

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
March 4, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
	D.J. Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Joe Olson	Councilmember
	Tom Peterson	Councilmember
	Robin Troxell	Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:	Christina Boss	City Recorder
	Mark Bradley	City Planner <i>via Zoom</i>
	Mike Christiansen	City Attorney
	Tony Ekins	Associate City Planner <i>via Zoom</i>
	Nancy Green	Senior Center Supervisor <i>via Zoom</i>
	Paul Larsen	Community & Economic Dev Director <i>via Zoom</i>
	Mike Nelsen	Police Chief
	Derek Oyler	Finance Director
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	City Administrator

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Reverence Period was given by Councilmember Farr. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

**CONSENT**

Request for Approval of February 18, 2021 Work Session & City Council Meeting Minutes  
Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections  
Reappointments to Public Utilities Advisory Board, Advisory Council on Aging and Airport Advisory Board

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Consideration of Request to Amend Brigham Intermountain Development Plan to Create BCB Townhomes Subdivision

**SCHEDULED DELEGATION**

Utah Transit Authority Five Year Service Plan Presentation

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM BRIGHAM CITY RESIDENTS AND THOSE PAYING  
PROPERTY TAXES IN BRIGHAM CITY**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**ACTION ITEMS**

Proclamation Declaring March 2021 as the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Meals Month

Consideration of Bear River Water Conservancy District Agreement

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

**MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

Mayor Vincent addressed both those in attendance and those watching the meeting via YouTube. A PowerPoint presentation was displayed on the screen during his address.

*This will be my final State of the City. I am not going to run for reelection. I am grateful for the opportunity in which I have had to serve as the Mayor of Brigham City and be able to work with such fine folks. Tonight, we will discuss a little bit about the state of our City and afterward I would like to address our citizens and our staff on some other things.*

*We appreciate you being with us tonight in person and on Zoom. I'm happy to see that our City is getting healthier and believe that things will begin to return to normal this year. When I gave the State of the City address last year, little did any of us know the changes that would take place in all our lives. Through the pandemic and subsequent restrictions, the City Council and I have worked hard to maintain the business of running the City. It is our goal to get the City back to normal as soon as possible.*

*Last year I introduced our City-wide focus of ALL IN. We asked all city employees what being ALL IN meant to them and how we can do better at being ALL IN at work, at home with our families, and in other aspects of our lives. This continues to be our focus for 2021.*

*The 2020 season at Eagle Mountain Golf Course saw a record number of golfers. Although many corporations cancelled their tournaments, we had people coming from all over northern Utah to golf at our wonderful golf course. The staff at the golf course worked hard to keep carts and equipment sanitized for our customers. We were recognized as a leader in the State for best practices in keeping people safe.*

*In July, the fireworks were held at the golf course and were enjoyed by many families from their homes and cars. Most community events had to be cancelled in 2020, but I remain optimistic that things will change and we can start having events again. I believe that getting people together to enjoy time with each other helps to build a better spirit of community.*

*In a year when many programs in other cities were cancelled, Brigham City Recreation provided opportunities for residents and non-residents alike. Our goal as a city was to offer as many outdoor activities as possible at a time when they were really needed. Along with local activities, Brigham City Recreation hosted numerous tournaments for people from surrounding communities and other states. Because of our department's proactive approach, we were able to host softball tournaments when others in the State were cancelled. Although the Tournament of Champions pickleball event was cancelled, we started a statewide tournament for juniors. We also held our annual Meals on Wheels fundraiser tournament. Pickleball has been a great activity that does not focus on any one age group.*

*The Senior Center provided a record number of meals through our Meals on Wheels program. At one point this past year we were forced to start a waiting list because we didn't have enough volunteers to deliver them. We appreciate everyone who works to provide meals for our seniors. If you are looking for a way to serve people in our community, please consider contacting the Senior Center and becoming a Meals on Wheels driver.*

