

MINUTES
EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 24, 2006

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

7:00 P.M. SPECIAL SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Minutes are reported verbatim.

Mayor Pro Tem Linn Strouse called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pro Tem Linn Strouse

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers David Blackburn, Heather Jackson and David Lifferth.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Mike Wren, Chief of Staff/Public Works Director; Gordon Burt, Treasurer; Gina Peterson, City Recorder; Peter Spencer, Planning Director; Mike Hadley, City Planner; Kent Partridge, Building Official; Chris Trusty, City Engineer; Rand Andrus, Fire Chief; Mark Binks, Sergeant; Jason Randall, Sergeant.

Mayor Strouse: OK, I guess it's time to start the meeting. Good evening. We're happy to see at least more numbers than we expected for such a short-notice meeting. We're all looking forward to getting the process started, to receive the applications for the position of Mayor of Eagle Mountain. So, I'll only have to do this for thirty days, hopefully. Are we ready to proceed, Gina?

Ms. Peterson: Yes.

Mayor Strouse: OK, I'd like to start with Councilman Lifferth to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Lifferth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Strouse: OK, we have a motion on the table for consideration and approval of notice of vacancy in the office of Mayor, setting a deadline for submitting the statements of interest and setting meeting date and time for appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor. Do I hear a motion?

Councilmember Jackson: Mayor.

Mayor Strouse: Yes, Councilman Jackson.

Councilmember Jackson: I'm just curious what the time frame is on the notice. If we, I just wanted to know before I go forward with any motion. I just, because that wasn't part of the little . . .

Mayor Strouse: That's a good question, yes.

Ms. Peterson: I'm prepared to outline some things, if you would like.

Mayor Pro Tem Strouse: Sure.

Ms. Peterson: There's about a four-day lead time on the notice, which is required to be published fourteen days in advance of the actual meeting, so that's up to the Council. As you know, State Code encourages that the appointment be made within thirty days. I sent you guys a memo that Jerry Kinghorn had drafted from May, 2005, when we did our last appointment, just outlining why the appointment should be made within thirty days. If you have any questions, I'm happy to answer those, but it's just going to be up to you as far as when you want to make the appointment, if you want to do it at our regularly-scheduled November 21st meeting, if you want to hold a special meeting, but like I said, there's a four-day lead time for the newspaper. So if we're wanting to get it in this week, we need to know tonight so I can get the notice in tomorrow.

Mayor Strouse: And so we can have it on the agenda for November 21st, right?

Ms. Peterson: If that's what the Council wants to do.

Mayor Strouse: And that's the thirty days?

Ms. Peterson: That's a couple days beyond the thirty days, so, I mean it's at the Council's discretion if they want to do it sooner or later.

Councilmember Jackson: My other question would be, in the motion that's here before us, and it seems like you had also sent a memo or something talking about the date that we would be closing the application time, and I don't see that included on the agenda here. So I just . . .

Ms. Peterson: No, and that's in the draft notice that I sent you, we just sort of looked at a calendar and had like a two-week time frame where you could, we could take those letters of interest and then, I think it closed November 9th.

Councilmember Jackson: That seems like what I recall, as well.

Ms. Peterson: And then we would have a week to have you review them, and then if you wanted to go with the 21st, that's when we would do it. But there isn't, in the notice as it is actually published in the paper, it will be stipulated when the deadline is. We've had it go a week before. I don't know prior to that how long it's been done.

Councilmember Jackson: Thank you.

Ms. Peterson: And the other thing I wanted to make sure you know is the only qualifications, as required by State Code, are that the individual be a registered voter and a resident of the city for 365 days prior to the appointment.

Councilmember Jackson: Great.

Mayor Strouse: No age limit?

Ms. Peterson: Well, you have to be eighteen to be a registered voter.

Mayor Strouse: OK. I didn't know if you need to specify that.

Councilmember Lifferth: As a continuation of this discussion item, we're asking for somebody to come in and fill some shoes here, in the middle of a process, or the current term held by Mayor Olsen. I think we should also state that, or at least bring out for discussion, do we want this to be a full-time job, or would we be open to a part-time candidate? We have several different options in front of us, and I think if we're asking for a viable candidate to come forward only for one year, our choices might be a little on the slimmer pickings if we're looking for a full-time Mayor for only a one-year job. So do we want to look at making this a job that might be reviewed for being a part-time job, part-time Mayor?

Mayor Strouse: I've already heard of five people interested in applying for this full-time position.

Ms. Peterson: Mayor, may I bring up something along those lines that you and I talked about yesterday?

Mayor Strouse: Yes.

Ms. Peterson: The Council passed an ordinance last June increasing the Mayor's salary to around \$70,000. It didn't stipulate the number of hours that need to be worked, so if you do select a part-time candidate, just realize that that figure is there, regardless of the number of hours that they work. You can amend the ordinance, but that's what's in place now.

Mayor Strouse: Go ahead, Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilmember Jackson: With what you were stating about, seeing that we already have five people interested in the position with it being full time, it seems like we should stick with what we've got going on there, in my opinion. I realize we don't have a motion on the table to actually make an opinion known, but as we're questioning some of these things, it seems that some questions are, you know, better left for after we see what candidates are out there, to some extent. But I think everybody should know that it's a full-time job, there's a salary there, and that's what we've been dealing with, and that's where our expectations are at this point.

