

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING
WORK MEETING**

DECEMBER 1, 2022; 6:00 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

MAYOR JOY PETRO, ZACH BLOXHAM, CLINT MORRIS, TYSON ROBERTS, BETTINA SMITH EDMONDSON, AND DAVE THOMAS

STAFF PRESENT:

ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, STEPHEN JACKSON, TERRY COBURN, ALLEN SWANSON, KARL KUEHN, KEVIN WARD, AND KIM READ

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

Mayor Petro opened the meeting and turned the time over to Staff.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Councilmember Thomas reminded the Council beginning Monday, December 12, 2022 through Saturday, December 17, 2022 visitors to the Lights Before Christmas would have the opportunity to view the lights while riding a train through Commons Park for a small fee.

Councilmember Bloxham informed the Council the public hearing regarding the UTOPIA financing closed earlier today. He shared some of the specifics associated with the financing and concluded it had been a good financial decision to move toward a fixed rate. He mentioned the savings would benefit future Capital Projects for UTOPIA.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson mentioned the Council should have received a meeting invitation from CTC (Communities That Care). She shared some examples of flyers available from Davis Behavioral explaining the Program and available resources. She mentioned the different workshops offered through the Program. She also mentioned the Davis Arts Council's Active Pages had started earlier this week and mentioned this year's program was The Nutcracker.

Councilmember Roberts stated Layton City sponsored the Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Affairs Committee and distributed a small bag of popcorn donated by Dibble Farms which had been distributed to those attending. He mentioned Senator Jerry Stevenson and Brian Hatch, Davis County Health Department, spoke during the meeting. He added the Legislative Affairs sub-committees had finalized priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

Terry Coburn, Public Works Director, updated the Council on the recent issues experienced at Surf'n Swim earlier this week. He stated it was quite an extensive repair project and reported City Staff was able to complete the significant repairs, which he believed resulted in a significant savings to the City. The Council expressed appreciation to the Public Work's Staff.

Mayor Petro expressed appreciation to Allen Swanson, Police Chief, for the manner in which the police officer's conducted themselves during the incident on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, and for updates received throughout the day. Mr. Swanson mentioned the involved officers were aware of the Council's support.

UPDATE – TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Alex Jensen, City Manager, explained Staff was prepared to provide an update on 2700 West and also lead a discussion regarding Valley View Drive.

Valley View Drive

Stephen Jackson, City Engineer, shared a visual illustration from the Master Transportation Plan in 2017 which reflected the existing roadway network identifying different roads throughout the City. He also shared an illustration reflecting road projects which had been identified in the Plan for completion which the City completed and reviewed some of those. He reviewed the process which assisted Staff in determining the functional classification used to justify needed repairs and upgrades to City roads. He reviewed the allowable service level specific to Valley View Drive and informed the Council of the two most recent completed studies and announced the results concluded the roadway easily accommodated the traffic volume. He identified challenges associated with widening, constructing curb, gutter, and sidewalk along Valley View Drive, which included eliminating some existing homes.

He referenced the planned roadway network map and pointed out the City hadn't programmed any funding for Valley View Drive because the Plan and studies hadn't identified any need for capacity changes in the roadway. He identified the underground utility improvements which would be upgraded in conjunction with any roadway construction and shared visual illustrations from Google Maps.

Mr. Jackson identified challenges, grade changes and setbacks, to specific homeowners along Valley View Drive should the City move forward with the road project and discussions took place regarding specific property parcels along the roadway. He identified the location for the underground pedestrian crossing to access the City's trail system in the area and believed this might be one of the strategic places to consider improvements. He identified the estimated cost of \$9.5 million which didn't include easements or re-location costs associated with the road improvements. A discussion took place regarding other options for driveway access and the respective costs, and whether any of those would be functional. Gary Crane, City Attorney, informed the Council severance damages would also need to be considered in conjunction with the project and explained some scenarios. Mr. Jackson mentioned there might be some maintenance opportunities along sections of Valley View and continued to emphasize the rural road's level of service was an A and the discussion continued during which Mr. Jackson pointed out a discussion specific to pedestrian safety would be different than what was currently being discussed. He indicated the City didn't anticipate the need for any utility construction in this area for quite some time.

