

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024; 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, CLINT DRAKE, CHAD WILKINSON, LON CROWELL, STEPHEN JACKSON, ED FRAZIER, AND KIM READ

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

Mayor Petro opened the meeting.

AGENDA:

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Petro requested Councilmember Morris inform the Council of his new appointment. Councilmember Morris announced he would be serving on the Board of the Utah League of Cities and Towns for a two-year term. He mentioned Councilmember Smith Edmondson had nominated him for the appointment. Mayor Petro expressed appreciation for Councilmember Morris' willingness to serve and for the Council's support of the League.

Mayor Petro provided the following update:

- Attended the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District (WIWMD) Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, and reported the recycling resolution continued to be modified. She announced those cities which had a successful recycling program would now be included within the incentivized program. She mentioned green waste had also been mentioned and believed it would be discussed during a future meeting.
- North Davis Sewer District (NDSD) had turned on its new station pump and water was now being pumped to the Great Salt Lake.
- North Salt Lake City had adopted a resolution against the homeless center proposed by the State. She explained Switchpoint was interested in purchasing the building and was asked to do so in order to be eligible for federal funding. The State Taskforce, not to be confused with the Davis County Taskforce, had met and tabled the item to receive public input. It came before North Salt Lake's City Council on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, and passed the resolution. She indicated there was misunderstanding as to who was taking what action and reported members of the County's Task Force had received numerous emails from North Salt Lake residents. She mentioned the Davis County Taskforce was waiting for further direction from local legislators.

She announced Councilmember Thomas had experienced a birthday and distributed his birthday treat.

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORT

Councilmember Smith Edmondson stated she hadn't been provided a final report regarding the Communities that Care (CTC) movie screening. She believed approximately 60-80 had attended the free movie screening and many students had signed up to receive credit recovery. She expressed her opinion it had been a successful event. She mentioned Latter-Day Saints (LDS) Family Services would be hosting an Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and CTC

would be tabling at that event as well as the City's Fire Department Open House on Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

She reported she and Councilmember Morris had attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns Fall Conference and it had provided housing materials to assist cities with illustrating its contributions toward the housing crisis with legislators. She distributed the handouts to Community Development Staff. She also provided an update on discussions centered on housing during the League Meeting.

Councilmember Morris added West Jordan had taken its local legislators on a tour throughout its City allowing them to witness what it was doing to address the housing crisis.

Councilmember Bloxham mentioned an article he had recently read how the supply in some areas had been met and stated he would forward it to Chad Wilkinson, Community and Economic Development Director.

A discussion followed regarding the housing discussion from the League Meeting.

Councilmember Thomas reminded the Council the Sub for Santa fundraising concert was scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2024, 7:30 PM in the Kenley Amphitheater. The requested minimum donation was \$5 and reported all proceeds would go toward those served by the City's Victim's Advocate Program. He expressed appreciation to the Davis Arts Council (DAC) for its cooperation with the concert.

DISCUSSION – 47G

Lon Crowell, Community and Economic Development Deputy Director, introduced Chris Metz of 47G, formerly the Utah Aerospace and Defense Association and announced he would be sharing a presentation regarding the importance of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), known as air taxis, or drone delivery of goods. He reported this technology had already been in use in Salt Lake and Utah Counties. He mentioned Governor Cox's announcement of the new Air Logistics and Transportation Alliance, known as "Project Alta" which included plans to make Utah a major hub for a next generation of innovation in air travel. He informed the Council the City had identified a site which could be appropriate if the Council determined to move forward.

Mr. Metz stated he enjoyed his association with Layton City and recalled the City had hosted Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT's) Aerospace Conference this year, which included a demonstration of the capability of vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) incorporating the orchestration of sound diminishing headsets to illustrate the benefits of electric vehicles.

He reported 20% of Utah's economy was aerospace and defense and suggested Layton City was in a prime position given its proximity to HAFB (Hill Air Force Base) and to both Salt Lake International Airport and Ogden's Regional Airport. He shared his background in advancing these technologies with the Council.

Mr. Metz shared a television report from CBS Sunday Morning. He highlighted the following from the television clip: the company Archer was poised to receive certification under current federal air flight regulations next year and several VTOL companies were ramping up production lines in order to fulfill advanced orders already received. He concluded this technology was no longer projected in the future; it was now a reality and would be available.

He reported Governor Cox had announced Project Alta on Thursday, May 30, 2024, and mandated 47G to implement this technology prior to the 2034 Winter Olympic Games as an institutionalized transportation solution for the Games. He expressed his opinion the industry was ready to make this type of air transportation a reality.

He also reported he had attended an FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) symposium with UDOT and learned from the panel during the keynote session, it was no longer 'if and when' but scale-ability and efficiency associated with advanced air mobility. He shared an update specific to the new technology for battery power to allow the aircraft to stay in the air longer as opposed to how far it could travel and predicted eight hours of flight time could be a reality by 2034.

He asked if there were any questions and a discussion followed regarding certifications for the various types of aircraft. Councilmember Morris inquired what was envisioned with air traffic control and Mr. Metz responded this would be a phased approach by introducing operations which wouldn't interfere with commercial air traffic and suggested there was plenty of uncontrolled air space and other available solutions available for this type of flight technology. He pointed out the FAA would continue to regulate this air travel and emphasized this could safely be accommodated given the City's proximity to HAFB. He clarified the drones would be required to comply with whatever air restrictions were in place.

Mr. Metz referenced the video and pointed out the importance of the network which would be used by the aircraft. He continued to explain this justified the need to create partnerships with the Inland Ports of Authority, UDOT, airports, and communities, like Layton City, to find the right network for the anticipated demand.

Mayor Petro inquired whether the aircraft would be provided by the manufacturers or was it anticipated a private company could have a fleet of aircraft it would manage. Mr. Metz responded it could be both private and public enterprise and 47G was looking to create a network the operators could utilize and the discussion regarding the various operations continued. Mr. Metz continued to share a visual presentation regarding charging stations and also identified how the technology was currently being used within the State of Utah. He briefly reviewed the proposed timeline and expressed his desire to identify the top 10 forward-leaning communities to determine where vertiports should be located to contribute with creating the network and identified needed requirements and/or property footprint of a vertiport. The discussion continued.

Mr. Metz indicated he was familiar with the City's proposed location near the newly constructed West Davis Corridor and expressed his opinion it would be a prime location to be part of a network. The discussion continued regarding rooftop capabilities, participation with Rocky Mountain Power, and creating an infrastructure making it affordable for any consumer.

Mr. Metz left the meeting at 7:10 PM

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER AND/OR COMPETENCY OF AN INDIVIDUAL(S), PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION, PURCHASE, SALE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, WATER RIGHTS OR SHARES, AND/OR DEPLOYMENT OF SECURITY PERSONNEL, DEVICES, OR SYSTEMS AS PERMITTED UNDER UTAH CODE §52-4-205

CLOSED MEETING:

MOTION: Councilmember Smith Edmondson moved to adjourn the meeting and convene in a closed meeting at 7:11 p.m. to discuss the Purchase, Sale, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property, Including Any Form of a Water Right or Water Shares. Councilmember Roberts seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Thomas moved to open the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Councilmember Smith Edmondson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 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 **5th day of September, 2024**, was to Discuss the Purchase, Sale, Exchange, or Lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:

JOY PETRO, Mayor

KIMBERLY S READ, City Recorder