

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Logan City Municipal Council Chamber, 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah. Chair Amy Z. Anderson conducting.

Councilmember's present at the beginning of the meeting: Chair Amy Z. Anderson, Vice Chair Tom Jensen, Councilmember Mark A. Anderson, Councilmember Jeannie F. Simmonds and Councilmember Jess W. Bradfield. Administration present: Mayor Holly H. Daines, Finance Director Richard Anderson, Assistant City Attorney Craig Carlston and City Recorder Teresa Harris. Excused: City Attorney Kymber Housley

Chair A. Anderson welcomed those present. There were approximately 32 in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

### **OPENING CEREMONY:**

Tracy Munson gave the opening thought and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the Council meeting held on January 7, 2020 were reviewed and approved with no changes.

**ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Bradfield seconded by Councilmember M. Anderson to approve the January 7, 2020 minutes as presented and approve tonight's agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting Agenda.** Chair A. Anderson announced there are two public hearings scheduled for tonight's Council meeting.

**Meeting Schedule.** Chair A. Anderson announced that regular Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 pm. The next regular Council meeting is Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Logan resident Paul Mueller and business owner of the Pet Hotel addressed the Council and asked if there were any updates on the ordinance regarding noise (barking dogs) at his Pet Hotel location on 600 West.

Chair A. Anderson stated at the Council meeting held on January 7, Councilmember's Jensen and M. Anderson indicated they wanted to speak with City Attorney Kymber Housley to better understand the ordinance already in place.

Vice Chair Jensen clarified the concern of Mr. Mueller and said it was his understanding there were neighbors already living in the area and then the Pet Hotel was established afterward. Now, there are complaints from the neighbors because of barking dogs. He asked Mr. Mueller if he has done any mitigation such as a fence or wall.

Mr. Mueller responded that a privacy fence was installed and tarps were put up but nothing has been done to mitigate the sound of barking dogs and to his knowledge nothing can be done other than to have an enclosed building which, he does not have.

Chair A. Anderson asked if the Council would like to consider the proposed amendments made by Mr. Mueller and add to a future council agenda as a workshop item.

Councilmember M. Anderson said he received information from Mr. Mueller this afternoon but hasn't really had a chance to look at it in depth. He stated that he is reluctant to amend the current ordinance due to some of the issues he's dealt with personally regarding noise and barking dogs.

Councilmember Bradfield stated that since there haven't been any recent violations, he is inclined to say that no changes be made to the current ordinance at this time.

Vice Chair Jensen said there are sound barriers that can be installed, and he too does not feel that any changes should be made to the current ordinance.

Councilmember Simmonds agreed and said she would not support making any changes to the ordinance and is concerned that any change would have ramifications that would go far beyond the one location brought forward by Mr. Mueller. She agreed with Councilmember Jensen and feels there are things that can be done to help with the sound and to help alleviate the concerns of the neighbors in this area.

Chair A. Anderson said it appears at this point in time that the Council does not want to consider any changes to the current ordinance. She thanked Mr. Mueller for bringing this to the Council and asked that he continue to work with the neighbors to make sure there aren't future complaints.

There were no further questions for the Mayor or Council.

### **MAYOR/STAFF REPORTS:**

#### **Board Appointments – Mayor Daines**

Mayor Daines asked the Council for ratification to reappoint Councilmember Jeannie F. Simmonds to serve on the Airport Authority Board and ratification to appoint John Zsiray to serve on the Library Board.

**ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Bradfield seconded by Vice Chair Jensen to approve ratification of Jeannie F. Simmonds and John Zsiray as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **City of Logan Flood Insurance Achievement Rating – Paul Lindhardt, Public Works Director and Kathy Holder, Utah State Floodplain Manager**

Kathy Holder, Utah State Floodplain Manager addressed the Council. She stated there are 220 communities in the State of Utah that participate in the National Flood Insurance

Program and the City of Logan is one of those communities. Logan also adopted an ordinance to help the community stay safe from flooding. She added that the City of Logan goes the extra mile by participating in the Community Rating System and Logan takes extra actions to keep its citizens safe from flooding. She recognized the Logan City Public Works Department and City Engineer Bill Young. Because of these efforts, Logan citizens now receive a 15% reduction in their flood insurance from 10%. She presented the award to Mayor Daines, City Engineer Bill Young and Public Works Director Paul Lindhardt.

