



North Logan City Council

April 10, 2024

Minutes of the North Logan City
City Council
Held on April 10, 2024
At the North Logan City Library, North Logan, Utah

Motion

Emily Schmidt made a motion to appoint Buzzy Mullahkhel as Mayor pro tempore for this meeting. Joni Kartchner seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor.

Item #1 - Opening Business

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Buzzy Mullahkhel at 6:30 p.m.

Council members present were: Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey. (Mayor Lyndsay Peterson was excused.)

Others present were: Sherry Gill, Jaxon Bowden, Russell Goodwin, Linda Young, Cathy Larsen, Kara Tim, Jordan Oldham, Trent Bateman, Scott Bennett, Scott Perkes, Police Chief Kent Goodrich, Fire Chief Nate Thompson, Alan Luce and Marie Power.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Hancey.

An invocation was given by Kenny Reese.

Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Buzzy Mullahkhel explained that Agenda item #4 needed to be removed from the agenda, as more information is needed before it can be discussed.

Motion

Mark Hancey made a motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, removing Item #4, as explained. Kenny Reese seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor.

Approval and Follow-up of Minutes of the March 20, 2024 City Council Meeting and Executive (Closed) Session Meeting.

Motion

Emily Schmidt made a motion to approve the two sets of the above-referenced minutes, as presented. Kenny Reese seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor.

Review of Action Items

Alan Luce reviewed the list with the council.

Recognition of Exemplary Staff Member

Mayor Pro Tem Buzzy Mullahkhel recognized Alan Luce, City Administrator, for his outstanding efforts, in handling and bringing to fruition, the project for the new City offices, along with the Civic Center project in general; and Jordan Oldham, Public Works Director, for his exemplary efforts with his handling of various aspects of the project, including managing the construction elements. Alan and Jordan were nominated by Debbie Bond, City Treasurer.

Presentation from CAPSA (Kara Tim) regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April).

Kara Tim from CAPSA gave a presentation explaining the reasons behind Sexual Assault Awareness Month taking place in April; and explained various stats, as well as what CAPSA does to support victims of abuse and sexual assault.

58 **New Business**

59 **Current Action Items**

60 Item #2 - 6:35 Public Hearing regarding a resolution authorizing the dissolution of the North
61 Logan City Justice Court. Following the public hearing, approval of a resolution may be
62 considered authorizing the dissolution of the North Logan City Justice Court.

63 Alan Luce explained the situation, and the meetings and discussions that were held regarding this
64 issue; and gave a presentation regarding the pros and cons of having a local Justice Court,
65 including items related to the convenience for residents, budget trends, and issues with the
66 changes in state intervention.

67 Alan addressed various questions throughout the presentation.

68 Alan explained the pros and cons for moving to a District Court situation, including the cutting of
69 costs; a higher percentage of cases being handled in person; and, on the negative side, having to
70 pay out the Judge's remaining term if we dissolve the court; and, the City having to retain a
71 prosecuting attorney (which Alan explained would be required with either option.)

72 He explained various particulars further; including the process for moving forward, if they decide
73 to close the justice court.

74 *Mayor Pro Tem Buzzy Mullahkhel read aloud the guidelines for speaking at a public hearing, and
75 opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m., and then closed it, as there were no public comments
76 forthcoming.*

77 Kenny Reese asked about the deficit and asked why, as Alan had commented, that it is one of
78 the highest costing courts in the state; which Alan addressed, and said it is based on the fact that
79 our case load is higher than other cities; as well as the City having to pay a facility fee, and the
80 judge's fees, and explained further.

81 Emily Schmidt discussed some of the information she obtained in her discussions on this with
82 other cities; and said most cities' cases are non-resident cases; and commented further that she
83 does not feel that it is worth having the court, based on our annual costs.

84 The council discussed this further, and Alan continued to address questions and comments. Per
85 a question from the council, Alan said that Hyde Park is having their meeting this evening as well,
86 and said they feel similarly to North Logan.