*It appears that Brigham City is a place where people are wanting to live. We have seen a large number of requests for housing projects. If all requested units build, we could see an increase of 300-500 homes in 2021. It is important that we continue to prepare for growth as it comes our way. We need to be sure to embrace economic growth. I have a vision for the development of North Main Street, and in the coming months, UDOT will continue their vision for the development of North Main Street with a study that will lead*

*to changes in how Main Street is used. We are also exploring the idea of a roundabout at 900 North. It is my hope that the next mayor will have a vision for how the City will continue the development we have seen over the last 8 years. In that time a few of the new businesses that have come or will soon be coming to our City are Niagara Bottling, Loves Travel Stop, Nucor, and True North in addition to many residential developments that have taken place.*

*The Library was very creative in finding ways to serve our community. Many of the programs were online which provided a way for citizens to safely participate. Story time for children was done virtually and curbside pickup allowed patrons to get their materials without leaving their cars.*

*As a workforce, we prioritized network security as a city-wide goal. Test emails are sent out by our IT department to see who clicks on possibly dangerous links. On our first test 60% of our employees clicked on the link. That number has fallen to just over 1% on the last three tests.*

*As the pandemic became real for us in March 2020, we were able to adjust to ever changing guidelines and continue conducting city business. Meanwhile identifying even more efficient and effective ways to reach out to our citizens and making public meetings available to everyone.*

*The Brigham City GIS has incorporated mobile and web mapping tools for maintaining and managing City infrastructure. This has allowed city staff to better plan and respond to the needs of citizens and businesses.*

*This has been a very busy year for our Power Department. As you can see in the photos, there have been many new housing and business developments throughout the City. These new developments require us to install equipment to get ready for housing connections. We also installed a new hydraulic power unit and controller to help operations at the power plant. We are continuing work on the west loop line which will allow redundant power for three of our existing substations.*

*Public Works has received over \$1,000,000 in grants to build large generators at three key wells. These will allow us to continue to provide safe drinking water in the event of an emergency. We were also able to build backup power generators at four locations. Three of them are at sewer pump stations and the other is at City Hall. We are getting ready to do some work on the runway at the Brigham City Regional Airport. The current pavement is cracking, and the airfield lighting has reached the end of its useful life. We received funding from the County to expand our right of way along West Forest Street and West 400 South. This will help us plan for future roadway needs in our community. This past year we completed phase one of the cemetery master plan. This opened up two areas for about 1,600 new burial sites. The Council and Mayor need to plan for future expansion of the cemetery. Ongoing street maintenance keeps Public Works busy during the summer months. This last year we chip sealed 2.9 miles of roads and rebuilt .4 miles. We also redid the north parking lot of the fire station and replaced the asphalt at the old King's building parking lot. Over the past couple of years, we have been preparing for some big changes at the Waste Treatment Plant. The necessary upgrades are a result of requirements from the DEQ. This project is nearing completion.*

*The Fire Department continues to provide around the clock response to emergency situations. As you can see from these statistics, this group of first responders was extremely busy in 2020. Our Fire Department responded to two house fires and we also had seven*

wildland team deployments for which we billed the State of Utah over \$100,000. We continually train in the Fire Department. Over the past year we used the old Bunderson Elementary School for mayday procedures to learn how to locate and rescue a trapped firefighter. We also held ice rescue training at Pioneer Park pond.

This group of police officers and staff are second to none. They can be counted on in any circumstance to serve and protect the citizens of our community and surrounding communities. Two new officers were hired in 2020 bringing our total number of officers up to 28, tasked with handling a variety of calls for service.

While our Senior Center staff was busy serving drive-up meals and meals on wheels to our seniors, the building underwent major renovations. This work was completed using CDBG funds. We look forward to the time when we can welcome our seniors back with a big grand opening celebration. Over the past year we have been busy building and renovating facilities. A few of these include: a new recreation office building at Pioneer Park, the fire department roof project and updating the community and economic development offices. Our Facilities Department does a great job maintaining and caring for our city buildings.

