

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023; 6:31 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

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

EXCUSED:

TYSON ROBERTS

STAFF PRESENT:

**ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, DAVID PRICE, ED
FRAZIER, AND KIM READ**

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

Mayor Petro opened the meeting. She announced Councilmember Roberts was excused from tonight's meetings.

AGENDA:

PRESENTATION – ON PITCH PERFORMING ARTS (OPPA)

Brandon Stauffer, OPPA, distributed a handout to the Council and shared a brief history highlighting the growth of OPPA from its inception to current day and mentioned some of the programs it offered to the community. He expressed appreciation to Layton City's support in receiving RAMP (Recreation, Arts, Museum, and Parks) grant funding in the past and referenced the partnership it had with Layton City. He indicated it was now time to address the future of OPPA's programs, how to run them, and suggested that required a new stage/facility to continue providing arts to the community. He reviewed some of the productions presented since 2019.

Mr. Stauffer expressed frustration and perspective with the City's RAMP (Recreation, Arts, Museum, and Parks) grant funding process and reviewed some of the challenges and successes with that participation. He emphasized the challenge associated with access for use of the Kenley Amphitheater and expressed frustration with the current relationship between the City; Elected Officials and Staff, and OPPA. He mentioned the different ways in which OPPA had supported the City and its programs but didn't believe support for OPPA was reciprocated. He expressed his opinion there were other arts organizations within the community which could benefit with the creation of an arts coalition encompassing all local art organizations.

Mayor Petro justified the RAMP grant application and process pointing out it was applicable to recreation, museum, and parks divisions, not only the arts. Mr. Stauffer pointed out the challenge associated with receiving grant funding for the purpose of costuming and shared an example.

Mr. Stauffer introduced other representatives from OPPA in attendance: Dan Tate, OPPA Board President, Mandy Harris, Board Member.

Mr. Stauffer invited the Council to contact him with any questions and expressed his desire to continue in future discussions.

Mr. Tate expressed his confidence with the RAMP Commission and believed it was amazing to work with in trying to identify how OPPA could be a recipient of grant funding.

The Work Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM

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COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Councilmember Morris informed the Council the RAMP Commission had met on Monday, September 18, 2023, and a discussion about revising the application had taken place. He mentioned the City's Finance Department had not yet identified the amount of grant funding to be appropriated next year. He clarified Bridget Gerrard, the Vice-Chair, would be leading the Commission during Chair Cameron Cross' deployment and indicated he would participate via Zoom when possible.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson provided an update for CTC (Communities that Care) and announced the English speaking workshop 'Strengthening Families' were full and would begin on Monday, October 9, 2023. She mentioned the Spanish speaking workshops currently didn't have enough participants. She added 'Circle of Security' parenting classes would soon begin which illustrated marketing had been successful. She reported CTC would have a presence at the Layton Fire Department Open House. She stated committee members were still being added all the time and suggested informing neighbors and other community members of the opportunity.

Informed the Council of a comment she heard which alluded to information from City Staff regarding the pool and Councilmember Thomas indicated he heard a similar comment from someone associated with Davis Schools and a discussion followed. Alex Jensen, City Manager, shared a brief update following a recent discussion with Parks and Recreation Staff regarding the issue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Petro informed the Council she had been approached by individuals involved with the Freedom Plaza expressing concern about the City's commitment to the project and a discussion followed.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson informed the Council the Davis Arts Council had entered into a lease for its new location at the LSI building for day-to-day operations. She indicated Tessa Vaschel, Executive Director, would be returning sometime in October or November. She announced Teri Cowan, Director of Development, would be retiring in January.

Mr. Jensen suggested there was no need to go into a Closed Meeting for the next discussion item. He informed the Council of changes proposed for the janitorial services for City facilities. He shared the results from calculations completed by Staff, explained Staffing challenges associated with keeping the janitorial/custodial positions filled, and suggested the time had come to contract for janitorial services. He reviewed the process which had taken place thus far with the proposal, which could recognize a cost savings and inquired whether there were any questions from the Council. Following a discussion regarding Staff's proposal the Council expressed agreement with the proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Kimberly S Read, City Recorder