
Minutes
Workshop Meeting
September 22, 2015

Attendance: Mayor Kenneth F. Neilson, Councilmen Garth Nisson, Kress Staheli, Jeff Turek, City Attorney Jeff Starkey, City Manager Roger Carter, Public Works Director Mike Shaw, Police Chief Jim Keith, Deputy Recorder Tara Pentz, Audience: Troy Belliston, Celeste Maloy, Kevin Smith, Nelson Hafen, Kevin Warnick, Sue Cox, Jeff Fisher

Excused: Councilmen Thad Seegmiller and Ronald Truman

Meeting commenced at 6:06 P.M.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Councilman Turek made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nisson seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Staheli</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Turek</i>	<i>Aye</i>

2. Discussion and annual review of Dixie Regional Hospital. Terri Kane, Administrator/CEO Dixie Regional Hospital

Ms. Terri Kane reviewed the 2014 Statistics and Accomplishments of the Dixie Regional Medical Center. In addition the center plans to add an additional 410,000 Sq Ft. in the next two years. This will nearly double the size of the hospital, as well as bringing the mom and baby unit to the main River Road Campus.

Councilman Staheli asked what is happening with cancer research.

Ms. Kane updated Council on their new cancer research development and facilities. They have also purchased land at Exit 13, and plan to build a beautiful clinic in Washington City once the area is ready.

3. Discussion and review of application/request from Tuacahn Center for the Arts for RAP Tax funds. Jeff Fisher

Jeff Fisher introduced the Board Members and CEO for Tuchan. He then reviewed the Community Asset pamphlet with Council members.

Councilman Turek asked what commitments have been given from the other Cities.

Mr. Fisher reviewed the 20 year commitments from the following; Ivins City \$10,000, Santa Clara City \$5,000, Hurricane City \$10,000, St. George City \$25,000, which they will be returning to St. George City for additional money since there RAP Tax funding has been increased.

Councilman Turek asked if Washington County has committed to any funding.

Mr. Fisher stated Washington County is going to their Commission to ask for \$325,000 to be paid in the next 20 years. They are planning to receive additional funding by St. George City in the amount of \$75,000 per year.

Kevin Smith stated when the interlocal agreement was set up for the RAP Tax, it was not typical. Generally the County is in control of the entire RAP Tax, which means they have had to go to each individual City rather than just going directly to the County.

Councilman Turek stated he appreciates their thoughts. He does believe the County collects those amounts for these particular types of requests.

Mr. Fisher stated when the funding is given, there will be seats dedicated specifically to each individual City.

Councilman Nisson stated to be equal in percentages, it would be fair for St. George to give 80 to 90k.

Mr. Fisher stated they are going back to St. George City, and their indication has been they plan to give their percentage. They have discussed \$75,000 or above.

City Manager Roger Carter reviewed the bonding process along with the interlocal agreement.

Councilman Turek commented he would first like the RAP Tax structure to be in place. Once it is completed, he would like to be able to determine how the Council would prefer how the money is distributed.

Mayor Neilson asked Mr. Fisher to provide Staff with the RAP Tax application he has designed for the other Cities.

City Manager Carter asked what would happen if the approval was not given within the requested timeframe.

Mr. Fisher explained all of their bonding is in place, as well as the bids from the individuals planning to do the work. However, they did not anticipate one of the Cities not being able to

provide financial support. He would also be happy to volunteer his time to create an application for the city.

Sue Cox commented she hopes Council feels Tuacahn is part of Washington City. She understands the level of commitment from St. George of \$25,000 does not feel like an adequate amount of money when they are asking Washington City for \$20,000. Gary Esplin, the City Manager for St. George, crafted the breakdown between Cities. The County has stepped it up because Tuacahn did get left behind on the RAP Tax. If you look Statewide what other types of facilities similar to Tuacahn they are getting a significantly higher amount of money.

Councilman Turek stated he did have concern about of how much St. George City was willing to give. He felt the requests were not necessarily split evenly among the communities. After this explanation it does make more sense. He certainly thinks Tuacahn enhances our community and the county. Washington City does need something in place in order to distribute the RAP Tax funds. He does feel we are prepared at this time.

Mr. Fisher stated Tuacahn has been at this for well over a year, when the RAP Tax was approved after the election. However, he does understand the communities were not prepared.

Councilman Turek stated he would certainly like to facilitate the November 1st deadline.

City Attorney Starkey stated our policy and process would need to come to Council for approval.

Councilman Turek stated he definitely feels we could bring a preliminary policy to Council the first meeting in October.

Mr. Smith stated the Council is the deciding body, so if they chose to move forward with the determination without the formal process in place, then it is at Council discretion.

Mayor Nielson asked if Council would like to bring a draft to Council on October 14th.

Councilman Turek agreed he would like to have a preliminary policy in place.

City Manager Carter stated they will look at the surrounding municipalities policies, which will help to move forward with the process.

Councilman Turek stated he is more concerned with the allocation process than the application process.

Mr. Fisher stated they are looking more for a commitment rather than the money. They will not need the money until the spring. He will forward the policies and applications he currently has available to the City Manager.

4. Presentation by Washington County regarding Concerns/Impacts of the BLM's (SGFO) Draft Resource Management Plan for the Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs National Recreation Areas. Celeste Maloy, Deputy Washington County Attorney / Jeff Starkey City Attorney

Celeste Maloy reviewed the Concerns / Impacts of the proposed BLM Resource Management Plan. They are asking the Cities and residents to express their concerns. There is a postcard available on the Washington County Website, where individuals can go and submit their name and address. They can also submit specific concerns.

City Manager Carter reviewed the items to be addressed in the letter to be drafted by City Attorney Jeff Starkey.

Council members discussed with Attorney Maloy the issues involved with the BLM's Management Plan.

Ms. Maloy explained generally if the BLM loses a lawsuit, they lose on process, which is why they are asking for all input from the municipalities.

City Manager Carter asked if the Council is okay with the direction they are taking.

Councilman Staheli stated he is absolutely okay with moving forward.

City Manager Carter stated they are going to be putting this out on Washington City Social Media, and have started to do so.

5. Adjournment

Councilman Turek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Nisson seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Staheli</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Turek</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Passed and approved this 14th day of October 2015.

Washington City

Attest by:


Danice B. Bulloch, City Recorder




Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor