

BRIGHTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, at 6:30 pm

*Approved at the March 12th, 2024 Brighton Town Council Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Dan Knopp (Mayor and meeting chair)

Council Members: Keith Zuspan, Lise Brunhart, Jeff Bossard, Carolyn Keigley

Staff: Polly McLean, Kara John, Jim Nakamura, Morgan Julian, Curtis Woodward

Partners: Cheryl Lenzer, April Morse, Dustin Dern, Amber Broadaway, Mike Doyle, Barbara Cameron, Ella Abelli-Amen, Sheriff Rivera, Jay Springer, Chief Justin Hoyle, Chief Jason Mazuran, Chief Wayne Dial, Lieutenant Acromin, Lieutenant Barker, Rick Moon

Public: Don Despain, Brian Reynolds, Nathaniel Dunlap, Chad Smith, Ulrich Brunhart, Mark Brinton, Eli Lovett, Laurie Hilyer, Tom Loken, Nicholas' iPhone, Mike Kessler

WORK SESSION. Mayor Knopp called the work session to order at 6:00 pm.

Updates on Law Enforcement Changes Effective July 1, 2024. Presented by Sheriff Rosie Rivera.

Pages 3-9.

Sheriff Rivera presented. She acknowledged the great work UPD does, and noted the separation was a legislative decision to address the perception of double taxation since the Sherriff's office oversees both departments. With the separation, there will be statutory duties that the Sherriff's office will provide and shared services that the county will pay for. Some of the statutory duties require the sheriff to oversee things like the civil department that serves civil papers, warrants, and extraditions. Additionally, they are over public lands, which includes all Forest Service land which is where the Canyon Patrol comes in. County wide services are things the county chooses to pay for such as the Metro Gang unit, some of the positions in the DEA, the Major Investigations unit, and the Metro Mental Health unit. Under the new legislation, there will be a new Law Enforcement Bureau. There was a bureau prior to UPD. UPD was created in 2010 because of legislation from 2008. That is when it was decided for the Sherriff's office to be over UPD. Legislation in 2019 said that the sheriff's office didn't have to be over UPD, but the board chose to stay with the sheriff. Southwest parts of the county wanted them to be separated which resulted in the statewide legislation requiring the separation.

The sheriff's office has a goal to maintain the same level of service and to take care of the officers providing that service. Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) asked the sheriff's office to provide a contract model. In that model, the goals are to be operationally sound, and fiscally responsible. In 2019 it was estimated that UPD would reach the SLVLESA tax cap by 2026, but the cap was met this year so property taxes can't be raised unless legislation is changed. They also want the model to avoid the concern around subsidies that the southwest part of the county viewed as double taxation. With a contract model and the ability to choose services, it may help them feel they get the same benefit. Economies of scale are how entities will get services cheaper. There's an option for entities to go on their own, but losing members changes the cost dynamic for both sides. To calculate a budget, the sheriff's office based their numbers off UPD's budget. Revenues have not been estimated yet because they need to determine what revenues will go to UPD. They are still working out costs with dispatch. They are still estimating personnel costs and have decided to go with the 75-percentile rate rather than the midpoint. The equipment is fully costed, and they anticipate underspending by 5%. The

organization chart has a different structure and includes deputy sergeants, lieutenants, captains, deputy chiefs, chief deputies, the undersheriff, and the sheriff. They also operate the jail and the court security. Their captains test into position and do the work of chiefs, which saves on costs. She estimated there are 342 sworn officers now, and after the split, the sheriff's office will have 73. If SLVLESA stays with the sheriff's office, there will be 185 in total. The actual numbers will be a guessing game until it is known which entity the towns and cities will join. Right now, the county pays \$15M. If the sheriff's office only did law enforcement and statutory duties the cost would go up to \$20M. If SLVLESA came on board, costs would go down to \$17M. There is still a 10% increase for the county, but it's estimated that SLVLESA could sustain longer than 2026. Sheriff Rivera expressed the issue with the legislation is that if SLVLESA goes with the sheriff then UPD's costs will go up. If the unincorporated areas get annexed, their property taxes will no longer be part of the SLVLESA budget because they will go toward the cities they join. It is unknown how much it will affect SLVLESA.

Mayor Knopp had concerns that although the canyon patrol deputies will increase from 14 to 22, they will now also be covering Copperton and White City and we may never know where they are. Sheriff Rivera explained there will be officers designated to the southwest, and other officers to the southeast for Little and Big Cottonwood and some other areas, as it is now. They'll all be working out of the Central Ops building located on 3300S. They'll be adding a substation on the west side. The county owns all the precincts, which is also a benefit.

Sheriff Rivera explained the organization chart. She oversees all departments, jail, court security, and the undersheriff is her backup. This model shows corrections chiefs, court security chiefs, and law enforcement chiefs who will run the law enforcement bureau. Then there is the professional standards unit that will cover internal affairs. There is the range, training unit, and tech support division. Special ops include canyon patrol, search and rescue, canine unit, and tactical support, investigations, and forensics. The SWAT team will still work with UPD as well, but it will need to be negotiated which other departments can be used under the new legislation.

REGULAR MEETING

Dan Knopp called the regular meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Keith Zuspan moved to open the public hearing and Carolyn Keigley seconded the motion. The hearing was opened unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **PAM2023-001054 Mr. Kessler is requesting approval to vacate by ordinance of an existing 10' (foot) utility easement located inside the East side property line. Acreage: 0.28 acres. Location: 10806 E MOOSE RUN LN Zones: FR-1 (FCOZ) Zone. Planner: Jim Nakamura. Pages 10-30. Recording 38.26.**

Jim Nakamura, MSD planning staff, presented the application for approval. This application is for a vacation of a utility easement in the Pine Tree subdivision, owned by the Kessler family. There hasn't been any public input. The hearing was publicly noticed, and a sign was placed on the property as well. A map was shared on the screen to indicate the curve of the property where the vacation is requested. There are no utilities currently in the area. It is lot 51, and the rest of the easement will remain. In relation to the subdivision, the easement runs along the edge of most properties, but when it gets to lot 51, it bisects the property which wouldn't allow the homeowner to rebuild the cabin as planned. The easement stops when it reaches the creek. Letters were provided by the utility companies saying they don't have a use for the area. It was clarified this easement is not in the road.

Looking at the proposed site plan, the house is within 50 feet of the stream, but it was given approval as a noncompliant rebuild by Salt Lake City Public Utilities. When the existing cabin by the creek is

demolished, the vegetation will be reclaimed. The existing cabin footprint is 400 square feet, and the rebuild is 3,000 square feet for the footprint.

Mayor Knopp opened public input.

Mr. Kessler was grateful for the help he received from Jim and Polly McLean. It was a lot of work.

Garth Jackson commented asking why the entire easement can't be vacated.

It was explained the application is only for this property and he'd have to apply.

Additionally, Mr. Jackson asked when he can comment on the building permit itself.

Jim Nakamura explained the application already went through the permit process for a rebuild of a non-complying structure in a public meeting with the land use hearing officer. It was posted on the state website. It's not in the ordinance requirements to notify neighbors.

Mayor Knopp closed the public comment.

Lise Brunhart moved to approve ordinance PAM2023-001054 and Jeff Bossard seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carolyn Keigley: Aye

Jeff Bossard: Aye

Lise Brunhart: Aye

Dan Knopp: Aye

Keith Zuspan: Aye

- b. OAM2023-001056: The Planning Commission has been working with staff over the past year to draft amendments to Title 19 (Zoning) of Town of Brighton Municipal Code. This amendment affects all areas within the Town of Brighton. The drafted sections of Title 19 will be proposed as a repeal and replacement of existing Title 19 of Municipal Code. This item covers ordinance text amendments ONLY. There are no map amendments proposed. Planner: Morgan Julian. Pages 31-119. Recording: 54.57.**

Morgan Julian, MSD Long Range Planner, presented the proposed changes to the Title 19 ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission. The purpose of the update is to amend the code to be more reflective of the community and ensure compliance with state statute. The existing code was adopted from Salt Lake County and does not address Brighton's community issues. This update aims to conform with Brighton's general plan which identifies those specific community goals. This project was initiated in January 2023 and public workshops with the planning commission have been held since then to revise these chapters accordingly. The chapters reviewed in this meeting are: Chapters 19.24

(Forestry Zones), 19.32 (C-V Commercial Zone), 19.38 (Foothills and Canyons Overlay Zone), 19.42

(Specific Use Standards).

19.24 The existing code has multiple forestry zone chapters. The proposed code compiles them into one while maintaining the Forestry Zone (FR), and the Forestry Multifamily (FM). It also reflects residential use while removing uses that don't apply such as agriculture and commercial. It was clarified that utilities are still allowed in these zones and the exclusion of underground vaults refer to storage such as the ones in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Vaults for utilities are ok. A parks and recreation zone will be proposed later, and the commercial zone will be revised when the neighborhood nodes project is completed.

