

Minutes for
Work Session
January 19, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Those present: Mayor Kenneth Romney, George Biada, John Baza, James Bruhn, Valerie Shaw, Mark Preece, Craig Howe, Heidi Voordeckers, Randy Lloyd, Jeremy Brown

Meeting called to order by Mayor Romney at 6:00 p.m.

1. General Financial Review

Craig and Heidi had prepared a slide show regarding the City's long-term financial policy. They want to focus on minimizing the long-term debt, properly invest in Capital Assets and people, and create development opportunities. They showed a pie chart of sources of revenue, the largest part being sales tax, and a graph showing a 12-year revenue comparison. Finally, they want to require all funds to be self-sustaining. They had a bar graph showing increased costs of basic services and pointed out current obstacles to implementing the long-term goals, which are that there has been a decline in development, a drop in sales tax revenue, and debt service initiated in 2004 along with Holly Tax Debt Recognition. Immediate goals for the fiscal years 2010 and 2011 are to avoid excessive funding and decrease operating expenses, and to promote future revenue streams.

In creating development opportunities, the west side is critical. Sales taxes are down 9%. They are looking at the water system, which needs major work, garbage service, and storm drains, and the fact that cost of services is increasing

Long Term Goals:

- Minimize long term debt, properly invest in capital assets and properly invest in people.
- Create development opportunities – west side is critical in getting additional revenues. Sales tax is down 9%. Craig mentioned they have had a sharing agreement with the developer for ten years, and the developer wants it to go another ten years. Craig suggests the City not agree to it.
- 12 year revenue comparison – expenses have exceeded revenue for the past two years.
- Require all funds to be self-sustaining – they are looking at the water system, which needs major work, garbage service, and storm drains, which is only getting basic maintenance. Costs of services is increasing.

Immediate goals for fiscal years 2010 and 2011:

- Avoid excessive funding and decrease operating expenses – they are maintaining the spending freeze, delaying capital spending, and decreasing the staff through attrition. Limiting professional services in the past year has helped.
- Promote future revenue streams – a property tax increase is overdue. They need to promote new development and charge appropriate fees for utilities.

George suggested comparing mil rates with other South Davis cities. Valerie asked about the possibility of going to a 4-day work week. Heidi has talked to city organizations who have done so. She doesn't expect there would be much savings in utility costs. Cities have seen a savings in overtime, but West Bountiful does not have much overtime. Mayor Romney asked for some projections of the funds. He also asked about the breakdown on revenue sharing, which was on Page 10 of Heidi's schedule.

2. Compensation for Heidi Voordeckers

Craig Howe referred to the information that had been provided in the last meeting regarding the transition with Bev's retirement. After subtracting benefits to another person and paying Bev to come back part time, including paying out her benefits, they are \$8,000 under budget. Also, the payout is one time only, it will not happen in other years. His proposed new rate for Heidi would still come out \$8,000 under budget. In regards to having the city recorder position being an interim position, according to the manual, Heidi is on a one-year probation as city recorder already. There was no need to vote on the action, since it was an administrative action and did not involve a budget increase. Bev is scheduled to officially swear Heidi in as City Recorder on Friday.

3. City Committees

- Planning Commission –Valerie Shaw.
- Historical Commission – Chairman is Alan Malan, they meet once a month on Thursday, Mark Preece.
- Golf Board Committee – George Biada; meetings are every third Wednesday of each month
- Arts Council – James Bruhn.
- Youth Council – Mayor would like them more involved and has had citizens express interest in participating. John Baza.
- Parks & Trails – James Bruhn
- Community Rec (parade, etc.) – Mark Preece.

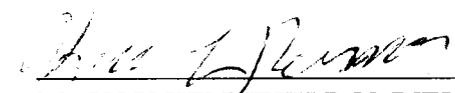
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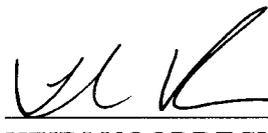
A benefits comparison was distributed to Council.

5. Appointment to Boards

Mark went to the recreation board and the fire district. All mayors are on the South Davis Recreation Board and the South Davis Metro Fire District Board. James will attend the Wasatch Integrated Waste Board, which meets the first Wednesday of every other month at 5:00 pm, and there are also subcommittees. The mayor will be on the Council of Governments. John Baza will be on the Regional Transportation Board, which meets at 2:00 pm. It was determined a council member does not need to meet with the West Bountiful Community Council because Chief Lloyd attends. Mark Preece will attend the Davis County Advisory Board. The Mosquito Abatement District Board and South Davis Sewer District Boards are four year terms, so those positions do not need to be filled.

6. Adjournment – 7:15 pm.


MAYOY KENNETH ROMNEY


HEIDI VOORDECKERS (CITY RECORDER)



NATHALIE ELLINGSON (SECRETARY)