

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
November 15, 2012**

PRESENT:	Dennis Fife	Mayor
	Scott Ericson	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Brian Rex	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember
	Tyler Vincent	Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:	Rick Bosworth	Human Resource Coordinator
	Jim Buchanan	Emergency Services Director
	Dave Burnett	Public Power Director
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Jared Johnson	Community Development Manager
	Paul Larsen	Director of Community & Economic Development
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	Finance Director
	Paul Tittensor	Police Chief

Mayor Fife called the meeting to order. The Reverence Period was given by Bishop Ernie Anderson of the LDS 24th Ward. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2012 Work Session and November 1, 2012 Work Session and regular Council meeting was made by Councilmember Vincent, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously approved as distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DeAnna Hardy, Corinne – Ms. Hardy said she found it troubling that the Council approved a business loan for a local business. This is taking money from taxpayers and putting it into an account and picking and choosing which businesses to loan money to. She did not feel this was the proper role of government. It is socialism. She was also disappointed that the Council passed the RDA resolution to build a \$15 million USU Extension. This is again taking taxpayers money and putting it into an account and then the Council picking and choosing to grow and spend more money and making the government bigger. We need to think of the consequences of private citizens. It will take more money out of their pockets which means they have less to live on. She asked the Council to strive to help the private citizen because since she has been involved in government and looking more at what is happening, she has found that the government worker gets all the attention where the private citizen gets taken out of the system and taxed more. No one is sticking up for the private citizen. She asked the Council to reconsider what they are doing because the Bush tax cuts will expire in January, which will put a heavy burden on the taxpayers. Anything the Council can do to consolidate government and reduce the size of spending would be helpful to the private citizen.

Sherri Phipps, Brigham City – Ms. Phipps expressed concern with the economic development plan. She did not know where the funding is coming from, but she suspects that the federal government is part of that funding. She said she loves the Constitution of this land. There is nowhere in the Constitution that says government has the right to take tax dollars and put it toward business. This makes the playing field uneven for business. There were probably a lot of people upset with the bailouts Congress passed. This is really the same thing only on a local level. The City is helping a business get started, but what about businesses that are already established that have worked hard to become successful? It the City really

wants to improve the economy, get government out of the way. It is free enterprise that builds a strong economy, not government programs. Don't just listen to the classes the Council goes to in St. George because there are a lot of people that vote that are from these organizations that want to push socialism. We need a free market system. That is what God intended for this land.

Becky Maddox, Brigham City – Ms. Maddox said she is also concerned about the economic development plan. It is an insult to the people that the City would ask for their input without letting them know what they are thinking and planning. The things that are being planned are socialism. Public/private partnerships are always socialism. It is against the constitutional government and our form of government. We have gone far, far down the path in slowly restoring socialism. She told a story about Little Red Riding Hood going to Grandmother's house. She had to go over the mountain. She got about three-fourths of the way up and it was getting chilly and there was a rattlesnake in the path. The rattlesnake said, please Little Red Riding Hood, I am so cold I'm not going to make it if I don't get out of here. Please take me down the mountain with you. Little Red Riding Hood said, you're a rattlesnake, you'll bite me. He said, oh, I promise I won't bite you. So she put him in her jacket and walked down to where it was warm enough and the snake said, you can let me out now. So she let him out and he bit her. She said why did you bite me? You promised you wouldn't. The snake said, Little Red Riding Hood, you knew what I was when you picked me up. Ms. Maddox said many of the people who are behind the planning of this economic development plan are not aware of many of the pitfalls and many of the things that are going on behind the scenes. She hoped that the Council will listen when they try to identify that this is a rattlesnake. She displayed several articles: "FDR's Policies Prolonged the Great Depression by 7-14 Years UCLA Economists Estimate" and "Seven Facts You Should Know About Conservation Easements." There is a bill that failed in the legislature this year talking about conservation easements which gives government control of property. Since the people that are doing the economic development plan will not let us see what they are thinking about and what they are trying to do, she presented the Council with revealing quotes from the planners "Private Property Rights Denied." We do not own our property; we pay rent to the government for our property because we have to pay property tax. No one should have to pay property tax. We need to reduce taxes to the point that no one has to pay property taxes. She said she wrote a 24-page paper in 1993 at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas entitled "Health Insecurity." She presented the Council with a two-page synopsis of the paper and said it still applies today. She felt that Agenda 21, the United Nation's agenda for the Twenty First Century, is where a lot of this is coming from. They do not define property the same as you and I. In their handbook it states that private property depends upon time and space. She also wrote two papers on sustainable development and presented the Council with this information as well as a paper on constitutional conventions. If we want the Constitution to be honored in this country, people will have to be elected that will honor the Constitution. Most of the people in Salt Lake City and Washington D.C. do not honor their solemn oath to only the U.S. and Utah Constitutions. They violate it all the time. She asked the City Council to get Brigham City out of this farce; out of this steadiness and further into slavery than we already are.

Kaitlyn Klein, Brigham City – Ms. Klein commented on the Youth Empower Team Coordinator (YET) item. She heard that things are going to change and she did not want it to change too much because she really likes it. She has been a member of the Youth Volunteer Coordinator (YVC) since the summer before her freshman year and it has meant a lot to her. She has been introduced to a lot of things in the community through YVC. For example, she had never been to the July 4th activities and YVC is very involved in these activities and she loves it. This kind of activity shows the youth that service is fun. She remembers growing up and seeing Sharon Cassidy, former YVC Director, doing face painting during Peach Days. Ms. Klein said she was waiting for the day when she could join them and play the games with the little kids. This is a great opportunity for youth to get involved and meet new people, see new things and find out that service is fun. She would not be the person she is today without the service that YVC has given her. YVC is important to the youth and it is different from any of the other service clubs at the high school because it is community based. It draws youth in from all over, whether or not they go to high school or not and there are no dues.

Jason Peterson – Mr. Peterson is also involved in YVC and he said they help the community. Four of five times a month they do activities for the community by serving. It is also a good place to interact with friends and meet new people. He would hate to see it go away.

Mayor Fife stated that the City is not doing away with the YVC; in fact, they will add a little more money to it. There is someone that has volunteered to take over the YVC and continue it. This was discussed further under “Recommendation on Youth Empowerment Coordinator and Reorganization” below.

Mayor Fife responded to the comment on the Economic Development Plan. There will be a town hall meeting on November 18 at 7:00 at the Bunderson Center. There will be an update on the plan and also any other issues anyone wants to address. This will be an open forum rather than a formal Council meeting. The cluster analysis will also be explained at this meeting.

In response to the comment regarding the loan that was approved for a local business, the Mayor explained that the Council does not pick one business over another. The City has two programs available for businesses on Main Street to help develop the downtown area. There is a revolving loan program that any business can apply for if they want to expand. The other is a façade grant for businesses that want to upgrade their facade. The City will contribute a maximum of \$15,000. It is a 50% match. There are several businesses that have taken advantage of this grant.

CONSENT

Appointments to the Appeal Authority Board

It was recommended Jay Naumann and Roger Handy be appointed to the Appeal Authority Board.

Reappointment to the Airport Advisory Board

Frederick Kluss was recommended for reappointment to the Airport Advisory Board.

Appointments to the Economic Development Board

Corbet Austin and Tyson Packer were recommended for appointment to the Economic Development Board.

Amendment of Full-Time Employee Paid Holidays Benefit

This amendment clarifies that employees cannot receive holiday pay and leave time on a holiday unless approved by the City Administrator and Mayor. It also states that employees whose designated day off is on a holiday will be required to take the holiday as soon as staffing requirements permit, but not later than the end of the following pay period unless authorized by the department head.

MOTION: Councilmember Jensen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Vincent and carried.

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Presentation of Revised Airport Master Plan

Mr. Byron Hansen, Chair of the Airport Advisory Board, came forward and reported that Brigham City has been involved with Armstrong Consultants to produce the new airport master plan. The ultimate purpose of the plan is that the Brigham City Airport will have safe operations with the ultimate result being that it will become a great economic stimulus to the community. Since 1983 the airport has received over \$31 million to expand the airport.

The plan lays out proposed items that could take place in three phases over the next 20 years. It is envisioned that over \$20 million will be expended. The federal government and the Federal Aviation Association would pay 90¢ on every dollar. If it is FAA approved, the State of Utah would contribute 5¢ on the dollar and Brigham City would pay 5¢. They are projecting that the airport will have a growth rate in airport operations of a little of 3% over the next 20 years.

Mr. Leonard gave the attached presentation on the plan.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Airport Master Plan as presented was made by Councilmember Rex, seconded by Councilmember Vincent and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Approval to Purchase an Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Apparatus for \$10,000

Mr. Jim Buchanan said there is a lot of money at the airport and a lot of money that flies in and out. Part of the Fire Department's 18-month plan is to increase the firefighting capabilities at the airport. As they started researching a foam trailer that could be housed at the airport, they found that it would cost approximately \$80,000 - \$90,000. This does not include a vehicle to pull the trailer. Then they found out that Ogden City is surplusng a 1997 airport crash rescue truck. They offered it to Brigham City for \$10,000.

Mr. Mike Young added that the truck has a dual engine which will allow dry chemical and the extinguishing chemical for aircraft fires along with foam. The Fixed Base Operators located at the airport will be trained to operate the truck.

Mayor Fife stated that the funds will come from the Fleet Fund, but the Airport Fund will pay it back. Everything associated with this, including fireman's pay and training, will come from the Airport Fund.

MOTION: Councilmember Rex made a motion to approve the request for an ARFF and that the \$10,000 come out of the Fleet Fund and repaid from the Airport Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ericson and unanimously carried.

Request to Authorize \$15,000 to be Used for Design and Building of New Furnishings from Sycamore Trees for the Council Chambers

Mayor Fife stated that the wood from the Sycamore trees on Main Street that were cut down have been made into lumber free of charge. The company offered to build a Council table and a table for the City Recorder out of the lumber. It is estimated it will cost \$13,000-\$15,000. He added that there is enough money in his Professional line item to cover this cost. There is also \$10,000 remaining from the franchise tax from Comcast that could be used toward the video system.

Councilmember Jensen said the company said they would be willing to store the lumber for about a year.

Councilmember Rex said in these economic times \$15,000 is a lot for furniture. Mayor Fife said for what they are building it is very economical. He added that the overall plan is to remove the small office and make more space for people in the audience. This would be considered in next year's budget. The cost to just prepare a design of the furniture would be approximately \$2,000.

Mr. Jared Johnson said to completely redo the Council Chambers would be \$60,000 to \$65,000. This includes everything – furniture, a new sound system, TVs to display presentations and removing the small office.

Mr. Johnson said he also asked for quotes from local cabinet and furniture companies and did not get any responses back.

Mayor Fife added that the Council is only voting on the use of the wood, not the complete remodel. The furniture can be used in the current configuration without remodeling.

Councilmember Ericson said the removal of trees in front of the temple was one of the most controversial issues the City has had. He felt it was appropriate to have the Council table made from those trees.

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to approve the allocation of money for the design of furniture. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Jensen wondered if anyone would want to buy the wood. She realized this could be controversial. Mayor Fife said Susan Neidert talked to him about some suggestions for some art items for the library, or something to reflect the Christensen Brothers at the Academy building. There is enough wood to do these things as well as the furniture. Councilmember Rex stated that when the Council starts with a plan, typically they follow through with the plan. This may be committing only the money for the design, but he felt that means the rest of the remodeling will follow. Councilmember Jensen said the Council should consider that there might be other people that want the wood. Mayor Fife said the wood will have to be stored if it is not used. The Mayor called for a vote. Councilmember Ericson, Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Vincent voted aye. Councilmember Jensen and Councilmember Rex voted nay. The motion carried 3-2 in favor.

Recommendation on Youth Empowerment Team (YET) Coordinator and Reorganization

Mayor Fife stated that after several months of studying several options, it was the recommendation that the YVC continue and that it be directed by volunteers. Joan Hammer has agreed to do this until more support is available. He recommended they have a \$3,500 budget for expenses, \$500 to be used for scholarships.

It was felt this will work better as a collective community impact. It will be coordinated by non-profit groups. The core group would be the Hope Crisis Center, the Family Support Center and the Boys and Girls Club. The City would provide a \$15,000 budget for office administration, office supplies, etc. They will continue with the Social Norm Program and the We Do It Right Program.

Brigham City will establish a Family Use Services Grant Program with an initial \$30,000. A grant board will be established. Joan Hammer from the County has been trying to organize this. Non-vested individuals would review and recommend grant programs that support family and youth within the framework of this community impact group.

Annette McFarlane from the Hope Crisis Center explained that they will use a model developed by Stanford Social Innovation called Collective Community Impact (CCI). It is based on the principle that large scale social change requires broad cross sector coordination. Social change is so broad that no one organization can accomplish it. It has to be an integrated approach which addresses all aspects of a young person's life. She explained the organization structure.

MOTION: Councilmember Rex made a motion to proceed as discussed, seconded by Councilmember Jensen. Voting was unanimously in favor.

Request for Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Brigham City Redevelopment Agency for the Campus District Community Development Project Area

Mr. Larsen explained that this is the agreement that provides the funding mechanism for the USU Campus Project. There are five taxing entities in the county and an agreement will have to be approved by each of those entities.

MOTION: A motion to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement with the Brigham City RDA for the Campus District CDA was made by Councilmember Ericson, seconded by Councilmember Thompson and unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Options for Employee Dental Insurance

Mr. Leonard reported that the Insurance Committee recommended the City contract with Total Dental Administrators (TDA) program for two years. The City would pay 80% of the premiums on the TDA PPO Plan and 90% for the TDA Elite Choice. This gives the employees a choice.

MOTION: Councilmember Vincent made a motion to approve the dental option plans as previously discussed, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Leonard stated that two weeks ago the City closed on an asset purchase agreement with PacifiCorp. In 2006 the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) told Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) that they could no longer bring their 138 transmission line through the City's East Substation. The line that connected Ben Lomond with Cutler Dam came into the City's switching gear and back out. FERC did not want the City to be able to control RMP's ability to deliver power between the two substations. The City sold the switching gear to them and the City granted them an easement for the property. This all came together with the upgrades to the East Substation. The City received \$124,000 for the assets sold to RMP.

The Council adjourned to a Redevelopment Agency meeting at 9:01 p.m.