

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 15, 2011

WORK SESSION

***Present:** Mayor Scott Harbertson, Council Members Cory Ritz, Jim Talbot and Sid Young, City Manager Dave Millheim, City Planner David Petersen, City GIS Specialist Matt McCullough, City Recorder Holly Gadd, and Recording Secretary Cynthia DeCoursey. Council Member John Bilton was connected to the meeting electronically, and Council Member Rick Dutson was excused. Erin Vogeler, who will intern with the City this summer, was also present.*

Mayor Harbertson opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance, including **Erin Vogeler**, a first year MPA student at BYU who will intern with Farmington City during the summer.

City GIS Specialist **Matt McCullough** shared the results of the Code Enforcement Survey. He said 597 residents from all areas of the City, or approximately 11% of the number of households receiving utility bills, returned the Survey. He referred to several spreadsheets he prepared which show the results in greater detail. He also presented the following key points:

- **81%** of respondents agree or strongly agree that code enforcement is necessary to maintain or improve their neighborhood;
- **74%** of respondents said that the condition of their neighborhood has not changed from last year;
- **14%** of respondents disagree or strongly disagree that previous code enforcement complaints have been adequately addressed by the City;
- **77%** of respondents think that the code enforcement policy should be more aggressive.
- The **Top 5** most important violations for code enforcement to address are:
 1. Weeds/tall grass (42%)
 2. Junk vehicles (35%)
 3. Refuse/debris (32%)
 4. Parking on streets during winter months and/or longer than 72 hours (25%)
 5. Real Property maintenance (22%)
- A number of citizens complained of dog waste and dogs roaming freely;
- A number of people commented that they would rather see improved street conditions before spending money on code enforcement.

The Council discussed the results and reviewed some of the individual comments.

The minutes of the February 15, 2011 and the March 1, 2011 Council Meetings were reviewed, and amendments were made.

REGULAR SESSION

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CALL TO ORDER

Opening Comments/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Harbertson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance, including Sarah Barfuss, Kauri Tye, Sydney Pace, and Maren Lee of the Farmington Youth City Council and Boy Scout Troops 1480 and 1830. Dave Millheim offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Ammon Evans.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Sid Young made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 City Council Meeting with one amendment. The motion was seconded by Cory Ritz and approved by Council Members Bilton, Ritz, Talbot and Young.

Motion: Cory Ritz made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2011 City Council Meeting with one amendment. The motion was seconded by Sid Young and approved by Council Members Bilton, Ritz, Talbot and Young.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Annual Update from Trails Committee – 2011 Priorities and Bylaw modifications

George Chipman gave the annual update of the Trails Committee. He referred to the handout included in the staff report and mentioned several highlights/activities from 2010:

- A 6th edition of the Farmington Trails Guide Book was published.
- Events included Festival Days, the Get Fit Fair, and the Backcountry Horsemen Extravaganza.
- A 100-miler Power Hiker patch/award called “the Centurion” is now available.
- Three Eagle Scout candidates planted 21 trees along streets in Farmington.
- Max Forbush was selected as the Trail Advocate of the Year.
- A new kiosk was added to the Front Runner Station plaza.

Mr. Chipman presented the FTC’s top five priorities for 2011:

1. **Protection of the north Farmington hillside** – The area from Farmington Canyon to Shepard Canyon is closed to motorized travel by the U.S. Forest Service, and two recent events have presented an opportunity for the City to further protect the hillside. Benchland Irrigation installed a new water reservoir and rebuilt a fence to protect the area near the reservoir. The FTC has identified six access points they would like to see blocked off and asked the City if they

would contact the property owners for approval to close the access points using large rocks or fences.

2. **Provide better access to the Farmington Bay Learning Center from Glover Lane** – The FTC would like to have a public pedestrian only access located near Farmington Creek. There is a maintenance road in place, and it could be finished through an Eagle Scout project.
3. **Provide better access to the Farmington Bay area and the Buffalo Ranch trail** – There is currently a gate and maintenance access where the Buffalo Ranch trail and the Farmington Bay Nature Center Trail meet, and the FTC would like to install a pedestrian access next to the gate.
4. **Provide a trail from Buffalo Ranch to Farmington Ranch Park** – There is a new park in west Farmington near the Eagle Bay Elementary School. A small stream flows through the Park, and the FTC would like to install a bridge on the trail. A Physics class at Davis High School would like to design the bridge, and the construction of the trail could be completed through Eagle Scout projects.
5. **Coordinate a bicycle route connecting with Centerville City along south Frontage Road.**

The **Mayor** advised the FTC and/or staff to determine if there would be any issues with conservation easements, and the Council gave their approval to move forward with these projects.

