

**SANDY CITY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014**  
**\*\*\*PLANNING MEETING\*\*\***

**Present: Council:** Chairman Steve Fairbanks, Chris McCandless, Kris Nicholl, Linda Martinez Saville, Stephen Smith, Dennis Tenney **Absent:** Scott Cowdell **Administration:** Mayor Tom Dolan, CAO Byron Jorgenson, Deputy to the Mayor John Hiskey, Assistant CAO Korban Lee, City Attorney Wally Miller, Assistant City Attorney Kathy Jeffery, Redevelopment Agency Director Nick Duerksen, Economic Development Assistant Casey Dunlavy, Administrative Services Director Brian Kelley, Parks and Recreation Director Scott Earl, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Dan Medina, City Treasure Helen Kurtz, Community Development Director Mike Coulam, Public Utilities Director Shane Pace, Fire Chief Bruce Cline, Police Chief Kevin Thacker, Council Office Director Phil Glenn, Council Office Manager Pam Lehman

**a. Administrative Report**

- i. **Kevin Thacker**- updated the Council on a vehicle fatality that occurred on 9350 South 700 East.
- ii. **Korban Lee**- updated the Council on the Oak Valley Drive annexation. The Council may hear a request at tonight's public hearing to delay the annexation. The Willowcreek Community held a town meeting where some mis-information was presented to the residents. The Utah Neighborhood Association which includes representatives from White City, Sandy Hills Islands, and Immigration Canyon, have also been sending out flyers with inaccurate information. Most of these people live outside of the annexation area. County Councilman Joe Hatch, who was hired by the Willowcreek Community Counsel, spoke at the Planning Commission's public hearing, and raised four issues regarding the annexation:

**This should be an annexation by petition process, not an annexation without a petition process.**

*The City initiated a process that is straight forward and has been successful. Annexation by petition provides opportunities for minority groups to petition and protest the annexation.*

**Concerns regarding peninsula.** *This area is part of a county island where less than 800 residents would be annexed.*

**Letter from Unified Fire Authority disputing whether Sandy City provides municipal services to this area.** *Sandy City provides fire and emergency medical service by contract with the UFA. The City feels comfortable that the contract represents the ability of the City to provide services to this area.*

**Kathy Jeffery**- The contract with the UFA states specifically that the City and UFA have independently reviewed the service delivery requirements and determined that the most efficient fire protection service delivery can be provided by Sandy City. The City will provide fire protection services, emergency medical services, police, paramedic, and ambulance. Sandy City holds the Utah State License to provide ambulance services. The City disagrees with the disputing parties and believes that proof of service delivery is stated clearly in the Sandy contract.

**James Sorensen**- read a letter from Patrick Leary, Salt Lake County Township Executive, who works with all the local townships under the Salt Lake County's Mayor's office. [Ref: Exhibit "A"]

**Korban Lee**- Patrick Leary came to the Planning Commission and asked for the consent to annex forms in order to conduct an independent review. The consent to annex forms are not a part of the statutory process. This is something the City started in order to gauge the will of the residents.

**James Sorensen**- The City's estimates came within one percent of the County Assessor's review. Mr. Sorensen received some forms to withdraw at 5:00 p.m. today, and is the process of reviewing them. He is hoping to have an accurate percentage in time for Council meeting this evening.

**Korban Lee**- several residents have not wanted to sign the annexation petitions because this has been a contentious issue. The Administration is recommending that the City move forward with this annexation. Once the annexation is over, the neighborhood can begin the healing process.

**Kathy Jeffery**- The City does not need to consider the protests if they receive a percentage of more than 50.1% in favor of the annexation. There needs to be more than half of the people in the annexation area who say they do not want to be annexed and that they are protesting the annexation. As long as the City sees a majority property owner vote, the City is legally allowed to annex them into the City.

**Steve Fairbanks**- suggested that once the public has had an opportunity to speak, the Council should go directly to a motion since this has been an ongoing contentious situation.

**Dennis Tenney**- also recommended that the public be required to give their name and address to determine who lives in the annexation area.

**Kathy Jeffery**- The public will still be allowed to speak whether they live in or outside of the annexation area.

**Stephen Smith**- given the letter received from Mr. Leary, and false accusations from the other Community Councils, he felt it would be appropriate for the City Council to send a letter to Mayor McAdams expressing the Council's collective displeasure with the way this annexation has been handled on the County's part. The Community Councils have been given free rein to demagogue and send misinformation out to residents with County tax payer monies. This has left a bitter taste about the County's process and actions. It generally is the same biased people who raise the same issues and this is harmful to the people who legitimately and honestly want to pursue annexation into Sandy.

**Chris McCandless** would like to know the actual number of people who have withdrawn their approval for the annexation and the number of people who did not sign a petition to annex.

**Korban Lee**- it would be very difficult to get a number of the residents who are opposed to the annexation. They ask the residents if they want to annex, they don't ask them if they are opposed to the annexation.

**Mayor Dolan**- reminded the Council to not get wrapped up in the numbers.

#### **i. Helen Kurtz, consideration of her Appointment as City Treasurer**

**Bryan Kelley**- introduced Helen Kurtz who will be appointed as the City Treasure. She has been with the City for 19 years and served as the Controller for 13 years. The Council will be asked to adopt a resolution consenting to her appointment during the City Council Meeting.

#### **ii. Matt Hale, Interview for Appointment as Alternate to Sandy Board of Adjustment**

**Mike Coulam**- Mayor Dolan would like to appoint Matt Hale to serve on the Sandy Board of Adjustment. Mr. Hale was not able to meet with the Council but has expressed a desire to serve. The Council will be asked to adopt a resolution consenting to his appointment.

#### **b. Economic Development CBD Update**

**Nick Duerksen and a representative from IBI**- presented a power point presentation from IBI on the proposed development concepts in Central Business District. The Presentation was called Sandy Utah, Where Mountain meets City. The purpose is to make Sandy a mid-town for the Salt Lake Valley, where mountain meets urban. They are finding that there is a great deal of interest in locating in the area.

At approximately 6:21. p.m., **Stephen Smith** made a motion to adjourn Planning Meeting, motion seconded by **Dennis Tenney**.

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Steve Fairbanks, Chairman  
Sandy City Council

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Pam Lehman  
Office Manager

