MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING — **APRIL 1, 2021; 5:31 P.M.**

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: **MAYOR JOY PETRO, ZACH BLOXHAM, TOM DAY, DAWN FITZPATRICK, CLINT MORRIS, AND DAVE THOMAS**

STAFF PRESENT: **ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, STEVE GARSIDE, CHAD WILKINSON, TRACY PROBERT, ED FRAZIER, DAVID PRICE, KEVIN WARD, AND KIM READ**

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

Mayor Petro opened the meeting.

AGENDA:

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT

Councilmember Fitzpatrick distributed a handout specific to the CTC (Communities That Care) funding request and introduced Alysa Stuart, Communities That Care Coordinator with Davis Behavioral Health, to the Council. She indicated the issue of a possible contribution on behalf of the City would take place during the budget discussion.

Councilmember Bloxham mentioned Governor Cox had addressed the Bar Association specific to legislation during which he indicated he had been willing to sign House Bill 98 because ULCT (Utah League of Cities and Towns) had declared a "neutral position" on the bill. He believed this illustrated the governor's respect for the League as well as his opinion specific to local government. Councilmember Bloxham complimented Gary Crane, City Attorney, for his involvement in working with ULCT.

PRESENTATION – BIRD SCOOTER VIA ZOOM

Chad Wilkinson, Community and Economic Development Director, provided the presentation.

Kate Shoemaker, Bird Scooter, shared a presentation via Zoom with the Council which introduced Bird Scooters and reviewed the following:

- the concept that the scooter system was a viable mode of transportation known as the "last mile" from public transit to destination
- the company's history
- specifics with the "scooter" and pricing
- the benefits of the "dockless" model
- parking options and addressing clutter concerns
- technology solutions associated with where the vehicles could be used
- the staff which would be working with City Staff
- benefits to the City and reviewed the proposal specific to Layton

She asked if there were any questions from the Council.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick asked if the City would allow other companies to submit proposals and Mr. Wilkinson responded the City would need to decide how it wanted to proceed. He added Bird Scooter was the first company to reach out to the City requesting time with the Council.

Councilmember Bloxham asked about issues cities have struggled with after implementing the scooters. Ms. Shoemaker responded curb and parking clutter on the sidewalks. She also mentioned how the implementation of a fleet manager had been beneficial to remedy several issues. She emphasized the importance of having a good working partnership with each city.

Mayor Petro asked if fleet managers would be assigned to more than one city and Ms. Shoemaker responded each fleet manager would be allowed to manage 100 birds (scooters) and believed the City would have one, possibly two fleet managers and added the number of scooters would be growth driven.

Councilmember Thomas inquired as to who were the consumers and/or demographic group which used the scooters. Ms. Shoemaker responded generally the age range was 18-45. Councilmember Thomas asked if the birds were more popular in cities with vibrant downtown areas or college towns. Ms. Shoemaker stated scooters were used in many different ways and different types of cities and shared some examples to illustrate her point. She believed Layton would initially be provided approximately 50-100 scooters and explained how they were charged.

Councilmember Day asked about the approval process and Mr. Wilkinson responded that had yet to be determined; however, at the very least a contract and/or agreement and business license would be required. Ms. Shoemaker reviewed indemnity and the insurance involved with the scooters.

Ms. Shoemaker left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

The Council discussed the option of a scooter system in the City. Councilmember Morris informed the Council he had previously used these scooters and didn't believe there was a need for something like this in Layton. He added he would be more in favor of the City being more "bike" friendly compared to "scooter" friendly. Councilmember Bloxham stated he liked the idea and believed it provided a good service to the financially disadvantaged. Councilmember Fitzpatrick expressed agreement with Councilmember Morris' comments and expressed concern regarding the safety associated with use of the scooters and wasn't sure this was the right time for this product or whether it would be beneficial. Alex Jensen, City Manager, suggested the Council identify logical areas within the City where a service like this made sense and shared some examples such as the conference center. Councilmember Day stated he would never choose to ride a scooter; however, he pointed out they would be provided by a private company with no risk to the City. A discussion followed.

UPDATE – MIDTOWN TROLLEY

Mr. Wilkinson announced Staff wasn't looking for direction, rather he would present information to the Council. He added Staff would provide a recommendation to the Council on how to move forward in the future.

He identified the route for the trolley and indicated it was referred to as a "connector" route. He shared a history of the daily ridership for the current year compared to the previous year because those numbers had significantly decreased due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. He also shared the location stops and the daily boarding's which reflected the Layton Station had the highest ratings.

He reviewed the operating cost and funding of the Midtown Trolley and reported the City had committed to, by agreement, to pay 25% of total costs to cover fare box revenue. He stated this year's agreement for 2021 was $162,760. He reported the City's funding sources in the past were RDA (Redevelopment Agency) and CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). He also identified the other local partners which contributed toward the funding and mentioned some of the initial partners no longer contributed to the trolley costs.

He informed the Council the CDBG funding would no longer be allowed for this purpose as a result of an audit completed by HUD (Housing and Urban Development) and the City had to repay funds recently used. He emphasized this use had been allowed by HUD in past years. Staff was also concerned about the use of RDA funds as a funding source in the future.

