

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 7, 2021

5:00 p.m.

**Electronic meeting only broadcasted on YouTube
Helper, Utah 84526**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Lenise Peterman

City Staff

Council Members:

Donna Archuleta (Absent)

Michelle Goldsmith

Gary Harwood

Malarie Matsuda

Amanda Wheeler

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Chief Chris Gigliotti

Attorney Dominique Kiahtipes

Citizens: Jason Child, Commissioner Tony Martines, Adam Long, Jean Boyack and Traci Bishop.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR December 3, 2020.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2020. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON DISCONNECT OF PARCEL NUMBERS 1A-0393-0000, 1A-0393-0001 AND 1A-0393-0002 FROM HELPER CITY LIMITS.

Council Member Matsuda moved to open the public hearing at 5:03 p.m. to hear comments on the petition for disconnect from Helper City limits. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler and Goldsmith all voting yes.

Jason Child the owner of parcel 1A-0393-000 and 1A-0393-0002 petitioned for disconnect from Helper City limits. Mr. Child is the owner of Carbon Emery RV and would like to disconnect his parcels due to the extra expense for a computer program to run his business. Mr. Child has a second location within Carbon County, to expand his business to the Helper location, the cost of the accounting program would be \$55,000 a year. Commissioner Tony Martines commented the county would like Mr. Child to stay in Carbon County rather than the business moving to Utah County. Mr. Child stated he was looking to move the business to Utah County and found the disconnect action could keep the business in Carbon County. Council Member Wheeler asked Mr. Child if he came up with this idea or did someone come to you and let you know what your options were. Mr. Child was approached by about moving the business to Utah County. Mr. Child stated the business would be unable to stay at the current location at 4590 US-6. Attorney Kiahtipes reminded council they have 45 days to make their decision.

Mayor Peterman read letters in opposition of the disconnect from the following concerned citizens: Jean Ann Dimick, I do not go along with plans and strongly object to the Helper disconnect from Helper City. We need to keep as many businesses as possible for our tax base. In fact, we should be expanding our city limits. Thomas Hatt, I wish to express my objection to the request to disconnect parcel numbers 1A-0393-0000, 0001, 0002 from Helper City limits. While a major reason to oppose this is action of course the potential loss of sales tax revenue, setting a precedent of granting such requests simply to convenience any particular individual, would be in opposition to the city's general plan, make the overall operation of the city much more problematic and allow for further such arbitrary requests all to the detriment of our residents. Vikki Ori, I am in absolute opposition to the disconnection of parcel numbers 1A-0393-0000, 0001 and 0002. These parcels were annexed into Helper City in 2005 and should stay within the city and connected to city utilities. Having the utilities disconnected from Helper City would cause a loss to the City and would limit progression of the city plan in my view. Jean Boyack, I very strongly object to the disconnect from Helper City. The parcels were annexed into Helper in 2005. Helper provides the utilities for these parcels. One of the goals to Helper City's General plan is to extend the city limits not to decrease them. I urge the city council to reject this request.

Council Member Matsuda moved to close the public hearing at 5:43 p.m. and tabled this item until the next council meeting. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler and Goldsmith all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUNDING MAY BE APPLIED UNDER THE CDBG.

Council Member Harwood moved to open the public hearing at 5:44 p.m. to hear comments on the potential projects for which funding may be applied under the CDBG. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler and Goldsmith all voting yes.

Mayor Peterman explained the process on receiving grant money from the CDBG for handicap accessible sidewalks. Mayor Peterman informed council the grant funds can will only be used for the sidewalk the project. Public Works Gary Harwood and Franson Engineering have been taking an inventory of the sidewalks needed for the upgrade. There was no public comment.

There being no public comment. Council Member Matsuda moved to close the public hearing at 5:54 p.m. and approve the grant application to the CDBG for sidewalk ADA improvements. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler and Goldsmith all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2021-1 REZONING PROPERTY AT 632 RAILROAD AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1-5000 TO RESIDENTIAL ZONE R-3-5000.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Boyack stated the Planning and Zoning has issued a letter of recommendation to rezone the property at 632 Railroad Avenue.

Council Member Wheeler moved to approve Ordinance 2021-1 rezoning property at 632 Railroad Avenue. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler and Goldsmith in favor with no one in opposition Ordinances 2021-1 unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON TRAVELSTORYS CONTRACT WITH PRICE CITY.

Mayor Peterman informed the council about the Travelstorys contract with Price City initiated by Lane Miller. The \$10,000 fee will be paid for by grants for the first year. Travelstorys is an application for travelers to use by downloading to their phones. The application gives travelers information on 5 to 10 points of interest. The contract is for one year and can be renewed if desired.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the contract with Price City and Travelstorys. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and all voting yes.

RECESS AND CONVENE A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING.

CLOSED SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUE.

Council Member Harwood moved to close session to discuss a personnel issue. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and all voting yes.

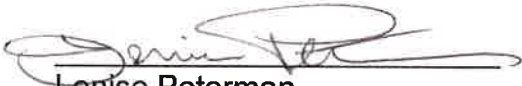
Council Member Wheeler moved to return to open session. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and all voting yes.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Members reported on various projects being worked on.

There being no further business Council Member Matsuda moved to adjourn. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler and Goldsmith all voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

I hereby certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, January 7, 2021


Lenise Peterman
Mayor


Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on February 4, 2021