City had been working on for the Downtown and Grove areas. He then presented a plan where the City would focus on attracting a major high-tech anchor like Fry’s Electronics to the Grove area. He said it has been discussed that a high tech “Mecca” could conceivably be created in that area where these kind of businesses would be support for one another.

The next discussion included the possibility of bonding for the necessary funds to do major capital improvements on the roads throughout the City. The City has an excise tax bond of just over \$2 million that the City has had to use for most of its B&C road funds to pay the debt service. It was suggested that the City could roll that money into a new

bond and get enough to do some substantial roadwork throughout the city. Director Walker identified a 10 to 15-year plan wherein the City would schedule which roads would be completed first. He suggested that there be set up a revolving loan-type of plan whereby that as the City paid off a portion of the bond each year, it could then take out more money to fix other roads.

Next discussed was Director Clay's request to earmark \$2 million toward the recreation center. He said the money would be needed in order to construct it as it was shown on the concept plan presented to the Council the preceding Tuesday. He explained that because there was only \$5 million in the bond, they had to cut out a gym as well as the racquetball courts and some offices and classrooms in order to bring the costs down. He said there was a chance, however, that the City may get some reimbursement from the state for the funds that have been spent on the 2000 West project. If that happens, Director Clay wanted to put the monies towards the recreation center. A discussion between the council members was held on whether to follow through with the plan. Council Member Jensen had some questions as to whether that would be what the public would want. His understanding had been that the City had told the public that they were only spending \$5 million on the new recreation center. He went on to express his concern as to whether adding another \$2 million to the project would be what the public wanted. Council Member Atwood and others expressed their opinion that they wanted to do the project right and not build something that they knew would be too small within a short period of time. The Council then decided to use any monies received as reimbursement from the state up to the \$2 million amount identified by Director Clay on the recreation center.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

3. ADJOURN

ACTION: At 2:40 p.m, Council Member Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Atwood seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Council Members Jensen, Boyd, Atwood, Call and McDade voting, "Aye."

This certifies that the Special City Council
Minutes of April 28, 2007 are a
true, full and correct copy as approved
by the City Council on May 15, 2007.

Signed _____
Mary Burgin, Deputy Recorder