

Minutes
Washington City Council
Special Meeting
June 17, 2021

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Ward, Council Members Roger Bundy, Craig Coats, Kurt Ivie, City Manager Jeremy Redd, City Recorder Tara Pentz, Public Works Director Mike Shaw, Assistant Public Works Director Lester Dalton, City Engineer Steven Hall, City Attorney Thad Seegmiller, Economic Development Director Rusty Hughes, Audience: Mori Kessler, Ed Andrechak

Meeting commenced at 4:00 P.M.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Council Member Coats made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Bundy seconded the motion; which passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and review of secondary water options. City Manager Jeremy Redd

Public Works Director Mike Shaw reviewed a powerpoint and map provided for a potential irrigation system. Blending of the canal water with the springs, would potentially provide everything north of the river with irrigation. The cost could potentially be covered by the Clive Developer, in addition to them placing the infrastructure.

City Manager Jeremy Redd noted the COVID funds could potentially pay for a portion of this project as well.

Public Works Direction Shaw explained the Water Conservancy District fees would be cut in half, since there would be a lesser need for culinary water.

Council Member Bundy clarified this would include the springs in the downtown area.

Public Works Director Shaw stated this is correct.

Council discussed the history of the secondary water system, and when the dry irrigation system was installed.

Assistant Public Works Director Lester Dalton reviewed the benefits to the Washington County

Water Conservancy District with Council. Anything Washington City installs will benefit their water conservation overall.

Public Works Director Shaw noted he has been having ongoing conversations with WCWCD as well as the adjacent municipalities in order to best move forward to being the conservation project. There would be a need for phasing for the project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ward asked what would have to be agreed upon with Clive Development in order to move forward with this project.

Public Works Director Shaw explained if we do not move forward with the project, then we are out of nothing, but the funding by Clive would depend on their development. However, there are no development plans submitted or being reviewed at this time.

City Attorney Thad Seegmiller asks if any hydrology studies have been done at this point.

Public Works Director Shaw stated this is why they are asking for Council support to move forward to get these preliminary tests. This is going to determine whether the project is feasible.

Council discussed the springs and flows of those springs throughout Washington City.

Public Works Director Shaw explained he has a meeting tomorrow with the WCWCD on conservation. He would like to know if the Council has any interest in moving forward with this project. The majority of the costs for the study and project analysis would be covered under the existing budget.

Council discussed the current irrigation water rights to the residents of Washington City.

It was the consensus of Council they would like Staff to continue gathering information on this project.

Public Works Director Shaw reviewed the conservation plan, which would also be a need to update our current Washington City Ordinance addressing drought. He feels it wise on our part, regardless of the adjacent municipalities, Washington City moves forward on a strict conservation plan. This plan needs to include strong enforcement.

City Manager Redd explained Washington City is leading out on conservation. The Parks Department has come up with an excellent plan to conserve water. They have plans in place to further the conservation for the entire City. It is an impressive plan, which will benefit the City immensely.

Economic Development Director Rusty Hughes thanked Washington City for their excellent Staff and forethought.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Bundy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Coats

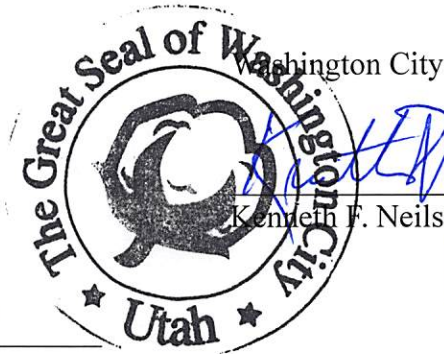
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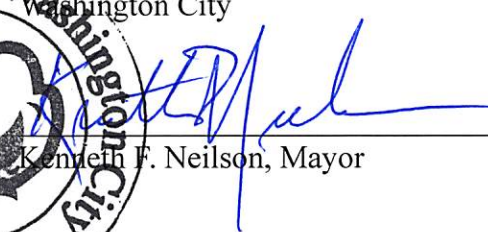
Meeting adjourned at 5:16 P.M.

Passed and approved on the 23rd day of June, 2021.

Attest by:


Tara Pentz, City Recorder




Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor