

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
August 20, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
	D.J. Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Joe Olson	Councilmember
	Tom Peterson	Councilmember <i>arrived at 7:05 p.m.</i>
	Robin Troxell	Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:	Christina Boss	City Recorder
	Rick Bosworth	Human Resource Director <i>via Zoom</i>
	Dave Burnett	Public Power Director <i>via Zoom</i>
	Mike Christiansen	City Attorney
	Mike Nelsen	Police Chief
	Derek Oyler	Finance Director
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director <i>via Zoom</i>
	Jason Roberts	City Administrator

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Vincent commented that Councilmember Peterson may be late due to a family commitment. The Reverence Period was given by Chief Nelsen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2020 and August 13, 2020 City Council meetings was made by Councilmember Bott, seconded by Councilmember Peterson and unanimously approved as distributed.

AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

New Hire and Promotion in the Fire Department

PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration of Resolution Approving the Final 2020-21 Budget

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ELECTRONIC)

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Power Sourcing Update

Senior Center CDBG Project

Public Access to Council Meetings

ADJOURN TO RDA

ADJOURN TO MBA

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

Scott Best was recently hired as a part-time firefighter paramedic and Jeremie Poppleton was promoted to fire captain.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration of Resolution Approving the Final 2020-21 Budget

Mr. Oyler approached the podium and stated that there have been no changes to the tentative budget adopted in June.

MOTION: A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Bott, seconded by Councilmember Peterson and unanimously carried.

There were no public comments via email or Zoom registration.

MOTION: A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Farr, seconded by Councilmember Bott and unanimously carried.

MOTION: A motion to approve the final 2020-21 budget based on two public hearings and Council discussions was made by Councilmember Bott and seconded by Councilmember Olson.

After last year's truth in taxation process, Councilmember Farr understood that the goal was to keep up with inflation. Due to the economy and financial difficulties of some residents, he proposed that the Council adopt the certified tax rate (CTR) plus the consumer price index (CPI). Councilmember Peterson asked Mr. Oyler for clarification on the 7% increase. Mr. Oyler explained that the tax rate for the tentative budget approved in June was 7.42% higher than the CTR and identical to the tax rate adopted in 2019. The dollar difference between adopting the CTR and adopting the 2019 tax rate is \$92,000 to the General Fund. With Councilmember Farr's proposal, \$24,000 would go to the General Fund. The Council discussed keeping salaries competitive, infrastructure needs, projects and other needs of the City.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Troxell – aye
Councilmember Bott – aye
Councilmember Peterson – aye
Councilmember Olson – aye
Councilmember Farr – nay

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Troxell – recognized City employees and their ability to adjust to recent conditions. She attended the UAMPS annual conference and appreciated the education and explanation of the project.

Councilmember Bott – thanked staff for their work and for training seasonal workers.

Councilmember Peterson – attended the Library Board meeting and mentioned the new Board Chair, Barbara Poelman. He stated that they are working hard to keep the Library open during COVID-19. He also recognized employees and staff and thanked them for their efforts.

Councilmember Farr – attended an Airport Advisory Board meeting where there was discussion of installing hangars and planning for future development. He participated in the Meals on Wheels program and mentioned the great job they did in re-arranging routes. He echoed Councilmember Troxell's comments regarding UAMPS. He viewed a UAMPS Town Hall meeting and appreciated all the information. Councilmember Farr met with the Senior Advisory Board who requested ear protection during the Senior Center renovations. Due to COVID-19, instead of holding Bingo night they will hold a drawing on September 1st for the prizes listed on the tickets.

Mayor Vincent – mentioned that staff was asked to think outside of the box concerning the effects of COVID-19 on City services and appreciates their efforts. He thanked the staff and Councilmembers for their work in the budget process.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Power Sourcing Update

Mayor Vincent allowed Rusty Cannon with the Utah Taxpayers Association to make a comment on the power sourcing update discussion. Mr. Cannon encouraged withdrawal from the SMR Project.

Mr. Burnett introduced UAMPS presenters, Jackie Coombs, Manager of Corporate and Member Relations and Doug Hunter, General Manager. Also included in the discussion were Peter Knollmeyer with Fluor Corporation and Chris Colbert with NuScale Power.

Mr. Hunter's presentation highlighted:

- \$55 MWh in 2018 dollars
- Lessons learned from recent nuclear reactor projects
- De-risking the project
- Anticipated execution of the EPC Development Agreement between UAMPS and Fluor Corporation and the Development Cost Reimbursement Agreement between UAMPS and NuScale
- DOE multi year award
- \$9 million budget (50% paid by DOE, 25% paid by NuScale)
- Subscription at 27% of project
- Unilateral withdrawal at specified phases (off ramps) and withdrawal terms
- Licensing period with phasing details
- \$130 million budget through April, 2023 assuming conservative interest rate of 4.5% per year
- NRC review
- Operational discount associated with first movers

Mr. Knollmeyer explained Fluor's role in the project. They have guaranteed success with parent guarantees, warranties and reduced fees, and are working closely with NuScale. He detailed lessons learned with Summer and Vogtle where Fluor was brought in to rescue the projects.

Mr. Colbert described NuScale's role as oversight of the UAMPS engagement. NuScale brings success with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission review process on schedule and on budget. They have experience with the application process and with licensing and construction. They also have strong support from the DOE. NuScale brought in Fluor and other investors.

Mr. Burnett reviewed Brigham City's share of the funding. If the City decided not to move forward with the project at this point, per the Development Cost Reimbursement Agreement, the City would owe \$391,000. If the City decided not to move forward at the end of Phase 2 in April, 2023 Brigham City would owe an additional \$394,000.

Mr. Hunter explained that Logan's withdrawal from the project increases the development cost share for the other partners. When asked how the election may affect the project, Mr. Hunter advised that the project has bi-partisan support in the House and Senate. The Biden group's energy plan includes SMRs and sees them as a necessary requirement to meet climate change. Mr. Hunter stated that historically the DOE award budget line item has not been reduced.

Mr. Knollmeyer described Fluor's management of the construction project. There would be a separate contract between UAMPS and NuScale to buy the technology. Fluor would coordinate all of the interfaces between Fluor, NuScale and the operator who will run the plant. UAMPS would be involved in the joint

project management organization. The approach is designed to proactively avoid conflicts at the interface between various people on project. Most of the contractors on the project would be under Fluor. NuScale and the operator would be separate and well-coordinated to avoid impacting each other.

Mr. Hunter explained the DOE award process and stated that he anticipates a signed award document soon. The project would not move forward until the award has been received.

Mr. Hunter estimated the costs of construction of the SMR at approximately \$4 billion. The project requires 12 MPMs at \$80-100 million each. There are also concrete, labor, metal and cooling costs. Mr. Knollmeyer stated that NuScale's scope of supply, all in, is \$1.4 billion with an overhead fee contingency. Fluor's construction of all buildings at the plant turban island is \$2.6-2.7 billion. The rest of the money is wrapped up in financing, owner's costs, etc. Mr. Hunter added that the latest run of levelized cost of energy was under \$53/MWh.

Mr. Hunter stated that the responsibility for exceeding costs estimates is on the individual who caused the overrun. He informed the Council that UAMPS is required to sell 100% of the output at the point of construction or the project would not move forward.

Mr. Roberts concluded the discussion stating that the Council has been shown historical price points on the open market which fluctuate greatly and are very high risk which is why Brigham City is partnering in this project. The City looked at options for developing 15 MW of power and there are no risk-free options available. Mr. Roberts stated that if there were no further comments from the Council, the City would move forward into the next phase of the project.

Senior Center CDBG Project

Mr. Oyler came to the podium and stated that a \$150,000 CDBG grant was received in the prior budget year for renovations to the Senior Center including new flooring, bathroom updates, etc. The contract bid was \$160,000. There was unexpected asbestos remediation costs totaling \$12,000 and all four bathrooms had to be re-plumbed due to age. He asked the Council for permission to replace the leaking exterior windows for which he received a low bid of \$25,500. If the windows are not replaced, the new window sills, counter tops and cabinets under the windows will sustain damage. By September 3rd Mr. Oyler will have a bid opening on the Recreation office building which will give him a better idea of the Capital Project Fund balance. He has identified the Senior Center Trust Fund as an additional revenue source for the windows if needed.

MOTION: A motion to approve the window purchase was made by Councilmember Bott and seconded by Councilmember Farr. Councilmember Peterson suggested getting an NFRC document.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Troxell – aye
Councilmember Bott – aye
Councilmember Peterson – aye
Councilmember Olson – aye
Councilmember Farr – aye

Public Access to Council Meetings

Mr. Roberts approached the podium and stated that other cities the size of Brigham are split 50/50 when it comes to allowing the public in Council meetings. Current guidelines promote physical distancing when feasible and face masks when physical distancing is not feasible. With the Council room set up for physical distancing placing the chairs 6 feet apart, it fits 13 chairs and the podium. Mr. Roberts asked the Council to consider what actions need to be taken if more than 13 people attend a meeting and what enforcement would look like. Mayor Vincent stated that he would not allow mask enforcement.

Mr. Christiansen stated that the City does not have enforcement provisions. The Council discussed options including mandating masks, shutting down the meeting for non-compliant attendees, pre-meeting sign-up sheets, providing a section of the Council room for non-mask wearers and sanitization procedures. Councilmembers agreed on the following:

- Post a sign on the door asking attendees to wear masks
- Set up the room for social distancing
- Enact sanitization procedures

At 9:24 p.m. the Council adjourned to a Redevelopment Agency meeting and a Municipal Building Authority meeting. The Council returned to a regular City Council meeting at 9:28 p.m. and adjourned. There was no closed session.

The undersigned duly appointed Recorder for Brigham City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the August 20, 2020 City Council Meeting.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2020.

Christina Boss

Christina Boss, Recorder