**Update: Plastic Waste Management Program – Issa Hamud, Environmental Director**

Environmental Director Issa Hamud addressed the Council and gave an update on the Plastic Waste Management Program. He announced that a meeting with manufacturers was held today and there were 10 in attendance from Logan City and Cache County. Another meeting with retailers is scheduled for tomorrow, January 22 at 9:00 am in the Environmental building. A Solid Waste Advisory Board meeting will be scheduled soon, and he will update the Council after that meeting. A form is distributed at the meeting asking if the retailer is interested in participating in the Plastic Waste Management Program or if they would prefer to pay a fee.

Councilmember M. Anderson asked if there has been any consideration of the collection of single use plastic bags and then partnering with some of the larger corporations and return the bags to them for reuse.

Mr. Hamud said staff and the Solid Waste Advisory Board have contemplated how this can be done and there is no easy way to do it. The company they have contacted has said they will not accept anything less than 2,000 pounds which would take several days, would require a large space for the bags and the equipment needed. He said if we find a viable way to collect the bags it will be considered.

Vice Chair Jensen asked if there has been any progress made on increased recyclability.

Mr. Hamud responded no, there haven't been any changes and we currently accept only plastics labeled #1 and #2, there is no market for the remaining plastic products. He doesn't know of any other Cache County communities that are considering a bag ban at this time. The sticker labels on the recycle cans need to be updated and he suggested this is something that can be mailed to the residents and they can place the updated sticker on their own recycle can.

No further items were presented.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Logan Municipal Council Board and Committee Assignments 2020 – Chair Anderson**

Chair Anderson proposed the following Logan Municipal Council Board and Committee Assignments for 2020. She stated there is one committee that is still outstanding which is the ASUSU and at this time a Councilmember has not been assigned.

<b>LOGAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - 2020 BOARD AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS</b>		
<b>Mayor Holly H. Daines</b>		
<b>Amy Anderson</b>	Audit Committee (2)	As needed
<b>Chair</b>	Cache County Emergency Medical Services (CEEMS) (2)	3rd Tues, 3:00 PM/QTR
	Fine Arts Commission	As needed
	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory	2nd Wed, 11:30 am
	Renewable Energy Conservation Advisory Board (RECAB) (2)	1st Fri every other month, 8:00 AM
	**CDBG	Annually
<b>Tom Jensen</b>	**CDBG	Annually
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO)	1st Mon, 5:00 PM
	Golf Course Advisory Board	3rd Thurs, 5:00 PM
	Renewable Energy Conservation Advisory Board (RECAB) (2)	1st Fri every other month, 8:00 AM
	Storm Water Advisory Board	As needed
	Water and Sewer Board	3rd Thurs every other month, 4:30 PM
<b>Mark Anderson</b>	Historic Preservation Committee	1st/3rd Mon 12 -as needed
	Library Board (voting member)	1st Monday at 5:30 pm
	Downtown Alliance	2nd Tues, Noon
	Parks and Recreation	3rd Thurs, 9:30 am
	**CDBG	Annually
<b>Jess Bradfield</b>	**CDBG	Annually
	Cache Valley Center for the Arts	1st Thur, 5:15 PM
	Economic Development	3rd Thurs, 3:30 pm
	Light and Power Advisory Board	Quarterly
	Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Thur, 5:30 pm
<b>Jeannie Simmonds</b>	Logan Cache Airport Authority Board	1st Thur, 8:30 AM
	Audit Committee (2)	As needed
	Cache County Emergency Medical Services (CEEMS) (2)	3rd Tues, 3:00 PM/QTR
	Economic Development Committee (2)	2nd Thur, 3:30 PM
	Solid Waste Advisory Board	As needed
	**CDBG	Annually

Council approved by a head nod the Council Board and Committee assignments for 2020. The list will be posted on the City website.

### **Election Subcommittee Process – Chair Anderson**

Chair A. Anderson stated that in October 2019, the Council made a motion to establish a subcommittee to review the City election process. In the motion, it was agreed that a representative from the Legal Department, City Recorder, Neighborhood Council Chairs and two City Council members selected by the Council Chair would be organized and begin meeting in January 2020. It has been brought to her attention that not every

Neighborhood Council has a Chair at this time so she asked with the Council's approval, she would like to ask each of the Neighborhood Council's to identify which individual from their neighborhood will serve on the subcommittee and do this by March 1, 2020 after which, the subcommittee will begin meeting.

