

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
September 3, 2019
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen (arrived at 4:39 p.m.)
Eric Jensen
Lynn Walker
Cyd LeMone

Todd Williams

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director
Deon Giles, Parks Director
Tyler Wilkins, Recreation Director
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder
Marty Beaumont, Public Works Director
Kyler Ludwig, Assistant City Administrator
Sheri Britsch, Library Director
Dave Thomas, Fire Chief
Shawn Nielson, Lieutenant

The City Council and staff met in the Community Room, 108 South 100 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

1) UTA Update. *Presenter: Kent Millington*

Kent Millington identified himself as a member of the UTA Board representing Utah County. The other two members of the Board were Carlton Christensen and Beth Holbrook. The Board is responsible for all UTA operations. They recently hired Carolyn Ganot from the Valley Transit Authority in California who brought a wealth of experience with her.

Mr. Millington reported on the success of the Utah Valley Express (UVX) that was instituted about one year ago. Since the program began, they had served over 2.5 million riders, averaging over 10,000 riders a day when college classes were in session. Both BYU and UVU reported a drop-in parking pass purchases and there were a lot of available parking spaces every day. Both schools sold about 1,000 fewer passes than in previous years. UTA was in discussions with Weber State University and Ogden City about providing bus rapid transit as well. Mr. Millington stated that

UTA also implemented a new transit circuit around Thanksgiving Point from the FrontRunner Station in Lehi. They were looking into a bus rapid transit on State Street that would run from the Provo FrontRunner Station to the Lehi FrontRunner station. They were currently bussing about 2,500 people per day along State Street. Mr. Millington invited the City Council to contact him with any information about transit in their City.

Mayor Fugal reported that the UVX had made a large positive impact on the schools. He stated that doTERRA expressed a desire for bus service for their employees from the FrontRunner Station in Pleasant Grove. Mr. Millington stated that he would speak with the appropriate people about that. UTA currently provided a similar service for Young Living.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington indicated that they would be interested in getting a bus route down Pleasant Grove Boulevard that circles around to North County Boulevard. There was a lot of development occurring in the area with doTERRA and the St. John Properties developments, and they should start looking into transit now.

Council Member Andersen asked if there was a way to collect data on where Pleasant Grove residents go when they have transit. It would be nice to know where they need more transit or new routes. Mr. Millington commented that they would not be able to track people but they could work together on a survey to determine where citizens are going or want to go.

2) Rebels for Change. Presenter: Tami Diaz

Administrator Darrington stated that the City was contacted by a group called Rebels for Change, and they asked to come and present to the City Council.

Will Beck explained that everyone present from the organization were students at Columbine High School and wanted to share their stories. The purpose of their organization was to reach out to schools, police departments, and cities to encourage them to be aware of the potential for school shootings or other incidences. They want communities to be safe and prepared. Mr. Beck shared his experience from the shooting on April 20, 1999.

Laura Hall currently lives in Eagle Mountain and has four children. Utah is a pretty safe place, but that does not mean that they are exempt from something like this happening. Changes need to be made to make schools safer and Rebels for Change was a resource. She shared her experience from the shooting at Columbine.

Kari Bryant also shared her story. Although she wasn't at school the day of the incident, she saw the effect the shooting had on the community. She encouraged a greater awareness of potential threats in the community and suggested there be programs in place to handle situations that may arise.

Mayor Fugal remarked that the shooting at Columbine High School was a turning point in the nation. Even over the last year, there have been several similar incidences. He thanked Mr. Beck, Ms. Hall, and Ms. Bryant for sharing their experiences.

Council Member LeMone wanted to stay in contact with the organization to discuss things that the community can do to be better prepared. They provided their contact and website information.

3) Discussion on Curbside Recycling Agreement.

Administrator Darrington reported that staff had been working with Reece DeMille with Republic Services over the past few months to come up with a solution to current recycling problems, and an extension of the agreement for solid waste collection. After much back and forth, they came to a solution that staff felt good about. Administrator Darrington noted that the Council would only be discussing the agreement tonight and no action would be taken. Originally, they proposed an increase of \$0.80 per can per month for residents who participate in the recycling program that would be implemented on September 1, 2019. They negotiated to \$0.73 per can per month with that charge starting on January 1, 2020. The Council would eventually need to have discussion on whether to pass the increase on to the residents immediately or wait until the start of the next fiscal year. The City has reserve funds that could potentially bridge the gap if they wait but they do not have enough to cover the cost indefinitely. Currently, the disposal fee for recycling is \$90 per ton. If that price continues to increase, \$.01 would be added to the cost per can for every \$1.00 increase. Similarly, if the cost of disposal decreases, the cost per can would decrease by \$.01 for every \$1.00. The agreement would also include a clause that would change the cost per can if a lot of people choose to opt out of the program. There was also an annual escalator of 3%.

Council Member LeMone asked how often they would assess the disposal fee and change the cost per can. Reece DeMille stated that it would be assessed annually. They would take the average cost of disposal over one-year period.

Administrator Darrington explained that if the Council was amenable to the terms, staff would have the agreement set up to be adopted at the next City Council Meeting. They would discuss passing the cost through to the residents sometime in November.

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

Administrator Darrington briefly reviewed the items on the agenda.

5) Staff Business.

ACTION: Council Member Williams moved to adjourn the work session at 5:35 p.m. Council Member Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Work Session Minutes of September 3, 2019 were approved by the City Council on October 1, 2019

Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder

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