

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
June 15, 2017**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
	DJ Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Tom Peterson	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:	Joseph Bach	Fire Chief
	Rick Bosworth	Human Resource
	Dave Burnett	Public Power Director
	Mike Christiansen	City Attorney
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Paul Larsen	Community Development Director
	Derek Oyler	Finance Manager
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	City Administrator
	Dennis Vincent	Police Chief Assistant

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order. The Reverence Period was given by Dennis Vincent from the LDS 1st Ward. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 18 and June 1, 2017 Budget Work Session and May 18, 2017 City Council was made by Councilmember Bott and seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

Discussion: Mr. Roberts stated he and Councilmember Jensen reviewed the recording and requested a correction be made to the June 1, 2017 Budget Work Session minutes on Page 3, line 10 changing Councilmember Jensen’s comment from, “Councilmember Jensen said she would rather punish users for when they use it rather than when they use more” to “I don’t want to punish people because they use more but I want to consider what time of day the power was used.” Councilmember Jensen added the reason is because there could be a cost savings.

Councilmember Bott moved that the amendment to the motion be accepted. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and it was and unanimously approved.

AGENDA

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PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL'S 2017-18 BUDGET

Mayor Pro Tem Peterson thanked the Mayor and Brigham City staff for working with the Council to create a balanced budget. He went over a few details on the new curbside recycling program and thanked the citizen Task Force for their work. He reviewed the capital projects including bonding for a new substation on West Forest Street, replacing and rerouting the water line running under Mantua Reservoir and the Playground Park restroom, bowery and splash pad. Mayor Pro Tem Peterson stated that the City Council added the expansion and paving of the parking lot for the Pickleball Courts. He concluded by thanking the Task Force and the Rotary Club for their hard work on the splash pad. Mayor Vincent also extended his thanks for those who worked on the splash pad.

CONSENT

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

A list of accounts totaling \$4,517.42 was presented to be removed from the City's system due to customer taking out bankruptcy or being sent to collections.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration of Resolution Adjusting the 2016-17 Budget

Mr. Oyler came forward and stated that a significant amount of the budget revisions are due to the completion of capital projects. He asked that the City Council approve \$10,700 for recreation expenses incurred in the GO Bond process. Additionally, he asked that the \$483,000 budget for the 1100 South intersection project be increased to \$600,000. The funds to cover the increase will come from the \$900,000 fund balance from the prior year.

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

Julianne Larsen, Brigham City – Ms. Larsen stated that she believes the fund balance should be budgeted and spent instead of being rolled over year to year and excess cash should be used for infrastructure and basic community projects.

DeAnna Hardy, County – Ms. Hardy stated that the government does not have any money but government keeps growing. She believes that the splash pad is not necessary and stated that the citizens did not get the opportunity to vote against it. She does not want to see the budget increased because it is taking money from citizens.

Heather Turner, Brigham City – Ms. Turner stated how grateful she is for the amenities that Brigham City has to offer. She moved back to Brigham City from Shanghai where there are 26 million people with no playgrounds in the parks and nothing for the children to do. Things like swimming and soccer are so expensive they could not participate. She stated how wonderful it is to have a library, parks and a soccer program and that the splash pad would mean so much to people like her who are on a lower income.

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

MOTION: A motion to approve the resolution adjusting the 2016-17 budget was made by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Bott.

A roll call vote was taken.

Councilmember Bott; aye
Councilmember Thompson; aye
Councilmember Peterson; aye
Councilmember Jensen; aye
Councilmember Farr; aye

The motion unanimously carried.

Transfer of Funds from Public Utility Fund and the Storm Drain Fund

Mr. Oyler came forward and stated that the new state law requires holding an enterprise fund public hearing separate from the general fund public hearing. The Mayor's tentative budget proposes a 15% transfer of public utility funds to the storm drain fund.

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

DeAnna Hardy, County – Ms. Hardy believes that the citizens are hurting because Brigham City keeps taking their money. She stated that the money should stay in the utility fund and not be transferred into other funds.

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

Councilmember Peterson said that he did see the notice on his utility bill and appreciated that.

Consideration of Resolution Approving the 2017-18 Budget

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

Teri Moore, Brigham City – Ms. Moore stated that it is now a state law that every park has to have a restroom. She thanked the City Council for their forward thinking, support and wisdom.

Julianne Larsen, Brigham City – Ms. Larsen stated that in the past Councilmembers said that there would be no more utility fund transfers. She asked the City Council to make good, wise financial decisions on behalf of the citizens.

