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THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020, AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M., AT THE BINGHAM CANYON LIONS CLUB, 8725 W HILLCREST ST., COPPERTON, UTAH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: TESSA STITZER¹
KATHLEEN BAILEY
APOLLO PAZELL¹
KEVIN SEVERSON
SEAN CLAYTON, Chair

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: NATHAN BRACKEN, LEGAL COUNSEL, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP
NICHOLE WATT, DEPUTY CLERK, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP



Mayor Clayton, Chair, presided.



WORK SESSION

Daniel Allen, SuperTrees Inc., delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding his ideas for the Copperton Park. He visited the park recently and feels it is a special resource. The park has a few dead trees and lacks diversity of species. He recommended going with a slower growing tree and more of a quality tree.

Eric Behunin, HortusGroup LLC, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding his ideas for the Copperton Park. He noted his company strives to be long term partners with clients.

Josh Shroyer, FLAMINGTREE Solutions, LLC, presented his ideas regarding the Copperton Park. His company will work with the objectives of the Council. They work with all communities to diversify the species of trees to no more than 10 percent for each species.

Steven Geist, SavATree Consulting Group, presented his ideas regarding the Copperton Park. He has 35 years of experience. Although his company is large, they create small working groups for easy communication with clients. In addition, surveys are custom made for each client.



¹ Participated electronically

REGULAR SESSION

Community Input

Citizen Comments

No one appeared for Citizen Comments.

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)

No report.

Unified Police Department (UPD)

Detective Harry Holt stated UPD had 50 calls for service last month resulting in 13 cases. They will be doing "Shop with a Shield" this year. If anyone knows of a family in need, please contact Council Member Stitzer and she will contact him.

Mayor Clayton stated he has been approached by people who live near the crosswalk of Solstice View Drive and State Highway. There is a 12-passenger van that parks three feet away from the crosswalk, making it difficult for drivers to see kids crossing the road.

Detective Holt stated this is probably just a need for education on the part of the van owner. He will handle it and get back to Mayor Clayton.

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Council Business

Approval of Minutes

None

Fiscal Items – Approval of Expenditures

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Severson, moved to approve the \$1,688.50 in legal expenses. The motion passed unanimously. This amount came out of the retainer.

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Notice of Public Hearing for General Plan

Council Member Severson stated the General Plan is done. The Planning Commission will vote on it and submit it to the Council for approval next month.

Mayor Clayton stated there will be a public hearing for the General Plan.

Nathan Bracken stated the General Plan looks good and will be helpful when updating the code. The draft plan should also be distributed as widely as possible. He has some additional tweaks which he will forward to the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission Member Appointment Resolution

Mayor Clayton stated Joel Breinholt has submitted an application to be a member of the Planning Commission.

Nathan Bracken stated he has prepared a resolution indicating Mr. Breinholt will be starting a new, full term.

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, moved to appoint Joel Breinholt to the Planning Commission and to approve the following resolution:

COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #2020-09-01
September 16, 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL APPOINTING JOEL BREINHOLT TO THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Section 19.05.010 of the Copperton Metro Township Code requires the Copperton Metro Township Council to appoint members to the Copperton Metro Township Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to appoint Joel Breinholt to the Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED effective immediately that Joel Breinholt is appointed to the Copperton Metro Township Planning Commission with a term ending on March 1, 2023.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED in Salt Lake County, Utah, this 16th day of September 2020.

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COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

By /s/ SEAN CLAYTON
MAYOR

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ SHERRIE SWENSEN
COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP RECORDER

The motion passed unanimously.

Arborist RFP

Mayor Clayton stated this can be discussed in open or closed session.

Nathan Bracken stated that is the Council's preference. If there is sensitive information to discuss, then the Council should go into closed session.

The Council decided on a closed session following the regular meeting.

Covid-19 Update

Mayor Clayton stated Copperton has an official DUNS number. The physical address is the MSD office. This will allow the Council to use the CARES funding. He has sent a petition asking to extend the time limit on spending the funds. UPD and UFA invoices, and the time legal counsel has spent on Covid matters can be paid with these funds.

He has been monitoring the Salt Lake County website. Copperton is doing very well with Covid cases. A case will pop up and then go away. There are no cluster outbreaks.

CARES Act Funds Update

Mayor Clayton stated he spoke with Council Members about his ideas for using the CARES funding. He would like to use some of the funds for audio visual equipment, which could help to live stream Council meetings. He will solicit bids and hopes to purchase the equipment in October. He is open to other ideas about how these funds could benefit the community. He will submit the UPD and UFA invoices for payment with CARES money.

Nathan Bracken stated Brian Hartsell, Associate General Manager, Municipal Services District, is handling the CARES Act funding for the metro townships. He noted that the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) has sent out a letter asking for

reimbursement for several things. They are asking for a proportional share for lost revenue. He asked that Mr. Hartsell speak with him about this. WFWRD's request is probably not reimbursable.

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Pazell, moved to approve invoices of \$169.65 to SLVLESA and \$1,197.00 to UFA to be paid with CARES money. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Clayton stated he will get the invoices to Mr. Hartsell for processing.

UPD Interlocal Amendment

Council Member Pazell stated there were not enough votes form the UPD board to reconsider this interlocal amendment.