The planning commission discussed a limitation on residential building size and building setbacks in the forestry zone multiple times in many of the public workshops. The maximum building size will be 4,500 gross square feet. So that's including multiple stories, garages, and anything with a roof cover such as a porch, patio, or deck. The proposed limitation is an effort to maintain the overall character of Brighton as the average gross square footage of homes in Brighton is around 1,800 square feet. It is also to help

limit the amount of natural resources being used such as water. Setbacks are 8 feet from property lines and 10 ft from any right of way. These standards only apply to new applications.

19.38 Foothills and Canyons Overlay Zone proposed changes will reduce the Limits of Disturbance (LOD) as an effort to preserve natural resources. The maximum LOD would change from 20,000 to 10,000 sq. ft. or 40% of the lot, whichever is less. This includes driveways. The minimum LOD is 3,000 sq ft or the size of the lot, whatever is less. Vegetation language was added to this chapter from the landscaping chapter since that will be removed. 19.38.190 is a waiver for ski resort improvements. Regarding Mayor Knopp's concern about requiring revegetation when the forest is overgrown, it was clarified that the planning commission will need to revisit the topic since that point hadn't been discussed. It was clarified that although the Forest Service approves the resort operations, the building department still needs to review their structures.

Setbacks from perennial stream corridors were recommended to change from 50 feet to 100 feet. Historical perspective explained that the county was at 100 feet, and we adopted the county code. Upon realizing Salt Lake City Public Utilities setback of 50 feet, the town adopted a 50-foot setback. The town then adopted a sustainability plan, which recommended a setback of 100 feet. Input from the sustainability consultants noted 100 ft setback give an increased watershed resilience because of riparian areas acting as natural fuel breaks; beavers widen riparian zones. It increases water residency time by slowing water and allowing it to absorb into banks; less flash flooding. It improves water quality and increases biodiversity due to habitat complexity (temperature, vegetation, flow patterns, depth). The stream needs room to recover some of its historic floodplain which has been reduced since beavers were removed from the landscape by trappers in the 1800s. The planning commission may grant a reduction relief up to 25% of the setback. However, the Planning Commission recommends increasing the relief to 50% to accommodate properties that would be rendered unbuildable with a 100 ft setback. It was noted that some cabins are within the 50-foot setback. They would be subject to the non-complying structure chapter, so they would be able to rebuild in the same size footprint, but they could not expand within the setback. If a home is on a septic system opposed to the sewer, they must be 100 feet away, no exceptions.

19.32 Commercial Zone (CV), small revisions were made, but the full revision will be initiated after the Brighton Neighborhood Nodes Design Plan. The planning commission recommends removing uses for automobile service stations, campgrounds and travel trailer parks, Class C fireworks store, bed and breakfast inn, hotel tourists court, and mortar courts. Hotels are kept as a use. The reasoning was that short-term rentals and hotels are well regulated in the code and their uses are close enough to the lodging uses proposed to be removed. Single family use isn't allowed in a CV zone, so that was also removed.

19.42 Specific Use Standards is a new chapter that takes uses from zoning chapters and puts them in one location for uses such as STRs, and IADUs. Things able to be removed are check cashing, drive-thrus, pawn shops, Reiki, tobacco sales, and self-storage.

On January 31, 2024, planning commission recommended adoption for the entirety of Title 19 amendments with revisions including grammar formatting, or referencing revisions or other revisions determined as necessary to prepare for the final draft adoption. Staff recommendation is to adopt chapters 19.24, 19.32, 19.38, and 19.42.

Open Public Hearing

PUBLIC INPUT:

- 1) John Cooper appreciated Jeff's comment about stream setbacks for environmental protection. He agrees with Dan that 50 feet may be a sticky point for some owners. If the concern is for environmental preservation, then he wonders why we don't mandate the required sewer connection for properties within 300 feet of the sewer.

Jim Nakamura noted it is the Sewer District and Health Department that would force those owners to connect.

