

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY  
COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

**MARCH 7, 2024; 5:40 P.M.**

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR JOY PETRO, ZACH BLOXHAM, CLINT MORRIS, BETTINA SMITH EDMONDSON, AND DAVE THOMAS**

**PARTICIPATING ELECTRONICALLY: TYSON ROBERTS**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**ALEX JENSEN, CLINT DRAKE, CHAD WILKINSON, STEPHEN JACKSON, ED FRAZIER, AND KIM READ**

**The meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Layton City Center.**

Mayor Petro opened the meeting.

**AGENDA:**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Petro shared the following:

- She would be forwarding an email from North Davis Sewer District (NDSD) which explained the plan for updating the sewer pipe along Fairfield Road to be completed this fall. She also provided an update regarding its construction along Hill Field Road.
- Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) was in the process of reviewing transportation funding appropriated by the legislature and briefly reviewed some of those projects.
- Davis County Homeless Committee's funding request wasn't approved by the legislature. She mentioned no decisions had yet been made with how the Code Blue situation would be addressed. She reported Davis Behavioral Health's 60-unit housing facility to be constructed on South Main Street had been funded by the legislature.
- The old bank building on the corner of Main Street/Gentile renovation was complete and the Barlow's would be having an Open House on Monday, March 11, 2024.
- The Heritage Museum's new exhibit Open House would be Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 5:00-8:00 PM.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORT**

Councilmember Thomas shared the following updates on behalf of Councilmember Roberts:

- Wear green at Surf'n Swim on Saturday, March 16, 2024, for half-priced admission.
- Family Night at the Library was scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2024. 'Mermaids, Scales, and Pirate Tales' was the theme.
- Easter Egg Dive at Surf'n Swim was scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Registration was required to participate.

Councilmember Thomas provided an update from the Davis Arts Council. He announced Tessa Vaschel, Executive Director, had resigned from her position at the Davis Arts Council. An open house was planned to wish her farewell on Friday, March 15, 2024, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Davis Arts Council. He mentioned Kristin Wojciewchowski had been hired as the Senior Director of Development, and expressed his confidence in her abilities.

Mayor Petro reminded the Council it was invited to attend the Davis Arts Council's VIP event at Roosters on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 6:00 PM, at which time the Summer Nights with the Stars concert performances would be announced.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson announced the Layton Communities that Care (CTC) would be having a Community Board Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 1:00 PM. She mentioned there was a virtual option available. She mentioned she was excited to attend the Data Workgroup Meeting scheduled for 11:00 AM where the SHARP data specific to Layton City would be shared. She explained this data included information from school students that feed Layton and Northridge High Schools. The data would provide information used to determine needs for future programming.

She also shared her perspective of participating with the legislative session.

Councilmember Morris expressed his opinion ULCT (Utah League of Cities and Towns) did a good job of working on bills this year and spoke specifically to the ombudsman and building inspector bill.

He reported the RAMP (Recreation, Arts, Museum, and Parks) Commission would be meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, to review grant applications. David Price, Parks and Recreation Director, added recommendations would be forwarded to Alex Jensen, City Manager, to be included with the budget process, prior to being forwarded to the City Council.

### **PRESENTATION – VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT**

Isabel Limón, Victim Service's Coordinator, shared the following highlights from the past year with the Council:

- Sub-for-Santa program assisted four separate families consisting of 12 children. She shared a heart-warming story.
- Housing:
  - assisted 14 individuals for a total of 32 months of rent totaling approximately \$41,750
  - assisted four individuals for 13 nights of emergency hotel stays totaling approximately \$1,000

She shared an example of one of the victims that had benefitted from the rental program and hotel stays. She mentioned statistics compared from last year to this year identified a marked increase from within the Latino community and believed her ability to speak Spanish was a benefit. She believed educating victims was a large part of her role as an advocate to assist with the legal process and terminology, especially those living within the cycle of repeated abuse. She mentioned providing resources to these victims contributed toward ending the cycle. She expressed appreciation to the Council for its support of the Victim Services Program.