Nathan Bracken stated when the board of UPD approves an amendment, the other entities shall ratify it.

Mayor Clayton, seconded by Council Member Pazell, moved to approve the UPD Interlocal Agreement. Roll was called showing the vote to be: Council Member Bailey voting "Aye," Council Member Stitzer voting "Aye," Council Member Pazell voting "Aye," Council Member Severson voting "Aye," and Mayor Clayton voting "Aye."

SLVLESA Working with Utah Legislature to Modify Property Tax Cap

Mr. Frank Nakamura, District Administrator, SLVLESA, stated he forwarded an information paper to the Council for discussion. He is not asking for any action today. He asked for the Council's support and input for three reasons:

1. This matter does not involve asking for property tax increases.
2. Copperton is a strong supporter of law enforcement.
3. This issue emphasizes local control.

Existing law puts a cap on tax rates, which was set 14 years ago. SLVLESA is up against the cap, partly due to tax increases, but also because of devaluations in centrally assessed properties. The only revenue for townships is property tax and SLVLESA needs to have the option to raise taxes in the future if necessary.

Council Member Pazell stated he has seen the budgets and SLVLESA saying that there is no other option is not true. It is because they ran out of tax increases. There is a cap on it so SLVLESA will live within their means. He will tell the legislature he does not agree with this proposal and he encouraged other Council Members to do the same.

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Mr. Nakamura stated if the cap is not increased, SLVLESA will never have the option of increasing taxes. Local government needs the ability to do that.

Council Member Pazell stated local government should have local control. Copperton has continuously voted against tax increases and they are still passed.

Council Member Stitzer stated she is not inclined to vote for a tax increase unless she sees how Copperton's taxpayer money is being used.

Urban County Block Grant Program Interlocal Agreement

Nathan Bracken explained the interlocal agreement.

Council Member Severson, seconded by Council Member Bailey, moved to approve the Urban County Block Grant Program interlocal agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Franchise Tax Update

Nathan Bracken stated the metro townships were created as quasi-municipalities, which expressly excluded the ability to get franchise taxes. This is an issue because Copperton needs a broad base of revenue to be successful. The League of Cities and Towns asked him to put together a presentation, but they were not able to get to it during their last meeting. This has not been a big issue for Copperton, but it has been for other metro townships.

Committee/Board Updates

- Legislative Research Committee

Council Member Pazell stated some bill files have been open by legislators.

- Bingham Cemetery Board

No report.

- Copperton Community Council

Council Member Stitzer stated the community council has an appointed secretary and will be submitting a letter requesting the funding. Virtual Town Days was a big success. Other virtual events were discussed. Rio Tinto indicated they are behind schedule in moving the crusher because of problems obtaining materials.

➤ Planning Commission

Council Member Severson stated the next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2020. It will be a public meeting about the General Plan.

Copperton Metro Township Council Member Reports

➤ Council Member Clayton

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)

Mayor Clayton stated the MSD is working on budgets. Each department performed a 5 percent stress test and found some savings. Planning & Development Services cut their budget without being asked. Copperton's budget went down regarding the cost of the election.

➤ Council Member Pazell

Unified Police Department (UPD)
Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA)

Council Member Pazell stated SLVLESA is meeting tomorrow. UPD had a couple of budget amendments and a donation.

➤ Council Member Bailey

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)
Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA)

Council Member Bailey stated the County budget has been decimated by the Covid pandemic. Parks and Recreation depends on TRCC money. The County is not recovering very quickly. The County told UFA they would have to reduce the canyon fee that they pay UFA, which is \$600.

She noted the Oregon fires consumed areas very similar to Salt Lake City. They were not in the mountains or urban interface areas. Utah firefighters were diverted from California to Oregon. UFA will be reimbursed from those states. UFA is working on a global fire response, whereby one community can support another on any specific fire and then bill through UFA.

➤ Council Member Stitzer

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD)

Council Member Stitzer stated WFWRD is sending a letter to the metro townships

to see if they can utilize their CARES money. They are replacing trucks that were approved in this year’s budget. Information on fee increases will be coming soon. Information will also be forthcoming about area cleanups.

- Council Member Severson

Salt Lake County Animal Services Advisory Council

Council Member Severson stated Animal Services is open by appointment only. They are also doing drive thru micro chipping and have suspended fines on licenses.



Citizen Comments

No one appeared for Citizen Comments.



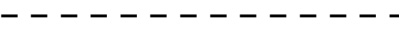
Other Announcements

Mikala Jordan, Long Range Planner, Municipal Services District, stated she would get a draft of the General Plan to Council Members after the next planning meeting for their review.



Closed Session

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Severson, moved to close the open session of the Copperton Metro Township Council Meeting to discuss the professional competence of individuals. Roll was called, showing the vote to be: Council Member Severson voting “Aye,” Council Member Bailey voting “Aye,” Council Member Pazell voting “Aye,” Council Member Stitzer voting “Aye,” and Mayor Clayton voting “Aye.”



The Council meeting was reopened by vote during the closed session.

Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Baily, moved to approve Daniel Allen with SuperTrees as the township arborist for Copperton Park, and to allow Council Member Bailey to write a letter to each candidate indicating who won, and to negotiate with SuperTrees. The motion passed unanimously.



THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time,

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the meeting was adjourned.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

CHAIR, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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