- 2) Eli Lovett is a resident of Silver Fork and her parents, Frank and Cindy Brewer, have been trying to get permission to do an addition to their property in Silver Fork, and they've been trying to get an easement for the 50-foot variance. It has taken over two years to get this done. She's concerned that if this goes through with 100 feet, it will not be possible. Similar to short-term rentals that were in process for a license for one to two years, but were still allowed, she hopes that a house trying to get a variance for the 50-foot set back can be allowed. Mogan Julian confirmed that if a house has a complete application, meaning it has been through the initial review phase, then it will be vested under the previous limit.
- 3) Merril Maxfield has a cabin in Pine Tree and has a septic tank. He wondered how soon he would be required to convert to sewer. Don Despain from the Big Cottonwood Canyon Sewer District responded that in this area when they put in the water improvements, they installed a grinder pump station rather than a main sewer. They do not require the 300-foot connection because it's a pump station.
- 4) Don Despain provided a written comment ahead of time:
"On the proposal to change setback from 50ft to 100ft. Policy Standards throughout the County and State and elsewhere have analyzed dwellings on a septic system (grey water field) adjacent to a stream(waterway) need to have a 100 ft. setback. Dwellings connected to a sanitary sewer system the setback reduces to 50 ft. The Big Cottonwood Improvement District and Cottonwood Improvement District have placed this standard into their policy and best practices. This setback change has been argued frequently within the development of General Plans both at the County and TOB. The Mountainous Planning Commission adopted the 50 ft setback for dwellings on the sanitary sewer.
Polly McLean explained this comment came in before the January Planning Commission meeting, which he is the chair of, and he voted in favor of the ordinance after lengthy discussion.
- 5) Chad Smith asked if the stream setback includes wetlands in addition to perennial streams. He provided history on two lots in his neighborhood. One was purchased in March 2022. After due diligence, however, it would not have been purchased with more than a 50-foot setback. The second example was purchased in November, and it is barely buildable with a 50-foot setback from the wetlands. He made the point There are people who have done due diligence prior to a purchase, but they had not yet started the building application process. If a waiver is easy enough, then he hopes that will work for them.
Morgan Julian clarified that the proposed setbacks of 100 feet are for perennial streams. The setbacks for wetlands and ephemeral streams are still 50 feet.
Chad's second comment was about the 4,500 gross square foot limit. Until tonight he thought this only applied to living space, not to include covered parking. Not only does this impact his building plans, but a neighbor removed their garage to have more square footage added to their home. Now they have no covered parking, and their cars are on the road causing a safety and liability issue. Everyone knows how hard winters are in Brighton and this only discourages people from having covered parking. He suggests making it easier for people by excluding garages in the building size limits.

Morgan confirmed that the planning commission's intention was to limit the total square footage of a building per lot.

Jeff Bossard agreed with Chad that garages should be excluded. For his personal plans, this would put him over the limit because he also has a covered deck and garage.

- 6) Brian Reynolds asked for clarification and it was confirmed that decks that are uncovered are not included in the total gross square footage.

- 7) Ulrich Brunhart, from the Brighton Planning Commission commented that the planning commission decided on 4,500 square feet maximum to include covered decks and garages because they don't want people to later convert a covered area into more living space because they would exceed the living space max square footage.
Jeff Bossard thought we should keep it consistent with what real estate valuations are. When they assess your taxes, they're not including garage space, or covered decks. He thought Ulrich brought up a good point, but suggested a requirement for people to sign something upon plan approval that they won't enclose an outdoor area.
Polly noted the planning commission talked about this at length in at least one or two meetings. It would be hard to enforce when people sometimes don't use a building permit. She also noted that sometimes people use garage space for things other than parking, so if excluded it would be hard to ensure proper use.
Morgan noted that in the existing code proposed code that there is an allowance for accessory structures up to 800 square feet. So, the residential structure could be limited to 4,000 square feet instead. The accessory structure could be attached or not.
Keith was unsure of how to address the garage because he doesn't think of his garage as a living space.
Dan noted if the garage is separate, then people might want to add a covered walkway to the house and then we end up with an even larger net square footage.
Carolyn preferred to defer to planning commission because they are very competent people. She reminded all that the intention of the limitation is to protect finite resources, and the bigger it gets the more bedrooms, bathrooms, and people in there.
Ulrich added that the intention is to prevent loopholes for mansions.
Mayor Knopp closed the public comment.

Keith Zuspan moved to approve the ordinance as it stands. Additionally, the council will ask the planning commission to reconsider the garage size and exclusion from total square footage at their March meeting and return any potential amendments to the council in April. Lise Brunhart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Keith Zuspan: Aye

Lise Brunhart: Aye

Dan Knopp: Aye

Jeff Bossard: Nay

Carolyn Keigley: Aye

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC INPUT

Written Input:

1) Don Despain

The Town of Brighton has developed a Short- Term Rental application guide listing limitations and conditions that apply. It is appropriate, as in item #6, to provide evidence of an approved water service provider and a connection to the public sewer system. Water Companies and sewer district will provide letters of availability to the property owners on initial applications.

