

DATE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

THE KEARNS METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020, AT 6:05 P.M. VIA ZOOM.COM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: TINA SNOW
CRYSTAL BUTTERFIELD
ALAN PETERSON
PATRICK SCHAEFFER
KELLY BUSH, Chair

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Mayor Kelly Bush, Chair, presided.

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Council Business

Mayor Kelly Bush recognized the following three people who passed away during the month of August/September. She expressed condolences to their families.

Chris Cage, Unified Fire Authority
Jason Ball, Unified Fire Authority
Frank Hicks, Unified Police Department

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Citizen Public Input

Harry Nagle asked the Council to help him get his accessory building grandfathered in. The accessory building is setback 50 feet from the road and 20 feet from the side fence. The County would like him to move the building to the back yard. He talked to his neighbors about this issue, and everyone that is within sight of the building has signed a letter indicating they would like the building to remain where it is.

Mayor Kelly Bush asked the Planning and Development Services from the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District to help with this issue.

Kate Davies, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District, gave her email address to Mr. Nagle so he could contact her.

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Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area

Frank Nakamura, District Administrator, Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA), stated SLVLESA would like the support and input from the Kearns Metro Township Council as it works to modify the existing legislation relating to the property tax cap. SLVLESA is not asking for a property tax increase for this year, it would just like the ability to do so when it is needed. The existing cap was established 14 years ago. SLVLESA is now up against that cap. Property tax revenue is the only sort of revenue for law enforcement services in the townships.

Council Member Snow asked what the increased cap would be.

Mr. Nakamura stated an independent consultant was hired to run the calculations based on future merit increases, centrally assessed valuations, the number of members that have left SLVLESA, and the assumptions used to establish the original cap. As soon as the calculations are done, he would present that number to the Council.

Captain Levi Hughes, Unified Police Department, stated the increased cap would allow SLVLESA to decide for itself if it wanted to increase taxes for police services. It would give them the ability to do so without having to wait; the increased cap would already be in place.

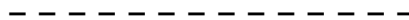


Council Business

Unified Police Department

Captain Levi Hughes, Unified Police Department, updated the Council on the following:

- Stats relating to the number of calls go up in the summer months and down in the winter months. The types of stats he is most concerned with is violent aggressive types of crimes and person crimes. These numbers hold consistent.
- Focus is on homes that deal with narcotics distribution, averaging one warrant a week.
- Another focus is on gang issues.
- Requested council members met with him to discuss concerns within their districts and what UPD can do to help.
- A campaign to remind residents to not park cars on streets after a snowstorm will take place during the month of October.
- The food drive entitled “1,000 Reasons Why We Love Kearns” was recently held. Just over 5,000 food items were collected.



Unified Fire Authority

Mayor Kelly Bush updated the Council on the following:

- Members of UFA have been deployed to help with the wildfires in several areas throughout the United States.
- Three different stakeholder meetings will be held to discuss the UFA's strategic plan.
- Recruitment for additional firefighters is ongoing. UFA received over 397 applications.

Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center (KOPFC)

Patti Hansen, Kearns Oquirrh Parks Fitness Center, (KOPFC), updated the Council on the following:

- Doggie paddle was held on September 12, 2020.
- Outdoor pools have been closed.
- Reservations are being taken for the cardio-weight room.
- CARES Funding is being tracked to make sure Kearns gets some of the funds.
- She will be retiring on December 16, 2020. Applications for her position is due by September 27th.

Kearns Community Council

Roger Snow, Chair, Kearns Community Council, updated the Council on the following:

- Three face masks events have been held with 1,000s of masks handed out. The fourth event will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2020, from 9 to noon at the Eddie Mayne Senior Center.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

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COVID-19 Update

Mayor Kelly Bush updated the Council on the following:

- The number of cases has held steady, staying below double digits. There have been nine deaths in the Kearns area related to the virus.
- The use of CARES Act Funding deadline has been automatically extended by the County. However, on the contract between Kearns and Salt Lake County, Kearns Metro Township Council needs to fill in a date as to when the unused CARES Act funds will be returned.

