

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
November 19, 2019
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Lynn Walker
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
Mike Roberts, Police Chief
Dave Thomas, Fire Chief

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

4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

1) Communities that Care Discussion – Presenter: Heather Lewis.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington reported that there had been discussion about the Community that Cares program during the previous work session. Heather Lewis was present to provide additional details about the program and answer questions from the Council.

Ms. Lewis stated that Community that Cares serves as a framework that has been researched and evaluated nationwide for over 30 years. She provided research articles to share with the Council. She recently discovered that Community that Cares was reaching out internationally as well. The first phase of the five-phase program was to hire a Coordinator and create a coalition comprised of community members. The members will bring their knowledge of the resources that are

currently available in Pleasant Grove and determine the most significant issues facing the community.

The reason the Coordinator was a City employee rather than a County employee because it was determined that a resident of Pleasant Grove would have more passion for the program than a resident of another community. The County will fully fund the employee for the first year and then provide a portion of their pay each year after that. The County will also support the Coordinator and walk them through the five-phase program. Ms. Lewis provided written information regarding the Coordinator's responsibilities in other communities.

Council Member LeMone asked about the length of the contract. Ms. Lewis stated that it is an annual contract. The program took time to show results so she encouraged the City to give it time. Council Member LeMone asked if there was an opt-out option in the contract. City Attorney, Tina Petersen confirmed that there was.

Council Member LeMone asked what other cities in the County are participating in the program. Ms. Lewis reported that Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs have a joint program, and Provo and American Fork have their own programs. There is also a joint program with Payson, Santaquin, and Goshen that had been in existence for nearly nine years.

With regarding to funding, Ms. Lewis stated that the County's portion would always be a certain amount. The County will provide \$16,000 and the City will provide a \$10,000 match. The organization that funded Communities that Care will also contribute \$10,000 per year for the first three years. Communities that Care will fund travel and training expenses for the Coordinator as well. Administrator Darrington stated that ultimately the City will determine the Coordinator's pay. They could spend more than the \$10,000 if they chose to. Ms. Lewis was not aware of what other cities were paying their Coordinator but most work around 20 hours per week.

Council Member LeMone stated that there are many different boards and organizations in Pleasant Grove with similar interests. She asked if the objective of the program was to bring those organizations together. Ms. Lewis explained that this has been done in other cities. The board will look at what exists and help fill in the gaps.

Mayor Fugal suggested looking into a partnership with Lindon City. The Council agreed to move forward with an interlocal agreement.

2) Discussion on Deer Mitigation– Presenter: Administrator Darrington.

Administrator Darrington reported that staff submitted the Certificate of Registration with the Division of Wildlife. The next step in the process is for the City to create a Deer Mitigation Plan. Rod Nielson and Heber Checker from the Division of Wildlife Resources were introduced.

Rod Nielson reported that he was filling in for Wes Alexander, who had been the City's contact in this process. Their application for the Certificate of Registration had been approved and the Council would now have to decide how the program will run in Pleasant Grove. With lethal

removal, they have the option of using archery or “bait and trap” with on-site euthanasia. Once the City has developed its plan, the involvement of the Division would be minimal. They would require annual reports and various samples.

Administrator Darrington reported that American Fork adopted their plan one or two years ago, and Lindon adopted their plan about six months ago. He requested copies of both plans for the Council to consider. American Fork chose the archery option and Lindon opted for “bait and trap”. Both cities use a third party, Humphries, for deer removal and there is a cost associated with both options. Administrator Darrington had had an initial discussion with Humphries, but they needed a control plan before they contract with anyone.

The City will be required to hold a public hearing on the control plan before it is adopted. He noted that the only time they will be allowed to do this type of mitigation is between August 1 and December 31, and those dates were set by the Big Game Board. Since they missed their window for this year, Administrator Darrington put the date of August 1, 2020 on the Certificate of Registration. This would be for a term of three years.

The Council requested that staff prepare cost estimates for each option and invite the representative from Humphries to come and speak with the Council. Administrator Darrington noted that Lindon offered residents the option of putting traps on their own property, at their expense. Mr. Nielsen reported that not every city contracts with a third party for deer removal. Some choose to execute the mitigation plan with their police force and/or animal services.

3) Report on Density and Density Map – *Presenter: Director Cardenas.*

Administrator Darrington reported that the previous Community Development Director prepared a report showing the percentages of residential units in Pleasant Grove City. At the time, the housing stock was 32% multi-family. Staff was asked to collect recent data and come up with a current percentage. The Council also requested that staff prepare a zoning map showing properties where developers had inquired about multi-family.

Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas created a model that could calculate the percentage of multi-family units, and easily be updated regularly. The current percentage of multi-family units was 36% of the livable units in Pleasant Grove. The number of single-family homes was difficult to calculate but they would have more accurate numbers with the 2020 census. The number of registered accessory apartments in the City was 237.

Director Cardenas presented the zoning map showing where high-density housing is located and vacant properties that could be developed residentially. The City had been successful in keeping higher densities near commercial areas and everything north of 3300 North as single-family residential.

Council Member Andersen requested that they have a discussion about a transitional zone in the Downtown Village area at some point.

Administrator Darrington reported that the properties in yellow are already zoned for multi-family housing. The Proctor Property was zoned mixed housing with a maximum density of 12 units per acre. The family requested that the zoning remain residential rather than rezoned to commercial. Properties shown in green were those that staff had received inquiries about higher density projects but they were not zoned for such. Staff sought direction from the Council as to whether to consider rezones on the properties. The discussion was to continue at the end of the regular session.

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

5) Staff Business.

6) Adjournment.

ACTION: Council Member Williams moved to adjourn the work session at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Work Session Minutes of November 19, 2019, were approved by the City Council on January 7, 2020.

Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder

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