

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SESSION
EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

April 6, 2007

Eagle Mountain City Council Chambers, 1650 East Stagecoach Run, Eagle Mountain, Utah 84005

3:00 P.M. POLICY SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Mayor Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Don D. Richardson

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Hendrickson, City Administrator; Gordon Burt, Finance Director; Gina Peterson, City Recorder; Ifo Pili, Management Analyst; Jeff Weber, Assistant Public Works Director; Adam Ferre, Energy Division Manager; and Jordan Harris, Water Division Supervisor.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

AGREEMENT – Consideration and approval of an agreement with SWCA for an environmental assessment along the new Eagle Mountain City transmission line corridor.

The City is going to be installing a new transmission line from its North Substation to Bobby Wren Blvd., an estimated distance of five miles. The easement will parallel the Rocky Mountain Power corridor for much of that distance.

The Bureau of Land Management requires an environmental assessment throughout the project and is not able to provide this study until Fall, 2007. Since the City needs to start this project sooner, BLM gave authorization for the City to use a third party for the assessment.

This agreement engages SWCA to do the environmental assessment (EA). The EA is planned to be finished within 120 days or sooner. SWCA is the same consulting firm that successfully completed the EA for the Rocky Mountain Power and the Kern River natural gas corridors. They are very familiar with the corridor.

City Administrator John Hendrickson stated that the City's purchasing policy limits professional agreements to \$20,000 without Council approval.

Councilmember Jackson asked where funding for the agreement will come from. Mr. Hendrickson responded that it will come out of this fiscal year's budget for the transmission line.

Councilmember Strouse asked if going across BLM land was the only option for this line. Mr. Ferre responded that this is the cheapest, straightest and quickest route.

Councilmember Jackson **moved** to approve an agreement with SWCA for an environmental assessment of the 138 kV transmission line corridor. Councilmember Lifferth **seconded** the motion.

Councilmember Blackburn expressed concern that a request for proposals was not done before the contract was awarded.

Councilmember Lifferth called the question.

Mayor Richardson called for a vote on the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, and David Lifferth. Councilmember Strouse abstained. The motion **passed** with a 4:0 vote.

Councilmember Blackburn requested that members of the City Council avoid calling the question until all discussion was complete.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Liddiard **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL MAY 20, 2008



Fionnuala B. Koroed, City Recorder