87 Alan and the council continued their discussion.

88 Kenny said there is compelling evidence to close this; but that it was obviously a good idea when
89 it began, and asked Alan what the idea was at that time for having the justice court, which Alan
90 addressed and explained.

91 **Motion**

92 *Emily Schmidt made a motion to approve Resolution 24-11, authorizing the dissolution of the
93 North Logan City Justice Court, as presented. Joni Kartchner seconded the motion. A vote was
94 called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt,
95 Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor.*

96 Item #3 - Consider authorizing incentives for prospective businesses.

97 Alan Luce mentioned that most cities don't bring incentives before their City Councils for review.
98 He explained the process of offering incentives to businesses potentially coming into the City. He
99 reviewed the information for two businesses considering coming in to North Logan, and referred
100 to the information on these businesses that he had given to the City Council; and explained what
101 some of the new businesses in general have asked for, in order to help them get started.

102 Alan and the council discussed various, related items further. He discussed what we could offer,
103 particularly in relation to the free market; and explained that if we do not do what other local cities
104 are doing to "be in the game," we lose out considerably financially, which he said is very
105 unfortunate.

106 Kenny Reese expressed his feelings about not wanting to participate in this "game" and that it
107 goes against his principles, and commented that this is not something North Logan City should be

112 part of.

113 Mayor Pro Tem Buzzy Mullahkhel commented on this, and said that until the state comes in and
114 possibly "levels the playing field," North Logan is losing out tremendously in terms of a tax base
115 and income, if we do not offer incentives to prospective new businesses.

116 Emily Schmidt agreed with Buzzy, and said she has watched cities completely fail because they
117 "stood on principle" and did not participate in the incentives process; and explained that she
118 would rather have a city that thrives and does well.

119 The discussion continued.

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121 **Motion**

122 *Emily Schmidt made a motion to approve authorizing incentives for the businesses listed, as
123 presented. Joni Kartchner seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed with
124 Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt and Mark Hancey voting in favor of the motion,
125 and Kenny Reese voting against the motion.*

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127 Joni Kartchner commented that the way we do incentives is not "immoral" and that we cannot
128 afford *not* doing it. She said we have a good administration who manages it, and that we can
129 trust that. She commented further.

130 Alan said the only incentive that was offered when the North Logan Walmart came in, was that
131 we agreed to help put a road in on the north side of it; and, said it would take ten-million dollars to
132 get them in now, and explained further.

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134 Item #4 - Consider authorizing the signing of an agreement with Brent Dahle regarding real
135 property.

136 *(This item was removed from the agenda, as noted when the agenda was approved at the
137 beginning of the meeting.)*

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139 **City Council Work Session Items**

140 Item #5 - Draft FY2025 Budget proposal from the Library Department.

141 Trent Bateman presented the budget for the library. He explained the large cost savings from
142 previous budgets compared to this year, and also discussed the grants they are going to receive
143 this year. He continued to review the various items in his budget.

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145 Item #6 - Draft FY2025 Budget proposal from the North Park Police Agency.

146 Police Chief Kent Goodrich presented the budget for the North Park Police Agency.

147 As Chief Goodrich was going to have to immediately leave for the Hyde Park City Council
148 meeting following his budget presentation, he gave his departmental report at this point, rather
149 than when they are typically given during "Reports," at the end of the council meeting. He
150 discussed training that his officers will be having; and also gave the recent stats for the
151 department. He also discussed a presentation he will be giving on the issue of sextortion.

152 Joni Kartchner expressed her appreciation to the Police Department for their budget, and for all
153 that they do.

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155 Item #7 - Draft FY2025 Budget proposal from the Facilities Department.

156 Dathon Robinson presented the budget for the Facilities Department. Alan Luce also explained
157 some of the items, particularly in relation to the work Dathon does for other departments, and how
158 that amount is managed within the facilities budget in sharing those costs with other departments
159 that he does work for, as well as the associated process.

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161 Item #8 - Draft FY2025 Budget proposal from the General Governmental, Executive,
162 Administrative, Non-Departmental, and Public Works Departments.

