

**MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013, IN THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1020 EAST PIONEER ROAD, DRAPER, UTAH.**

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PRESENT: Mayor Darrell Smith, Councilmembers Bill Rappleye, Troy Walker, Alan Summerhays, Jeff Stenquist, and Bill Colbert.

STAFF PRESENT: David Dobbins, Doug Ahlstrom, Angie Olsen, Russ Fox, Bryan Roberts, Troy Wolverton, Danyce Steck, Garth Smith, Rhett Ogden

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**Study Meeting**

**1.0 Call to Order**

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1.1 Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.

**2.0 2013-2014 Budget**

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2.1 David Dobbins said this item was scheduled to have a more informal discussion on the budget and any input or additional projects the council might want included. He led a discussion regarding the merit pay increase. He said he provided a list of the increases done over the past five years. The next several years have challenging budget issues so future increases may be limited. He met with department directors, and they consistently said the employees are the highest priority and our turnover rate is challenging. Over the past four years, the city has lost more than 40% of its employees. Part of that is because we hire at entry level, train employees for a couple of years, and then the employees move to another employer for more money. Eighty-four percent of the employees have been with the city 10 years or more. Department directors were willing to cut their budgets to contribute toward the increase because they feel the employees are a valuable asset. Mr. Dobbins explained how the merit increases have been given over the past years. He said a 3% increase is about \$120,000. The benefits were discussed. Mr. Dobbins said the retirement is a big amount of the benefits the employees receive. Mileage policies for city vehicles were discussed. Mr. Dobbins said health insurance typically has significant increases. This year a 4% increase is anticipated with no change to benefits, due to negotiations by Garth Smith. Mr. Dobbins said other options could be considered for next year based on the impact of Obamacare. The importance of understanding the difference between merit and COLA increases was noted.

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2.2 Crossing guards and options for school resource officers (SRO) were discussed. The service impact because of the new high school was reviewed. Chief Roberts said without

a school resource officer, service calls from the school will be prioritized and handled when an officer is available. The city would not receive the \$30,000 from the school district for the full-time SRO salary. Chief Roberts said there are 37 sworn officers: 22 officers on patrol, six in sergeant positions, one detective sergeant and four detectives. If a person is taken from patrol for the school, staffing would be affected and coverage is challenged. Councilmember Walker expressed frustration that a lion's share of property taxes goes to the school district to run the schools but they are telling the cities to provide the school resource officer. He said it should be coming from their budgets, not the general fund. He said there should be a truth in taxation hearing for the public to give input on public safety. He agreed the need is probably there for the SRO.

Councilmember Summerhays said the school district should realistically consider the cost of the SRO. Chief Roberts reminded the council that a benefit of a SRO is the relationship that the officer creates with the students and staff. Danyce Steck said the cost of \$110,000 would mean a 2% tax increase. Adding a vehicle increases the tax increase to 3%.

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2.3 Mr. Dobbins said he had also asked Chief Roberts to look at the police department, especially in light of the problems happening in West Valley City. He said it is important to share issues and what is needed for staffing levels. Chief Roberts said the detective sergeant is also filling the role of administrative sergeant. There is a need to create a position for the administrative sergeant. Chad Carpenter is now filling the role of two or three people. An administrative sergeant would oversee training, recruiting, new employee orientations, internal affairs investigations, maintain the manual and audit the equipment, oversee GRAMA requests, emergency preparedness and community academy coordinator, and other duties. The second position is the property officer, which is currently a part-time position. The property officer is also the crime-scene investigator, manages the property room, conducts forensic investigations, provides expert testimony, maintains the chain of custody of property, conducts audits, trains on forensic investigations, responds to crime scenes, and purges and releases property. A full-time employee would cost about \$60,000. Some of that money is available in the current budget, but an increase of \$27,000 is needed to fully fund the position.

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2.4 David Dobbins said the other budget comment was about the EOC budget. The fund balance is currently \$270,000. Councilmember Rappleye said there have been a lot of projects done, and he felt the budget could be changed to \$150,000 with \$100,000 held for an emergency. Discussion about CERT trailers, a command trailer, Fire-Wise, water trailers, and other programs was held.

### **3.0 Walking Routes for New Schools**

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3.1 Mr. Dobbins said the school district looked at walking routes and met with the neighbors about concerns. Troy Wolverton reviewed the list of the requests from the neighborhood.

