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**Pleasant Grove City  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Work Session  
May 21, 2019  
5:00 p.m.**

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8 Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

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10 Council Members: Dianna Andersen  
11 Eric Jensen  
12 Cyd LeMone  
13 Lynn Walker  
14 Todd Williams

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16 Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator  
17 Denise Roy, Finance Director  
18 Deon Giles, Parks Director  
19 Tyler Wilkins, Recreation Director  
20 Tina Petersen, City Attorney  
21 Mike Roberts, Police Chief  
22 Dave Thomas, Fire Chief  
23 Kathy Kresser, City Recorder  
24 Marty Beaumont, Public Works Director  
25 Kyler Ludwig, Assistant City Administrator  
26 Sheri Britsch, Library Director  
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28 The City Council and staff met in the Community Room, 108 South 100 East, Pleasant Grove,  
29 Utah.

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31 **5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION**

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33 Council Member Andersen reported that the Strawberry Days Rodeo was named “The Best Of...”  
34 from Utah Valley Magazine. They Council took a picture with the award, and Mayor Fugal  
35 requested that the award be included in the Strawberry Days magazine.

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37 **1) New Employee Introduction.**

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39 There were no employees to introduce.

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41 **2) TSSD Presentation.**

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43 Council Member Walker introduced Richard Mickelson, the new Manager of TSSD. There were  
44 also a few other members of TSSD present.

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1 Richard Mickelson reported that he had been managing the District since August of last year, but  
2 he had worked with several other cities. The waste treatment plant provides services for the 10  
3 northernmost cities in Utah County and they process about 20 million gallons of waste per day  
4 from the water waste system. In the process, they remove 98% or more of the waste that comes  
5 into the facility. The State of Utah places restrictions on TSSD regarding the cleanliness of the  
6 water, and they had had no violations in 10 years. Mr. Mickelson presented a handout showing  
7 the annual costs, including personnel, power, and chemicals.  
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9 Mr. Mickelson reported on the state of Utah Lake and the phosphorous and algae growing there.  
10 Several studies were being conducted by several entities to see what could be done to clean it up.  
11 He suggested conducting a study that would show how they could help the lake recover, if it were  
12 possible. Mr. Mickelson also addressed compost green waste, and other options to reduce  
13 biosolids. He invited the Council to call with questions or to take a tour of the facility.  
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15 Council Member Andersen asked if dredging the lake would be effective. Mr. Mickelson stated  
16 that making the lake deeper would help the water stay cooler. Cooler results in less chance of  
17 algae growing. He didn't think dredging would negatively affect the current studies.  
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19 **3) Discussion on Engineering Concerns on Hillside Development in Pleasant Grove.**  
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21 Public Works Director, Marty Beaumont, stated that there had been discussion about potential  
22 development on the hillside, and staff wanted to address their concerns with the Council. He  
23 presented a map of Pleasant Grove and identified the City boundary along the bench. He also  
24 identified the privately-owned property above the City boundary that could be developed. Director  
25 Beaumont explained that the current boundary was also their pressure boundary for culinary water.  
26 The State requires the City to maintain a minimum level of 40 PSI, and if they had to provide water  
27 to developments above the current line, they would start losing their ability to provide that level  
28 of service. In order to provide culinary services to this area, they would need to create an upper  
29 pressure zone, including a new water tank located high enough on the mountainside to provide the  
30 minimum pressures required. They would also need a booster pump station. He did not  
31 recommend privatizing those items, because it would make the citizen responsible for keeping  
32 State standards. There were also concerns about over-saturating the areas along the fault line.  
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34 Director Beaumont addressed concerns regarding the PI system. He wasn't sure it made sense for  
35 the City to provide PI service above the current boundary, but if they did it would probably be  
36 through the culinary system. This would pull from the current water needs. With regard to storm  
37 drain, staff would have to redo most of the current plan to accommodate additional storm water  
38 from these areas. Development there would also require a network of roads to provide access, and  
39 the slopes were a concern. Privately-owned developments can become a political issue in the  
40 future. Director Beaumont said there had not been a formal annexation request, but staff has heard  
41 that there is an interest in development in that area.  
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43 Council Member LeMone asked who would be liable if a landslide were to occur. City Attorney,  
44 Tina Petersen, stated that the developer would be gone by that time, so it would be the City's  
45 responsibility.

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2 City Administrator, Scott Darrington, stated that past Councils have not supported developing  
3 above the current boundary, and staff wanted to know how the current Council felt. Staff  
4 recommended keeping the boundary as-is.

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6 Council Member Jensen commented that the cost to the City would be great in the long run if the  
7 boundary was moved.

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9 Council Member Williams was concerned about the liability to the City. Other cities had  
10 experienced issues with their development on the benches. He was in favor of keeping the  
11 boundary in its current location. Council Member Walker agreed.

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13 Council Member Andersen was concerned that utility rates for other residents would go up to  
14 accommodate such development, and the cost of maintaining the infrastructure for those services  
15 was very high.

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17 Council Member Jensen was also concerned about the cost to the City and the residents. There  
18 was also a huge risk for future liabilities. Council Member LeMone agreed.

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20 **4) Discussion on Water Features on I-15 Off-Ramp and Pleasant Grove Boulevard.**

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22 This item was discussed in the regular meeting.

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24 **5) City Council and Staff will Review and Discuss Items on the Agenda.**

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26 **6) Staff Business.**

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28 **ACTION:** Council Member Williams moved to adjourn the work session at 5:50 p.m. Council  
29 Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried with the unanimous consent of the  
30 Council.

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32 The City Council Work Session Minutes of May 21, 2019 were approved by the City Council on  
33 June 4, 2019.

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37 Kathy T. Kresser, MMC  
38 City Recorder

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