

**Tooele City Council and the  
Redevelopment Agency of Tooele City  
Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** Tooele City Hall, Large Conference Room  
90 North Main Street, Tooele, Utah

**City Council Members Present:**

Melodi Gochis, Chair

Justin Brady

Ed Hansen

Tony Graf

Maresa Manzione

**City Employees Present:**

Mayor Debbie Winn

Roger Baker, City Attorney

Michelle Pitt, City Recorder

Jim Bolser, Community Development Director

Jared Stewart, Economic Development Administrator

Shilo Baker, Executive Staff Assistant

Minutes prepared by Michelle Pitt

**1. Open Meeting**

Chairwoman Gochis opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Melodi Gochis, Present

Ed Hansen, Present

Justin Brady, Present

Tony Graf, Present at 5:41 p.m.

Maresa Manzione, Present

**3. Ratification of Tooele City Fireworks Restrictions**

Mayor Winn stated that State Code was recently changed about who can determine whether or

not fireworks are allowed. The Fire Code Official, who is our Fire Chief Chris Shubert, determines if there are conditions that would necessitate banning flammable things such as fireworks, lanterns, campfires, etc. Mayor Winn indicated she and Chief Shubert are hesitant to ban fireworks city-wide because it is hard to enforce, and it's hard to locate who is lighting them. Mayor Winn and Chief Shubert agree that fireworks will be allowed in the areas indicated on the map (attached). The Mayor added that State Code states that the Fire Official makes this determination and then brings it to the legislative body. Administration is asking the Council to ratify the Tooele City Fireworks Information and map. The Information and map will be on the City's website, social media, and in the newspaper. The Information asks people to watch the professional fireworks show instead of doing their own. If citizens choose to do their own fireworks, they are to refer to the map, and to not discharge fireworks in the areas marked in red or at any city part except the Dow James Park.

Council Member Hansen pointed out that the Information needs to be amended to say the time frame for discharge is until July 5<sup>th</sup>, instead of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

At this point, Council Member Graf joined the meeting.

Mayor Winn stated that she is hoping that people will be reasonable and follow the informational statement about fireworks. The City will prosecute people if they are found to be in violation. As long as people are lighting legal fireworks, they are allowed, in the areas designated on the map.

Shilo Baker added that signs will be placed at Skyline Drive, Droubay Road near the Carr Fork Subdivision, Utah Avenue at about 1000 West, and at the mouth of Settlement Canyon that say no fireworks are allowed. The sign at Settlement Canyon will also include that no campfires are allowed.

Mayor Winn indicated that firefighters are allowed to confiscate illegal fireworks. The Fire Chief is meeting with firefighters tonight to make sure they are aware of the Information. They will call dispatch if they need help enforcing the rules.

**A motion to ratify the Tooele City fireworks restrictions** was made by Council Member Graf. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Graf "Aye," Council Member Hansen "Aye," Council Member Manzione "Aye," Council Member Brady "Aye," and Chairwoman Gochis "Aye."

#### **4. Closed Meeting to Discuss Litigation, Property Acquisition, and/or Personnel**

**A motion to close** the meeting was made by Council Member Hansen. Council Member Manzione seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Graf "Aye," Council Member Hansen "Aye," Council Member Manzione "Aye," Council Member Brady "Aye," and Chairwoman Gochis "Aye."

The meeting closed at 5:47 p.m.

Those in attendance during the closed meeting: Mayor Debbie Winn, Council Member Graf, Council Member Hansen, Council Member Manzione, Council Member Brady, Chairwoman Gochis, Roger Baker, Michelle Pitt, Jim Bolser, Shilo Baker and Jared Stewart.

**5. Adjourn**

**Chairwoman Gochis adjourned** the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

*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 <sup>21<sup>st</sup></sup>~~7<sup>th</sup>~~ day of July, 2021

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Melodi Gochis, Tooele City Council Chair