Mr. Chipman explained that the FTC would like to amend its Bylaws to allow a third officer. Their proposal is to split the duties of the “Vice Chair/Secretary” into “Vice Chair” and “Trail Coordinator”. The Vice Chair would support the chair in administrative duties, and the Trail Coordinator would handle mostly clerical duties. They recommend that the term of service for each officer should be two years. He said the workload has grown with over 40 Trail Chiefs and 100 miles of trails to manage.

Motion: **Jim Talbot** made a motion to amend the Bylaws of the Farmington Trail Committee to allow a third officer. The duties of the current “Vice Chair/Secretary” will be split between a “Vice Chair” and a “Trail Coordinator”. The motion was seconded by **Cory Ritz** and approved by Council Members **Bilton, Ritz, Talbot** and **Young**.

Report on Code Enforcement Survey

City GIS Specialist **Matt McCullough** presented information related to this Survey during the work session. The results will be made available to Farmington citizens and further review will be necessary for the City to decide on the next step regarding code enforcement.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Approval of Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan for a Military Veterans Memorial at the City Cemetery

Mayor Harbertson told the Council that he met with City Parks & Recreation Director **Neil Miller** and American Legion representative **Jim Heffner** regarding the building of this Memorial. The approximate cost of excavation, footings, rock work, hand rails, benches, granite tiles, etc. is \$65,000-

\$70,000. All monies and labor will be provided by donations and community fund raisers. Council Members **Bilton, Ritz, Talbot** and **Young** gave their approval to proceed with this project.

Development of a Ten-Year Economic Forecasting Model for Revenues and Expenditures

The **Mayor** explained that **Doug MacDonald**, owner of Econowest and a Farmington resident, submitted a proposal to develop a ten-year economic forecasting model of revenues and expenditures for Farmington City at a cost of \$11,250. Following a brief discussion, the Council agreed that the City should move forward with this proposal.

Motion: **Sid Young** made a motion to approve the attached proposal and authorize City staff to enter into a Scope of Work Agreement not to exceed \$11,250 for the services outlined in the proposal which will include a 10-year forecasting model of both revenues and expenditures. **Cory Ritz** seconded the motion which was approved by **Bilton, Ritz, Talbot** and **Young**.

SUMMARY ACTION

Summary Action List

- Adoption of updated Strategic Plan
- Proclamation declaring April “Emergency Awareness” month
- Ratification of Approvals of Construction & Storm Water Bond Logs

Motion: **Jim Talbot** made a motion to approve the items on the Summary Action List. It was seconded by **John Bilton** and approved by Council Members **Bilton, Ritz, Talbot** and **Young**.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

City Manager Report

- He reminded the Council that UTA has discontinued their shuttle service to Lagoon on Sundays; however, the City received a letter from UTA which states that a realignment of Route 470 will service Lagoon directly on Sundays. The north/south bus stops will be located in an improved area adjacent to the Subway shop and campground on the south end of Lagoon’s property.
- The EDCU Quarterly Investor Update Meeting and Reception will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and he encouraged City officials to maintain a good relationship with the EDCU.
- He referred to the February Building Activity Report and staff is making progress with the additional requests for building permits from the Station Park development.
- The UDOT open house will be held Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m., and significant input from the public is expected. UDOT officials will be present to answer previously prepared questions, and **Dan Adams** from the Langdon Group, will be the moderator. Following that portion of the program, there will time for questions from the public, and at the end each City Council member will be asked to state why they support the C-1 alignment.

Mayor Harbertson

- He attended a meeting with developers from Henry Walker Homes, and they are interested in developing the other half of the Old Farm Subdivision. There was a brief discussion among the Council regarding issues related to the property, such as a possible rezoning or an amendment to the development agreement, visibility from Main Street and US 89, the commitment the City made to Zions Bank for commercial development in the area, limited access, and commitments made to the neighborhood.
- He serves on the board of The Family Connection Center (who assist with unemployment and the food bank), and they are hosting an activity at Boondocks on April 9, 2011 to coincide with Child Abuse Prevention Month. The activity will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include discounts, free children's activities, and a silent auction. The public is invited to attend.
- He spoke with **Dharmesh Ahir** who said he is planning to construct a Hampton hotel in Farmington in the near future. He has requested that the City offer him a break on impact fees, but the **Mayor** said the City cannot lower the fees.
- He asked the Council Members to contact **Holly Gadd** regarding their plans to attend the Utah League of Cities and Towns Convention.

Cory Ritz

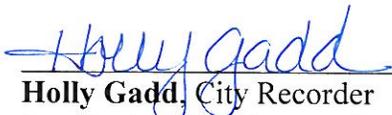
- He believes that both opponents and proponents of the West Davis Corridor will be well represented at the town hall meeting on Wednesday night.

Sid Young

- He attended the League of Cities and Towns meeting which included an update on House and Senate Bills and economic information.

ADJOURN

Motion: **John Bilton** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by **Jim Talbot** and it was approved by Council Members **Bilton, Ritz, Talbot** and **Young**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Holly Gadd, City Recorder
Farmington City Corporation

