

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, in the Logan Municipal Council Chambers located at 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah 84321 at 5:30 pm. Logan Municipal Council Meetings are televised live as a public service on Channel 17 and the City of Logan YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLPAOK5eawKS_RDBU0stRQ

Council Members present at the beginning of the meeting: Chairman Ernesto López, Vice Chair Amy Z. Anderson, Councilmember Jeannie F. Simmonds, Councilmember Mark A. Anderson, and Councilmember Tom Jensen. Administration present: Mayor Holly H. Daines, City Attorney Craig Carlston, Assistant Finance Director Rueben Nelson, City Recorder Teresa Harris, and Deputy Recorder Esli Morales.

Excused: Finance Director Richard Anderson.

Chairman Ernesto López welcomed those present. There were approximately 10 in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

OPENING CEREMONY:

Kara Tim, a Community Relationship Development representative from CAPSA provided the opening ceremony and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Tim thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak on behalf of CAPSA during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence is a pervasive issue that impacts all walks of life. Last year, CAPSA supported 337 individuals through emergency shelter, 7,062 calls through the crisis line which on average is 19 calls per day. Lastly, 1,158 individuals through outreach casework.

At CAPSA, their mission is to provide comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault along with education to the broader community. They firmly believe in collective action and community support in creating a safe and nurturing environment for all. Their organization offers a range of vital services such as emergency shelter services. The emergency shelter has 36 beds available and while in the shelter individuals can work with caseworkers to remove barriers and connect to therapy for crisis intervention. Monday through Thursday, the youth advocacy team provides activities and lessons for children or youth at the shelter.

Only together can a community be built that refuses tolerance of violence and stands in solidarity with those affected. All community members and leaders are encouraged to take an active role in ending domestic violence and supporting survivors.

Vice Chair A. Anderson on behalf of the Bear River Local Homeless Council appreciated and thanked the efforts by CAPSA to provide shelter to those suffering from domestic violence as homelessness is often a direct result of domestic violence.

Councilmember M. Anderson inquired how often are the 36 units at CAPSA full.

Ms. Tim answered the 36 units are constantly full to the extent that caseworkers work with landlords and hotels to get rooms at discounted rates.

Councilmember Simmonds said in addition there are homes available directly behind the shelter along with two apartment buildings.

James Boyd, Chief Development Officer of CAPSA clarified there are 21 units available. The first neighborhood has nine homes available, while the second has five single-family homes and a triplex along with a fourplex. There are also twenty families with subsidized rent across the community. Their rent is paid in full for the first three months and gradually the rent amount paid is lowered until the tenant can fully pay their rent. The goal of the organization is to create independence.

Councilmember Simmonds added that part of becoming independent is for individuals to work through the program with counseling, and learning to manage money which is all part of the process.

Mr. Boyd confirmed that is the case as the program is holistic in nature. It is common for women to experience domestic violence but over 9% will also experience financial abuse. He gave an example of an individual who had never had access to money and needed to learn how to handle money from budget to paying bills. As a result, financial empowerment has actively been added as part of the curriculum. The hope is that as they transition out of the program, they are wholly independent and safe.

Chairman López requested confirmation on whether CAPSA has Spanish speakers as part of their staff.

Mr. Boyd confirmed that is the case. There is a dedicated Spanish-speaking employee who specifically focuses on underserved populations. They work with CRIC (Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connection) and other cooperatives such as education or clinics at the CAPSA building due to space limitations.

Councilmember Simmonds requested clarification that CAPSA is no longer limited to women only.

Mr. Boyd clarified that CAPSA is no longer just limited to women but men as well. One out of five non-binary and one out of four men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Last year, 14% of individuals served were men.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the Council meeting held on September 19, 2023, were continued with corrections to the next meeting.

88 **Meeting Agenda.** Chairman López announced there is one public hearing scheduled for
89 tonight's Council meeting.