163 Alan Luce presented the budget for these areas, and explained various items in detail.

164 Alan addressed various questions from the council.

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167 **Item #9 - Draft FY2025 Budget proposal from the Capital Budget.**
168 Alan Luce presented the budget for this area, and also explained that this budget will soon be
169 "revamped," which he detailed further.
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171 **Item #10 - Convene as the Local Building Authority to discuss a draft FY2025 LBA Budget**
172 **proposal.**
173 **Motion**
174 *Emily Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting and convene as the North*
175 *Logan Local Building Authority (LBA). Mark Hancey seconded the motion. A vote was called and*
176 *the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny*
177 *Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This occurred at 8:14 p.m.*

178 Minutes for this portion of the meeting are under separate cover.
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181 **Motion**
182 *Emily Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the North Logan Local Building Authority (LBA) meeting*
183 *and return to the regular portion of the City Council meeting. Mark Hancey seconded the motion.*
184 *A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner,*
185 *Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This occurred at 8:16 p.m.*

186 **Item #11 - Convene as the Redevelopment Agency to discuss a draft FY2025 RDA Budget**
188 **proposal.**
189 **Motion**
190 *Mark Hancey made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting and convene as the*
191 *Redevelopment Agency (RDA). Kenny Reese seconded the motion. A vote was called and the*
192 *motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese*
193 *and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This occurred at 8:17 p.m.*

194 Minutes for this portion of the meeting are written under separate cover.
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197 **Motion**
198 *Emily Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) meeting and return*
199 *to the regular portion of the City Council meeting. Joni Kartchner seconded the motion. A vote*
200 *was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily*
201 *Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This occurred at 8:24 p.m.*

203 **Item #12 - Updates regarding the North Logan City General Plan.**
204 Scott Perkes discussed the Planning Commission meeting that would be held the next evening,
205 as well as the workshop that will be held with the City Council and Planning Commission on the
206 General Plan rewrite, following the Planning Commission portion of the meeting. He also
207 discussed the responses the City received from the recent surveys sent out.
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209 **Item #13 - Updates regarding North Logan's water capital improvement projects.**
210 Jordan Oldham gave an update on the status of items for the City's water capital improvement
211 projects. He also discussed the efforts they're making to obtain grants.
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213 **Item #14 - Updates on Civic Center.**
214 Alan Luce gave an update on the most recent items completed on the new City offices
215 construction project.
216 He also said that the ribbon cutting for the new offices is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd at
217 approximately noon that day. This was discussed further.
218 Alan also discussed the status on the timeline for the Civic Center project.
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220 **Item #15 - Reports from City officers, boards, and committees**
221 Fire Chief Nate Thompson discussed upcoming events for the department. He also discussed
222 grants they're working on obtaining, as well as the recent stats on service calls. Chief Thompson
223 addressed questions from the council regarding the types of calls they've been getting.

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225 Marie Power reminded Mark Hancey that she needed his submission for the Mayor's Message for
226 the May North Logan City newsletter.

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228 Alan Luce reviewed the list of upcoming events with the council, and explained various related
229 items.

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231 Item #16 - Closed session to discuss real property and pending litigation.

232 **Motion**

233 *Emily Schmidt made a motion to close the regular City Council meeting and move into Closed*
234 *Session for the purpose of discussing real property and pending litigation. Mark Hancey*
235 *seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy*
236 *Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This*
237 *took place at 8:41 p.m.*

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239 Minutes for this portion of the meeting are written under separate cover.

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241 **Motion**

242 *Mark Hancey made a motion to move out of Executive Session and return to the regular City*
243 *Council meeting. Emily Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed*
244 *unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark*
245 *Hancey voting in favor. This occurred at 9:26 p.m.*

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248 **Motion**

249 *Kenny Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Emily Schmidt seconded the motion. A*
250 *vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner,*
251 *Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor.*

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253 The meeting adjourned at: 9:26 p.m.

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255 Approved by City Council: May 1, 2024

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257 Transcribed by Marie Power

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259 Recorded by:

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Scott Bennett/City Recorder