Councilmember Thomas clarified City Employees contributed toward this Sub-for-Santa Program via payroll deduction. He expressed his opinion these recipients were in need and truly grateful.

Councilmember Bloxham inquired about recent cutbacks associated with the VOCA grant and whether the City was in a good position. Ms. Limón responded there was always the possibility that grant funding would be decreased. Clint Drake, City Attorney, added the VOCA grant was a two year grant cycle, with one year remaining on the current grant.

Councilmember Morris inquired about the court process and Mr. Drake responded the backlog of trials had been eliminated and reported newly implemented processes had contributed to efficiencies. He emphasized the number of cases being prosecuted were not decreasing and shared some statistics. He emphasized Ms. Limón not only assisted domestic violence victims but victims of other crime as well.

**BID AWARD – RJT EXCAVATING, INC. – GORDON AVENUE SECONDARY WATER TRUNK LINE, PROJECT 22-04 – RESOLUTION 24-08 – ALONG GORDON AVENUE BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY RAINBOW DRIVE AND 400 WEST**

Stephen Jackson, City Engineer, shared an illustration which identified the location of the trunk line and spoke to the specifics associated with the project. He explained this phase of the project would begin at Gordon Avenue near Rainbow Drive and would stop at Gordon and Hill Field Road. The second phase would go west under Interstate 15 and Main Street to extend further west to Ellison Park. He anticipated the project would be completed by the end of the summer and added this would be considered a large project. He added a good plan for traffic patterns had been identified and was hopeful there wouldn't be significant impacts at the school crossing.

He announced the lowest, responsive, responsible bid was \$5,188,893.95 and the engineer's estimate was \$4,500,000.00. He mentioned Staff would be identifying any cost savings which could close that gap with regard to some of the bid items and was hopeful to stay close to the \$4.5 million. He continued to review costs for the project and how recognized grant funding could benefit the project.

Councilmember Roberts was pleased with the City moving forward with a project that had been discussed for a long time and also that the bid was awarded to a Layton based company. Mr. Jackson expressed confidence with the contractor.

**ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAYTON CITY, UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL PRE-CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE KAY'S CREEK TRAIL PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS AT THE LAYTON FRONTRUNNER STATION – RESOLUTION 24-07 – 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET**

David Price, Parks and Recreation Director, shared an illustration which identified the funding for the project and reviewed it with the Council. He informed the Council, JoEllen Grandy, Parks Planner, had aggressively sought grant funding and reported her efforts had been successful in receiving both Federal and State grants to help fund the project. He announced the Department would be requesting \$445,000 in RAMP funding to finalize the funding for the project. He mentioned the agreement with Kimley-Horn was just over \$1 million and it would provide all engineering and architectural work associated with the pedestrian bridge.

He also shared an illustration which identified the location of the proposed overpass, explaining the bridge would span the railroad tracks from the FrontRunner station landing on property near the apartment development already secured for this purpose. He mentioned this would provide connectivity between those areas as well as to the City's trail system from the east to the west. The Council discussed what the bridge would resemble and its function. Mr. Price mentioned this bridge would have an accommodation for bicycles and Ms. Grandy explained the intended feature. Mr. Price complimented Ms. Grandy's efforts in securing grant funding for the project.

**CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER AND/OR COMPETENCY OF AN INDIVIDUAL(S), PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION, PURCHASE, SALE, EXCHANGE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, WATER RIGHTS OR SHARES, AND/OR DEPLOYMENT OF SECURITY PERSONNEL, DEVICES OR SYSTEMS AS PERMITTED UNDER UTAH CODE 52-4-205**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Smith Edmondson moved to adjourn the meeting and convene in a closed meeting at 6:18 p.m. to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Thomas moved to open the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Councilmember Bloxham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.**

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Kimberly S Read, City Recorder

**SWORN STATEMENT**

The undersigned hereby swears and affirms, pursuant to Section 52-4-205(1) of the Utah Code Annotated, that the sole purpose for the closed meeting of the Layton City Council on the **7th day of March, 2024**, was to discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

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JOY PETRO, Mayor

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KIMBERLY S READ, City Recorder