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91 **ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Councilmember**
92 **Jensen to continue the September 19, 2023, minutes to the October 17, 2023 Council**
93 **meeting and approve the agenda. Motion carried by roll call vote.**

94 **A. Anderson: Aye**

95 **M. Anderson: Aye**

96 **Jensen: Aye**

97 **López: Aye**

98 **Simmonds: Aye**

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100 **Meeting Schedule.** Chairman López announced that regular Council meetings are held
101 on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. The next regular Council
102 meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

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104 **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

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106 Chairman López explained that any person wishing to comment on any item not otherwise
107 on the agenda may address the City Council at this point by stepping to the microphone
108 and giving his or her name and address for the record. Comments should be limited to not
109 more than three (3) minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Council Chair.
110 Citizen groups will be asked to appoint a spokesperson. This is the time and place for any
111 person who wishes to comment on non-agenda items. Some items brought forward to the
112 attention of the City Council will be turned over to staff to respond to outside of the City
113 Council meeting.

114 Joshua Molitor, a resident of Logan read a section of the Code of Federal Regulations. He
115 expressed concerns about the recent Logan School District meeting that was held and the
116 ongoing conversation regarding the 1400 North Main RDA.

117 Matthew Fatuesi, a resident of Logan expressed concerns and disappointment about the
118 difficulty of having an open conversation as a citizen with the government. He requested
119 the Council remember that when addressing topics and making a decision to ensure, it is
120 freely available to everyone.

121 Chairman López reminded the audience that any citizen may email comments or concerns
122 to the City Council at any time.

123 Vice Chair A. Anderson added that the phone numbers of the City Councilmembers are
124 available on the city website to all if they have a question or concern.

125 Councilmember M. Anderson spoke as a citizen to thank the staff and Mayor for working
126 in cooperation to support the Giant Pumpkin Festival. The festival was successful with a
127 large community turnout.

Maggie Mace, the Student Council Director representing the Government Relations Council at USU thanked the Council for responding to emails and reaching out to students at USU.

There were no further comments or questions for the Mayor or Council.

MAYOR/STAFF REPORTS:

Board Reappointment – Mayor Daines

Mayor Daines asked the Council for ratification to reappoint Carol Denniston to serve on the Logan River Golf Advisory Board.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Jensen seconded by Councilmember Simmonds to approve ratification of Carol Denniston as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

A. Anderson: Aye

M. Anderson: Aye

Jensen: Aye

López: Aye

Simmonds: Aye

Environmental Services – Mayor Daines

Mayor Daines stated that after several years of planning, the City has successfully separated the city's garbage collection from the other communities in the County. The transition went exceptionally well. Staff from the environmental department worked arduously in negotiations and ensured that new providers were aware of collection routes for Cache County communities previously serviced by the City.

She thanked the environmental department employees for working an extraordinary amount of overtime as positions went vacant and were not refilled in order to prevent future downsizing. With limited staff, employees worked overtime to ensure services were flowing smoothly until the transition occurred. Though Providence City did request that the City continue to provide collection services for several months until they are able to perform their own collections. The City agreed to serve and provide Providence with continued services through an existing contract.

Councilmember Jensen inquired what is the stance in regard to the change as there had been a measure of uncertainty.

Mayor Daines answered that for the most part, the communities have been understanding of the situation.

Chairman López asked for how long has the City provided services to various communities throughout the County.

Mayor Daines responded that it has been roughly 40 years since the completion of the landfill. In addition, various members of these communities have reached out and thanked the City for the services provided for all these years.

Councilmember Simmonds commented that green waste is a topic that has been brought up and needs to be supported by the communities and their provider.

Mayor Daines added that as green waste comes to the landfill, there may be a need to charge anyone who brings it to the landfill. Issa Hamud, Environmental Director is currently conducting a rate study for services provided and green waste is one of the items being reviewed in the study. Once the study is conducted, it will be presented to the Council.

Vice Chair A. Anderson remarked that several communities have elected not to contract recycling services and is no longer readily available throughout the County.

