

DATE TUESDAY JULY 12, 2022

THE MAGNA METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. AT THE WEBSTER CENTER AT 8952 WEST MAGNA MAIN STREET (2700 SOUTH), MAGNA, UT 84044.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: ERIC BARNEY
AUDREY PIERCE
STEVE PROKOPIS
TRISH HULL
DAN PEAY, Mayor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: PAUL ASHTON, LEGAL COUNSEL
RORI ANDREASON, ADMINISTRATOR

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Mayor Peay, Chair, presided.

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Business Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

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Citizen Public Input

Jeff Scott asked the Council to consider a bike park on Cemetery Hill at the north and east areas. The west side does not have anything like it, and if done right, it could be amazing. He spoke with Wayne Bradshaw, Senior Advisor, Rio Tinto Kennecott about it, who told him he needed to ask the Magna Metro Township Council because Rio Tinto leases the property to the Pleasant Green Cemetery Preservation and Development Association, which the Magna Metro Township manages. Mr. Bradshaw told him if the land is considered for a different use, it would need to know who would retain liability, maintenance, and overall responsibility for that.

Council Member Hull asked if this would impact the cemetery.

Nunny Nicholes (I think), Pleasant Green Cemetery, stated it would impact parking.

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Mr. Scott stated a parking lot could be built at the top where it flattens out, or maybe Rio Tinto would be open to parking at the base.

Council Member Barney stated he thought it was a good idea. The Council would just need to work through the logistics of it and determine what the impact would be. The next step would be to get some answers to questions and decide whether it is feasible.



Unified Police Department Report

Detective Russ Buhler stated the UPD has six new officers, and in eleven to twelve weeks, the Magna Precinct will be getting another officer. Then, the 4th of July event went really good; there were no major events.



Magna United Coordinator

Council Member Hull introduced Jordan Peterson who was recently hired as the coordinator for Magna United. She has already gotten the necessary training, including storm water training.

Jordan Peterson thanked the Council and stated she would be crossing paths with it.



Minutes

Council Member Hull, seconded by Council Member Barney, moved to approve the minutes of the Magna Metro Township Council meeting held on May 24, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.



4th of July Report

Kari Duckworth stated the 4th of July was a great day. There were a few hiccups, but overall, it flowed. The 5k was successful, except the route got shortened and one person complained about it. There were a lot of people in attendance for the Flag Ceremony, and the Cyprus Choir sang. Then, the parade was a little stressful with getting in and out of the parking lot, but it flowed with the help of coordinators directing people out of there. There were a lot of complaints, so the committee has sent out a questionnaire to the community to see what went well and what could have been done better.

The committee did stay within its budget, and has some money left over. She was waiting to see if United Site Services discounted before knowing exactly how much. She forwarded that to Rori Andreason along with an itemized statement of the 5k purchases. This year, between \$4,000-\$5,000 was collected from the 5k run registration, so the committee will be able to carry that money into next year's event.

She planned to work next year, so met with the committee yesterday and will be meeting with it again next month. It wants to start reaching out to people to get more volunteers for next year.



Action Items

Improvements to 9180 West 201

Chip Hill, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), stated he reviewed this intersection with the Council in 2019, but since then, there have been several additional accidents, including fatalities. Based on crash data, signal timing, measured speed, as well as the geometry of the roadway, UDOT is moving forward with a right in and a right out alternative. All other turn movements will be removed, and a center concrete barrier will be put through the median to prevent people from turning. The height of the barrier will match what is there now. As part of the process, UDOT will hold public hearings as the project moves forward.

Council Member Barney asked if there would be a stoplight there.

Mr. Hill stated there will be a stop sign like there is now.



New Sign at Pleasant Green Cemetery

Rori Andreason stated the Council voted to reconsider its decision on the Pleasant Green Cemetery sign. The Council can either vote to replace the old sign, continue with the new design, which she just got pricing on, or choose a different sign. If the Council wants a different sign, it should put that out for a request for proposal (RFP).

Council Member Hull stated companies have given the Council bids – two to replace the old sign that was damaged and another with a new design. She asked if those companies expected someone to win that bid.

Ms. Andreason stated that was not a bid process. She just asked Nunny Nicholes, Pleasant Green Cemetery, to get some quotes on what it would cost to have the sign put back. Then, the other company developed a design, and the Council voted to go with that because the rendering looked nice, but she just received the pricing for it. It would not be fair to that company to have others bid on its design, unless the Council paid for it.

