

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
May 15, 2018
5:00 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Lynn Walker
Todd Williams

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Denise Roy, Finance Director
Deon Giles, Parks and Recreation Director
Mike Smith, Police Chief
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director
Barbara Johnson, Building Tech
Drew Engemann, Assistant Fire Chief
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Sheri Britsch, Library Director

Excused: Kathy Kresser, City Recorder, Marty Beaumont, Public Works Director/City Engineer

The City Council and staff met in the Library, Main Level, at 30 E Center Street.

5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION

a) City Council and Staff will Review and Discuss Items on the Agenda.

Administrator Darrington briefly spoke about the presentations that would be given during the meeting, including a presentation by the Library Director during the open session. The City Council would be making a decision on a resolution that was put together by the Utah League of Cities and Towns that would essentially encourage the County to enact a 0.25% sales tax for transportation funding in Utah County. A few years ago, the State Legislature passed HB 362 which allowed counties to put on the ballot a 0.25% sales tax for transportation funding. Cities would get a portion of that revenue. Staff estimated that Pleasant Grove would gather about \$485,000 annually, which would be utilized for road maintenance. Utah County placed the tax on the ballot and it was voted down. Earlier in the year, the State Legislature passed a new bill, SB 136, that would incentivize counties to adopt the 0.25% sales tax, of which UTA would get a portion. If the counties enact the tax this year, they will receive all of the funds the first year.

Mayor Fugal reported that there were no comments from the Utah County Commissioners at the last MAG meeting.

Administrator Darrington stated that the County would receive \$22 million for road funding if they enact the tax this year. If they chose to enact the tax next year, they would only receive 20% of that, with 40% going to the cities and 40% to UTA.

NOTE: Council Member LeMone arrived at 5:08 p.m.

Administrator Darrington explained that if the County chooses to not enact the tax this year or next year, then the cities will have the option to enact the tax the following year. In that case, Pleasant Grove would receive \$600,000 annually, and the County would not receive any funds.

Council Member Andersen stated that Orem's mayor would be encouraging their Council not to adopt the resolution because they would get a lot more money from the tax if they wait on the County.

Administrator Darrington assumed that if the County does not enact the tax this year, they probably will not do it next year either because there was no incentive to do so. He noted that if the cities did not enact the tax the third year, the State would do it in the fourth year. In that case, the cities would not receive any percentage of the funding.

Administrator Darrington reported on the "Our Schools Now" ballot initiative that would be up for a vote this year. If that were voted in, the City could expect another \$400,000 in Class C Road Fund money.

b) Discussion and Direction on Possible Parks and Recreation Funding.

Administrator Darrington explained that the City Council had asked for some information on increasing Parks and Recreation Funding, and one of the mechanisms to accomplish that was to implement a Parks and Recreation tax of \$.01 for every \$10 of sales tax. The City has the authority to enact the tax if the County has not enacted it. This tax would give Pleasant Grove roughly \$325,000 annually, as they stand currently in sales revenue. As sales increase, that revenue will increase. Typically, when cities enact this tax, they have a plan in place for new facilities, so that the residents know that the increase will not simply go toward maintenance costs. He reminded the Council that any new facility would have ongoing operational costs. To get this going, the City would have to send a letter of intention to the County. Staff would also start putting together a list of capital projects that funds could be used for.

Attorney Petersen clarified that they need to send a letter to the County at least 60 days before the ballot. She recommended that they write the letter as soon as possible so that the County has a chance to get back to them in time for the City to start campaigning. Legally, they are required to give notice to residents at least 75 days before the election.

Council Member Williams asked what would happen if the County later decides to enact their own tax, and if the cities that had already enacted the tax would be grandfathered in. Attorney Peterson was unsure, but indicated that she would research the issue.

Administrator Darrington reported that Orem, Provo, Cedar Hills, Lindon, and American Fork had already implemented the tax. Council Member Andersen was interested in knowing the bond language used by other cities. Administrator Darrington stated that Orem structured the tax so that half of the money went to the arts and the other half went to Parks and Recreation. Highland doesn't have many art programs, so that would not be necessary. The Council should have a discussion on how the funds should be allocated and what projects they would like to fund. There was also the option to bond for a large amount to get some projects done immediately and use the tax money to repay the bond.

Council Member Andersen suggested putting together a focus group to explore potential Parks and Recreation projects.

The City Council was in favor of staff drafting and sending a letter of intention to the County.

c) Staff Business.

Library Director, Sheri Britsch, reported on the air conditioning in the Library, and a piece of art that she had acquired.

Police Chief, Mike Smith, stated that there would be a meet-and-greet with Purple Turtle between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. the following day. They would be serving donut hamburgers.

Council Member LeMone reported that she had participated in the fitness test the previous week.

Assistant Fire Chief, Drew Engemann, reported that they would be working with Smiths to have the Firemen's Breakfast in their parking lot. Council Member LeMone stated that the *Strawberry Days* magazine listed the breakfast as being held at the current fire station. Mr. Engemann reported that he would let them know as soon as possible.

Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas, stated that an open-house-style breakfast was scheduled for the following day at Urban Grove at 10:00 a.m. He reported that Iceberg had formally submitted their plans, and staff was reviewing them.

Attorney Petersen reported that Pleasant Grove and Lindon City received a grant from the Indigent Defense Commission in the amount of \$82,000. Pleasant Grove's portion was \$42,500. That money would be used to help fund the Public Defender. The grant was good for one year and the funds would be reimbursed to the City quarterly.

Mayor Fugal asked who planned to attend the Valley Visioning event on May 22. Council Member LeMone volunteered. Mayor Fugal also received a card from the PG Players thanking the City Council for their support.

ACTION: Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the Work Session. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous consent of the Council at 5:54 p.m.

ADJOURN

ACTION: Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn. Council Member Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous consent of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The minutes of March 6, 2018 City Council Work Session were approved by the City Council on June 5, 2018.

Kathy T. Kresser, City Recorder, MMC

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