No further Mayor/Staff Reports were presented.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Planning Commission Update – Councilmember Simmonds

Councilmember Simmonds reported that two items were reviewed by the Planning Commission. The first item is a project review on 100 East. Dr. Thornley sold a portion of his property to the L59 project. L59 will be placing a 12-plex facing 200 South along with a pool and various amenities. However, on the first east half of the property, Dr. Thornley will be building a dental office.

The second item is the project Willow Ski Lakes which requested a zone change of parcel phase 5 (12.5 acres) from NR-6 to Mixed-Use residential density. A denial was recommended by the Planning Staff and the denial was forwarded by the Planning Commission to the Council and will be workshopped in the future.

Councilmember Jensen requested confirmation of a recommendation for denial by the Planning Commission for the project Willow Ski Lakes.

Councilmember Simmonds confirmed that a recommendation for denial was made by the Planning Commission in regard to the Willow Ski Lakes project.

Chairman López requested a summary of the discussion regarding the first project.

Councilmember Simmonds was absent for this portion of the Planning Commission meeting, but based on her understanding there was much public comment.

Chairman López asked how many stories the 12-plex will be.

Councilmember Simmonds replied the 12-plex will be three stories high. It will be similar to the townhomes, yet the project style will also be similar to L59.

No further Council Business presented.

ACTION ITEM:

PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustments FY 2023-2024 appropriating: \$15,000 funds the City will receive from the State of Utah to purchase emergency management supplies and materials; \$69,390 funds Dispatch received to support 911 operations; \$150,000 a grant Parks & Recreation received from the State of Utah to construct a bridge at Trapper Park - Resolution 23-42 – Rueben Nelson, Assistant Finance Director

At the September 19, 2023 Council meeting, Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustments. Assistant Finance Director Rueben Nelson summarized the budget adjustments at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Simmonds asked if the construction of the bridge at Trapper Park has already commenced since the park is closed.

Mayor Daines responded that the spring flooding damaged the grass, and it is closed to allow the grass to grow back as well as to begin asphaltting the parking lot. The grants will be used to design the bridge and depending on funding possibly next summer the bridge will be built.

Russ Akina, Parks & Recreation Director confirmed that the park is closed because the turf is being regrown after the spring runoff. Work was interrupted because of spring runoff, so the trail is open, but not the park. As of right now, the bridge is being designed. The grant referred to in the resolution has an environmental component with an environmental study taking place this winter. The bridge will be out for bid this winter or spring.

Councilmember Simmonds inquired about what the bridge would connect to and if in the future will the trail continue west or north.

Mayor Daines answered the bridge will permit pedestrians to cross the river to access the 47 acres of open space. There will be a trail made eventually on the other side of the river, but that is once there is an available budget to do so. The developer of Willow Lakes will put some money toward the construction of a trail. The future trail when it is constructed will extend northwest to an extent. It will stop because there is not an existing right-of-way to 600 South Park. However, the goal is to connect the trail to 600 South Park.

Councilmember Jensen requested confirmation as to whether the bridge is for pedestrian use only.

Mr. Akina confirmed that is the case. The bridge is only for pedestrian use but will be wide enough for a small parks & recreation vehicle to pass through to do maintenance as needed. The bridge would match what is currently on the Logan River system.

Chairman López opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There were no comments and Chairman López closed the public hearing.

ACTION. Motion by Vice Chair A. Anderson seconded by Councilmember Simmonds to approve Resolution 23-42 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

A. Anderson: Aye

M. Anderson: Aye

Jensen: Aye

López: Aye

Simmonds: Aye

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

Consideration of a proposed resolution supporting the Board Apportionment of the Cache Valley Transit District in compliance with Utah Code 17B-2a-807 effective January 1, 2024 – Resolution 23-41 – Todd Beutler, CEO/General Manager CVTD

Todd Beutler, CEO/General Manager of CVTD addressed the Council. Utah Code 17B-2a-807 has not been changed for 25 years and was structured for the intent and purpose of the UTA (Utah Transit Authority). The only services provided through the code were for fixed routes which could be used to project the number of service miles for the upcoming year to determine board membership. Since then, there have been new on-demand services through which members of the community can call for a ride or schedule it through an app. It is hard to project on-demand service mileage since it all depends on how much and when the services are used.

