MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING — **MARCH 6, 2025; 5:30 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, WESTON APPLONIE, LON CROWELL, STEPHEN JACKSON, KIMBERLY ZYGMANT, JENNIFER WALKER, 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 didn't share a report.

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTS

Councilmember Thomas mentioned the Youth Council Meeting took place earlier today and mentioned the invited speaker did a great job.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson arrived at 5:31 PM.

Mayor Petro suggested designating a position for a student from Hill Air Force Base (HAFB) to both the Youth Court and Youth Council. A discussion followed and the Council expressed agreement.

Councilmember Roberts reminded the Council of the 'Night at the Library' event scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. He also mentioned there recently had been a strong representation of residents requesting a dog park during Parks and Recreation Meetings over the past six months. He indicated JoEllen Grandy, Parks Planner, had shared a presentation at one of the meetings and suggested it be shared during a future Council Meeting.

Councilmember Morris reported the RAMP (Recreation, Arts, Museum, and Parks) Commission had completed its project recommendations for grant funding and indicated the Commission would be requesting the Council's direction on a few submissions. He mentioned the Commission was aware the opinion question would need to be on the ballot this General Election.

Alex Jensen, City Manager, announced Staff was prepared to provide an update to the Council regarding the Kayscreek Estates Subdivision sidewalk repair project. He informed the Council another meeting with residents of the subdivision had been scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2025. Stephen Jackson, Public Works Director, shared an update regarding the project and shared examples of letters and/or notifications which had been sent to residents earlier this week. Mr. Jensen briefly reviewed the City's process used to identify potential problematic trees which were recommended for removal. A discussion followed.

Mr. Jackson continued to review the options with the Council pointing out various deadlines in order to allow the City's contractors to complete the sidewalk repair. The Council expressed concern about the timeline, the number of trees being removed, and the impact to residents and the discussion continued.

Clint Drake, City Attorney, explained risks and liabilities associated with the sidewalks in the neighborhood and the discussion continued.

<u>NOTIFICATION TO THE DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSION OF LAYTON CITY'S INTENT TO SUBMIT AN OPINION QUESTION TO LAYTON CITY RESIDENTS REGARDING A RECREATION, ARTS, MUSEUM, AND PARKS (RAMP) TAX – RESOLUTION 25-09</u>

Kimberly Zygmant, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, shared a brief background regarding the City's RAMP Tax and mentioned since its implementation significant enhancements had been recognized in City parks, community events, and recreation programs. She informed the Council, State Statute required the RAMP Tax be approved by voters every 10 years and this resolution would authorize notification to the Davis County Commission of the City's intent to again place an opinion question on the ballot in this year's General Election. Mr. Drake pointed out an error in some language in the resolution and requested the motion reflect the elimination of 'operating expenses' verbiage. A discussion took place regarding the RAMP Commission bylaws and guidelines which direct its responsibilities. Councilmember Bloxham requested a list of projects which had been funded by the RAMP Tax and other data on how other entities without RAMP Tax had funded their projects. A discussion regarding the RAMP Tax, Commission, and its data followed. Councilmember Bloxham requested clarification how the RAMP Tax would be collected and received by the City and the discussion continued. Councilmember Morris also pointed out how RAMP funding had enabled the City to complete large infrastructure projects without the need to bond, while also allowing the City to appropriate General Fund revenue toward other City projects.

<u>APPROVE AMENDMENTS AND A TERM EXTENSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAYTON CITY AND SUSTAINABLE REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS, INC. (SRS) TO ACCEPT ELIGIBILITY AND IMPLEMENT THE UTAH COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (C-PACE) PROGRAM – RESOLUTION 25-08</u>

Lon Crowell, Economic Development Director, shared a visual illustration and reminded the Council of its previous action approximately three years ago entering into an agreement with SRS (Sustainable Real Estate Solutions, Inc.) which now represented the State of Utah as its consultant to manage the C-PACE Program. He explained the Program allowed a business owner to access a different funding source to complete renovations to its existing building using clean energy or energy efficient products. He reported the City had received a request from SRS to extend the term of the Agreement for another five years and indicated that was the only change to the Agreement. He asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Jensen mentioned the City had been notified by SRS that a company had expressed interest in accessing this funding. He emphasized the City had interaction with SRS; however, there were no costs incurred by the City. Mr. Crowell pointed out SRS provided necessary support associated with required paperwork. A discussion followed.

