

THE EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ELECTRONICALLY ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021, AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM.COM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT: DAVID BREMS
CATHERINE HARRIS
GARY BOWEN
JENNIFER HAWKES, Deputy Mayor
JOE SMOLKA, Mayor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: DAVID CHURCH, LEGAL COUNSEL
SHERRIE SWENSEN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK
By: NICHOLE WATT, DEPUTY CLERK

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Mayor Joe Smolka, Chair, presided.

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Council Member Harris read the following statement regarding Utah Code 52-4-202:

Pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-202 the undersigned, as Mayor of the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council, hereby declares that providing an anchor location for the electronic meetings of the Council will present a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location for the following reasons:

The Township is located in Salt Lake County and is still under an “Yellow” alert stage for the COVID 19 pandemic; and

The regular meeting place for the Council (the Fire Station in the Canyon) does not have sufficient space in the meeting room to provide for the recommended physical distancing to keep people safe from infection.

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STAFF MEETING

The Council reviewed the following items, which it will consider at its public meeting to be held tonight or at a future public meeting:

- Invasive species mitigation partnership with Utah Open Lands Conservation Association
- Margarethe Road stabilization project plan review
- Emigration Canyon Road crosswalk study
- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
- Update on projects
- COVID-19 update

- Capital projects



PUBLIC MEETING

Public Hearing

THIS BEING THE TIME heretofore set for a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the Emigration Canon Metro Township General Plan:

Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Brems, moved to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim Harpst stated the draft plan includes everything that is required by Utah State law. There was an incredible amount of input from the residents in the canyon. Those comments were included in the plan. The Metro Township Council has the authority to modify anything in the draft plan and the Planning Commission is ready to make amendments as needed. Recommendations can not be implemented unless they are initiated by the Metro Township Council. Once the plan is adopted by the Metro Township Council, it can be amended at any time.

Bill Tobey stated he served on the General Plan Steering Committee. He appreciates the opportunity to participate in the process and the time and interest by others including MSD resources. The plan represents an 18-month discussion, and the proposal is a good enough to get started.

Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Bowen, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bowen stated he began attending the Planning Commission meetings. The Commission spent 4 – 5 months reading each chapter of the General Plan and amending it. He has read the entire document and the amendments.

Council Member Bowen moved to adopt the General Plan as written. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Council Member Harris stated she would like to arrange a few work meetings to discuss the General Plan in more detail before adopting it.

Council Member Brems stated the plan as it is currently written is impressive and the Planning Commission and Steering Committee has spent a tremendous amount of time on the plan. He is willing to review the plan further to make some additional amendments.

Council Member Hawkes stated she would like to review the plan and discuss it as a Council.

Mayor Smolka, seconded by Council Member Harris, moved to table the decision on the General Plan until the Council can meet to discuss the General Plan further. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Input

Citizen Comment

None

Emigration Canyon Community Council Report (ECCC)

Bill Tobey, Chair, stated the fire season planning is beginning. There will be a new program to reduce the damage caused by wildfire, including, focus and increase in wildfire preparedness.

Unified Police Department (UPD)

Officer Jake Elsasser reviewed calls for service in January.

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)

Captain Michael Conn reviewed calls for service for 2020 and for the month of January. UFA is reviewing its budget and there are 33 members in recruit camp.



Council Business

Margarethe Road

Council Member Brems stated he would be in favor of walking Margarethe Road and meet with the engineer to fully understand what exactly the project is.

Speed Study

This item was not discussed.

DATE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

The Council reviewed the following Resolution adopting a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP):

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02-01

Date: February 25, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL ADOPTING A CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN (COOP).

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Emigration Canyon Metro Township, ensure, its operations are performed efficiently with minimal disruption, especially during an emergency;

WHEREAS, this document provides planning and program guidance for implementing the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) to ensure the Emigration Canyon Metro Township is capable of conducting its daily operations under all threats and conditions;

WHEREAS, this CONTINUITY PLAN (COOP) has been developed in accordance with guidance in Executive Order 12656, *Assignment of Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities*; National Security Presidential Directive 51/Homeland Security Presidential Directive 20, *National Continuity Policy*; Homeland Security Council, *National Continuity Policy Implementation Plan*; Federal Continuity Directive 1, *Federal Executive Branch National Continuity Program and Requirements*, October 2012;

WHEREAS, the Emigration Canyon Metro Township desires to adopt a COOP in the interest of public health, safety and welfare:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Adoption of a Continuity of Operations Plan.** The Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council hereby adopts the Continuity of Operations Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council this 28TH day of January 2021.

/s/ JOE SMOLKA
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ SHERRIE SWENSEN
Salt Lake County Clerk

Mayor Smolka, seconded by Council Member Brems, moved to approve the Resolution. The motion passed 4 to 1, showing Council Member Bowen voted in opposition.

Hiring of Legal Counsel

This item was tabled.

Change of Regular Meeting Schedule

Council Member Brems, seconded by Council Member Harris, moved to change the regular meeting schedule to the fourth Tuesday of the month, beginning in April. Their motion passed unanimously.

Legal Issues

None

Budget Items

Mayor Smolka stated he approved the payroll, Clerk and Utah Local Governments Trust invoices.

Minutes

Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Harris, moved to approve minutes of the Emigration Canyon Metro Township meeting held on January 28, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.



Council Member Reports

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

Council Member Brems stated the Compensation Committee is working with UPD to find cuts in the budget to allow for a 3.5 percent wage increase for sworn officers. UPD will continue working on wage increases until it is in the top three for highest paid sworn officers.

Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

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

Council Member Bowen stated 470 employees have gotten the COVID-19 vaccine, that is almost 100 percent of employees.

Animal Services

Council Member Bowen stated he would like to find out who enforces unleashed dogs and an ordinance change may be needed. There is a program to help with skunks and racoons and he would like the Emigration Canyon to be involved.

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

Council Member Harris stated WFWRD is looking to change from a special service district to a local district. Pam Roberts, General Manager, WFWRD, will be requesting Council approval of the resolution supporting this change.

Watershed Plan

Council Member Harris stated an RFP will be going out on February 26, and it will be sent to 14 different firms. The firms will be given 3 ½ weeks to submit proposals and then those submissions will be narrowed down for further discussion and consideration. .

Website

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated she will update the website with the Rocky Mountain project and the speed study once that is completed.

CodeRED

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Council Member Hawkes stated a notification for a road closure was not sent until after the fact because the organization that closed the road, did not get permission. She would like to review the franchise agreement to make sure Emigration Canyon is kept informed of road closures.

Restrooms

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated she is working on an RFP to hire a contractor for the restoration of the restroom.

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)

Mayor Smolka stated the MSD offices are under construction. A vote was taken to add to the bond to complete the pavement of Millcreek Canyon.

Landfill Council

Mayor Smolka stated construction for another pod will begin in 2022 and will open another 5 -10 acres.

Legislative Issues

Mayor Smolka reviewed various bills that are at the Legislature.

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

SHERRIE SWENSEN, METRO TOWNSHIP
CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

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MAYOR, EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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