

## Tooele City Council Work Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, July 21, 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

Paul Hansen, Tooele Engineer

Michelle Pitt, City Recorder

Cylee Pressley, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes prepared by Katherin Yei

### **1. Open City Council Meeting**

Chairwoman Gochis called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

Melodi Gochis, Present

Ed Hansen, Present

Justin Brady, Present

Maresa Manzione, Present

Tony Graf, Arrived at 5:35pm

### **3. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Winn stated she attended the Change of Command with Dugway Proving Ground and shared her appreciation for the staff and their dedication to the City. She stated there is a section of Seventh Street that is a narrow strip of road way that is out for bid and will be finished soon. She stated her gratitude for Cylee Pressley, whom will be leaving the City to join the County. She stated the position of Deputy City Recorder will become full time with additional responsibilities within the Recorder's Office and a Clerk within the Fire Department. She stated there would be a budget change of approximately \$40,000.

Council Member Graf stated he would need some time to think about it.  
Council Member Hansen stated they need time to figure out the budget and additional duties.  
Council Member Brady supports the position becoming full time.  
Council Member Manzione stated they know what work needs to be done within the office and supports their decision.  
Chairman Gochis stated she also supports the position becoming full time.

Mayor Winn stated they will get additional information to the Council about the budget and changes soon.

#### **4. Council Member's Report**

Council Member Manzione stated she attended the Change of Command, met with some developers, attended the RDA meeting, and gave a shout out to the retirees.

Council Member Hansen stated he attended the Planning Commission meeting, Railroad Museum board meeting where there is a racoon and cat problem, and attended the community resource center project. He stated he received an inquiry about seventh south road, and an inquiry about the change in online payments for their water bills. He asked if there is still a way to pay online.

Mayor Winn stated they can still pay online. It is through a different company now.

Council Member Brady stated there is a way to do it online because he has done it and received a statement on his water bill alerting him of the changes.

Council Member Manzione stated she received a statement as well with the changes.

Council Member Brady stated he met with some developers and attended the RDA meeting. He stated a citizen reached out asking about a dog park in Tooele City.

Mayor Winn stated they planned to put a dog park at England Acres.

Council Member Graf stated he attended the Arts Council Meeting. He stated he was contacted by a citizen who asked if the City works with other cities and towns. He stated the City reaches out and work with other Cities when they are able to.

Chairman Gochis stated she attended WSRP meeting where the City has hired someone to do phased audits, attended the open house for employees that have retired, attended the Arts Council Meeting, attended Friday Nights on Vine, farewell luncheon for the Dugway Proving Ground Change of Command, and attended the planning meeting for 911 memorial event with fireworks and patriotic report.

#### **5. Zone Change & the Effect of taxes**

*Presented by Jake Parkinson, County Assessor's Office*

Mr. Jake Parkinson gave a handout to the City Council.

Mr. Parkinson stated the value of property is supposed to match the market value on January first. He stated confusion happens when the citizens receive their notices and it shows a different value. He stated in Utah there is a primary resident exemption; anything that qualifies there is 45% reduction between the taxable amount and the market price. He stated general commercial on Main Street is where most of the value is.

Council Member Hansen stated on Main Street and off Main Street the rate would be the same. He asked if that is dependent on the business?

Mr. Parkinson stated it depends on the business. He stated it is dependent on use then it is on zoning.

Chairman Gochis stated they also consider sales tax.

Mr. Parkinson stated there is a lot of revenue the City can consider.

## **6. County Trails**

*Presented by Darwin Cook, Parks & Recreation Director*

Mr. Cook stated he has been attending the Tooele County trails meetings. He stated he had Leland Roberts to lead the discussion and get the collaboration going. He stated once they get the City's thoughts they will bring back a formal proposal.

Mr. Roberts stated he is the Chairman for the Tooele City Trails Council and President of Mountain Bike Club in Tooele County. He stated there are 6,000 riders registered with a great benefit to the City with races bringing in revenue. He stated they are looking to connect with the Wigwam to the existing trails in Settlement Canyon with maintenance on those trails being done by a committee within the community. He stated there is potential to expand to the east side with potential of a bike park.

Chairman Gochis asked if this project is needing to be funded by the City.

Mr. Roberts stated they will need funding to connect the trails, but are reaching out to multiple entities including the County and looking for grants.

Council Member Manzione stated she likes the idea and asked about the money.

Mr. Roberts stated it should not cost a lot of money for the connecting trails, but they are working on grants.

Council Member Brady asked where the trail would go from the Wigwam because the dam is there.

Mr. Roberts stated the dam is there but they have a conceptual idea, they would connect the one area to connect to dam and a spot going up the canyon.

## **7. Closed Meeting - Litigation, Property Acquisition, and/or Personnel**

**Council Member Graf motioned to move to a closed meeting.** Council Member Manzione seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hansen, “Aye,” Council Member Graf, “Aye,” Council Member Brady, “Aye,” Council Member Manzione, “Aye”, Chairwoman Gochis, “Aye.” The motion passed

**8. Adjourn**

**Chairwoman Gochis adjourned the meeting at 6:11 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 \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2021

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Melodi Gochis, City Council Chairwoman