He said the first two items related to Crescent Elementary school. They would like additional crossing guards at 300 East and 11400 South. The demand is based on student count or the number of cars. The next requests relate to Crescent Middle School and are for crossing guards, traffic signals, and crosswalks at 13200 South and Fort Street and at 13200 South and 1300 East. Other requests related to the new middle school include crossing guards and sidewalks at 1300 East and Highland Drive and at 13800 South and the Draper Canal Trail. Sidewalks have been requested at 13200 South between Fort Street and Bear Hollow and between 13200 South and 13800 South on 1300 East. Lighting for the Draper Canal Trail and Porter Rockwell Trail was suggested. Crossing guards for Willow Spring Lane and Fort Street was requested because of the new high school. Discussion was held about using UTA bus service for students if possible. Other requests included sidewalks on Pioneer Road and 12500 South, at Hedge Hollow Cove and 300 East, Fort Street from 13800 South to 13200 South, 13800 South between Southfork Drive and Fort Street, 13800 South, and south of 13000 South. Concerns about the TRAX crossings and the crossing at Aintree and Highland Drive were listed. There is a request for a crossing guard at Vestry Road and Rambling Road. Another request is for a crossing guard, cross walk, and traffic light at Vestry Road and Highland Drive. Speed bumps or crossing guards were requested at Newport Dawn and Cougar Ridge Road and at Cascade Glen and Cougar Ridge Road.

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3.2 David Dobbins said none of these requests have been put into the budget. They can be included if staff is given that direction. A copy of the list and the map will be given to the council. Chief Roberts said there are 23 crossing guards. Three additional crossing guards have been asked for in the budget.

**4.0 Field House**

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4.1 Mr. Dobbins said the city needs to determine its position on building a recreation center or field house. The ZAP fund is up for renewal in 2014 so funding would be available in 2015. The county has indicated they would not build a recreation center next to city hall because it is too close to a private facility. However, they would consider a field house. He noted that the county would control the facility if they build it. If the city builds a facility, the residents would be paying for county facilities and the city facility. He said if the city wants to do a bond vote, it must be in November. A suggestion was made to maintain control if the city donates the land. The location and type of a facility was discussed. Acquisition of the Fitzgerald property was noted.

**5.0 City Hall Expansion**

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5.1 David Dobbins said an architectural firm was hired to look into the possibility of a new public safety building. Their estimate is about \$7 million, which the city cannot afford. He contacted the firm who designed city hall and they believe a wing could be added to the existing building. He said the \$1 million impact fees need to be designated by the end of June, so staff needs direction. He said there is about \$2.5 million in the current budget that could be used for the addition. He said city hall is not designed for EOC, but the addition could be designed as a Category 4 structure to withstand an earthquake. He asked if council wants staff to move ahead with that option. Discussion was held about planning ahead for future needs. Chief Roberts said a needs assessment was done and a three-level addition would be sufficient. David Dobbins said two-levels could be completed and the third level finished at a later time. The price range was discussed. The consensus was to look at the option and try to get a cost.

**6.0 Council/Manager Reports**

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6.1 Mayor Smith asked for an updated on the cost of the lobbying efforts in Washington. David Dobbins said that the lobbyists helped the city acquire about \$10 million of road funding for Suncrest and Lone Peak. Last year we received \$4 million for the TOD roads. Bryan Cunningham helped us acquire funding for some of the water infrastructure and in working with the congressional delegations. He also has contacts with national conservation groups that could help us with Suncrest. The lobbyists offer insight, expertise, and resources that we don't have. They were heavily involved with the prison relocation and aquarium funding.

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6.2 Mr. Dobbins said that the county is taking applications for a cultural arts facility. There is some cost and the application is due in two days. He said this isn't high on the priority and it takes a lot of time to make the application.

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6.3 Councilmember Summerhays asked how many gallons are being sold per year or month. Danyce Steck said we consumed 1.2 billion gallons in 2012. Councilmember Summerhays said we need to consider the conservation easement the Sewer District is considering and look into secondary water on the west side of the freeway. David Dobbins was asked to keep in contact with Draper Irrigation and Water Pro.

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6.4 Councilmember Rappleye said the Chamber's annual miniature golf/family event is scheduled for May 6 at Boondocks. Mayor Smith reminded everyone of the Earth Day activities.

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6.5 Councilmember Colbert asked about the eBay ribbon cutting. Mr. Dobbins said it is in May. A reminder will be sent out. The hospital ribbon cutting is in July.

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6.6 Councilmember Summerhays asked if the council wants to do a truth-in-taxation. Councilmember Stenquist said that would need a council vote at an upcoming meeting.

**7.0 Adjournment**

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**7.1 A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Stenquist and seconded by Councilmember Summerhays. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**