

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, in the Logan Municipal Council Chambers located at 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah 84321 at 5:30 pm. Logan Municipal Council Meetings are televised live as a public service on Channel 17 and the City of Logan YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLPAOK5eawKS_RDBU0stRQ

Council Members present at the beginning of the meeting: Chair Jeannie F. Simmonds, Vice Chair Ernesto López, Councilmember Amy Z. Anderson, Councilmember Mark Anderson and Councilmember Tom Jensen. Administration present: Holly H. Daines, City Attorney Craig Carlston, Finance Director Richard Anderson, City Recorder Teresa Harris and Deputy Recorder Esli Morales.

Chair Jeannie F. Simmonds welcomed those present. There were approximately 4 in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

OPENING CEREMONY:

Celina Wille, USU Extension Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Latinx Cultural Center provided the opening ceremony and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Hispanic Heritage month is a time of celebration. Before the arrival of the Mayflower, (November 11, 1620), there are Spanish explorers such as Juan Ponce de León who arrived in Florida in 1513. The first European language spoken on the American continent after the native indigenous languages is Spanish. There is a legacy and contributions to the United States. It is important to recognize the contributions as this is a population that is here to stay.

Currently, about 70% of the Latino population within the state are U.S. born. On average at least in Utah, this is a very young population. The median age is about 25 years old. At least for Northern Utah, some are recent immigrants' and others have been here for generations. It is an invitation for the Council to ponder on the human capital at a local level. The Logan School District alone has 30% Latino student population. In the next decade, these students will be sustaining the economy.

As part of the celebration at Utah State University, there is an event titled 'Discovering our roots'. The entire community is invited to the event, (October 22). This will be a celebration of culture, food, and music. Vice Chair Ernesto López will be participating in the event.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the Council meeting held on October 4, 2022, were approved with no corrections.

Meeting Agenda. Chair Simmonds announced there is one public hearing scheduled for tonight's Council meeting.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember A. Anderson seconded by Councilmember M. Anderson to approve the October 4, 2022, minutes and approve tonight's agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

A. Anderson: Aye

M. Anderson: Aye

Jensen: Aye

López: Aye

Simmonds: Aye

Meeting Schedule. Chair Simmonds announced that regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 pm. The next regular Council meeting is Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Chair Simmonds explained that any person wishing to comment on any item not otherwise on the agenda may address the City Council at this point by stepping to the microphone and giving his or her name and address for the record. Comments should be limited to not more than three (3) minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Council Chair. Citizen groups will be asked to appoint a spokesperson. This is the time and place for any person who wishes to comment on non-agenda items. Some items brought forward to the attention of the City Council will be turned over to staff to respond to outside of the City Council meeting.

There were no comments or questions for the Mayor or Council.

MAYOR/STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor Daines thanked the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, which provided a \$250,000 last-dollar grant for the plaza. The funds had been pledged prior and the funds have now arrived.

The Council expressed their gratitude as well for the wonderful donors of the new library.

No further Mayor/Staff Reports were presented.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Planning Commission Update – Chair Simmonds

Chair Simmonds reported that the Planning Commission discussed the Affordable Housing Plan. The plan is to amend the Affordable Housing Plan in the next few weeks. The public is invited to participate. In addition, a conditional use permit was issued for the City of Logan's first warming center that will be operating part-time at St. John's Episcopal Church located at 85 E. 100 North. The warming center will have 15 cots. This may be increased to 25 cots though the building fire code permits up to 45.

Water School – Chair Simmonds

Chair Simmonds summarized several of the presentations discussed at a two-day conference (composed roughly of 20 government water representatives) that she recently attended. Utah Valley Basin is by far the largest geographically and Weber Basin operates the most federally funded dams and reservoirs. One of the presentations was regarding the Colorado River and its impact on Lake Mead and Lake Powell. The tributary has been falling for years, but the water levels have recently become obvious.