DeAnna Hardy, County – Ms. Hardy stated that children do not need a splash pad because they can run through sprinklers at their own home where they will have a restroom. She believes that paying for things like the splash pad and pickleball is a burden on the citizens. She stated that it is morally wrong to raise the utility rates and use that money to pay for other projects.

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

Motion: Councilmember Thompson made a motion to approve the resolution for the 2017-2018 budget as presented which includes the transfer of funds from the public utility and storm drain funds.

Councilmember Peterson asked that the budget revisions presented by Mr. Oyler be included in the motion. Councilmember Thompson made a motion that the amendment be added. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bott.

Discussion: Councilmember Jensen reiterated that the Council take into consideration the silent majority and their concerns about the infrastructure and aging facilities. She felt that the City is doing quite a bit with recreation.

A roll call vote was taken.

Councilmember Farr; aye
Councilmember Jensen; aye
Councilmember Petersen; aye
Councilmember Thompson; aye
Councilmember Bott; aye

The motion unanimously carried.

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Small Business Development Center Report

Wendy English came to the table and reported that the Box Elder Business Summit in November had the highest attendance in Northern Utah with 150 people attending and 200 attending the lunch. She has over 300 clients who had a \$3,000,000 increase in sales and there was \$1,000,000 in new bank loans. They trained many Main Street businesses on using social media. They held consulting and management training and change management training for major Brigham City employers. They are working with an organization in Washington DC and a regulatory board in the State of Utah to start community based investing. They are creating funding opportunities for three small business start-ups. Ms. English thanked the Council for assisting in funding the SBDC. She stated that most businesses they helped last year had a 20% increase in revenue. She stated that the managers for the major Brigham City employers all live in North Ogden because there is nothing to do in Brigham City.

Rotary Club Annual Report

Ms. English thanked the City Council for their support of the splash pad. She reported that the Rotary was in charge of the beautification of the 1100 South Main entry, they painted the water tank at the golf course, did upgrades at Constitution Park which included the bowery, the picnic tables, painting the restrooms and annual cleanup. The Rotary Club volunteered at the Girls Club, the women's shelter, the soup kitchen, the food pantry and Peach Days. Other activities included the yearly distribution of dictionaries to all graders in Box Elder County and starting two youth interact service clubs.

Trails Task Force Report

Myllinda Mortensen came to the table and stated that the Task Force came up with a proposed loop which will get bikers and hikers on a dedicated path and will be safer for everyone. She displayed a map of the loop on the screen. She stated that the Weber Pathways representative came to one of the meetings and educated the Task Force on grants, processes and costs. The Task Force has a lot of support from the community and local businesses want to get involved through donations of time, manpower and money.

She stated that proposed Phase 1 is along 1100 South where there is a wide easement. There is UDOT support contingent on support from City officials. She asked City Council for their support.

Councilmember Jensen asked who would maintain the path. Ms. Mortensen stated that they are looking at the Boy Scouts, local businesses and the residents for maintenance donations and/or sponsorships. Area nurseries have expressed interest in landscaping and upkeep. Councilmember Jensen asked if any of the proposed pathways will encroach on private land. Ms. Mortensen stated that the pathway in other phases is yet to be determined and depends on the property owner's support.

Councilmember Thompson asked what the surface material would be. Ms. Mortensen stated it would be asphalt and similar to Legacy Trail. Councilmember Jensen asked where the funds for the asphalt would come from. Ms. Mortensen stated that the funding for the asphalt would be donated from local businesses and construction companies.

Councilmember Peterson stated that he walked the route and believes it is doable and thanked the Task Force for their work. He believes there will be some type of financial support from the City and they support applying for grant funding.

Ms. Mortensen asked the City Council if the Task Force needs to transition to a committee in order to represent the City and apply for grants. Mr. Larsen came to the table and asked if the City Council wants the Task Force to continue as a formal body and extension of the City as a committee. Mr. Roberts and Mayor Vincent felt that they are better suited to remain as a Task Force.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DeAnna Hardy, County – Ms. Hardy has researched the recycling program and feels that it is not profitable and makes people pay for an extra can that is taken to the landfill. She suggested the information go on the utility bill so that everyone has the opportunity to opt in or opt out. She stated that the Small Business Development Center is another program that is paid for by the citizens and feels that private sector should take care of their own matters; they should not come to government.

Brad Barber, Brigham City – Mr. Barber thanked the City Council for their work and stated there are always two sides to every story.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Farr attended a United Way meeting at the Academy Building. There were a lot of positive comments from people who live further south.