It's been an awesome experience to be the Mayor of this wonderful town and it's been a great blessing. I think a lot of times when we serve others, we actually receive more than those whom we serve. It has been a great joy to be the Mayor of this community. I have a great love for this community and there are things about this community that I will not ever forget. One of those experiences was when we lost my brother, who was our Assistant Police Chief and went down during his PT test. I will be ever grateful for the support of our community and the outpouring of love and support that was given to not only myself, but my family. I will tell you that not only is my family suffering, but our Police Department is still struggling through this. This was devastating to everyone and I am grateful for the support of our community.

As I look at the turmoil and the struggles that are going on throughout our nation and people turning one against the other, that is not evident in our town. We live in a wonderful community where people support and love one another. Even though we may all have differing opinions over things, people here truly do care and love one another. We live in a community that is strong and supportive. I am very grateful for them and for our citizens and all that they do.

I said many times that with our City, there are things that we could not do as staff and as the city without our volunteers. Our Senior Center, our Recreation, there are so many things that go on in our community that could not be done without the support of our volunteers and our citizens, and we really appreciate them. We have a community of very supporting and loving people who care about this community and I think that's what makes us so strong.

I look at our City Administrator and my Executive Assistant and appreciate them. It is interesting as I go around town and people talk to me about the wonderful things that are going on in our City and how grateful they are for me, that I am the Mayor, and the wonderful things that have been done. But I will tell you I'm just the quarterback. I am the guy that gets all the glory and gets all the gratification from our community, and I want to tell you that this is a team effort. The things and the successes that go on in this town are due to, not only my vision, but the vision and support of our Council, the hard work and support of staff, the hard work of the Council, and also the support of our community.

*In the time that I have been a City Councilmember and the Mayor, we have seen wonderful things come to pass in our town. Our future here is bright. And as we continue to support and dedicate our time and support staff, we will continue to grow and continue to be successful in this City. I would like to thank Jason Roberts and Donna Pett. A lot of things that go on and a lot of things that happen come from them. I appreciate their support and their willingness to walk with me and see my desires and my vision as to what I think this City can become. The ideas we have as a Council and as staff, as we sit down and look at the benefits and those things that can help our community succeed and be a better place to live, that it is absolutely a team effort. That is truly what makes the Mayor's office operate properly.*

*We have the finest directors in this City. It never ceases to amaze me, the hard work that they go through and the thoughtfulness of their departments. Our directors look for things to save our citizens money, whether it be utilities or roads. They are very concerned about the bottom line, not only for our citizens but helping to keep our City, which is a business, successful. I appreciate them, their hard work, and their thinking outside of the box. We have great directors who look through, over, under, and around things and try to figure out ways to make things better in this community. I really appreciate them and their hard work and dedication. We have great employees that work very hard for our community. Before I became Mayor, I always prayed that it would snow on Christmas Eve. Now I pray that it will wait until the day after Christmas so that our employees can spend time with their families. Whether it be our electrical department because wires go down, or we have our guys out plowing the streets so that people can get around and get to their families' homes for Christmas. They sacrifice their Christmas so that we can spend time with our families and enjoy our Christmas.*

*I truly appreciate our Chief of Police and all that he has done for our family. He did a wonderful job guiding us at the Fallen Officer's Memorial in Washington and got us where we needed to be. I just want our Chief to know how much I appreciate him and our officers and all that they do for our City and keeping our City safe. They too work on holidays, as does our Fire Department, to keep our community safe. We are very blessed, whether it be our fire, EMT, paramedic or law enforcement officers, we have the finest in the State and the finest in the country in my opinion.*

