

MINUTES
EAGLE MOUNTAIN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 29, 2015
4:00 p.m.
1650 East Stagecoach Run, Eagle Mountain, Utah 84005

4:00 PM –WORK SESSION – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Discussion Items Only – no action will be taken.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Chris Pengra, Councilmembers Adam Bradley, Donna Burnham, Ryan Ireland, Richard Steinkopf and Tom Westmoreland.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Ifo Pili, City Administrator; Paul Jerome, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director; Melanie Lahman, Deputy City Recorder; David Mortensen, City Treasurer; Steve Mumford, Planning Director; Linda Peterson, Public Information Director; Chris Trusty, City Engineer; Brad Hickman, Parks and Recreation Director.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pengra called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED PROJECTS – The Mayor and Council discussed prioritization of projects to be completed with proceeds from the sale of the electric and natural gas utility systems.

Mayor Pengra stated that the purpose of this meeting was to prioritize items as a guideline for future consideration. None of this evening's discussion would be voted on.

Mayor Pengra began with a detailed discussion of water issues in Utah and Eagle Mountain. He requested \$1M from the proceeds of the utility sale for water projects in the City.

He explained that Utah is the second driest state in the nation, but has one of the highest per-capita rates of water use. Due to that drought that started in 2000, the Utah Lake basin is at 54% of its storage capacity. Eagle Mountain's growth rate through 2060 is estimated to be twice the rate of the rest of Utah. Aggressive conservation is necessary to meet Utah's and Eagle Mountain's water needs.

The State of Utah has committed to development of new water sources through repair and replacement of infrastructure and development of new supply sources.

Municipalities have five primary conservation tools available to them: public outreach and education, incremental infrastructure retrofits, planning for green infrastructure in future development, incremental policy and code changes, and utility and development fee pricing strategies.

Partnerships are available with Utah State University, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District and one-time funding appropriations from the Legislature. City Administration has had

conversations with The Ranches HOA and plans to discuss water conservation with major developers.

Mayor Pengra discussed specific landscaping and street design tools that will aid the City in water conservation, such as curb cuts, xeriscaping, well-designed street medians, and soil treatments such as deep mulch.

He proposed earmarking \$1M from the proceeds of the utility sale to make an impact on the problem and demonstrate to other agencies the City is serious about conservation. This will improve Eagle Mountain's chances to receive State funds for conservation projects.

Councilmember Bradley stated his support of water conservation. He wanted the projects defined and the savings created by each project.

Councilmember Ireland said he's been asking for a long time for water-wise medians and design standards that place the middle of the road at the highest point.

Mayor Pengra said the conservation plans are very preliminary right now. His proposal was to begin with manageable projects that demonstrate conservation and encourage residents to participate. For instance, park strips now planted in grass could be planted with attractive, water-wise greenery.

Councilmember Steinkopf said Spanish Fork initiated a program where new homeowners were provided with rain sensors that shut off their sprinkler systems when it rains and when the temperature drops below a certain point.

Councilmember Burnham said before the City asks residents to conserve water, the City must demonstrate its own efforts to conserve. Otherwise, the City will have no credibility.

Mayor Pengra asked Councilmember Ireland to begin the discussion of the other projects being considered. Councilmember Ireland felt the best use of this one-time funding would be for visible projects that show City residents what they received in exchange for selling the utility systems.

Councilmember Westmoreland agreed. Councilmember Steinkopf stated this is an opportunity to showcase the City. Councilmember Burnham felt this one-time money should be spent on visible projects that have a big impact on the community. Councilmember Bradley felt there was a difference between basic public safety projects and those that go beyond basics.

Councilmember Ireland was interested in which projects the Councilmembers wouldn't even want to consider. For instance, he felt the first six items shouldn't be built by the utility fee funds.

Councilmember Westmoreland asked for clarification of the goal. Was it to choose a certain number of priority projects, or was it to find a project for every dollar. Mayor Pengra responded that all the money is to be invested in projects. He expected that all the money would be spent within two to three years.

Mayor Pengra stated that his goal for this meeting was to identify what projects should be removed from the ranked list. He said a traffic signal at the intersection of Pony Express Parkway and SilverLake Parkway is necessary and asked if the Councilmembers felt it should be paid for by utility funds. City Engineer Chris Trusty stated a traffic signal at the intersection of Woodhaven

Blvd. and Pony Express Parkway would be safer. The traffic signal was removed from the project list, as Councilmembers felt it should be paid for by City budget funds.

The side path crossing improvements were removed from the list, as were the median refuges, and recommended for next year's budget.

Partial construction of Bobby Wren Blvd. would extend the length of the pavement and allow a second access point for the Pioneer Addition subdivision. Mr. Trusty pointed out that this project is eligible for impact fees. The City could be reimbursed for the project after adequate impact fees are collected. The Council agreed to keep it on the list. Paving a section of Golden Eagle Road also remained on the list, to be reimbursed by impact fees.

The proposal to lend \$3.2M to the Water Fund, to be paid back with interest, was reduced to \$1.5M.

The southwest Pony Express trail was removed from the list, as were all the trail projects. Benches, shade structures and garbage cans along trails remained on the list, as did trees throughout the City. Mayor Pengra pointed out that the trails provide connectivity for neighborhoods that are isolated from walking access outside their subdivisions.

The pavilion or shade structures at the splash pad in Nolan Park remained on the list, as did the upgrade to the splash pad.

Irrigation system upgrades on Pony Express and Ranches Parkways were removed.

Matching funds for parks development was left in the list, as long as the improvements were limited to existing parks, not parks in new developments.

Investment funds to pay off SAAs and place in CDs remained on the list, reduced to \$2M, pending more information from Mr. Pili.

Cemetery fencing remained on the list. The cemetery is an unfinished project which needs to be completed. Partial funding for the entry monument and a section of the fence was approved in the City budget. Parks & Recreation Director Brad Hickman explained that the amounts for both that project and the remainder of the fencing are estimated amounts, pending completion of the design.

The LED upgrade to streetlights was removed.

The small outdoor community pool was replaced by a splash pad in City Center. The amount budgeted was reduced from \$1M to \$250,000.

Mayor Pengra noted that the three streetscape landscaping projects had been identified in the Parks and Open Space Master Plan, which was approved several years ago. Many of the projects completed this year by Mr. Hickman and his crew were taken from that plan. After discussion about water conservation, the aesthetics of the City, and park fees, the projects were removed from the list.

Monument signs for entrances to the City were planned to replace the existing signs, which show previous City logos. Mayor Pengra felt they should be consistent in showing the current City logo. After discussion, the project was removed.

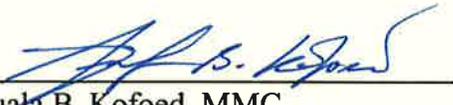
Completion of the Hidden Canyon detention pond was removed.

That completed the first page of the list of proposed projects. The discussion will continue at the next City Council meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pengra adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 20, 2015.



Fionnuala B. Kofoed, MMC
City Recorder