

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL

August 11, 2020

6:00 p.m. – Work Session

7:00 p.m. – Regular Session

Present:	Mayor	Randy Lewis
	Councilmembers	Millie Segura Bahr, Kate Bradshaw, Kendalyn Harris, Richard Higginson, Chris R. Simonsen
	Asst. City Manager	Galen Rasmussen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	City Attorney	Clinton Drake
	Finance Director	Tyson Beck
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton

Official notice of the City Council Meeting was given by posting an Agenda at the temporary City Hall locations (805 South and 150 North Main Street) 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 Clipper and Standard Examiner.

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.
South Davis Metro Fire Station Conference Room

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SURVEY RESULTS – MR. GARY HILL

Mr. Gary Hill explained that the results of the survey performed by Y2 Analytics would be reviewed tonight. Y2 sent out 10,000 invitations to complete the survey and had 873 respondents. He turned the time over to Ms. Kyrene Gibb to go over the results.

Ms. Gibb said that the 8% response rate is pretty good and they feel confident in the accuracy of the survey results. She went over a few key takeaways, i.e., that people feel good in general about the City and the direction it is headed, that voters were equally supportive of the \$6M Bond proposal and the \$8M Bond proposal, that the tax increase was the main reason people would not support a Bond, that having a clear plan for the Bond funds and showing that Bountiful is fiscally responsible were main factors in voters supporting the Bond proposal, and finally that showing there is a limited window of opportunity to purchase the land is important.

She went over the details of the survey responses with the Council and explained that based on the responses it will be essential that the City show residents they have a plan for the property, that this was not a hasty decision, and to explain that the need for more parks and field space is what prompted this potential purchase.

The Mayor and Council asked follow-up questions and thanked Ms. Gibb for the excellent job Y2 Analytics did on the survey and on the presentation of the data gathered. They agreed it was helpful in their decision-making process whether or not to add a Bond ballot to the general election.

The work session ended at 6:50 p.m.

1 Mr. Spencer Baker () said he hoped that part of the Washington Elementary property would
2 be developed for use as a skate park. He said it would be a great location for that and the skaters are
3 in desperate need of somewhere to skate since their previous skate park location was taken down.
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5 The public comment section was ended at 7:18 p.m.
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7 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD JULY 28, 2020**

8 Councilman Higginson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held
9 July 28, 2020 and Councilwoman Bahr seconded the motion. The motion passed with
10 Councilmembers Bahr, Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.
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12 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

13 Councilman Higginson did not have a report.

14 Councilwoman Bahr did not have a report.

15 Councilwoman Harris did not have a report.

16 Councilman Simonsen thanked all the people who came to help lay sod at the Veteran’s Park.
17 He said 60 pallets of sod (11,000 sq. ft.) were laid in just over an hour.

18 Mr. Richard Watson gave an update on the concerts in the park at the request of Councilman
19 Simonsen. Mr. Watson reported that the last concert went really well. The crowd was not as large as
20 in past years, and they did a commendable job of being able to distance themselves on their own. He
21 said the plan is the same for the concert this coming Friday.

22 Councilwoman Bradshaw did not have a report.
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24 **BCYC REPORT**

25 Ms. Emma Moulton (BCYC City Manager) reported that the BCYC helped lay sod on the last
26 two Saturdays at the Veteran’s Park. She said it was hard work and the sod was really heavy, but she
27 will always remember getting to see the American flag being raised there. She also reported that the
28 BCYC is eager to start their year and will be holding their meetings in the auditorium area of North
29 Canyon Park on Tuesdays.
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31 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

32 **a. EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID JULY 20 & 27, 2020**

33 **b. JUNE 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT**

34 Councilman Simonsen made a motion to approve the expenditures paid July 20 & 27, 2020
35 and the June 2020 financial report. Councilman Higginson seconded the motion which passed with
36 Councilmembers Bahr, Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.
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38 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH Y2 ANALYTICS – MR. GARY HILL**

39 Mr. Hill explained that this item is to ratify entering into a contract with Y2 Analytics for the
40 survey they performed and presented for us tonight. The contract was in the amount of \$28,500 (less
41 a refund given for the names and emails the City provided to Y2).