The Colorado River is divided into an upper and lower basin with water flow that is dedicated to Mexico. The upper basin is made up of Utah, Colorado, part of Wyoming, and New Mexico. The lower basin is made up of Arizona, California, and Nevada. The lower basin has a different allocation than the upper basin. The challenge going forward is smaller and smaller (for Utah). Since the creation of the Colorado Compact, the Imperial Valley has taken every single last drop of water allocation. Nevada only had an allocation of 300,000 acre-feet per year.

April determines run-off efficiency for the Colorado River. If it is hot, cold, wet, or dry, all these factors will impact how the run-off comes off the mountains. If there is enough snowpack to fill rivers. Fall and Spring temperatures influence the dryness of the mountain ground which in turn influences run-off efficiency.

The flow coming from the mountains into Lake Powell in 1983 & 1984 was four times more than in 2021 & 2022. Regarding the Great Salt Lake, the water has receded and is being watched closely to determine its continual impact. But agriculture has always had the highest priority. The thought is that agriculture returns water to the system. Next was water conservation, however, the use of water conservation was for development and growth. The initiative 'let's make better snow' focuses on cloud seeding. The lake fuels snow, which in turn fuels the snowfall in the mountains and fuels the ski season (tourism). There is a concern about dust, the need to protect migratory birds, and the ecosystem of the lake.

The railroad causeway was built, and it bisected the Great Salt into an upper and lower half. Half of the lake is much saltier than the other half because the water cannot flow freely. A decision will have to be made. Then there is the discussion of the mineral industry, who has water rights. The question is if the mineral industry has those same rights even when the lake is diminished.

There is a need for a better definition of agriculture optimization. Is it doing more or less, etc. There is a need to change our view of the landscape. There is a need for higher density. House Bill 410 is to improve and preserve the Great Salt Lake. There are even some ideas to import water from the ocean or river or change the Bear River Development Act. If the Bear River Development Act is changed this will directly affect Cache County and Box Elder County. At present, we have a right to 60,000 acre-feet as does Box Elder County. Weber Basin and Jordan Valley have a smaller allocation of 30,000 each. However, they have a growing population.

The Head of Southern Nevada Water Authority discussed the Colorado River water rights and how Las Vegas is 90% reliant on that water allocation of 300,000. They only own 10% of water outside of the Colorado River flow. The drought response by Southern Nevada is to create stringent water budgets and negotiate for more if possible. They will address infrastructure, turf, etc. There are surcharges if golf courses overwater, etc. In ten years, consumptive use has declined by 36 billion gallons while adding 400,000 new residents. Their new conservation goal is 86 gallons per capita per day.

Not all water use is reported at a national standard, however, Utah has always counted all water uses including portable, secondary, and reuse by all water uses. Some locations do not count reuse water or secondary water at all. We try to count all of it. Our water use looks more than twice of other locations per capita, because we count all water uses. We need to talk about conservation differently.

Statewide we are considering grass removal including excess water use surcharges and commercial use. Water rights are under consideration, yes, one may have the right to water. However, if there is no water that question is moot.

Weber Basin owns all the water in the Weber Basin system. The secondary water and culinary water are piped and metered for monitoring. It is one of the most efficient systems in the state. It is a difficult challenge to work with a limited resource. Ultimately water is the limiting factor in the State.

Councilmember Jensen asked how close the dust levels from the drying Great Salt Lake are to becoming a health hazard to the community. (At present, the state is in the middle of a 20-year drought).

Chair Simmonds responded that it depends on the time of year and how low the lake must reach before it is determined that it is a crisis. The Great Salt Lake is presently at its lowest point in our recorded history. Furthermore, there are still mineral industries that are still taking water out.

Councilmember A. Anderson inquired if secondary meters have been looked at and what might be the cost.

Chair Simmonds replied funds were allocated for some secondary metering. However, it is not sufficient to cover everything. The metering approved was for secondary water to homes, it does not affect agriculture at this point. There are pluses and minuses to every alternative, but we may have to pick the alternatives that have slightly more pluses than minuses. The state legislature will ultimately make metering decisions. The Water Conservatory Districts will do most of that for themselves, (for example Weber Basin). The Water Conservatory Districts are important as they have been given authority to manage water in the state of Utah. However, the Water Conservatory District for Cache is young and does not own any water. We wish to preserve and protect the water in Cache Valley.