Mayor Strouse: And if Jerry were here, I'd be asking him what the intent was when the ordinance was passed. He's not here, so we can't have that discussion.

Ms. Peterson: I think it's really clear from the minutes of that meeting, and I think it was June, 2005, so I just want to correct that, that you intended it to be full time. It was just an issue of how you put that into words in the ordinance.

Mayor Strouse: Certainly and, you know, we may have to revisit that at some time. I intend to talk more with Jerry Kinghorn about this, to see if there's an urgency in having more definite terms in that ordinance, so that there's no wiggle room for interpretation.

Councilmember Lifferth: My comments were not intended to say that I would expect only a part-time Mayor. I'm just saying, if somebody does say, "I think I'm a qualified candidate, but I'm looking at a part-time option," we need to be open to that possibility.

Mayor Strouse: Well, it was a good suggestion, and I was quite surprised that I've heard from so many people already, especially under the circumstances. So, to me that was a good sign, in that at least three of them were people that, you know, I've heard to be very good citizens in the community. So I think we can expect to see a lot more applications. I certainly hope so.

Councilmember Lifferth: So if we were to open the process tonight, we'd have a time line of approximately two weeks, which would be a closing deadline date of what day in November?

Ms. Peterson: If we were to publish this weekend, and you ran it for two weeks or two business weeks, the deadline would be November 9th. You don't have to run it for two weeks. The notice just has to be published two weeks prior to the meeting.

Mayor Strouse: And I also, especially under the circumstances, we obviously are in the spotlight of the press, and indirectly they're going to be helping us get the word out. So I'm sure everybody's gonna know about this, and of course, Councilmember Lifferth has a web site that I'm sure it'll be on, and other venues that we can make sure that everybody knows and we get, hopefully, a broad base of candidates. Was there a, we didn't have a motion on the table yet. Would somebody like to make a motion to start this process?

Councilmember Lifferth: Do I call you "Mayor Pro Tem" or "Mayor Strouse"?

Mayor Strouse: Mayor Strouse.

Councilmember Lifferth: Mayor Strouse, I make a **motion** that we open and set a deadline for accepting statements of interest for filling the vacancy of the office of Mayor of Eagle Mountain and use the information, based on our conversation here, that that be posted and the closing date be November 9th.

Mayor Strouse: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Jackson: I'd like to, we didn't propose a scheduled time for the appointment meeting and I think we should add that. I would propose that we do November 14th for that meeting, and I realize that would be a special meeting.

Councilmember Lifferth: I'd accept that, if that's an amendment to the motion.

Councilmember Jackson: I would love that to be an amendment to your motion. I would be glad to **second** it, as well.

Mayor Strouse: So, how soon would that meeting be, then, after the closing of the bid?

Councilmember Jackson: Five days, I believe.

Ms. Peterson: Yeah.

Mayor Strouse: So if we did it on the 21st, that would be how many days?

Ms. Peterson: That would be seven days up, so twelve days.

Mayor Strouse: What's, I'm just curious, what's the difference?

Ms. Peterson: It's a whole week, so Councilmember Jackson's proposing that you do it on the 14th, one week ahead of your 21st meeting. So we'd schedule a special meeting for the 14th.

Mayor Strouse: To deal with just . . .

Councilmember Jackson: To deal just with this. I think that gives us the ability to focus on this and deal with what we need to, and then we have the ability to do our normal meeting business, things that we have already scheduled for the 21st, without clogging up that meeting with dealing with this. Because I think we need to focus on this and have this be our only focus and take time to make the correct decision.

Mayor Strouse: I totally, totally agree with that, because I think this is something we do need to take a lot of time at and to have the opportunity to really ask a lot of hard questions. Do I hear, shall we do a roll call vote, or just, which would you prefer?

Councilmember Jackson: Roll call's fine.

Mayor Strouse: OK.

David Blackburn, yes; Heather Jackson, yes; David Lifferth, yes. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Councilmember Lifferth: Any other items of business that we need to discuss today?

Councilmember Jackson: Mayor.

Mayor Strouse: Yes.

Councilmember Jackson: May I ask that we close the meeting for an Executive Session to discuss some personnel issues? May I **move** that we do that?

Mayor Strouse: Sure.

Councilmember Jackson: Is there a second?

Councilmember Lifferth: I'll **second** that.

Mayor Strouse: [inaudible]

Councilmember Jackson: Do we need to vote on that, as well?

Ms. Peterson: Yeah.

Mayor Strouse: OK, do I hear a vote?

Councilmembers voting yes: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson and David Lifferth. The motion **passed** unanimously.

The Council adjourned to a Closed Executive Session.

Following the Closed Executive Session, Mayor Strouse reconvened the Policy Session.

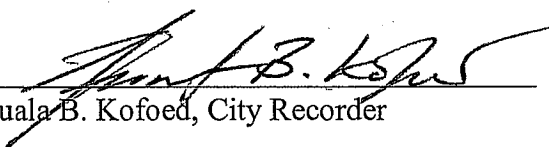
Councilmember Jackson: Move to adjourn.

Mayor Pro Tem Strouse: OK, that doesn't need a second, so it's over, unless there's any discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 21, 2008



Fionnuala B. Kofoed, City Recorder