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THE MAGNA METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022, 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



**Mayor Peay**, Chair, presided.



WORKSHOP

Form of Government Change & Feasibility Study

**Greg Schulz** stated he was asked to research the different forms of government that Magna could potentially change to. Regardless of what form of government Magna becomes, how services are obtained is at the Council's discretion. If the Council wants to provide its own services, it will want to do a study to determine what the cost will be. Why consider changing the form of government? Residents and other government entities do not know what a metro township is. They do not know how it works, functions or who is in charge. Based on discussions with citizens and municipal peers, it may be a good idea to change the form of government.

**Council Member Hull** stated it is frustrating that Salt Lake County employees do not understand what the metro township is. They do not recognize Magna as having its own authority as a municipality.

**Mr. Schulz** stated the public is confused and it will not change unless the form of government is changed.

The Council will continue the presentation on the form of government change later in the meeting. It amended its agenda to allow for citizen public input at this time.

Council Member Barney, seconded by Council Member Pierce, moved to amend the agenda to allow for citizen public input. The motion passed unanimously.

After a motion to return to the normal agenda, the Council continued discussions on the form of government change after taking citizen public input.

**Mr. Schulz** reviewed the following types of government that can be considered:

- Full-time mayor-council form of government consists of a full-time mayor elected at large and an elected five-member council.
- Five-member form of government consists of a part-time mayor elected at large and an elected four-member council.
- Six-member form of government consists of a part-time mayor elected at large and an elected five-member council.

After looking into each type of government, he recommends the six-member form of government. The Council can move forward with the change with the least amount of disruption. The five council districts will be retained, it will just add a mayor. The mayor is currently appointed by its peers, with the change of government, the citizens will elect the mayor. Since the Mayor would be elected by the citizens, a legislative change would need to be made to allow for a concurrent election of the mayor.

**Council Member Prokopis** asked if each of the options require a legislative change.

**Mr. Schulz** stated yes, if the Council wants the mayor elected at that same time as the transition.

**Council Member Barney** stated if a legislative change is not made, then it would be two years before citizens could elect a mayor. If the legislative change is made, there will be two items on the ballot; the form of government change and the mayor election.

**Mr. Schulz** stated the timeline will include adoption of a resolution officially starting the process, hold two public hearings within 45 days, work with the Salt Lake County Clerk and Lieutenant Governors Office to set up the election process, and finally the election.

**Mr. Ashton** recommended putting this on the January 24, 2023, Council agenda for consideration.



Citizen Public Input

**Donnie Sweazey** stated on December 12, 2022, he received a noticed that the shop and the property he resides in, needed to be brought into compliance by December 30, 2022. He needs additional time to complete the cleanup.

**Jaime Ortega** stated he is buying Donnie Sweazey's properties and has run into some problems getting permits. He is remodeling the duplex and needs a permit to complete it. After the duplex is remodeled, he will turn around and sell it. With the funds from the sell, he will purchase Mr. Sweazey's additional properties. He needs additional time to finish the remodel.

**Joan Duckworth** stated she recently learned that Magna's Automotive may be leaving. She uses this business a lot for minor and major vehicle issues and is satisfied with the service and cost. She hopes that the business will stay and that everything is being done to ensure that.

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**Deann Knobloch** stated she has two teenage boys that participate in mountain biking. The NICA organization teaches kids how to mountain bike and holds competitions. It is a great organization and is supported by the parents in the area. Teams are from Granger, Cyprus, and Hunter High School. She would like to see more bicycle trails in the Magna area. The group has to go to Draper, Herriman, Eagle Mountain, Park City, Farmington, or Tooele to mountain bike and it is a far drive for a weekday night. She is working with the team to secure some of the trails that are used at Lodestone Park.

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Council Member Barney, seconded by Council Member Prokopis, moved to return to the agenda beginning with agenda item A – Presentation and discussion regarding changing the form of government and feasibility study. The motion passed unanimously.

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Dog Park Fencing

**Council Member Hull** stated Magna received a grant for \$4,000 to install fencing for a dog park. The fencing was supposed to be installed by the end of December 2022; however, it was not completed. She contacted Healthy Utah and got the grant extended. There are decisions that need to be made before construction can move forward.

**Council Member Barney** stated at a previous meeting, it was determined that the mayor had the discretion to move forward, and Mayor Peay was going to obtain a contractor.

**Mayor Peay** stated the Council wanted a clear title before it entered into a contract.

**Council Member Prokopis** stated the land was given to Magna to use.

**Council Member Barney** stated the property line was not clear and a survey needed to be completed.

**Council Member Hull** stated the grant does not cover the entire section and the Council would need to contribute additional funds to finish the fencing.

**Mayor Peay** stated he will contact fencing companies and get a few quotes. The land will need to be graded and the weeds will need to be removed.

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**Council Member Prokopis** stated it is worth spending additional funds to get the dog park right. Have the land graded, put in the fencing and a gate.

**Mayor Peay** stated that water will need to be brought into the park.



Bike Track

**Council Member Hull** stated a citizen spoke to the Council about bike tracks at a previous meeting. If a resident brings something to the Councils attention, the Council should at least research it.

**Council Member Prokopis** stated the Metro Township does not own the property that the citizen spoke about. The Council liked the idea, but the citizen will have to work with the property owner.

**Council Member Barney** stated the Council needs to have conversations with Kennecott about potential recreational use on its property.

**Council Member Hull** stated Visit Salt Lake is looking for communities that are interested in building sports fields that they can use to bring in tournaments from out of state. She wants to bring someone from Visit Salt Lake in to talk to the Council.



Communications Plan

**Council Member Hull** asked that the Communications Plan be discussed at a future meeting.

Council Member Barney, seconded by Council Member Hull, moved to table the Communications Plan discussion until a future meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



Magna Safety and Success

**Council Member Hull** stated the Metro Township received a \$2 million grant for the Gang Free program and other programs coming in. There are extra funds to create a youth court. A letter needs to be submitted along with the application, agreeing to be the sponsoring agency. Youth court hears class B and C misdemeanors and juvenile mischief cases. The offending juvenile admits guilt and the court will determine what type of service, restitution or diversion activities need to be completed.



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Visit the Salt Lake Sports

This item was previously discussed.



Council Rules and Procedure

**Rori Andreason** stated a few changes were made to the Councils Rules of Procedure and Order. Workshop meetings were added to the language, and she will add amendments that were discussed tonight. Language was added to rule number 2, stating items can be placed on the agenda by “staff or by any council member”. Rule number 3 eliminates the language stating “no formal motions or seconds are required or necessary. The Council will need to make motions during its meetings. Rule number 4 adds a word. Rule number 5 was added to include “to the extent not covered by preceding rule. Roberts Rules of Order shall apply”. She will bring these changes back to the next business meeting for final adoption.



Closed

Council Member Hull, seconded by Council Member Prokopis, moved to close the open session of the Magna Metro Township Workshop meeting to discuss pending or reasonable imminent litigation. The motion passed unanimously.



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

LANNIE CHAPMAN  
METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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CHAIR, MAGNA METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL



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