Mr. Jensen clarified Staff wasn't considering nor recommending construction and/or improvements to Valley View Drive based on the data which reflected the lack of need at this time. He continued to inform the Council of discussions from past years, during which residents expressed agreement regarding the negative impact to property owners. Terry Coburn, Public Works Director, stated he would forward the list of reconstruction projects to the Council which would have to be abandoned by the reconstruction of Valley View Drive. He compared the disproportional benefit to citizens by completing improvements to Valley View Drive compared to other identified road reconstruction projects.

2700 West

Mr. Jackson reported lights would be installed along 2700 West within the next few weeks. He announced a pre-construction was scheduled for the section north of Gentile Street and reported the contractor had begun ordering materials and anticipated to begin construction toward the end of January. He mentioned Legal Staff was continuing negotiations with property owners. He explained the irrigation infrastructure would be installed initially in order to accommodate agriculture operations in April.

Terry Coburn and Stephen Jackson left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

DISCUSSION – DISPATCH SERVICES

Karl Kuehn, Dispatch Supervisor, stated the virtual consolidation was moving forward and anticipated the City would go live on June 1. He indicated Staff was continuing to meet with stakeholders within Davis County working through the many questions and issues and expressed his opinion there was cooperation with the entities throughout the County.

Mr. Jensen requested Mr. Kuehn speak to the benefits of the virtual consolidation. Mr. Kuehn stated the consolidation would reduce transfers and contribute to the success of each entities' paramedic program. He shared a recent situation and explained how the real data would become available to all law enforcement officers within the County to illustrate the benefit of the virtual consolidation.

Mr. Jensen mentioned representations had recently been made that the virtual consolidation would be unsuccessful as it was in Utah County and Mr. Kuehn explained how this consolidation would operate differently from that of Utah County's model. Mr. Jensen clarified all participating entities had committed to change their respective procedures which would benefit the transition. He reviewed the number of dispatch centers currently located in Utah County and identified where those were located.

Mr. Kuehn reported meetings were continuing taking place with respective entities within the county and reported the participating cities were still committed in moving forward with Layton City's proposal for virtual consolidation as opposed to one independent special service district handling all dispatch calls administered by Davis County. Mr. Jensen reported on information learned from meetings with the county and a discussion followed. Mr. Jensen pointed out the importance of a unanimous agreement with cities within a designated geographical boundary. Allen Swanson, Police Chief, reported Staff was working to identify numbers for entering into agreements with some entities which want to move forward sooner rather than later.

Mr. Kuehn shared two visual illustrations: Option A, would accommodate consolidation for northern entities within the county; and Option B, one center for the entire county, completed by a design firm and explained what a new dispatch center would resemble and reviewed the functioning spaces for the proposed new facility. He shared cost estimates for both options and Mr. Jensen explained Staff was considering available funding options for the facility. The Council expressed concern whether Layton City should shoulder the burden of financing the new dispatch center which would benefit other entities and/or the county as a whole. Mr. Jensen explained participating entities would be assessed a payment structure to participate in those shared costs and pointed out the importance for the City to position itself to accommodate a countywide dispatch center if that was so determined and the discussion continued. Mr. Jensen pointed out the benefit of moving the dispatch facility as it would free up much needed space for the Police Department. He stated Staff was prepared to move forward with funding the facility during the budget process and expressed confidence the City was in a good financial position. He emphasized the City was prepared to continue providing a high level of dispatch services to its residents and suggested a single countywide center wouldn't be able to match that service level to Layton residents.

Allen Swanson, Karl Kuehn, and Kevin Ward left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Petro informed the Council the employee Christmas breakfast was scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 2022, at 7:00 a.m. and indicated she had volunteered the Council to assist the committee and a discussion followed.

CLOSED MEETING:

MOTION: Councilmember Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting and convene in a closed meeting at 8:09 p.m. to discuss pending or reasonably eminent litigation. Councilmember Roberts seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Thomas moved to open the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Councilmember Roberts seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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 December, 2022**, was to discuss Pending or Reasonably Eminent Litigation.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

JOY PETRO, Mayor

KIMBERLY S READ, City Recorder