On the annual license renewal guideline #4 states that an updated water provision letter needs to be submitted from the water company and Salt Lake City Public Utilities. This requirement is unnecessary as water stock certificates are appurtenant to the lot and the developed residence. Likewise, the sewer connection. These connections will not change over time. The property owner can be trusted to provide a copy of their water company annual assessment invoice as evidence to the MSD and SLCPU.

Most water companies serving the Brighton Community do not have full time staff to respond to renewal verification that have already been provided. The water companies are better equipped to monitor compliance issues through their rules and regulations, including water capacity limitations. Please remove these renewal requirements from the guidelines or ordinances

2) Laynee Jones

I am writing to request that the town notify its residents of the pending conditional use permit for a 60' cell tower on Rufus Road on property owned by Dan Knopp. Verizon is proposing to lease the land from Dan in exchange for compensation.

Notifying residents through the town email database or newsletter is in accordance with good governance, transparency, and integrity (and is not precluded by law). If the cell tower is constructed without residents knowing ahead of time, they may rightly ask the town why the town did not share the knowledge. Notifying also allows residents to comment on mitigation at the upcoming planning commission meeting. (Note that property owners adjacent to the site received a notice; however, this is a small number).

Dan has played a pivotal role in the community for years and in standing up our town, and I believe the cell tower will sully this legacy. I understand that in facing retirement he is seeking a source of ongoing funds and ask that the town consider the purchase of this parcel for snowblower storage, if amenable to Dan, as an alternative to the cell tower.

I want to thank you all for your service to the town, including the Mayor. You do not have easy jobs and are faced regularly with difficult and sometimes intractable issues.

3) Tom Loken - the town residents need to be aware that the visual impact of this Verizon proposal will be more than just the tower. It will also consist of a 12 x 20 ft. shed surrounded by a 6 ft. high chain link fence topped with barbed wire. It will be visible to all traffic and people along Rufus Rd. and Silver Fork Rd.

-The current Verizon proposal only includes 10 aspens on the west and north sides of the shed.

- Residents also need to know that the Verizon proposal's graphics are misleading. In reality, the structure will be larger and more unsightly than they indicate.

- Additionally - there is potential for many other issues with this Verizon proposal, such as monthly required generator maintenance noise and snow removal problems.

Thank you.

4) Nathaniel Dunlap

I am writing to the town council to express my opposition to the pending conditional use permit to build a 60' Verizon wireless tower near Silver Fork Lodge submitted to the Town of Brighton Planning Commission on January 17, 2024.

I am opposed to construction of the tower for the following reasons:

- Adverse visual and environmental impact
- Constant high-pitched buzzing emanating from the tower and generator noise
- The tower location introduces snow removal problems
- Potential adverse impact on human health
- Deficient Verizon disclosure
- Diminished local property values
- 250' is the minimal reasonable setback in a residential neighborhood
- There is a current boundary line dispute between the Loken property (parcel 24-21-208-014) and the Silver Fork Lodge parcel (24-21-208-013) - it is unclear if the cell tower proposal is in compliance with building code.

The public's interest would be better served if the town council can strike a deal to purchase the proposed cell tower property from Mayor Knopp to use as snowblower storage or conservation easement.

While the construction of the cell tower will likely decrease the value of all nearby properties, I believe Silver Fork Lodge and Restaurant will experience the most significant diminishment in valuation. If the cell tower project proceeds it seems unlikely that neighbors in close proximity will continue to extend the same level of courtesy and cooperation that has enabled the Silver Fork Lodge outdoor events and wedding business to thrive.

Additionally, in accordance with good governance, transparency, and integrity, I request that the town make an effort to notify all residents of Brighton of the Verizon cell tower plan through the town email database and newsletter.

Thank you,

MINUTES

Jeff Bossard moved to approve the minutes for the Town Council Meeting on January 9th, 2024, and Carolyn Keigley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with the correction to the misspelling of a name.

UPD

Officer Lenzer provided a verbal and written report:

We had a total of 217 calls for the Town of Brighton. That is down significantly from last year. I think the milder January weather is contributing to that number. There were 8-Thefts, 1-Assault, 1-Burglary Alarm, 2-Trespass calls, 2-Dogs in a Watershed, 1-Camping in a Watershed, 1-Canyon Closure, and a few Citizen Assists. There were 51-Traffic related calls including 17-Canyon Vehicle Assists, 6-Hit and Run Accidents, and 6-Traffic Accidents. Officers wrote 21 regular traffic citations and 65 Parking Notices. We have observed the traffic issues and the back up during the weekends around noon-2 PM. We have had officers present during peak times. We are taking enforcement actions when appropriate, however we don't really have any other solutions at this time.