Mayor Daines offered to email the Neighborhood Council groups and request a name from each area to serve on the subcommittee.

### **Planning Commission Update – Chair Simmonds**

Chair Simmonds reported that the Planning Commission will hear a proposed plan for a Quick Quack Car Wash to be located on North Main Street. Other projects the Commission reviewed are an older storage unit area on the South end of Main Street that will be removed except for one unit to make space for a new doctor's office.

### **Board/Committee Reports – Councilmember Bradfield and Councilmember M. Anderson**

Councilmember Bradfield reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met and discussed the 24<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. They also discussed the Blue Trail Master Plan.

Councilmember M. Anderson reported that he has not yet attended any board/committee meetings, so he had nothing to report.

No further items were presented.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustment FY 2019-2020 appropriating: \$6,316 a grant the Police Department was awarded from the State of Utah. The Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds will be used to purchase and install a vehicle gate for the police parking lot; \$2,496 a grant the Police Department was awarded from the State of Utah. The State Asset Forfeiture Grant (SAFG) funds will be used to purchase police equipment; \$400,000 funds for trail improvements from grant funding and reserves – Resolution 20-02**

At the January 7, 2020 Council meeting, Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustments. The \$400,000 is related to the Kunzler property acquisition which, will give the City the remaining funds necessary to complete the transaction. There is a request for \$300,000 that the City anticipates through discussion with Cache County, that will be awarded in May 2020 as a RAPZ grant but we need the funds now to move forward. There is a risk that the County could change their mind regarding RAPZ allocation although he feels it's a very minimal risk. There is also a request to appropriate \$100,000 of reserves toward the same project. There is a possibility this amount will come out of reserves and it's also very likely we will find a grant that will take the place of the reserves that we'll be able to use. The County has talked about the possibility of being a participant.

Chair A. Anderson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There were no comments and Chair A. Anderson closed the public hearing.

**ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Councilmember Bradfield to approve Resolution 20-02 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of a proposed resolution adopting the Logan River Blue Trail Master Plan – Resolution 20-01**

At the January 7, 2020 Council meeting, Logan Parks & Recreation Director Russ Akina addressed the Council regarding the proposed resolution adopting the Logan River Blue Trail Master Plan. He announced there will be a public open house to show plans for the Blue Trail on Thursday, January 9 in the City Hall Conference Room. A subsequent public meeting will be held on January 23 at the Logan River Golf Course. The purpose of the open house is to gather public input as they update the Plan.

Frank Howe, Chairman of the Logan River Task Force addressed the Council. He explained that the definition of a Blue Trail is a river adopted by communities that are dedicated to improving family friendly recreation such as fishing, boating, hiking, and wildlife watching, and conserving rivers and lands. The proposed plan envisions the Logan River as a world-class recreational asset adding to our existing community amenities and tourist attractions.

The Plan has three main goals – to improve carry-in watercraft access to the Logan River, create safe river passage, and foster community involvement, volunteerism, and stewardship of the Logan River.

This Plan describes existing conditions of the Logan River relative to creating a Blue Trail. The Plan identifies a network of access points to provide a variety of river experiences, ranging from leisurely family floats to day-long river excursions. Many of these access points utilize City-owned property and are within Logan River Restoration project areas.

This Plan lays out a phased development strategy starting with the core area from Rendezvous Park to Trapper Park (Phase 1), expanding upstream to Stewart Park and downstream to the 600 South Bridge near 2000 West (Phase 2), and culminating with future additional linkages. However, development of the Logan River Blue Trail should be driven by opportunities as it develops, regardless of its phase.

Goals of this Plan are the following:

- Improve and develop river access points and improve recreational access to the Logan River
- Create and maintain safe passage on the river
- Promote the Logan River Blue Trail as a community-wide amenity
- Foster volunteerism and stewardship of the river as a recreational asset to the community

Mr. Howe said the Plan identifies 13 unique access sites to the Logan River Blue Trail. These sites range from private property to public parks, undeveloped city property to developed PacifiCorp boat launches.