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181 **400 North Corridor Plan – Councilmember Amy Anderson**
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183 Councilmember A. Anderson read the introduction from the 400 North Corridor Plan.
184 (The 400 North Corridor Plan can be viewed on the city website).

185 “The form of 400 North has become overshadowed by its function. The 400 North
186 Corridor Plan provides a concept to create a meaningful streetscape design for the
187 corridor that seeks to shift the emphasis to a more multi-modal approach. It lays out a
188 design-oriented framework for future redevelopment and offers the opportunity to break
189 down physical barriers bisecting the north and south portions of the Adams
190 Neighborhood.

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192 Redevelopment areas offer the opportunity for a transition in land use to a more
193 pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use, multi-modal cultural hub that serves the neighborhood,
194 broader community, and the campus. The corridor can reflect the character and culture of
195 the city, neighborhood, and campus for those traveling its length. While the streetscape
196 design and redevelopment approach alone will not automatically lead toward change, this
197 plan provides the framework and is a first major step toward making it happen.”
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199 At the conference of ULCT, (Utah League of Cities and Towns), one of the discussions
200 was regarding having complete streets. Wider streets do not necessarily mean safer as
201 they lead to increased speeds. One of the concerns of 400 North is the speed of cars. The
202 400 North Corridor Plans modifies how the street is run. We may need to reevaluate the
203 implementation of the plan.
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205 Chair Simmonds agreed that if we have an action plan, we also need to have the funds to
206 do so.
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208 Mayor Daines interjected that Council delegates funds for the City. A discussion may be
209 needed to move up the 400 North Corridor Plan and move another project down in
210 priority.
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212 Councilmember M. Anderson also agreed on the need for it.
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214 Mayor Daines answered that staff will review and move forward according to the
215 Council’s request.
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217 Councilmember M. Anderson suggested that 400 North would be an excellent location
218 for more student housing if the University and State Legislature are willing to provide the
219 funding. He feels that if that housing need is addressed, as a result, it will free up more
220 housing for single families.
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222 Mayor Daines agreed that it would make sense as it would be walkable for students,
223 however, the Adams Neighborhood input at that time requested that the corridor remain
224 single-family residential.
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Councilmember M. Anderson agreed, but not many families live in the 400 North Corridor. It is primarily rental homes used by students. If a portion of the corridor was dedicated to student housing, there would be students able to work to and from school. More importantly, park their car in a stall, they can work there, eat there, entertain themselves, go to school, etc. It is a spot where we can do great things and alleviate housing and traffic issues.

Chair Simmonds agreed that it may be a good idea. In the present, just starting with improving the street is a start.

Councilmember Jensen requested time to review and asked that it be discussed further in a future workshop.

The Council agreed and requested a workshop be held in December or early next year.

Height Minimums in Town Center 1 (TC-1) – Councilmember Amy Anderson

Councilmember A. Anderson focused on the planned development being proposed on the South side of In-N-Out. The Town Center guidelines have a height minimum of 12 feet for single commercial entities. This may not necessarily be the vision for TC-1 (Town Center 1). We may need to relook at that height minimum to accommodate density.

Councilmember M. Anderson agreed having seen for example a new grocery store with a few levels of housing above it, (such as Macey's). It is an idea to consider while also providing housing that we so desperately need.

Chair Simmonds agreed there may be a need to reevaluate TC-1 as Main Street slowly changes over the next forty years.

The Council requested a workshop be presented by staff early next year.

ACTION ITEM:

PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustments FY 2022-2023 appropriating: \$64,167 funds Community Development received from the State of Utah to be used to help reduce homelessness in the community; \$300,000 radio reserves toward replacement radios in the Communication Center Fund; \$5,460 funds received for reimbursement for police overtime shifts; \$11,400 a grant the Police Department received for the bulletproof vest partnership program to be used to purchase vests for police officers – Resolution 22-42 – Richard Anderson, Finance Director

At the October 4, 2022, Council meeting, Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustments.

