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Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL

May 24, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.

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Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Millie Segura Bahr, Jesse Bell, Kate Bradshaw, Richard Higginson, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton

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Official notice of the City Council Meeting was given by posting an Agenda at City Hall and on the Bountiful City Website and the Utah Public Notice Website and by providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: Davis County Journal and Standard Examiner.

Workshop – 11:00 a.m.
Multi-Purpose Room at City Hall

WELCOME

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Mayor Harris explained that each Councilmember would have ten minutes to discuss their top three priorities.

Councilmember Higginson said his top three priorities are Eagle Ridge Drive, Washington Park and fiber.

Councilmember Bahr said that her top three priorities are Washington Park, fiber and the Eagle Ridge Drive connection.

Councilmember Bell said his top three are the Master Plan, Washington Park, and fiber. He said the City is already making good progress and accomplishing many things with the Master Plan, Washington Park, Eagle Ridge Drive, automating our irrigation system, fiber, the landscaping ordinance, pickleball courts at Twin Hollows Park, the trail network, transportation options and the downtown art installation. He said once those items have been taken care of, he would like the City to provide a way for people to pay for City services and make reservations online. He would also like to see the creation of a tree policy that encourages more tree planting in Bountiful.

Councilmember Price-Huish said her top three priorities are the creation of neighborhood councils, the Master Plan, and the development of Washington Park and the trails network. She said she believes neighborhood councils are a good idea to help encourage community engagement and foster communication about major City projects and initiatives. Her idea is to divide the city into 6 neighborhoods and have each councilmember and the mayor assigned to a neighborhood. She believes that neighborhood councils help keep city government small and save taxpayers money by helping to augment the City's efforts without additional burden to staff. Concerning the Master Plan, she said she hopes we can include elements such as hospitals, historic preservation, sustainability, cultural overlay, economic development, active transportation, trees, livability, walkability, air quality and the restoration and planning of 500 South. Concerning parks and trails, she said there is

1 some “low-hanging fruit” she hopes we can take care of right away to improve our trails, like the
2 bridges and grading of trails in Holbrook Canyon. She also said she is in favor of moving forward
3 with putting grass in Washington Park this summer, even though it is not ideal, she feels it is better
4 than waiting from a cost-benefit ratio perspective.

5 Councilmember Price-Huish added that she hopes the Council can make a decision about
6 fiber at the June meeting so they can move forward. She also said that planning for potential power
7 disruptions needs to remain a top priority.

8 Councilmember Bradshaw said her top three priorities are the implementation of the trails
9 plan and the successful completion of Washington Park, the Master Plan, and making a decision and
10 creating a timeline for Fiber-to-the-Home installation. She specifically said she wants to be sure we
11 do not lose any of the grants or bond money for the trails or park. She also hopes the City will be able
12 to have a lot of community involvement in the creation of the Master Plan, from residents and not just
13 from developers. And she would like the Council to be wise and thoughtful in their deliberations
14 about the fiber project.

15 Mayor Harris said her top three priorities are the completion of the Master Plan, Fiber
16 and helping Main Street become a destination. She mentioned an idea the Main Street Merchants
17 Association came up with for shutting down Main Street to cars and having a Christmas Street
18 Festival to allow for more space for pedestrians. The tree lighting ceremony includes school choirs
19 and their families. Downtown merchants envisioned carolers, lights, hot chocolate, and shops selling
20 merchandise outside. Mayor Harris liked this idea and wants to also consider having Friday Night
21 Festivals once a month in the summer. She said she thought it could help bring vitality to Main
22 Street. She asked the Council what they thought about the idea, saying that the merchants would do
23 most of the work but would need the support of the Council to make it happen.

24 The Councilmembers discussed the idea. Councilmembers Bell and Bradshaw said they liked
25 the idea, but would want to see the merchants start taking advantage of events that are already taking
26 place on Main Street, like the Car Show or Farmers Markets, before committing to the creation of
27 new events. Councilmember Bell said he loved that the merchants are thinking about how to be
28 successful and he would love to help with it.

29 Councilmember Price-Huish said she thinks it is a great idea and that perhaps they should try
30 it out on a quieter night, since the Car Show tends to be too loud and crazy for small children. She
31 also suggested they encourage people to come on their bicycles.

32 Councilmember Bell also suggested they try it out over the Christmas season since the
33 summer is already full of events almost every week.

34 Councilmember Bradshaw brought up the topic of neighborhood councils again for more
35 discussion. She explained that after being involved in neighborhood councils in Salt Lake City, she
36 believes they can be a great system for communication, but feels that they must be formed
37 organically, rather than the City drawing lines. She also said that it begs the question whether
38 Bountiful would change to be districted or not. She said she stands behind wanting the community to
39 be more engaged, but is not sure that neighborhood councils are the answer.

40 Councilmember Higginson said he thinks government should be thin and lean, and that the
41 Council should be responsible to the entire City, not to certain districts. He said that he believes those
42 types of neighborhood councils sometimes have the power to fragment a city beyond repair as they
43 become a political action arm for certain residents and Council members.

44 Councilmember Price-Huish asserted that in no way was she suggesting the City become
45 districted. She believes neighborhood councils would be a way to provide an opportunity to people to
46 discover that they have something to offer and that they like being more involved in their community.

1 Councilmember Bradshaw said perhaps the Council could piggyback on the community
2 engagement barbeques that the Police do every summer, or set up a quarterly “ask me anything”
3 event to help achieve better communication and engagement. Councilmember Price-Huish said that
4 would be a great first step, but that neighborhood councils would be a better way for the residents to
5 discuss what their needs are and bring their ideas to the City Council for help.

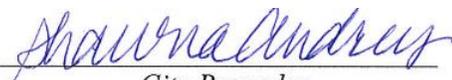
6 Councilmember Bahr said she likes the idea of neighborhoods working together, but that it
7 should come from the residents and not from the City. She feels people will find ways to make their
8 projects happen, and in many cases, neighborhoods are already doing things like this.

9 Mayor Harris explained that they were out of time, and the next discussion was set for June
10 28th during the Council work session. Each person was asked to summarize their top three priorities
11 again:

- 12 • Councilmember Higginson
 - 13 ○ Eagle Ridge Drive
 - 14 ○ Washington Park
 - 15 ○ Fiber
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 - 19 ○ Eagle Ridge Drive
- 20 • Councilmember Bell
 - 21 ○ General Plan Update
 - 22 ○ Washington Park
 - 23 ○ Fiber
- 24 • Councilmember Price-Huish
 - 25 ○ General Plan
 - 26 ○ Washington Park and Trails
 - 27 ○ Fiber
 - 28 ○ Councilmember Bradshaw Trails & Washington Park
 - 29 ○ General Plan
 - 30 ○ Fiber
- 31 • Mayor Harris
 - 32 ○ General Plan Update
 - 33 ○ Fiber
 - 34 ○ Help Main Street become a destination.

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36 The workshop ended at 12:05 p.m.
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Kendalyn Harris, Mayor


City Recorder