We are currently one Officer short on the weekend shift due to a transfer. Officer Trevor Parker has returned from his medical leave relieving some of the weekend shortage. We are currently looking to fill the open spot however there isn't an exact timeline for when an officer is up here.

Detective Cheryl Lenzer C.O.P/Fraud/Property Crimes

Special Operations/Canyon Patrol and Rescue

Unified Police Department

Dispatch 801-840-4000

UFA

Dustin Dern reported they are in the budget process and are talking about benefits and compensation this week. They are tracking the legislative session and there is a lot going on to affect them. Recruit camps started this month, and they are down to 30 candidates from 33. Graduation is expected May 16th. The board will approve the draft strategic plan this month. Fire school 101 is happening on April 12th and the council is welcome to sign up. Pancake breakfast is anticipated for the fall. It was a busy past month. There were 81 medical and traumatic injuries and 38 were emergent. There was also a structure fire and compactor fire. He thanked Brighton resort for the equipment to pull the compactor out of the building.

SKI RESORTS

Brighton

Mike Doyle commented that business has picked up from the slow start at the beginning of the season. It took 3 years, but the Sidewinder restaurant is open. There was a big Redbull event last weekend. This coming Friday night is a firework show with the band Pixie and the Party Grass Boys. He will be following up on the call from the MSD that the VMS sign needs to be permitted. He appreciated the great work UDOT has done this season.

Solitude

Not present.

BUSINESS

e. Presentation by UPD on Law Enforcement Services effective July 1, 2024. Pages 193-206.

Recording: 2:20.32.

Mayor Knopp moved this item to the top of the business items.

Justin Hoyle, Holladay Precinct Chief, thanked the mayor, council, and community for the opportunity to present the services they can provide after July 1st. Chief Jason Mazuran was in Magna making the same presentation and was unable to attend, (although he arrived later). He shared the vision and mission statement and the goals of working together to provide the highest level of police service to keep the community safe. They will do this through integrity, respect, and professionalism as we move into the reorganization. Looking at the organization chart, the cities that have currently partnered are Millcreek, Holladay, and Midvale. Brighton will be under the Holiday Precinct. There are resources that will be provided directly to the entities from SLVLESA. UPD provides shared services such as specialized investigative services including homicides, special victims, domestic violence, fraud. There is a canine unit, SWAT team, and our major accident team are all part of that. They have a human resources department, legal team, and fiscal department. Each group is responsible for hiring and recruiting new officers, getting them trained and maintaining training throughout the year. The legal department continually looks at updates in the law and defends the organization so that our communities don't have to and then our fiscal team that provides budgets, and work very hard ensure accuracy and transparency. The Technical Services Division provides officers with radios, computers, record maintenance, and police reports for the public upon request. There is a robust property and evidence unit to handle storage and disposal. And finally, a fleet. Looking at the reorganization moving forward, there's going to be 270 sworn officers, 68 civilian members, and 7 part time officers. It was clarified that some of the services mentioned are being discussed with the sheriff's office to see if they can work together on any of the overlapping services.

It was emphasized that membership allows local control. UPD is governed by a board of directors, which represents all communities. This allows a council member to sit on the board and help make decisions for things such as Chief of Police and local precinct chiefs, and budget. The level of service will be tailored to each community. Also highlighted was their level of expertise in law enforcement.

Rick presented the budget proposal for 2025. The precinct direct charge estimates \$1,327,180 to cover 6 officers, and to be shared with Holladay .75 sergeant, .20 use of: chief, lieutenant, office coordinator, and victim advocate. It includes all expenditures such as wages, benefits, vehicles, gas. Shared services are estimated to be \$492,869. The total 2024-25 fiscal year cost was estimated at \$1,820,049, which is an increase from 2023-24 by 13.05%, or \$210,151. The numbers calculated for an estimated health insurance coverage increase by 9.7%. URS shows a 1% increase for sworn, and a 1% decrease for civilian. Dispatchers may be a 5% increase. Wage increases are not included in these numbers, but it could be a 3% increase. Wage wars from a few years ago have calmed down, but there are still not a lot of new officers applying. Brighton's tax revenue collected by SLVLESA in 2023 was \$1,285,455.

