

**Tooele City Council
Work & RDA Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Tooele City Hall, Council Chambers
90 North Main Street, Tooele, Utah

City Council Members Present:

Tony Graf
Melodi Gochis
Ed Hansen
Justin Brady
Maresa Manzione

City Employees Present:

Mayor Debbie Winn
Jim Bolser, Community Development Director
Darwin Cook, Parks and Recreation Director
Roger Baker, City Attorney
Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director
Steve Evans, Public Works Director
Michelle Pitt, City Recorder
Cylee Pressley, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes prepared by Kelly Odermott

Chairwoman Gochis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Open City Council Meeting

2. Roll Call

Tony Graf, Present
Melodi Gochis, Present
Ed Hansen, Present
Justin Brady, Present
Maresa Manzione, Present

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Winn stated a statue at veterans Park will be dedicated on Memorial Day. She stated that Layton City has done a statue and it has been dedicated to the tracker dogs in Vietnam. She stated the swimming pool project has been completed and is back up and running. A couple of

days after it was open, the Health Department visited and approved the health concern with the prior filters. The City is proceeding with the annual 4th of July events. There are several projects that are out to bid after Council approval, including England Acres Phase 2 Playground equipment and enclosure, 2021 Slurry Seal, Vine Street Storm Drain, Skyline Roadway Improvement project. She thanked all the Department heads for submitted budgets and know the staff is meeting with each department to go over the details.

4. Council Member's Reports

Council Member Manzione stated she attended the Planning Commission, RDA Executive Meeting and a ribbon cutting.

Council Member Graf stated he attended the ribbon cutting. He interacted with a citizen who reached out to see how she could volunteer in the City.

Council Member Brady stated that he attended the RDA Executive Meeting. He had a citizen reach out to him with a question about the pickleball courts being closed. Mr. Cook, Parks Director stated that it is a restroom issue, as the City tries to not encourage recreation at the park unless there is a restroom facility. That is being worked on and should be open within the next week.

Council Member Hansen stated he attended the Planning Commission meeting.

Chairwoman Gochis stated she attended the Planning Commission through Facebook live. She attended the Tooele City Staff meeting, and the local officials covid update, which reported Tooele County has moved to a moderate transmission level. Approximately 10% of the community has been vaccinated and it is recommended by the CDC to continue wearing masks. On April 1st, all individuals will be eligible to receive the vaccination. Chairwoman Gochis stated she attended the Tooele City Arts Commission meeting and moving forward with Fridays on Vine starting June 4th, and the Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual barbeque on the 4th as well. She stated that on May 1st, the Elks will be holding a Memorial Day program, which will be held at Veterans Memorial Park. She encouraged local residents to tune in to the local Arts Council YouTube to get to know local artists. She attended a ribbon cutting for Allen's Floor Covering. The target date for the release of the 2020 Census apportionment count will be April 30, 2021.

5. Preliminary Labor Cost Projections for FY22 Budget

Presented by Kami Perkins, Human Resource Director

Ms. Perkins stated she received a phone call earlier in the afternoon and the 4th of July float for the parade is done. She stated she was asked to give a preview of the preliminary labor costs.

She gave a brief review of compensation types, procedures, and benefits and then gave projections for FY 2022. She stated that the benefits projections can change quickly and were run as of March 4th. The HR department tries to do a market study every two years for the jobs. Some of those adjustments were put on hold with Covid, but will be coming forth for approval. Ms. Perkins gave background to the projections, which included, benefit adjustments, cost of living, changes in number of city employees, and other factors. The City is planning to bring a 1.2% cost of living adjustment for approval and it is included in the projections. The benefit costs come in last week of March or early April, there is an anticipated increase in Workers Compensation due to a surcharge, with some bad years. The Utah Retirement System can affect the pay and will come out at a later date with anticipated being stable. The health insurance is projected to be 7.5% and is an increase of \$155,000 more per year. The projected pay is almost half a million dollars without new positions or wish lists by department heads. The leap year will catch up to the budget year in 2023 and that will have 27 pay periods instead of 26 periods. There have been discussions to have that amount allocated in 2022 to be ready for the 2023 year.

Chairwoman Gochis thanked, Ms. Perkins for the information.

6. Closed Meeting

The motion to close to closed meeting was made by Council Member Manzione. Seconded by Council Member Brady. The meeting moved to closed session at 6:06pm.

Closed Session attendees; Mayor Debbie Winn, Chairwoman Gochis, Council Member Hansen, Council Member Brady, Council Member Manzione, Council Member Graf, Matt Johnson, Assistant City Attorney, Michelle Pitt, City Recorder, Jim Bolser, Community Development Director, Jared Stewart, Economic Development Coordinator, Paul Hansen, City Engineer, and Shilo Baker, Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Chairwoman Gochis recessed the closed meeting at 6:55pm.

Chairwoman Gochis recovered the closed session at 8:07pm.

Closed Session attendees: Mayor Debbie Winn, Chairwoman Gochis, Council Member Hansen, Council Member Brady, Council Member Manzione, Council Member Graf, Matt Johnson, Assistant City Attorney, Michelle Pitt, City Recorder, Jim Bolser, Community Development Director, and Paul Hansen, City Engineer.

All City staff were excused from the closed session at 8:30pm for Council to discuss a personnel issue. Chairwoman Gochis adjourned the closed session at 8:52pm.

7. Adjourn

Chairwoman Gochis adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

Approved this 7th day of April, 2021

Melodi Gochis, Tooele City Council Chair