

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
June 12, 2018
5:00 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Cyd LeMone
Dianna Andersen (arrived at 5: 17 p.m.)
Eric Jensen
Lynn Walker

Excused: Todd Williams

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Denise Roy, Finance Director
Marty Beaumont, Public Works Director
Deon Giles, Parks and Recreation Director
Mike Smith, Police Chief
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director
Dave Thomas, Fire Chief
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Sheri Britsch, Library Director

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

5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION

a) Recognition of Pleasant Grove High School Boys Soccer Team as State Champions.

The City Council watched a short video recognizing the Boys Soccer Team and asked the Coach to speak about their success. The Coach thanked the City and community for their support and stated that the Police and Fire escort after their championship game was unforgettable. He was proud of the players for their hard work and dedication. Each team member present introduced himself to the Council.

b) Utah County OUTRAGE Program Presentation.

Darlene Monk introduced herself as the youth leader of OUTRAGE, an anti-tobacco group that stands up to big tobacco companies. Their purpose is to reduce substance abuse among children

and youth through advocacy and education. The group has worked to get to know State Legislators, but they have not done much to get to know local leaders. She gave the City Council and Mayor a paper survey so that OUTRAGE can better understand the concerns facing Pleasant Grove City. There was also an electronic version of the survey made available.

Council Member LeMone asked what would be done with the survey results. Sarah Simons, with OUTREACH, explained that they would analyze the answers and determine where their biggest concerns are. If there was a general concern across Utah County, then they would focus on addressing that concern and find ways for the youth group to help. If the concerns varied by city, they would address those concerns with each City Council.

c) Discussion on Removal and Maintenance of Medians on Pleasant Grove Boulevard.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, reported that they are facing two separate issues with the medians along Pleasant Grove Boulevard. The first came from an information request from a property owner who had a desire to develop their property commercially. The Osmonds, owners of the property, expressed a concern that retail uses would not want to come into the property with the medians there because they will impede access. Administrator Darrington presented an aerial map of the area and identified the subject property and medians along Pleasant Grove Boulevard that they wished to remove. When staff was approached, Administrator Darrington informed the Osmonds that the City Council would be more willing to remove medians for some uses than others. The Osmonds had been speaking with a hotel group about potential development, but they would not come in if the median was there. Administrator Darrington suggested that staff create a list of acceptable retail uses that would warrant median removal so that he could better address this concern with future developers. He confirmed that they would do a traffic analysis before considering removal of the medians, because they do not want to encounter any unintended consequences.

There was brief discussion about an acceptable distance between access points along Pleasant Grove Boulevard.

Administrator Darrington explained that the second point of discussion pertained to the maintenance of medians. He and Deon Giles had visited and taken note of the condition of the medians owned by UDOT and the ones owned by Pleasant Grove City, and they found that the City's medians were very unattractive. Currently, they have one employee trying to maintain medians, but he also has other responsibilities in the City. During the summer months, they have four or five seasonal employees to help with maintenance, but by the time they get out there, the weeds are already out of control. Staff discussed possibly contracting out the maintenance of the medians to free up City employees for other duties. Administrator Darrington commented that it is really a question of what level of service the City wants to provide, and how much money they wanted to put into it. He commented that the condition of the medians goes beyond weeding and pruning. The medians on Pleasant Grove Boulevard are at least 10 years old and they need to be refurbished. He suggested thinning out some of the plants or xeriscaping with a few trees. The estimated annual cost of outsourcing the maintenance would be approximately \$100,000. Currently, there is not enough money to cover this expense in the budget the Council would adopt

tonight, but they could address the issue again in January and amend the budget to meet this need. Administrator Darrington suggested outsourcing maintenance from March to June, and then allow seasonal employees to take care of the medians for the remainder of the summer. Another option was to hire another employee to handle the medians.

Council Member Jensen liked the idea of thinning out the plants in the medians and keeping the landscaping simple. Administrator Darrington stated that it could be considered a capital project.

Council Member Andersen wanted to be sure that any median they redo would not be removed later. Administrator Darrington confirmed that staff would put a plan together to address the medians. He would bring the plan back to the Council in January for further consideration.

d) City Council and Staff Will Review and Discuss Items on the Agenda.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, briefly addressed a few of the items on the agenda.

ACTION: Council Member Andersen moved to adjourn the Work Session. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous consent of the Council at 5:56 p.m.

The City Council Work Session Minutes of June 12, 2018 were approved by the City Council on July 3, 2018.

Kathy T. Kresser, City Recorder

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