Outside of the UTA, there have been several transit districts created including the Cache Valley Transit. The existing code did not permit the new changes to be addressed. The code would instead change to allow 5 to 9 board members, but it would be up to the legislative council to determine how the board membership would be decided. For Cache Valley Transit, since it is the hub for the County, it should have a larger portion of members serving on the board. Of the 9 board members, 4 would be from Logan, and the remaining 5 from various communities throughout the County.

It is important to remember that when it comes to transportation and mobility, individuals do not care about the jurisdiction they are in, rather they just want to get to their

destination be it employment, shopping, home, and so forth. It is important to view the constituents and mobility as a whole.

Councilmember M. Anderson inquired how many votes the City of Logan currently has on the board.

Mr. Beutler answered that currently there is a transit board consisting of 19 board members and the City of Logan has 8 board members serving on the board. Though proportionally wise, when the board changes to 9 board members, the City of Logan will still have the same proportion of votes.

Councilmember Simmonds remarked that the board will now be a functional size and will have a functional representation of the service area.

Mr. Beutler thanked the Council for their service and staff working in conjunction with them.

The proposed resolution will be an action item at the October 17, 2023, Council meeting.

Budget Adjustments FY 2023-2024 appropriating: \$13,464 additional funding the City received from HUD for the CDBG programs for fiscal year 2024; \$8,080 funds the Library received from the State of Utah to support the Libraries Interlibrary Loan Program; \$1,000,000 electric fund reserves toward Second Dam sediment removal - Resolution 23-43 – Rueben Nelson

Assistant Finance Director Rueben Nelson addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustments.

Councilmember Jensen inquired if the funding received from HUD would be added proportionally to the CDBG.

Mayor Daines clarified that there is an existing receiver project for which the funding will be distributed towards.

Vice Chair A. Anderson asked if the funding for the second dam sediment removal was more than enough to complete the project.

Mark Montgomery, Light & Power Director responded the project was put up to bid. Two bids were received, one for \$5.7 million and the other for \$899,000. Investigation was done by staff and the second bid was selected as it was confirmed they are a national company with expertise in sediment removal.

Councilmember Simmonds asked if there are the same number of issues with the second dam as the third dam in regard to the accumulation of sediment.

Mr. Montgomery replied that this year due to the runoff, they were not able to run the hydro's because they were unable to keep the sediment out of the screens.

Councilmember Simmonds inquired regarding the discussion that the sediment collected belonged to the Forest Service.

Mr. Montgomery confirmed that is the case, the sediment belongs to the forestry.

Vice Chair A. Anderson asked if the timing for agency permits would work in order to have the work completed.

Mr. Montgomery answered that they believe all the permits will be in order by the time the work begins.

Vice Chair A. Anderson inquired if the funding provided for the interlibrary loan program would be sufficient to fund the program.

Karen Clark, Library Director responded that the funding covers the interlibrary loan program within the State of Utah but does not cover what is done outside of Utah including other countries. It is about half of what is done for interlibrary loans.

The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the October 17, 2023, Council meeting.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Councilmember Simmonds commented that the HVAC system for the new Library has been on backorder since March and it finally arrived and has been installed at the Library.

Chairman López serves on the Parks & Recreation Board and the County Trails Alliance is seeking input from the community on future projects.

Mayor Daines asked if the request was made by the County or a private nonprofit group.

Chairman López replied that the request was from a private nonprofit group.

No further items were discussed.

ADJOURNED. There being no further business, the Logan Municipal Council adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Esli Morales, Deputy City Recorder