

**NORTH OGDEN CITY  
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 2020

The North Ogden City Council convened in an open meeting on April 8, 2020 at 6:05 p.m. at the North Ogden City Office at 515 East 2600 North. Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on April 2, 2020. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was published in the Standard-Examiner on December 22, 2019.

PRESENT:	Brent Chugg	Committee Chairman	
	Dirk Quinney	Committee Member	
	Clark Crowther	Committee Member	
	Phillip Swanson	Committee Member	
	Laura Barker	Committee Member	
	Karen McIntosh	Committee Member	
	Tim Scott	Committee Member	
	Jay Johnson	Committee Member	arrived @ 6:30 pm
	Chad Roylance	Committee Member	
	Gary Stoker	Committee Member	
	Kevin Burns	Committee Member	
	Cheryl Stoker	Committee Member	
	Mayor Berube	Committee Member	

EXCUSED: Phillip Swanson Chad Roylance

STAFF PRESENT: Annette Spendlove City Recorder/HR Director  
Jon Call City Manager/Attorney

VISITORS: Scott Holmes Jim Child

Chairman Chugg called the meeting to order. Gary Stoker offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2020 MEETING**
  
2. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 29, 2020 MEETING**

**3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2020 MEETING**

**Committee Member Kevin Burns motioned to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Gary Stoker seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTIVE AGENDA**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

There were no public comments.

**5. JRCA FINAL REPORT**

Jim Child and Scott Holmes of JRCA facilitated discussion among the group regarding the content included in their final report; they solicited feedback from the group regarding the design options they support and how the final PowerPoint should read for the recommendation to be made to the City Council in the near future. Mr. Holmes stated that JRCA's preferred option is Option E, but JRCA would like input from the group regarding the option(s) they support and the recommendation they would like to make to the City Council. The group debated the options presented, with a focus on parking and access needs for the improved facility; City Manager/Attorney Call noted that Option E has been adjusted responsive to the difficulties the City has encountered in the possibility of purchasing adjacent properties to allow for expansion of the facility. There may be options for expanding to the north or the east 15 to 20 years in the future if the owners of those private properties change their position and are willing to sell to the City. Mr. Holmes stated that Option E does provide options for expansion to those areas in the future; one drawback is the elimination of the existing community garden in the area. The group discussed opportunities for relocating the community garden, with City Manager/Attorney Call noting that the City's Parks and Recreation Director has identified other sites that could be used for the garden.

Police Chief Quinney stated that one of the things that is most attractive to him in Option E is that there is no requirement for temporary relocation of his Department and Justice Court staff during construction.

After continued brief discussion, the group ultimately reached consensus to support Option E as recommended by Mr. Holmes and Mr. Child. Mr. Call noted that the project will be discussed with the Council again in May. Mayor Berube stated there continues to be push back in the community regarding the perceived scope and cost of this project; many citizens are questioning work that has been done on this project and he is hesitant to get too far down the road without facilitating extensive public discussion. Chairman

Chugg agreed that would be the best way to proceed; public buy-in is important for this type of project.

There was brief discussion about financing options, namely bond issuance, for the Public Safety Facility project; Mr. Call noted that it has been difficult to secure formal financing costs as the City does not have a contract with a financial advisor and there are too many unknown factors about construction costs and timing of the project.

Chief Quinney stated he would like for JRCA to be given the authority to proceed with finalizing their report in order to present it to the City Council. Mayor Berube stated he would like for the report to be completed; he feels it will be a valuable tool in communicating the project to the public.

## **6. REPORT ON COMMUNITY OUTREACH BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chief Quinney facilitated discussion among the group regarding their individual public outreach efforts. The general sentiment was that the citizens do not understand the need for an updated facility; the group reached the consensus that education efforts – perhaps through a series of articles regarding the project – would be helpful in getting the message regarding the project need out to the entire community. Chairman Chugg stated there are some prominent community members who are currently opposed to the project because they do not understand the need; it is important to educate those individuals so they can use their connections to the community to help spread the word.

Council Member Stoker suggested that Chief Quinney create a video that can be shared on the City's website or various social media channels to visually illustrate the deficiencies in the existing facility and the need for improvement. Chief Quinney agreed that would be helpful and he will begin working on that project.

High level discussion then centered on the timing of the project and negative impacts created by the COVID-19 pandemic; many are concerned about long-term economic depression associated with the pandemic and they are hesitant to support costly projects, even if they are needed.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**


There was brief discussion regarding the schedule of upcoming Public Safety Building Committee meetings.


9. ADJOURNMENT

**Committee Member Burns motioned to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Stoker seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

  
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M. Brent Chugg  
Committee Chairman

  
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Katie Gerard  
City Recorder

  
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