The analysis of access sites makes a clear case to create the first Blue Trail between Rendezvous Park and Trapper Park. Both parks are publicly owned, have established parking and restroom facilities, and are connected by an existing multiuse pathway. These two parks provide a clear starting point for Logan City to build a great Blue Trail. West to 600 South Bridge, or East to Stewart Nature Park on 100 South would allow a successful Blue Trail to expand and effectively connect across the City of Logan. In time, Blue Trail networks could expand to reach existing PacifiCorp water recreation facilities and link the back to the mouth of Logan Canyon.

A kayak park is proposed for the Logan River Blue Trail within the residential section as it runs parallel to Riverside Drive, between Center Street and 100 North. The project would involve the design and placement of various permanent structures in the river to establish a play park for canoeing, kayaking, tubing, and other water related recreational activities.

There are several funding sources being reviewed for the Blue Trail project. The next steps include the following:

- Fundraising for design phase
- Grant writing
- Professional design and cost estimation of river access improvements in Logan City Parks
- Fundraising and community engagement regarding Blue Trail maintenance and promotions
- Construction of access sites

Councilmember Bradfield asked if sections of the trail have already been named.

Mr. Akina responded there are sections of the trail, not referring to the Blue Trail, that have already been named. He indicated that the trail brochure has recently been updated and will go to the printer in one week and then it will be available to the public in February.

Councilmember Bradfield asked if one section of the trail could be named after Frank Howe. He feels Mr. Howe is very deserving of having a portion named after him due to his effort and dedication on the Blue Trail Master Plan.

Mayor Daines agreed that Mr. Howe has done a tremendous job on the Blue Trail Master Plan and deserves recognition. Regarding Councilmember Bradfield's suggestion, she feels it should be looked at in more detail.

Vice Chair Jensen said he is thrilled to see this project happening. He was contacted by a resident in the Sumac/Thrushwood area and asked that the public be sensitive to the people who built their home along the Logan River. Vice Chair Jensen reminded the resident that he does not own the river but agreed there should be some education done

for the public reminding them there are homes along the river, and they should be courteous. He asked if there will be notification as people use the river that safety precautions have been taken and any rebar or low hanging branches and rocks that might be in the way of the person going down the river have been identified.

Mr. Howe responded that most of the volunteer effort will be to monitor and watch the river for areas that could be hazardous of which most would be removing logs from the river or low hanging branches and vegetation. The only large, challenging waterfall area along the river is the Crockett diversion area and restoration has been completed where rocks have been placed to help kayakers as they use the river. Signs will also be placed in this area.

Councilmember Simmonds said she talked about the Blue Trail Master Plan at a recent Cache Water District meeting and they were all very interested. She says as we move forward with the grant plan for the Crockett area, we should be carefully integrating the ideas of the Cache Water District as well.

Chair A. Anderson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There were no comments and Chair A. Anderson closed the public hearing.

**ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Bradfield seconded by Councilmember Jensen to approve Resolution 20-01 as presented and suggested that a portion of the Logan River Blue Trail be named to honor Frank Howe. Motion carried unanimously.**

**WORKSHOP ITEM:**

**Budget Adjustment FY 2019-2020 appropriating: \$71,080 for wildland fire and fire standby reimbursements – Resolution 20-03 – 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 February 4, 2020 Council meeting.

No further workshop items were presented.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Vice Chair Jensen stated that a resident in the Island area contacted him regarding a noise complaint about large trucks that are deaccelerating/braking down the hill as they are going into Logan Canyon on 400 North. There are many communities that install signs for trucks using their brakes and he asked if something similar could be done along this roadway.



Councilmember Simmonds said this area (400 North) is a State road so it might be challenging if the City were to try and place a sign.

Mayor Daines responded this is a State road and she will check with the Public Works Department and see if signing can be done in this area or if we need to contact the State (UDOT). She will report back to the Council at a future meeting.

Councilmember M. Anderson commented that he would prefer not to limit braking of large trucks going down the hill so for him it would be safety over noise as a concern since, he lives in this area.

Chair A. Anderson reminded residents of scams that are out there and when making a purchase with someone online to only deal in cash and don't send a check to the person. She also reminded residents that the police department has a "Safe Exchange Area" located on 300 North by the police department building.

There were no further items discussed by the City Council.

**ADJOURNED.** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Teresa Harris, City Recorder