

1 **West Bountiful City June 8, 2010**
2 **2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget Public Hearing**

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6 Minutes of the 2010-2011 Budget Public Hearing of the City Council of West Bountiful City
7 held on Tuesday June 8, 2010 at West Bountiful City Hall, Davis County, Utah. Posted as
8 required on May 24, 2010.

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11 Those in Attendance:

12 MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ken Romney, John Baza, James
13 Bruhn, Mark Preece, Valerie Shaw.

14 MEMBERS EXCUSED:

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16 STAFF PRESENT: Craig Howe (City Administrator), Heidi
17 Voordeckers (Auditor/City Recorder), Ben White (CityEngineer),
18 Debbie McKean (Secretary).

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20 VISITORS: Terry Turner, James Ahlstrom, Matthew Nelson,
21 Alan Malan.

22 Called to Order:

23 Mayor Romney of West Bountiful City called this Public Hearing
24 to order at 8:10.

25 Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Romney.

26 Heidi Voordeckers reported that the budget for 2010-2011 is down 15% from the current year
27 budget with the majority of reductions taken in personnel costs.

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30 **ACTION TAKEN:**

31 **James Bruhn moved to open the Public Hearing for the proposed budget for the Fiscal year**
32 **beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 at 8:15 p.m. John Baza seconded the**
33 **motion with voting unanimous in favor.**

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35 Heidi Voordeckers explained the budget process which began in February with the collection of
36 budget proposals by department heads, continued with work sessions throughout March and
37 April, and adopted as the tentative budget on May 18th. The tentative budget was then presented
38 to the public for review via the city web site. The 2011 budget presented several challenges as
39 revenues have been reduced to 2006 levels. Mrs. Voordeckers reviewed several summary graphs
40 indicating trends for revenues and expenditures. It was noted that costs for Fire Protection

41 services have steadily increased. An annual comparison was presented from Fiscal Year 2009 to
42 the current proposed budget.

43 Other budget highlights were noted as follows:

44 **General Fund**

- 45 • Budget reduced to 2006 levels
- 46 • Stabilization of Sale Tax Revenue
- 47 • Continued net increase in Court Revenue
- 48 • Increase in Class “C” Road funds from 2010 Carry Over
- 49 • Small year end surplus to boost fund balance

50 **Water Fund**

- 51 • Ending Balance of \$504,055 to be placed in reserve fund
- 52 • Increase in operating expenses related to Stone Creek well maintenance and operations
- 53 • Increased budget for Fire Hydrant Replacement
- 54 • Transfer to General Fund of \$59,000 to cover water fund engineering expenses

55 **Solid Waste Fund**

- 56 • Increase in Garbage Pick Up Sales to recognize implementation of Curbside Recycling
- 57 • Reduction of tipping fees to allow for returns on second cans
- 58 • Fall clean up still scheduled, with the Spring clean up on hold until we have final analysis
- 59 on the impact of the recycling program.

60 **Storm Drain Utility**

- 61 • Addition of Payroll expenses to recognize labor associated with storm system
- 62 maintenance and regulatory compliance (SWIPPS Program)
- 63 • Continued discussions on making fund “whole” and self reliant

64 Goal of this budget is to recognize the true cost of operations and city services.

65 **Golf Course Fund**

- 66 • 5% increase in Green Fees representative of rate increase
- 67 • Change in recognition of tournament revenue as a liability
- 68 • Reduction in operating expenses related to changes in employee benefits
- 69 • New requirement for fund to be self sufficient (will not longer be subsidized by the
- 70 General Fund).

71 Mrs. Voordeckers explained that the Medical Benefits have been put out for bid and review. The
72 City has made several changes to the employee benefits structure and will charge a portion of the
73 medical and dental premiums back to employees to offset the increased cost.

74 Councilmember Bruhn echoed that the Wasatch Energy Board has experienced the same
75 conditions for medical expenses and many others as well. Some discussion took place
76 concerning the uncertainty of the health care system.

- 77 • Mr. Nelson asked about the RDA Development agreement and Craig Howe explained the
- 78 participation agreement. The collection of property tax was also explained to Mr. Nelson.
- 79 • Mr. Nelson inquired whether the city has looked at doing some pooling of cities to
- 80 decrease health care cost. It was noted that it had been looked at and was not advantages
- 81 to do so.
- 82 • Terry Turner believes that the decisions made have been sound and that the city was on
- 83 track as he also did some research and found that the current provider was the best deal.
- 84 • Heidi Voordeckers noted that they are looking at a Flexible Spending plan as a
- 85 possibility.

- 86 • Alan Malan noted that he had attended council meeting for many years and he feels this
87 is the first time that he feels that this is a well done budget done for the right reasons and
88 has never been done this well.
- 89 • Mayor Romney thanked staff and council for the tough decisions they have had to make
90 to get things balanced and working for the good. He feels it is important that we stay on
91 track.
- 92 • Valerie Shaw noted that this is a work in progress. Popular and unpopular decisions are
93 having to be made at this difficult time. Council has been addressing things that may
94 have been overlooked in the past in an effort to move forward.
- 95 • John Baza feels it is important to maintain thrifty practices even when the economy does
96 turn around.
- 97 • Heidi Voordeckers explained that we are working to create a procedure that will not
98 allow that to occur.
- 99 • Craig agreed that it is a work in progress and we will continue to work for better things in
100 the future. Positive Relationships and processes are being developed that will allow this
101 to continue.
- 102 • Mayor Romney addressed the issue of the personal property tax. Heidi Voordeckers
103 explained the way personal property taxes comes into our budget. She noted that we
104 received more than we expected because of the refinery we have in our city limits. She
105 researched through the County and has found some interesting information and we will
106 now recognize a surplus in the 2010 budget. That amount will be placed in the reserve
107 fund balance to stabilize our position regarding the budget.
- 108 • Craig Howe stated that we need to build reserves and funds to include future projects so
109 we can move forward to the necessary repairs and replacements needed. He feels we are
110 wiser and stronger from having to go through these challenges. He gave credit to Heidi
111 for looking at things that were wrong and making them right. He looks forward to fine
112 tuning things in the near future.
- 113 • Mrs. Voordeckers commented on why we received more property tax than expected. It
114 was because of the improvement from the Refinery. She will be researching this further
115 to determine the life of these improvements as they are regulated by the EPA and not
116 subject to the same discounts provided to the refinery on other improvements.

117 **ACTION TAKEN:**

118 **James Bruhn moved to close the public hearing at 8:45 p.m. Mark Preece seconded the**
119 **motion and voting was unanimous in favor.**

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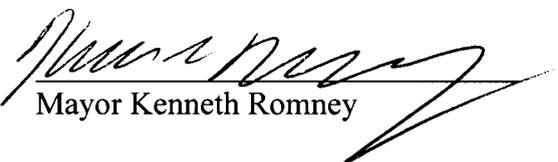
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125 Attest:

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127 Heidi Voordeckers, City Recorder/Auditor


Mayor Kenneth Romney