

MINUTES OF HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

PRESENT: Mayor Jay W. Franson
Councilperson Steve King
Councilperson Kathryn Schramm
Councilperson Claudia Stillman
Councilperson Glen Vawdrey

STAFF PRESENT: Barry Edwards, City Administrator
Matthew F. Shipp, Director Public Works/City Engineer
Winifred Jensen, City Recorder

EXCUSED: Councilperson Brian Brunson

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was called as a work session, and notice of the time, place, and agenda had been provided the *Deseret News*, *Daily Herald*, *Salt Lake Tribune*, and *New Utah* on March 9, 2006.

1. Highland Fling

Kathryn Schramm presented an overview of the activities included in the Highland Fling for 2004 and 2005, as well as a copy of budget figures. (Copies are attached to the minutes.) Discussion addressed the purpose for the Highland Fling, who it benefits, budgets, policies followed, and requirements placed on the City by the Utah County Health Department and State Tax Commission. Barry Edwards noted the costs for the Fling have doubled since 2000 with the budget in 2000 being \$15,036 and 2005 being \$31,853. Glen Vawdrey felt where the Fling is now is a good fit for the community. Mayor Franson requested the City Council members put a list together of what they want to see occur with the Highland Fling for further discussion, and place the Highland Fling on a subsequent agenda in order for the City Council to determine guidelines for the Enhancement Coordinator.

2. Open Space Improvement Agreement

Barry Edwards distributed a draft of an Open Space Improvement Agreement which was prepared by the City Attorney, David Church. He further indicated that the initiatives placed on the ballot during the last municipal election demonstrated that residents want some certainty of what is going to happen behind their houses in the public open space. He felt once there are boundary markers in place there would be no problem to have the residents improve the area, and he recommended coming to a conclusion on this issue for this landscaping season. He explained the proposed agreement only applies to private properties which are contiguous to the public open space and trails. Matt Shipp reported rebar is in place as a result of the survey, and

City staff will place the markers during the summer months. It was suggested possibly 600 out of the 800 residents in open space developments could enter into an Open Space Improvement Agreement. It was recommended Exhibit B of the Agreement be an instruction sheet giving guidelines for property owners submitting a landscape plan. Kathryn Schramm recommended no. 6 be replaced by no 5 to state "If City creates damage in the open space area they should be willing to fix it or correct it." Barry Edwards recommended the \$20 open space fee be put toward improvements, rather than maintenance. He also recommended the need to finish up the plan, and then bring it back to the City Council for adoption.

Mayor Franson recommended the City Council get comments on the agreement to Barry Edwards and the agreement will be placed on the April 4, agenda for action.

3. Future City Buildings

A brief discussion addressed planning for the new city building and issues relating to whether to consider establishing a library.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.