Councilmember Jensen inquired how the \$64,167 funds to reduce homelessness will be applied.

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273 Mayor Daines answered that a portion of the city’s sales tax automatically is remitted to
274 the State for homeless shelters across the State. The legislation was adjusted permitting
275 local funds to be used at a local level for homelessness. CAPSA qualifies as a homeless
276 shelter because many of its domestic violence victims are considered unsheltered. Part of
277 the funds will go to CAPSA for caseworkers and the other half to go to BRAG (Bear
278 River Association of Governments) to do outreach to those experiencing homelessness or
279 are on the verge of being homeless. The application works much like the CDBG funds,
280 the city receives the funds from the State and then proceeds to grant them to another
281 entity. In this case, CAPSA and BRAG for homeless efforts will provide reports of the
282 use of funding to the city, who in turn will provide to the State.

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284 Councilmember Jensen asked if any of the funds would be for the new city warming
285 center.

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287 Councilmember A. Anderson replied not as of yet as the warming center was just
288 approved last Thursday, October 13.

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290 Richard Anderson, Finance Director added that the funds are coming from the State and
291 just passing through the City to be granted to the recipient organizations.

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293 Chair Simmonds opened the meeting to a public hearing.

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295 Bronwyn O’Hara, a resident of Logan said the grant is going to CAPSA and BRAG, but
296 the attachment for the grant says, “expense for departmental supplies”. She asked is this
297 for diapers or linen, just what is it for.

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299 Mr. Anderson responded this is the description of the account in the general ledger. The
300 account is called supplies and the reason is that the funds/grant are not capital. We would
301 create a new specific account, but this is a general ledger, not a specific ledger. It is
302 merely the general account from where the funds are coming from.

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304 Ms. O’Hara asked if the funds for CAPSA will be used for a case worker and what about
305 BRAG. Will the funds be exactly split in half between the two organizations and if these
306 funds are from the State not Federal or Covid funds.

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308 Mayor Daines answered the funds for CAPSA is for a case worker and the funds for
309 BRAG are for outreach. This is how they are defined spending their funds per the grant.

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311 Mr. Anderson replied that the grant application will state exactly how the funds will be
312 used and how much the entity will receive. As stated by the Mayor, the funds received
313 are from the State not Federal or Covid funds.

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315 Ms. O’Hara inquired if any city or town can apply for these grants.
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Mayor Daines responded that any city or town that has a qualifying homeless shelter can apply for these funds. It is not based on population. CAPSA qualifies as a homeless shelter as such the funds can be received and granted. BRAG is slightly different but still met the criteria of the State.

Ms. O'Hara said the fact that CAPSA only serves the population that is homeless due to domestic violence is that BRAG is also included to help with other homeless communities.

The Council said that is correct.

There were no further comments and Chair Simmonds closed the public hearing.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Jensen seconded by Vice Chair López to approve Resolution 22-42 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Anderson: Aye

M. Anderson: Aye

Jensen: Aye

López: Aye

Simmonds: Aye

WORKSHOP ITEM:

Budget Adjustments FY 2022-2023 appropriating: \$1,275 a reimbursement received from the US Department of Justice for federal cases worked by Logan City Police Officers – Resolution 22-43 – Richard Anderson, Finance Director

Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustment.

The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the November 1, 2022, Council meeting.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Councilmember M. Anderson reported on the Library Board meeting that was held just the past evening. She said there are great fundraising opportunities coming up. One through Café Rio and another through Krispy Kreme. The public is invited to participate and donate.

Councilmember A. Anderson invited the public to participate in the upcoming events being held on Center Street starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 29. There will be a Witches Dance & Halloween Festival with food vendors and movie afterward at the Utah Theatre. The Downtown merchants will also be doing trick-or-treating on Halloween from noon until 4 p.m.

No further items of consideration were discussed.

ADJOURNED. There being no further business, the Logan Municipal Council adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Esli Morales, Deputy City Recorder

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