Councilmember Jensen stated that she attended a service for Colleen Bradford, a local artist and icon, who passed away. She attended a networking luncheon at the Sport Complex. She also participated in the interfaith concert and she went to the Orbital ATK abort motor test. She stated that the Boys and Girls Club luau is coming up on June 23rd.

Councilmember Peterson also attended the ATK event. He attended a Utopia board meeting and stated that net revenues continue to go up. He visited the skate park and talked to the kids and got some input on improvements. He also attended the interfaith concert.

Councilmember Thompson also attended the launch abort test. He stated that mosquito abatement did aerial spraying at the beginning of the season and it has been successful. He expressed thanks to the Youth City Council for their part in the Heritage Arts Festival.

Councilmember Bott asked if anyone attended the June 7th highway construction project meeting. Mayor Vincent said the meeting was attended and the issue is being worked through. He stated that he appreciates the road repairs and beautification efforts in the City.

Mayor Vincent stated that he visited the skate park as well and got feedback from the kids and discussed the vandalism with them. He attended the interfaith concert. He also attended the Heritage Arts Festival and Tour de Cure. He stated that the Farmer's Market is starting up again on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Ordinance Establishing Ambulance Supply Fees

Chief Bach came to the table and asked that Title 11 be amended to allow Brigham City to use the current allowable ambulance rates as adopted by the State of Utah Department of Health. This includes ambulance supply fees.

MOTION: A motion to adopt the ordinance establishing the ambulance supply fees was made by Councilmember Bott, seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

Discussion: Councilmember Peterson asked if this resolution was the most current referred to in Jeff Thorne's memorandum. The City Recorder confirmed that it was.

A roll call vote was taken.

Councilmember Farr; aye
Councilmember Jensen; aye
Councilmember Peterson; aye
Councilmember Thompson; aye
Councilmember Bott; aye

The motion unanimously carried.

Consideration of Resolution Establishing an Electric Rate Service Fee for Commercial Customers

Mr. Oyler came to the table and stated that the changes in the electric rate will be for Schedule 6, General Service commercial customers, and asked the City Council to implement the \$13.00 monthly customer service fee as recommended by the rate consultant. Other changes to Schedule 6 under energy charges will be the first 500 kWh from \$0.17600 down to \$0.12000; next 7,500 from \$0.07790 to \$0.08800; and over 8,000 will remain at \$0.05380. There is currently a 3-tier demand rate for Schedule 8 customers. This will be changed to one demand rate at \$11.00 per kWh. The charge for all kWhs in Schedule 8 will change from \$0.04250 to \$0.04450. Schedule 4, Security Area Lighting, will change as follows: 100 watt from \$15.91 to \$16.70; 150 watt from \$20.08 to \$21.00; 200 watt from \$23.32 to \$24.50; 250 watt from \$25.47 to \$26.75; and 400 watt from \$35.15 to \$36.90 per kWh.

Councilmember Peterson asked if going to LED lights for the security area lighting customers would lessen the load on the system and save money and time in maintenance and would allow for the adjustment of the rates. Mr. Burnett stated that with the investment grade energy audit, the Power Department is going to convert to LED. A cost comparison can be done as there are 100 watt customers with two years of metering history.

MOTION: Councilmember Peterson made a motion to approve the resolution establishing an electric rate service fee for commercial customers, seconded by Councilmember Bott.

Discussion: Councilmember Jensen stated that commercial users have complained to her that they cannot afford the rates. She felt that the City will not know the impact on the customers until after the new rates have been put into effect. Mr. Oyler stated that he took a 12-month history of every commercial customer and ran through the proposed changes assuming the same usage. There were a significant number of Schedule 6 customers that will see a decrease in their bill. There are a few that will see an increase based on the same usage. First tier customers had a significant decrease even with the \$13.00 per month customer service charge. Mr. Roberts added that the low users had decreases and the high users had increases. Mr. Burnett stated that the rate consultant completed a comparative study with Rocky Mountain Power and the Brigham City proposed rates came in under Rocky Mountain Power rates.

A roll call vote was taken.

Councilmember Bott; aye
Councilmember Thompson; aye
Councilmember Peterson; aye
Councilmember Jensen; aye
Councilmember Farr; aye

A motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of property was made by Councilmember Bott and seconded by Councilmember Thompson. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers voting aye. The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 8:43 p.m.

The Council returned to an open meeting at 9:03 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 June 15, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2017

Mary Kate Christensen
Mary Kate Christensen, Recorder