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Council Member Hull stated the bid process is very controlled and very private, and companies do not know what others bid. If this was opened up to a bid process, that would be a problem because the company that designed the new sign has made its bid public.

Nunny Nicholes, Pleasant Green Cemetery, stated he did not ask companies for a new design.

Council Member Barney stated he reached out to a metal fabricator and asked if it would design a new sign and provide a price. The cemetery is under new ownership, so the Council could put up something more robust, more long-term that would stand the test of time, and that had a bigger image. That is what appealed to him about the new design versus the existing sign.

Mr. Nicholes stated he was fond of the old sign, which has been there over 50 years. The design on the sign is not flawed; it would still be standing if someone had not hit it.

Mayor Peay stated the insurance company will only pay to replace the sign that came down, so if the Council went with a different one, the cemetery would have to pay for it.

Council Member Pierce stated the Council already voted to go with the new sign, and it should let that stand. Continuing the conversation is frustrating.

Council Member Prokopis stated he was fine with going either direction, as long as the process was fair for all parties. It did not seem fair that one company was given one set of expectations and the other two were not given that same opportunity.

Council Member Hull stated there is a possibility those two companies could come back and sue the Magna Metro Township, saying it did what was asked of it and then the Council went in another direction without giving it a chance to bid that way.

Ms. Andreason stated she did not think that would happen because they were just asked for a quote to replace the existing sign. The cost for a new sign is completely different.

Council Member Prokopis stated he was expecting a \$2,000-\$4,000 quote to replace the existing sign, but the bids were quite a bit more than that.

Council Member Barney stated the price is probably feasible for a 25-foot span sign that is laser cut and finished, and uses rebar, steel tubing, and steel plate

Council Member Barney, seconded by Council Member Hull, moved to initiate a formal process to seek a design, and then a formal process to seek a bid for fabrication. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Hull stated that is the best way to go to make sure the Council is following good procedures.

Naming of New Fire Stations

Council Member Hull stated the Unified Fire Authority now wants all its fire stations named. It would like the Council to come up with names for Stations 102 and 111 soon. She suggested the two fire stations be named the Magna Main Street Station and the Oquirrh Station.

Mayor Peay suggested Oquirrh View Station, rather than just Oquirrh Station.

Council Member Hull, seconded by Council Member Barney, moved to name Station 102 the Magna Main Station, and Station 111 the Oquirrh View Station. The motion passed unanimously.

Naming of New Fire Stations

Council Member Hull stated UFA wants headshots of all the Council Members and Board Members.

Council Member Pierce asked if the Council would pay to have someone take those pictures.

Council Member Hull stated she would look into someone coming out to take pictures for the Council Members for free.

Night Out Against Crime

Council Member Hull stated Night Out Against Crime is August 1, 2022, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The Magna United Coalition is working with the Town Council on this. There are already close to 30 vendors, and the Unified Fire Authority, the Unified Police Department, and the Highway Patrol will be there. There will be hot dogs, a coke shake, and a snow cone snack that will give out free snow cones for the first 400 people. This is an important event that may help reduce crime in the Magna Metro Township. However, funding is needed. and it will cost about \$4,000. The Magna Metro Township has money from last year that it never paid to the Town Council. She asked if some of that could be put in the coalition's budget or if the Council could use that to pay the bills.

Todd Richards stated he would prefer that the Town Council take care of that.

Rori Andreason suggested this be covered through the coalition since there is grant money that can help cover this.



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Council Reports

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

Council Member Prokopis stated SLVLESA has lost its Chief Executive Officer, so it is in the process of replacing that person.

Animal Services Advisory Committee

Council Member Pierce stated there are two events coming up – the Spayghetti & No Balls Gala and the Petapalooza. The Spayghetti & No Balls Gala is a spay and neuter event where people can donate towards a dinner and that donation helps pay to spay and neuter animals. It will be held on August 26th. Then, the Petapalooza is an adoption event. Right now, the County’s Animal Services Division has a fostering challenge. Last quarter, it had 511 animals fostered and 461 animals rescued, and it has had a total of 689 animals licensed year to date.

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Administrator Report

Rori Andreason stated Bird Scooters has decided not to launch business in the Magna Metro Township. It did not think Magna would meet its team requirements for building its business.

Council Member Hull stated she thought Bird Scooters did not think enough people would use the scooters, so it was not worth its money.

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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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CHAIR, MAGNA METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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