*I would like to publicly thank my City Council and let them know how much I appreciate them. We have the finest minds that sit at this table. These folks care deeply about our community. I have heard it said sometimes in our community that they just shoot from the hip and I will tell you that is not the case. These City Councilmembers work very hard to study the issues and make the best decisions that benefit our community. I am grateful for them and I am impressed with them and all that they do, not only as City Councilmembers, but as my friends. This last year has been hard with the pandemic and not doing the things that we have done in the past. We look forward to this year getting better and being able to do more and more of those things.*

*I'm grateful especially for my family and for their support. It's not easy being the family of the Mayor or the family of a political person. This last year has shown the support of political people has plummeted. Sometimes the lives of a political person's family are hard because they have people come and complain and are upset with them because of decisions that we have made. I want them to know how much I truly appreciate them and their support through the last 12 years. I especially appreciate my mother and my father. Being self employed and trying to be the Mayor is tough. I have spent a lot of late nights painting cars. My father who had looked forward to retirement, came out of retirement to come back*

*to work so that I could spend my time here and be the Mayor. I appreciate my mother having my back and I want them both to know how much I truly appreciate them and their love and support for me. I am one of those guys that sees things and bulls through. I would like to thank my wife because she misses out on a lot of things because I have obligations here at the City. I appreciate her sacrifice in allowing me to do those things. She has always been my biggest supporter. I truly appreciate her support and her love for me.*

*This decision comes with a bittersweet feeling. It has been a wonderful not quite 12 years. Derek Oyler told me that I can't countdown until I get closer to December and that will be fine with me. There are a lot of things we still need to do. Until the last day of December, I will continue to be here doing those things and working hard to make Brigham City the best place in the world to live.*

*I would like all of you to know how grateful I am to be a member of this community. I was born and raised here, and I love Brigham City. My greatest desire today and the first day that I became a City Councilmember was to get in and help make changes to make this the best community to live in, not only in the State, but in the country. I think that it speaks for itself as we see people wanting to come and live here. I am grateful for this experience and I appreciate all the support of the community. Thank you.*

## **CONSENT**

### **Approval of February 18, 2021 Work Session and City Council Meeting Minutes**

#### **Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections**

A list of accounts totaling \$1,325.45 was presented to be removed from the City's system due to customers taking out bankruptcy or being sent to collections.

#### **Reappointments to Public Utilities Advisory Board, Advisory Council on Aging, and Airport Advisory Board**

Mayor Vincent recognized the following reappointments and thanked them for their service to the community.

Ron Jensen	Public Utilities Advisory Board
Susan Behring and Stan Leslie	Advisory Council on Aging
Bruce Leonard, Byron Hansen, Fred Kluss	Airport Advisory Board

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the Consent agenda was made by Councilmember Bott, seconded by Councilmember Peterson, and carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Consideration of Request to Amend Brigham Intermountain Development Plat to Create BCB Townhomes Subdivision**

Mr. Ekins explained that the petition was for an amendment of Lots 5 and 7 of the Brigham Intermountain Development Plat E for the purpose of siting 13 townhomes, located at approximately 700 South and 200 East. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Council for approval of the amendment. This plat amendment would vacate an existing public utility easement and relocate it throughout all of the common space, which will provide an opportunity for more public utility routes throughout the development.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Bott, seconded by Councilmember Peterson, and unanimously carried. There were no public comments. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Peterson seconded by Councilmember Bott, and unanimously carried.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the request to amend the Brigham Intermountain Development plat to create BCB Townhomes Subdivision was made by Councilmember Bott and seconded by Councilmember Peterson.

**Roll Call:** Councilmember Bott – aye  
Councilmember Olson – aye  
Councilmember Farr – aye  
Councilmember Troxell – aye  
Councilmember Peterson – aye

### **SCHEDULED DELEGATION**

Ms. Holbrook began the presentation discussing projected population growth, air quality and traffic congestion. Ms. Holbrook and Ms. Hanson, UTA’s Director of Planning, presented long-term and short-term plans. The 5-year service plan includes implementation of short-term service improvements.

