

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

JANUARY 11, 2018; 7:03 A.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR BOB STEVENSON, JOYCE BROWN,
BRUCE DAVIS, TOM DAY, SCOTT FREITAG
AND JOY PETRO**

STAFF PRESENT:

**ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, STEVE GARSIDE,
BILL WRIGHT, TRACY PROBERT, TERRY
COBURN, STEVE JACKSON, DAVID PRICE,
ALLEN SWANSON, KEVIN WARD AND KIM
READ**

LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

**SENATOR JERRY STEVENSON, SENATOR
STUART ADAMS. REPRESENTATIVE STEVE
HANDY, REPRESENTATIVE BRAD WILSON,
REPRESENTATIVE STEWART BARLOW AND
REPRESENTATIVE KARIANNE LISONBEE**

The meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Layton City Center.

Mayor Stevenson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He expressed appreciation to the Legislators for what they did in representing the Community.

TRANSPORTATION

Mayor Stevenson suggested implementing some type of tax similar to RAMP tax designated to road improvements within each municipality and pointed out the benefits of the proposal and a discussion followed. Terry Coburn, Public Works Director, suggested the City would need approximately \$2 million per year for the next six years to catch up on needed road maintenance. Senator Stevenson asked if the previously approved fuel tax had been in place long enough for City's recognize road revenue. Mayor Stevenson expressed his opinion cities within Davis County hadn't recognized that quarter percent. Senator Adams suggested the State should determine how that tax was being distributed by Davis County.

Gary Crane, City Attorney, reported on discussions he had with Representative Mike Schultz about his work with the Transportation Commission specific to corridor planning coordination with municipalities and stated the Commission was prepared to make several recommendations. He emphasized Layton City would be supportive of the recommendations in working with other municipalities with the exception of those punitive in nature. He explained the Committee believed those were needed to encourage participation among the affected entities.

Senator Adams pointed out the challenge associated with Land Use Planning taking place at the local level and spoke to the challenges associated with development specific to maintaining large building lots and asked how the Legislature could work with municipalities on these types of issues. Mr. Crane believed a provision should be included in all Master Plans which would provide for additional housing along busy corridors mandating a residential development component. He pointed out there might be only ten percent of the cities along the Wasatch Front which needed direction from the Legislature and suggested not every municipality needed a mandate. He believed this could be controlled at a local level with interlocal agreements and stated he would be in favor of the State creating an incentive for cities that plan for higher density in conjunction with mixed use along major corridors. Senator Adams stated the legislature would look to Layton City to take the lead.

Mayor Stevenson asked where the incentive would be recognized and then spoke to the success of the

North Davis Corridor with municipalities working together with one another.

HOMELESSNESS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Representative Wilson mentioned a development he was aware of which required one acre lots and a discussion followed about reasonable residential development.

Mr. Crane pointed out how transportation tied into homelessness and affordable housing, which also affected Sales Tax distribution and a discussion followed. Representative Lisonbee expressed concern implementation of a State Law specific to homelessness would usurp municipalities' rights in designating and allowing development. Mr. Crane suggested allowing an organized planning group such as COG (Council of Government) to help solve this issue as it had done similarly with the West Davis Corridor.

JRI (JUSTICE REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE) THREE YEARS LATER AND JUVENILE JRI

Mr. Crane referred to the ULCT Legislative guide and invited Steve Garside, Assistant City Attorney, and Police Chief Swanson to share insight. Mr. Garside invited the legislature to use municipalities as a resource and pointed out City Prosecutors had been directly involved with the implementation of drug court. He explained since the adjustment of drug charges had been implemented many defendants forego drug court and accept the one year jail time because they know they won't have to serve a year. He mentioned property crimes were impacted because they were directly involved in supporting a drug habit. He also explained the financial impact associated with the legislation.

Mr. Garside spoke to the Juvenile JRI and shared some examples resulting in its implementation and suggested adjustments were needed. He suggested the implementation of JRI didn't place responsibility on the defendant and believed prosecutors should be used as a resource when drafting changes to the legislation.

Mr. Crane mentioned POST was only offering two classes per year compared to four in previous years and believed this was the "trickle down" affect due to lack of fines and assessments. Representative Lisonbee mentioned there had also been a decline in applications for POST and a discussion took place regarding law enforcement and the decline of officers. Chief Swanson reported the State's retirement system was no longer attractive and shared an example. Ms. Lisonbee believed recent raises in the pay scale had benefitted officers and suggested twenty five percent of a higher salary was more of a benefit than fifty percent of a lower salary following changes made to the retirement system in 2008. Chief Swanson also pointed out issues with officers designated in the Tier 1 and others in the Tier 2 system doing the same job with the same responsibilities; however, receiving different benefits.

Senator Adams reported on information he had received about medical care for inmates and indicated legislators would be receptive to data which could be used in drafting legislation. Chief Swanson mentioned lowering drug crimes from felonies to misdemeanors had encouraged more drug usage and expressed concern with the possible legalization of marijuana. Mr. Crane also mentioned the importance of funding medical/mental health in conjunction with reduction in penalties would be instrumental to success.

Representative Wilson requested Layton City provide the three largest issues associated with JRI and Juvenile JRI and possible solutions with supporting documentation it would be incredibly helpful in moving forward with the legislation.

Mr. Garside referred to information reflected in the PEW Studies and suggested that information provided was not accurate. He reported the City had completed research on its own by obtaining specific information from the prison and suggested those figures were editorialized to meet its objective.

Mr. Crane asked if there were issues the legislatures would like Staff/City to be aware of and the

following items were points of discussion:

PLASTIC BAGS

SMALL CELL – Mr. Crane reported there was an attempt to de-regulate these from the FCC which would allow small cellphone towers to be placed in rights of way without any local control. He informed the Legislators they would probably receive pressure regarding this topic and indicated it was happening on a National level.

LAND USE OF THE SESSION – Mr. Crane stated there were some common land use bills being discussed and mentioned Representative Mike Schultz would be carrying these bills.

ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO LEGISLATORS

Senator Adams mentioned the (EIS) Environmental Impact Study associated with the West Davis Corridor had been released. He spoke specifically about funding for the next portion of the corridor, from Farmington to the SR193 extension. He expressed his opinion there was a real need for its completion and suggested if local entities desired the extension to be completed sooner rather than later, persistence on their behalf would be of the utmost importance. Senator Stevenson spoke to the bonding associated with the project and believed it made financial sense to begin the project as soon as reasonably possible. Mr. Crane pointed out these same municipalities would also need to commit its responsibility to complete its needed infrastructure for connections.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Concern was expressed against medical marijuana and everyone expressed agreement.

911 RATE

Councilmember Freitag reminded everyone Representative Handy had been instrumental in passing bills last year to increase the 9-1-1 rate to rebuild the backbone of the system throughout the State and to help balance 9-1-1 revenue generated within each of the jurisdictions. He reported on changes taking place within the UCA (Utah Communications Authority) and announced requested grant funds were denied. He stated this was due to an oversight on behalf of the UCA requesting for the appropriation of funding and he expressed concern with how cities would not have to fund maintenance of its own system. He suggested this would significantly impact cities.

Councilmember Freitag also pointed out the importance of rebuilding the Megahertz Radio System. He also spoke to the use of the Narcan drug. He expressed appreciation to the State of Utah for its involvement with solutions implemented for the Rio Grande area of Salt Lake City.

Mayor Stevenson and the Council expressed appreciation to the Legislators for their efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Kimberly S Read, City Recorder