

MINUTES OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 27, 2023

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THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF WEST VALLEY CITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023, AT 7:23 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS ALSO HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN TOM HUYNH.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Tom Huynh, Chair
Jake Fitisemanu
William Whetstone
Scott Harmon
Karen Lang
Don Christensen
Lars Nordfelt

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicole Cottle, Acting City Manager
Nichole Camac, City Recorder (*electronically*)
Eric Bunderson, City Attorney
Colleen Jacobs, Police Chief (*electronically*)
John Evans, Fire Chief
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Steve Pastorik, CED Director
Layne Morris, CPD Director
Dan Johnson, Public Works Director
Nancy Day, Parks and Recreation Director
Sam Johnson, Strategic Communications Director
Ken Cushing, IT (*electronically*)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 6, 2023

The Board considered Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 6, 2023. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

Mr. Christensen moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 6, 2023. Mr. Nordfelt seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and all members voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION 23-04: AUTHORIZE THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF WEST VALLEY CITY TO RENEW THE HOMETOWN SCHOLARS CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

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Nicole Cottle, Assistant City Manager, discussed proposed Resolution 23-04 that would authorize the Redevelopment Agency of West Valley City to Renew the Hometown Scholars Contribution Agreement with the University of Utah

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

As part of the City Council's goal of creating and maintaining a sustainable city, the RDA has been tasked with improving opportunities for secondary education for West Valley City students. The City Council and the Board recognized that having an educated workforce present in the city provides for many economic development opportunities not otherwise available. As the City moves to the future it is important to maintain the workforce already in place and to increase the educational attainment levels of our residents. This is the sixth year of the Opportunity Scholars-RDA partnership.

This year the My Hometown Scholarship program assisted 27 West Valley City University Students. There have been 19 students graduate from the program with an additional 17 scheduled to graduate this year. This scholarship program is widely advertised and promoted at all of the City's High Schools as well as to WVC seniors that live in the City but may attend schools out of our boundary. If these students take the My Hometown scholarship monies they agree to represent West Valley City and will either remain living in the City or come back to the city and seek employment long term in the City as well. To this end, since its inception, 45 students have been involved in internships with various businesses in the City as well.

The RDA will use its state law mandated housing set aside money to provide affordable housing and other tools to at least 16 students from West Valley City that will attend the University of Utah in the Fall of 2023. These students will be in the program, will live at Fairbourne Station, will attend classes via the Trax line, and will be provided other mentor and scholarship opportunities through the university to ensure their success. Opportunity scholars has a 93% graduation rate for those in its program. Opportunity scholars serves first generation college students. The Opportunity Scholars program provides retention resources such as tutors, mentors, internships, advising, career-services, service-learning projects, community outreach, networking opportunities, counseling, financial assistance, and access to the program director.

Upon inquiry by Chairman Huynh there were no further questions from members of the Authority, and he called for a motion.

Mr. Nordfelt moved to approve Resolution 23-04.

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Mr. Christensen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Fitisemanu	Yes
Mr. Whetstone	Yes
Mr. Harmon	Yes
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Christensen	Yes
Mr. Nordfelt	Yes
Chair Huynh	Yes

Unanimous.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Upon motion by Ms. Lang, all voted in favor to adjourn.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF WEST VALLEY CITY, THE REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023, WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:26 PM. BY CHAIRMAN HUYNH.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Redevelopment Agency of West Valley City held Tuesday, June 27, 2023.



Nichole Camac
Secretary