- Improvements to Brigham City express bus
- Right of way purchases in Box Elder County for future transit use
- New bus stops on Route 630 at 1156 S Commerce Way and 1149 S 450 W
- Proposed park and ride lot west of Walmart anticipated opening 2027
- Corridor preservation
  - Three station site properties purchased at Box Elder High School, 1100 South, and 750 North in Willard
  - Six private corridor properties have been acquired
  - Currently negotiating with UDOT and Union Pacific for added corridor

Councilmember Peterson asked about a future express train to Salt Lake City. Ms. Holbrook confirmed that UTA is studying express train possibilities for areas between Ogden and Provo.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Troxell – attended the BRAG Human Services Board quarterly meeting. Increased homeless services are needed due to COVID and SSBG grants services will be given to programs throughout the district. They reported a greater need for Meals on Wheels. Councilmember Troxell noted that the BRAG Director gave high compliments to Nancy Green for her work at the Senior Center.

Councilmember Peterson – commented that the legislative session will soon end, and the Utah League of Cities and Towns has been working hard to protect cities and prevent regulation at a State level.

Councilmember Bott – attended the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting. Businesses are faring well in Box Elder County. The update on unemployment numbers shows they are going down. With the Governor’s recent comments on masks, the Chamber is hopeful Peach Days will be held this year.

Councilmember Olson – reported that the Youth City Council (YCC) attended a Main Street revitalization program presentation given by Paul Larsen. Mr. Larsen encouraged Brigham City YCC to contact Price YCC as they are included in the same pilot program. Councilmember Olson complimented the YCC for their ideas and enthusiasm. He also recognized the Main Street businesses for their efforts on Main Street.

Councilmember Farr – echoed the BRAG Director’s sentiments about Nancy Green. Councilmember Farr attended an Airport Advisory Board meeting. There are a lot of exciting things happening at the airport. He commended Tyler Pugsley for his hard work.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Proclamation Declaring March 2021 as the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Meals Month**

Ms. Green reported that the Senior Center is preparing over 300 meals per day between meals on wheels and takeout meals. They have 130 volunteers assisting with the program and she thanked them for all they do. She asked that the Councilmembers contact her to participate in a video supporting meal on wheels. She reported that the Mexican vanilla sale was very successful, and they have another order coming in next week. She proceeded to read the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for Ms. Green, the meals on wheels program, and the volunteers.

##### **Consideration of Bear River Water Conservancy District Agreement**

Mr. Pugsley came to the podium and stated that the previous agreement approved by the City Council underwent some changes after it was presented to the BRWCD Board of Directors. Mr. Pugsley stated that the revised agreement is better for Brigham City and the BRWCD. Proposed changes included:

- The removal of the \$20,000 penalty for unapproved connections in Harper Ward service area
- An increased rate of \$1.36/1,000 gallons
- Language requiring payment for 100-acre feet of water regardless of how much is used
- A max flow not to exceed 500 gallons per minutes at any given time
- A limit of 35-acre feet per month April – September and 15-acre feet per month October – March
- Termination of the agreement if a water source is developed within the Harper Ward area and a requirement for a new agreement for an emergency water connection
- Contract term of 5 years

**MOTION:** Councilmember Farr made a motion to approve the Bear River Water Conservancy District Agreement outlined by Mr. Pugsley. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Olson.

**Roll Call:** Councilmember Bott – aye  
Councilmember Olson – aye  
Councilmember Farr – aye  
Councilmember Troxell – aye  
Councilmember Peterson – aye

#### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property was made by Councilmember Peterson and seconded by Councilmember Bott. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers voting aye. The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 8:20 p.m.

The Council returned to an open meeting at 9:02 p.m. and adjourned.

*The undersigned duly appointed Recorder for Brigham City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the March 4, 2021 City Council Meeting.*

*Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.*

*Christina Boss*

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Christina Boss, Recorder