42 Councilman Higginson made a motion to approve the contract with Y2 Analytics and
43 Councilwoman Bahr seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr,
44 Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.
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46 **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2020-09 AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING**
47 **FOR A BOND ELECTION TO PURCHASE THE FORMER WASHINGTON**

1 **ELEMENTARY SITE AND EXPAND THE CITY’S TRAIL SYSTEM TO BE HELD ON**
2 **NOVEMBER 3, 2020 – MR. GARY HILL**

3 Mr. Hill said this item is to decide whether or not the City will add a Bond proposal question
4 to the November general election ballot. He explained that the rating of this Bond would likely be
5 AA+, a very high rating, and that the City is eligible for that due to its financial reserves,
6 demographics, a variety of industry and some other factors. He also said that if the Bond does not
7 pass, the likely alternative is that the property will become high density residential units. He noted
8 that the property tax revenue foregone by putting a park in instead of developing it, is not a
9 significant amount based on average home values in Bountiful because Bountiful’s property tax rate
10 is not very high.

11 Councilwoman Bahr asked if the purchase price of the property could be made public at this
12 point in time. Mr. Hill answered that he was unsure if it could yet, because it might affect the school
13 district’s ability to sell it for fair market price if the Bond does not pass.

14 Councilwoman Bradshaw asked what the process for creating a plan would likely look like if
15 the Bond passes. Mr. Hill answered that it would probably be similar to how the City solicited public
16 input for Creekside Park. Multiple meetings would be held and surveys created asking for
17 recommendations. The timeline is hard to say at this time, but Mr. Hill is hopeful the process would
18 start in the first quarter of 2021 if the Bond passes. He understands how eager the Council and the
19 residents are to get this project started and also to start improving and expanding trails.

20 Mr. Hill emphasized that none of the funds from this Bond would be able to be used to
21 purchase property in Millcreek Canyon.

22 Councilman Higginson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09 and Councilwoman
23 Bradshaw seconded it.

24 Councilwoman Bradshaw commented that she feels it is very important for voters to know
25 that the Council was very concerned about what the economic impact to residents would be, and that
26 they tried to find the funds anywhere they could. She feels reassured that allowing the voters to
27 decide whether or not to use a Bond to purchase the land feels like the best decision.

28 Mr. Drake asked Councilman Higginson if he would amend the motion to include the words
29 “including all ancillary related improvements”.

30 Councilman Higginson amended his motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09 “including all
31 ancillary and related improvements” and Councilwoman Bradshaw seconded it. The motion passed
32 with the following vote:

33	Bradshaw	Aye
34	Simonsen	Aye
35	Harris	Aye
36	Bahr	Aye
37	Higginson	Aye

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39 Councilman Higginson was excused and left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.
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41 **CONSIDER AMENDING THE BOUNTIFUL CITY LANDFILL USE CODE TEXT TO**
42 **ALLOW GUN RANGES VIA CONDITIONAL USE IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-**
43 **G) SUB-ZONE – MR. FRANCISCO ASTORGA**

44 Mr. Francisco Astorga explained that due to the Planning Commission not being able to
45 forward a recommendation on this item, but because it was already noticed as a public hearing at this
46 meeting, the public hearing would simply be opened and then continued to the next meeting to be
47 held August 25, 2020. No action should be taken tonight.
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a. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing was opened at 7:57 p.m.

No comments were made.

b. ACTION: CONTINUATION TO AUGUST 25, 2020 (NO FINAL ACTION)

Councilwoman Bradshaw made a motion to continue the public hearing to the next City Council meeting to be held on August 25, 2020 and Councilman Simonsen seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bradshaw, Harris and Simonsen voting “aye”.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Bahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bradshaw, Harris and Simonsen voting “aye”.

The regular session of City Council was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Mayor Pro Temp



City Recorder