In reviewing the partnership, Brighton will pay 20% and Holladay will pay 80% for four positions: a precinct chief, executive lieutenant, administrative assistant, and victim advocate. There will be a full-time sergeant to oversee all patrol operations that Brighton will pay 75% of and Holladay will pay 25%. There will be 5 patrol officers assigned specifically to Brighton from 6am to 2am, with additional coverage on the weekends. Hours could be adjusted for 24/7 coverage. We will have access available for specialized resources such as a mental health detective, two traffic officers, a detective for code enforcement, and a justice court bailiff.

The tentative schedule will be two officers Fri-Mon and one officer Tues-Thur. with the availability of back of up from Holladay as needed. All vehicles will be outfitted for snow days and adequate for any special operation so they can help with search and rescue, although that's managed by the sheriff. It's important to UPD to maintain relationships with all other entities from canyon patrol to UDOT, the Forest Service, and watershed. The incorporated boundaries of Brighton would be UPD's primary responsibility, although canyon patrol is responsible by statute for public lands, which is Forest Service land and makes up 2/3 of the town. Incidents can happen on both Forest Service land, and within the town boundary. Chief Hoyle will investigate the division further to determine exact responsibilities between the two entities. Dispatch is the same for both entities, so they will help determine who to send. The benefit of having dedicated officers is that they will be familiar with the roads, neighborhoods, residents, and businesses. They will be present at events such as the 4th of July parade and races that take place in the canyon. They will be selective in the officers chosen for the canyon to find the right fit. It is unknown which officers will stay with UPD and those that will go with the sheriff. To demonstrate their track record, in a year's time there were 7,000 survey responses about citizen interaction with the officers and the average is 4.67 stars out of 5.

b. Cottonwood Canyons Invasive Weeds Program 2023 Report, and Proposal for Funding. Pages 136-192. Recording 2:56.19

Ella Abelli-Amen introduced herself as the Plant Stewardship Director for Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. She was appreciative of the support the town has provided in the past. The town has given them \$15,000 annually and will continue this year as a part of the budget process to make payment around July 1st.

c. Authorization for the mayor to purchase a shed for package pick up at the Old Fire Station. For discussion and possible action. Recording 2:57.41

Continued from last month. Dan Knopp explained since we have the concrete pad at the old fire station, it can be designated for a shed for package pick up until the area is needed for another use. It will improve deliveries for Forest Glen, Silver Lake Estates, and the loop. It will be a simple structure with

shelves on both sides, no lights, no heat, and perhaps a digital access code. The specs will be roughly 10X15 with shelves on both sides. Quotes can be gathered from tough shed and an RFP can be created if it exceeds the amount allowed to be spent. Snow can be removed by Paul Nell as a part of what we already pay him to plow within the town.

d. Discussion on short-term rentals on Church Road and possible exclusion from the Silver Fork cap. Recording: 3:02.49.

Dan Knopp heard from several residents on Church Road. There are 4 or 5 new \$3M houses and all want to rent them short-term. He asked for consideration to exclude them from the cap in Silver Fork because they are separated from Silver Fork proper by having separate access that comes in from Solitude. They are shareholders in the Silver Fork water system, but renting wouldn't affect anyone but them. Jeff Bossard recommended the water letter, sewer letter, and this item to be discussed in an STR subcommittee meeting in April.

a. Agreement with Smith Hartvigsen for Legal Services to Review, Revise, and Update the Subdivision Ordinance per SB 174. For discussion. Pages 129-135.

Mayor Knopp moved this item to be last.

Polly McLean explained the state legislature passed a bill that all municipalities must revise their subdivision code, Title 18. The state allocated \$14,000 for towns of our size to implement this. They approved 5 vendors, but rather than going through the formal process, it was suggested to partner with Smith Hartvigsen because they are already redoing this for townships and MSD, and they have worked with our planners on land use matters. We've known their attorneys to do a good job, and we've also used them before. Jay Springer was present at the meeting and previously assured Polly it would be under the \$14,000 allowance. Jay added the MSD has a separate allocation of funds, and to the extent that we're using some of the same work, we won't be billed for that. He provided a proposed memorandum of understanding.

Keith Zuspan moved, and Lise Brunhart seconded to allow the mayor to sign a contract. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CHAT BOX COMMENTS

01:43:10 eli lovett: This will directly effect cyndy and Frank's property. I feel strongly

REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Dan Knopp reported that he met with Madison Aviles, the community support person from Wasatch Front Regional Council. She helps small communities figure out administrative functions such as obtaining .gov email addresses. Although we have most things established, we can contact her if things come up.