Council Member Snow suggested December 10, 2020. All Council Members were in agreeance.

- Thermometers

Mayor Kelly Bush stated the Council needed to decide on its next purchase using CARES Act Funds. She suggested the Council purchase thermometers to be distributed throughout the community.

Council Member Snow asked if the thermometers were ordered tomorrow, if they would be here by the 26th.

Mayor Bush stated the thermometers can be delivered within seven days.

All Council Members agreed with the proposed purchased of thermometers.

Council Member Schaeffer asked if they would have a slogan on them, if so what the price difference would be.

Mayor Bush stated there was a price difference of \$1,000 between those with the slogan and those without.

Council Member Snow asked if the slogan would be “We are Kearns” or “Kearns Strong”. She suggested the Council go with “We are Kearns.”

All Council Members agreed.

- Return of CARES Act Funds

Mayor Kelly Bush stated the Council has spent close to \$100,000 of CARES Act Funds and did not think it would be able to spend all of it. She suggested that some of the funds be returned to the County early, so the funds can be used by other entities. The funds would be earmarked for Kearns, so if needed the Council could get some of the funds back.

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Council Member Snow stated the Council is having a hard time spending it, so it makes sense to return some of it so other entities can use it.

Mayor Bush suggested the Council keep \$500,000 so it could order additional face masks, sanitizer, or thermometers in December.

All Council Members agreed with this.



Other Council Business

Kearns General Plan Update

Kate Davies, Long Range Planner, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District, delivered a PowerPoint presentation going over what is included in the General Plan, what the process was to develop it, where the process is now, and the plan highlights. She stated her office has a completed draft, which it is finishing up formatting and reviewing appendix materials. Staff will be reviewing the plan, and once any needed changes are made, it will be send out to the Council for review and a public hearing.

Mayor Kelly Bush stated the plan will go to the Kearns Metro Township Planning Commission first for its review and recommendation. One week after receiving the recommendation, the Council will hold its public hearing.



Urban County Housing and Community Development

Mayor Kelly Bush stated the Council granted her permission to enter into an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County to receive CDBG funds, which are used for housing. After the meeting, the District Attorney decided the interlocal agreement needed to be amended to follow guidelines for HUD funds. The amended interlocal agreement is coming back before the Council for approval.

Council Member Snow, seconded by Council Member Peterson, moved to allow Mayor Bush to sign the amended agreement. The motion passed unanimously.



Social Media Policy

Mayor Kelly Bush stated all Council Members should have received a copy of the proposed Social Media Policy. She asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding this policy.

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Council Member Peterson asked if the name of the administrative assistant should be filled in before the policy is adopted.

Mayor Bush stated the name could be added after the policy is adopted. However, that name could change overtime, she asked if the Council just wanted to make it more generic.

Council Member Snow suggested this policy be tabled for one month to allow the Council time to decide how it wanted to handle this.



Utah League of Cities and Towns Letter

Mayor Kelly Bush referred to a letter written by Nathan Bracken, Legal Counsel, Kearns Metro Township Council, in which he is requesting the League of Cities and Towns (the League) to support the development of legislation that would repeal or amend Utah Code to allow metros to impose franchise taxes. Currently only cities can impose this tax and since the townships are independent of Salt Lake County and act as cities for their respective areas, it is only right that they should have the ability to impose this tax. The League is hoping the larger townships (Kearns and Magna) would become cities and is pushing back on this legislation. She did not feel that Kearns was ready to become a city at this time. The letter also asked the League to allow the townships to become members. This would require an amendment to the League's constitution.

Council Member Snow stated she agreed that Kearns was not ready to become a city.

Mayor Bush stated if the League does not support this legislation, then the townships will not get it passed. This could cost the Kearns Metro Township millions of dollars. The township has the same responsibilities as a city but is unable to impose this tax.

Council Member Snow, seconded by Council Member Butterfield, moved to support the letter and to move forward with this. The motion passed unanimously.



THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

SHERRIE SWENSEN
METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By _____

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Deputy Clerk

CHAIR, KEARNS METRO TOWNSHIP

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