

CLEARFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. WORK SESSION
January 9, 2018

PRESIDING:	Mark Shepherd	Mayor
PRESENT:	Kent Bush	Councilmember
	Nike Peterson	Councilmember
	Vern Phipps	Councilmember
	Tim Roper	Councilmember
	Karece Thompson	Councilmember
STAFF PRESENT:	Adam Lenhard	City Manager
	JJ Allen	Assistant City Manager
	Stuart Williams	City Attorney
	Scott Hodge	Public Works Director
	Greg Krusi	Police Chief
	Eric Howes	Community Services Director
	Spencer Brimley	Development Services Manager
	Summer Palmer	Administrative Services Director
	Rich Knapp	Finance Manager
	Trevor Cahoon	Communications Coordinator
	Wendy Page	Deputy Recorder
EXCUSED:	Nancy Dean	City Recorder

VISITORS: Brady Jugler – Planning Commission Chair, Kathryn Murray, Robert Stotts, Karianne Lisonbee – Utah House of Representatives District 14, Ann Millner – Utah State Senate District 18, Jerry Stevenson – Utah State Senate District 21, Steve Handy – Utah House of Representatives District 16

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

DISCUSSION WITH STATE LEGISLATORS ABOUT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Adam Lenhard, City Manager, welcomed the State Legislators and expressed appreciation for their attendance. He requested the Legislators, Mayor, and members of the Council discuss any legislative priorities and items important to the City of Clearfield. A discussion ensued about the concerns relative to the needs of the City. The following topics were reviewed: transportation, sales taxes on manufacturing, local control, homeless issues, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), economic development, tax reform, and funding sources.

Mayor Shepherd addressed transportation concerns at the 650 North and Interstate 15 (I-15). He mentioned the recent updates to the interchange did not help route the Hill Air Force Base traffic and something needed to be done to accommodate the freeway traffic which was backing up from the off-ramp to the freeway. There was a discussion about traffic flow which included the planned interchange at the 1800 North area, potential relief once the West Davis Corridor project

had interchange and connective movement, and adding additional lanes to the base, which HAFB didn't have budget to complete. Mayor Shepherd emphasized the only solution that would fix the traffic problem getting on to the HAFB would be to rebuild the 650 North interchange. Senator Stevenson mentioned the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) had some money savings from a project near the point of the mountain and perhaps some of the funds could be used to help push efforts forward for all the interchanges in the area.

Mayor Shepherd indicated other issues most concerning to Clearfield were sales tax on manufacturing and local control. He noted many of the pending bills seemed to move power from local government to higher government control. Mr. Lenhard shared an example of a bill that called for the revocation of inspector licenses and possible criminal sanctions against building officials that didn't appear to be working fast enough. He acknowledged Clearfield didn't have a back log but cautioned those types of bills were not solving the issue.

JJ Allen, Assistant City Manager, mentioned aspects of transportation needs and issues that attempted to compel corridor area planning with neighboring communities as another concern. He acknowledged it was important, but to be forced to work with neighboring cities seemed heavy handed. He indicated the City worked well with its neighbors; however, the State forcing it on cities whose city councils may or may not be able to do it could be difficult.

Mr. Allen stated the homeless or affordable housing issue that would require local government to provide shelters based on a formula that looked at whether a community provided a sufficient level of affordable housing was also concerning. He commented that even though Clearfield City would find itself in a favorable position given the formula identified, the notion of compelling local government was unsettling. There was a discussion about the homelessness problem.

Mayor Shepherd requested the State be less heavy handed on cities. Representative Handy recognized the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) was a great lobbying resource for cities.

Mr. Lenhard explained bills addressing land use regulations were also a concern to the cities as well as the sales tax manufacturing exemption which was proposed legislation for the upcoming legislative session. He identified Clearfield as a manufacturing city which provided both products and jobs. He requested the Legislators be mindful of the local portion of the sales tax because the removal of it would be detrimental to cities which were primarily manufacturing. Mr. Lenhard realized that although it would be beneficial for manufacturers to receive the tax break, the City would have a disproportional impact to its General Fund. Mayor Shepherd emphasized the manufacturing sales tax exemption was a critical issue for the City. Representative Lisonbee was pleased to announce the House bill proposing the manufacturing sales tax exemption died; however, would likely be addressed in proposed legislation through the Senate.

There was a discussion about the importance for Legislators to understand and listen to local government. Senator Millner suggested a way to communicate with Legislators during the legislative session was to attend Friday meetings because it was a great place to hear the collective voice of the City.

Mr. Allen addressed the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) governance legislation. He updated the Legislators on the plans to create a Clearfield Station Area Plan by Summer 2018 that would then be used to attract a developer so the development could move forward. There was a discussion about working with UTA, its governance issues, and TOD guidelines. Mr. Allen mentioned City staff worked well with UTA staff but the Board of Directors was large and complicated making it difficult to get projects approved.

Mayor Shepherd asked what the biggest concerns were for the Legislators. Senator Millner responded tax issues were the most complex concerns. Representative Lisonbee answered tax reform and the impacts on the middle class were concerning. Representative Handy expressed worry about some of the citizen initiatives regarding redistricting, Medicare expansion, and medical marijuana which were very broadly written.

Senator Stevenson shared insight into the budgeting percentages, flexible spending money, new money and the many needs for funding. He explained at the end of the legislative session the budget would be balanced and there would be winners and losers. He recognized the need to make sure the cities were not losers and didn't fall short on funding.

Mr. Lenhard wondered if there was any advice the Legislators had for the Council which could provide better support and representation for the City's constituents. There was a discussion encouraging legislative preview meetings and the sharing of internal contact information as ways to better communicate during the legislative session and interim periods, as well as spur dialogue on important issues.

Mayor Shepherd thanked the Legislators for taking time to come and meet. The Legislators expressed gratitude for the invitation.

Councilmember Bush moved to adjourn the work session and reconvene in policy session at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Peterson. The motion carried upon the following vote: Voting AYE – Councilmember Bush, Peterson, Phipps, Roper and Thompson. Voting NO – None.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED
This 27th day of February, 2018**

/s/Mark R. Shepherd, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Clearfield City Council meeting held Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder