

Minutes of the  
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL

April 9, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.

Official notice of the City Council Meeting was given by posting an Agenda at City Hall and on the Bountiful City Website and the Utah Public Notice Website and by providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: Davis County Journal and Standard Examiner.

**Work Session – 5:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**

Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Jesse Bell, Kate Bradshaw, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst City Manager	Galen Rasmussen
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Parks Director	Brock Hill
	Senior Planner	Amber Corbridge
	Community Affairs Specialist	Rebecca Montealegre
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

**PUBLIC ART DISCUSSION – MS. REBECCA MONTEALEGRE**

Ms. Montealegre explained that tonight she was hoping the Council could give some direction regarding the public art program. The Art Advisory Board has some recommendations for sculptures and locations around town that might work well as they expand the art collection. They also would like to know if the Council is interested in commissioning more bee sculptures to place along Main Street.

The Council all agreed that they want more art pieces placed along Main Street and in Town Square before expanding to other parts of town.

Mr. Gary Hill explained that there is a family interested in placing a memorial bench near the skate park at Washington Park, and asked if the Council would be alright with that. The Councilmembers all said they would welcome that but asked Mr. Hill to make sure the family was mindful about designing the bench in a way that discouraged skateboarders from causing destruction.

The Councilmembers all wanted to commission more bee sculptures for Main Street and voted on their top ideas. The bees they chose are a classic car bee, an ice-skating bee, a snowplow bee, a skateboarding bee, a mountain biking bee, and a painting bee.

Next, the Council went through the selection of sculptures and voted for their top choices. The pieces they selected to lease were “Sentinel” by Dan Toone, “Maple Seed” by Nathan Johansen, “H\*rt” by Thad Tuin, and “Dauntless” by James Green.

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**GENERAL PLAN DISCUSSION – MR. FRANCISCO ASTORGA**

Mr. Francisco Astorga led a discussion about the General Plan update. The Council picked up where they left off during the last meeting looking at Commercial Corridor characteristics and then at the Downtown area. For Commercial Corridor areas the Council decided to take residential uses off of the list of approved uses to try and preserve those areas for commercial use. For the Downtown area, the Council agreed that requiring office spaces to be behind storefronts or on the second or third story would help preserve a vibrant feel and encourage more restaurants, retail and entertainment establishments along the street.

Councilmember Bradshaw asked about school uses in the Downtown area, and after some discussion, the Council decided they would also prohibit schools from being allowed in this area, to align with their goals of downtown vibrancy. Any existing school in the Downtown zone would be deemed legal non-conforming.

Next, Mr. Astorga explained that the State code now requires that cities include a section about water and water conservancy in their general plans. He went through all the details of what the water section must cover and the Council asked questions. Councilmember Bradshaw asked that all the water suppliers be included on the table in this section to make it more comprehensive. Also, one point was identified that did not need to be included regarding a temporary water conservation exemption for City Parks and the Cemetery, so it was taken out. Mr. Gary Hill made sure the Council was comfortable with everything in the draft before it is put out to the public. They all said it looked good.

Mayor Harris asked where the City is in the process of changing to new irrigation equipment in the parks. Mr. Gary Hill answered that Mr. Brock Hill is looking into the different options and that they will have more information about it in time for the budget meetings later this month. He expects that several parks will be switched over this year.

The meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

**Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**  
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**WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER**

1 Mayor Harris called the meeting to order 7:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Mr.  
2 Tim Gregory led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Heidi Wigren, North Canyon Stake Primary  
3 President, offered a prayer.  
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5 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6 The public comment section was opened at 7:05 p.m.  
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8 Mr. John Alley (362 North 1000 East) asked that the Council be more concept-driven when it  
9 comes to the zoning and development of lots that are undeveloped, because they are likely more  
10 difficult to build on and do not fit into the typical zoning standards. He also asked that they slow  
11 down Orchard Drive and make it a destination instead of a fast, noisy road.  
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13 Mr. Tim Gregory (1141 East 300 North) asked that the Council take time to look into the pros  
14 and cons of moving to smart meters. He believes they can have a lot of downsides, especially for  
15 people who are RF (radio frequency) sensitive, and that they can potentially be hacked. He also asked  
16 if there are spaces in the parks that can be utilized as community gardens.  
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18 The public comment section was closed at 7:09 p.m.  
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20 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MARCH 26, 2024**

21 Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the minutes from March 26, 2024, and  
22 Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bell,  
23 Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”  
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25 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

26 Councilmember Bell did not have a report.

27 Councilmember Bradshaw reported that applications for two openings on the South Davis  
28 Recreation Board will be open from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, with final interviews being held May 13<sup>th</sup>.  
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30 Councilmember Higginson did not have a report.

31 Councilmember Murri reported that the Bountiful Community Service Council had its first  
32 meeting about the Summer Concert Series.

33 Councilmember Price-Huish reported that applications are open for the BCYC for this coming  
34 school year. She also reported that the library will host a bicycle rodeo in the city hall parking lot on  
35 April 27 at 10:30 am, it will include bicycle safety and an obstacle course.

36 Mayor Harris reported that a new Thai restaurant, Makmak, is holding its grand opening this  
37 Saturday, April 13 and is located at 353 South Main Street.  
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39 **BCYC REPORT**

40 No report was given.  
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42 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

43 a. **EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID MARCH 20 & 27, 2024**

44 b. **FEBRUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT**

45 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the expenditures paid March 20 & 27,  
2024 and the February 2024 financial report. Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The

1 motion passed with Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting  
2 “aye.”

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4 **CONVENE TO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF**  
5 **REAL PROPERTY, PENDING LITIGATION AND/OR TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER**  
6 **AND/OR COMPETENCY OF AN INDIVIDUAL(S) (UTAH CODE §52-4-205).**

7 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to convene to a closed session at 7:17 p.m. and  
8 Councilmember Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

9 Price-Huish	Aye
10 Higginson	Aye
11 Bell	Aye
12 Bradshaw	Aye
13 Murri	Aye

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15 The closed session began at 7:21 p.m.

16 Present:

17 Mayor Harris, Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri and Price-Huish, Mr. Gary  
18 Hill, Mr. Lloyd Cheney, Mr. Bradley Jeppsen, and Mr. Francisco Astorga.

19 Councilmember Bell made a motion to close the closed session and return to the open  
20 meeting. Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion, and it passed with Councilmembers Bell,  
21 Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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23 **ADJOURN**

24 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to adjourn the open meeting and Councilmember  
25 Bell seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw,  
26 Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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28 The regular session was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.  
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*Mayor Kendalyn Harris*

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*City Recorder*