Dan signed the local consent for the new Snake Creek restaurant.

He also signed a local consent for Solitude's hotel liquor license.

Parking is working well. The unintended consequence is the big rush at 1pm when reservations end and parking spots start opening for the general public. Cars have started to queue up in the No Parking areas to wait. He's asked UPD for presence at the turnover to help diffuse the issue, and Kyle is also helping to work on it. The bigger issue is that the capacity of the road is for 1,200 cars to exit an hour. We get 4,000

plus cars on a given day. The resorts are trying to help stagger departures with night skiing or opening earlier. Crest and Majestic are open until 5pm to help with traffic and in a few weeks when it's lighter, Solitude will be doing the same thing. Dan spoke to Carlos Braceras today and there will be no forward movement with phase 1, buses, tolling, or parking structures, until the lawsuit is settled. They may move forward soon to purchase the gravel pit at the mouth from Doug Shelby and the Walker family with the \$13M allocated for it. In the Wasatch Front Regional Council Technical Advisory Committee, there is a program considering our transportation needs outside of the EIS. They have \$250M and \$40M from a previous allocation, so we may be eligible for some of that funding for a parking structure at the base without it being attached to the gondola EIS. UDOT, CWC and the resorts will meet to talk about the local transportation district in both canyons.

Dan met with both ski areas and Wadsworth Brothers to discuss parking structures at the resorts, but the concern is that would bring more cars into the canyon.

Per Jeff's question, the bus issue from last month is resolved. They were able to get a flashing sign.

Council Members' Reports

Keith Zuspan reported that Zion's bank account has \$173,088 from the December distribution received in January. The Resort Community Tax was \$159,387. The PTIF has \$3.642M. The last interest paid out was \$16,880 which equates to 5.4% annual rate.

He met with Pam Roberts from WFWRD. The electrical crew is coming out to relocate the activation switch back to the original position next to the door. They are preparing the paperwork for a glass recycling container.

Lise Brunhart reported that she finished the introduction to legislature coursework training. She has talked to Chad Smith and John Knoblock about the Silver Lake trail restoration. There will be a meeting to understand the schedule, equipment and materials coming in. It will be between June and August. She attended the BCCA meeting where Barbara asked if she could write a letter on their behalf to our representatives arguing against HB 502 and SB 172. These bills would remove local control from mining. She learned the governor will give money to trails that connect communities. They must accommodate all ages for pedestrians, bicycles and be ADA compliant. They need to be asphalt. The amenities should have rest areas for sitting, and signage about history and Natural History. There may be an opportunity for us on the south side of the highway. Maintenance and trail upkeep could be shared with the Forest Service. It could take time to get agreement from all stakeholders such as the Forest Service because trails cannot go through the campgrounds. Some residents may not want trails by their homes because it could bring too many visitors. It could also be problematic in the watershed.

Potentially, there will be a Firewise Chili dinner and tour on a Thursday in May.

She attended the AMC meeting today with Rosie Rivera as the speaker.

Jeff Bossard attended the quarterly Animal Services board meeting. He was unable to attend today's Mosquito Abatement meeting today because of his teaching schedule. He's also helping with the Neighborhood Nodes project. He represents the town, and Tom Ward represents the planning commission. They have been instrumental in moving it forward.

Carolyn Keigley commented on the trail connecting communities. She volunteered to take video footage of the Legacy Trail in Tahoe from Glenshire community to downtown Truckee. It follows the river. People commute to work by bike because the road is skinny and dangerous. Kids can go to the Regional Park to play games or to high school. The trail continues to South Lake Tahoe. It took many years and cooperation from many jurisdictions, landowners, and different entities to get it done.

Polly sent a legislative update to the council via email. The committee meets every Monday, and the council can have two people on it.

Emergency Management Report

Not present

BCCA Report

Barbara Cameron reported that the BCCA will be sending a report and will be requesting \$5,000 to the town next month for the 4th of July and adopt a trail. BI will be requesting \$5,500 for their work on Brighton Days and the history committee. They hope for continued support.

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Decision on UPD or Sheriff's office.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Keith Zuspan moved to go into closed session for a discussion of pending or reasonably imminent litigation, personnel matters, and/or sale or acquisition of real property pursuant to per Utah Code §52-4-205. Jeff Bossard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff moved out of closed into open session and Lise Brunhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Jeff Bossard moved to adjourn the meeting and Carolyn Keigley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15PM



Submitted by Kara John, Town Clerk