<u>DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY CENTER LOWER LEVEL REMODEL</u>

Mr. Jensen informed the Council discussions between the Davis Arts Council (DAC), himself, and Mayor Petro had taken place regarding office space for its operations since the previous facility had been demolished to facilitate construction of the City's new Dispatch Center. He indicated there was the possibility to invest funding to remodel a portion of the lower level of City Hall to accommodate the needs of the DAC. The project would provide some office space, small conference room, and a reception area to provide a place for patrons to pick up tickets for performances near the Kenley Amphitheater. He pointed out this would provide DAC a temporary space and could eventually accommodate future office space for City Staff as it continued to grow. He shared points of discussion that had taken place with Cory

Waters, Facilities Manager, regarding the proposal and estimated costs. He informed the Council he had also encouraged DAC to begin thinking about its future and seeking a more permanent facility it would own for its operation. A discussion followed and the Council expressed agreement this would be a good short-term solution to DAC and would also be a benefit to the City in the future.

MY HOMETOWN LAYTON

Mayor Petro reminded the Council of the presentation from My Hometown during a previous work meeting and requested direction and input from the Council regarding the Program. Mr. Jensen reported he had been in contact with Steve Peterson, My Hometown representative, who had provided him the contract, which he passed along to Mr. Drake for review. Mr. Jensen expressed concern regarding the community center component since the City didn't have a facility it could provide and indicated any faith-based organization could provide a facility for that purpose. He clarified the contract identified the coordination with the volunteers and pointed out the City's latitude specific to its resources and responsibilities and suggested a structure would need to be created as the City moved forward. A discussion followed and the Council expressed agreement with Staff moving forward with implementing the program in Layton City.

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION REGARDING ALL-STAR BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Mr. Jensen excused David Price, Parks and Recreation Director, and announced Ms. Zygmant would update the Council.

Ms. Zygmant shared a presentation specific to postseason tournament play: Multi-City All-Stars and the City's Liberty Day's Showcase. She shared statistics regarding the City's baseball and softball programing and explained the post-season play. She also reviewed challenges recently experienced by City Staff for various youth sports programs which had contributed to the programming changes. Based on conversations with parents from recent years she concluded a shift had taken place and the values were no longer aligning with a recreational sports league to that of a competitive league. She reported the City's desire was to provide an introductory league/program designed to instill a lifelong love of sports. She reported other municipalities had also made the decision to no longer participate in the mulit-city tournament play.

The Work Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened in a City Council meeting.
The Work Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Zygmant continued to review the factors which led to the City's decision regarding postseason play and mentioned this had been explained to the Parks and Recreation Commission. She identified what other entities offered for post-season play. A discussion followed about the time frame for the after-season tournament play and the impact to the players with the City's decision.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson expressed concern the impact of the decision ultimately punished the youth participants for bad behavior of some coaches and parents. She inquired whether the Parks and Recreation Commission had the opportunity weigh in and discuss the elimination of post-season tournament play and Ms. Zygmant responded the Commission had been informed of Staff's decision.

Councilmember Roberts recalled his past personal experience in participating with the City's recreation program. He also reviewed past minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission and couldn't identify when this particular issue had been discussed. He mentioned alternatives had been suggested during the most recent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and stated he would like to see the post-season play this season since it hadn't been disclosed until the participant had come to register for recreation play.

Ms. Zygmant requested clarification regarding the Council's basis for continuing post-season play. She asked if it was based on providing a competitive component for the baseball/softball season or whether it was about the reduced number of games. Councilmember Roberts recalled some of the youth which had addressed the Council at a recent City Council Meeting and which had expressed pride in wearing a uniform representing Layton City competing against players from other cities.

Scott Quinney, Parks and Recreation Commission, addressed the Council at Councilmember Thomas' request. Mr. Quinney indicated he also couldn't remember this being discussed during a Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and expressed his opinion the post-season play should continue this year. He believed the breakdown regarding this decision was directly related to the timing of not being informed of the City's decision until registration. He stated he understood the reasoning for the decision made by Staff and indicated poor sportsmanship was a nationwide issue. The discussion continued.

Councilmember Thomas announced disagreement with those upset because of the way the situation was handled and believed they were more upset with the outcome or final decision then with what the department was attempting to do. He emphasized the importance of providing a program to benefit the youth within the community pointing out competition was a natural behavior characteristic.

Mayor Petro requested direction from the Council to Staff and the discussion continued.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson suggested the Council participate in a social media campaign promoting sportsmanship for all participants in Layton City Parks and Recreation programs. She expressed concern with participants choosing to play in programs offered at another city. The discussion continued.

Mr. Jensen suggested the discussion was focused on baseball and softball programming; however, post-season tournament play would be applicable to other recreational sports.

The Council requested Staff reconsider its decision and continue to provide tournament or post-season play for the City's youth baseball/softball program.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER AND/OR COMPETENCY OF AN INDIVIDUAL(S), PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION AND TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, SALE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ANY FORM OF A WATER RIGHT OR WATER SHARES

CLOSED MEETING:

MOTION: Councilmember Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting and convene in a closed meeting at 8:48 p.m. to discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation and to discuss the Character and/or Competency of an Individual. Councilmember Bloxham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Thomas moved to open the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Councilmember Smith Edmondson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Kimberly S Read, City Recorder