Councilmember Morris inquired if Prop 1 tax funds could be used toward this service and suggested Staff request UTA (Utah Transit Authority) fund the trolley since it received a significant amount of those funds and expressed his opinion that was the purpose for the tax. Mr. Wilkinson indicated Staff intended to ask that question. Mr. Jensen explained UTA had previously indicated it was already using Prop 1 funding for this purpose and it believed this was a specialty service to the City and clarified UTA was contributing approximately $500,000 toward the trolley. He indicated the City would be asking for Council's direction whether it would be in favor of appropriating General Funds for this purpose. He reminded the Council the original intent was not to provide subsidized transportation; rather, it was to generate economic growth.

DISCUSSION – COUNTYWIDE PARAMEDIC AGREEMENT

Mr. Jensen mentioned the Council had received the agreement for review and asked if there were any specific questions or issues which needed to be addressed. He reported a meeting was held on Monday, March 29, 2021, with city managers and other key individuals and stated seven of the 15 cities had already signed the contract. He added the City had until the end of June to sign the agreement; however, if there were no questions from the Council, Staff would move forward with the item being placed on a future City Council agenda.

Councilmember Thomas inquired which cities had and already signed the contract. Mr. Jensen recollected Farmington, Clinton, South Davis Metro, and Kaysville had already approved the agreement and clarified the contract only expressed agreement that service from the county would be ending.

He informed the Council the three commissioners attended the last COG (Council of Government) Meeting and announced that the county would no longer be providing paramedic services and stated the cities would need to identify how to provide those services beginning January 1, 2023. He asked the Council to contact him with any questions pertaining to the contract.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Councilmember Fitzpatrick distributed the CTC (Communities That Care) proposal prepared for Layton City and announced two community boards were operational; Layton High and Northridge High. She directed the Council to the supporting partners of the organization and mentioned there was a lot of support from across the entire county. She indicated this was an evidence based program implemented to prevent substance misuse and related mental, emotional, and family challenges within the community. She reminded the Council, the City had initially provided a small donation last year to start the program and it was now requesting additional funding. She reported it received funding from the State of Utah and Davis Behavioral Health. She didn't know where this request would fit into the budget and suggested an appropriation of $10,000; however, the organization had requested 30 cents per resident. She commented once benefits to the community were recognized, the 30 cents per resident might be an appropriate contribution.

Tracy Probert, Finance Director, believed the expenditure could be funded from the Council Donation budget line item. Mr. Jensen responded Staff hadn't assigned a funding source without further discussion from the Council. He inquired what type of analysis was used to determine the items of focus or issues which needed to be addressed. Councilmember Fitzpatrick responded services were provided based on data received from high school students every other year and compiled by the State Department of Health.

Alyssa Stuart, CTC Director, explained the organization focused on six major health and behavior problems for youth: substance abuse, depression and anxiety, delinquency, violence, and drop-out from high school. She explained it then considered evidence based risk factors. She reported the community members identify the priorities based upon the data and determined the focus. She mentioned the North

Davis chapter had identified vaping and depression were the highest health and behavior problems with the low commitment to school being the highest risk factor; therefore, its programs focused on that specific risk factor. She mentioned a focus on protective factors were also considered and shared some examples.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick stated they were waiting on new data, 2021, from the school district which would be used for programming. Ms. Stuart mentioned the other sources of data, such as Youth Court, were also good indicators of behavior.

Councilmember Day inquired how the funds would be used and Councilmember Fitzpatrick responded the community groups look to identify what programs were also available within the community and either provide assistance or fund a program. She shared an example with the State's program with the "Live On" campaign. Ms. Stuart added Big Brothers/Big Sisters was an example of a program already available in North Davis and CTC provided support to those efforts.

Mayor Petro expressed concern for the City's youth and believed the contribution was a small cost. Councilmember Fitzpatrick believed the new data would reflect the impact of social isolation experienced by the youth during the pandemic.

Councilmember Bloxham inquired if Davis School District provided programs and Councilmember Fitzpatrick mentioned the Hope Squads through the schools had been identified as a resource and reported the school district was on board and had expressed support of the CTC program.

Councilmember Morris inquired if this program could be included in the CDBG Annual Action Plan. Mr. Wilkinson responded recipients would need to be income qualified. Councilmember Morris requested clarification with how CDBG funds were justified for Safe Harbor. Councilmember Fitzpatrick believed services could be provided to anyone regardless of income level; however, if the income requirement couldn't be met, another funding source would be identified. Mr. Jensen mentioned some of these issues disproportionately affected low to moderate income families and suggested obtaining data to identify whether that was a factor. Councilmember Morris stated he would like to determine whether another revenue source could be identified as opposed to the use of General Funds. Mayor Petro pointed out a funding source was needed for a full time administrator. Ms. Stuart reviewed other funding sources for the Program.

CLOSED DOOR:
MOTION: Councilmember Fitzpatrick moved to close the meeting at 6:40 p.m. to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares. Councilmember Bloxham seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote: **Voting AYE – Councilmembers Bloxham, Day, Fitzpatrick, Morris, and Thomas. Voting NO – None.**

MOTION: Councilmember Fitzpatrick moved to open the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote: **Voting AYE – Councilmembers Bloxham, Day, Fitzpatrick, Morris, and Thomas. Voting NO – None.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Kimberly S Read, City Recorder

SWORN STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby swears and affirms, pursuant to Section 52-4-205(1) of the Utah Code Annotated, that the sole purpose for the closed meeting of the Layton City Council on the **1st day of April,**

2021, was to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:

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JOY PETRO, Mayor

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KIMBERLY S READ, City Recorder