

MINUTES OF COUNCIL STUDY AND REGULAR MEETINGS – MAY 4, 2004

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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN STUDY SESSION ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2004, AT 5:00 P.M., IN HERITAGE HALL, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR NORDFELT.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Dennis J. Nordfelt
Russ Brooks
Carolynn Burt
Joel Coleman
Margaret K. Peterson
Barbara Thomas
Steve Vincent

Wayne Pyle, City Manager
Sheri McKendrick, City Recorder

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Isaac, Assistant City Manager
Joseph Moore, CED Director
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director
Russell Willardson, Public Works Director
Buzz Nielsen, Chief of Police
Van Summers, Fire Chief
Ryan Robinson, Acting City Attorney
Tammy Kikuchi, Administration
Ross Olsen, Administration

1. **REVIEW AGENDA ITEMS**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, reviewed items added to the Agenda subsequent to the Study Meeting held April 27, 2004, and other items as follows:

Item No. 7. B. – SCOTT ZEIDLER, WASATCH FRONT COMMUNITY FORESTER, UTAH DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND STATE LANDS, PRESENTATION OF TREE CITY USA AWARD

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated Scott Zeidler, Wasatch Front Community Forester, Utah Department of Forestry and State Lands, would present the Tree City USA award at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 4, 2004, at 6:30 P.M.

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Item No. 7. C. – PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2-8, 2004, AS MUNICIPAL CLERKS' WEEK IN WEST VALLEY CITY

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated Councilmember Coleman would read a Proclamation declaring May 2-8, 2004, as Municipal Clerks' Week in West Valley City, at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 4, 2004, at 6:30 P.M.

Item No. 7. D. – PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 9-15, 2004, AS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK IN WEST VALLEY CITY

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated Councilmember Thomas would read a Proclamation declaring May 9-15, 2004, as National Women's Health Week in West Valley City, at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 4, 2004, at 6:30 P.M.

Item No. 10. E. – RESOLUTION NO. 04-72, RECOGNIZE THE FLAG OF THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAM AS THE OFFICIAL FLAG REPRESENTING THE VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN WEST VALLEY CITY

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, discussed proposed Resolution No. 04-72 which would recognize the flag of the former South Vietnam as the official flag representing the Vietnamese-American community in West Valley City. Mr. Pyle stated the Vietnamese community had previously made the request regarding recognition of their flag at the Council Study Meeting held April 27, 2004. He also stated Tom Huynh, President of the Vietnamese Association of Utah, provided the Council with information regarding the flag and how important it was to Vietnamese heritage and history. He indicated, in addition, Mr. Huynh talked about the American flag and how important it was to the Vietnamese community to fly the American flag and Vietnamese flag together in the appropriate manner. He further indicated Mr. Huynh had pointed out over 60 other cities, counties and towns, and three states, had agreed to officially recognize the Vietnamese flag with a similar resolution. The recognition would be based on the large number of Vietnamese-Americans living in West Valley City and would also assist the community in teaching its next generation about its history and heritage. Upon discussion, comments and opinions were expressed regarding this issue. Some Councilmembers questioned why the action would be taken as a resolution rather than a proclamation. Some members questioned why West Valley City would recognize a country that did not presently exist. Some members indicated the action would have no negative impact so, therefore, why not do it. Some members of the Council stated the Vietnamese flag had historical significance. Some members of the Council stated the subject action would do more good than harm and would recognize the heritage and culture of certain residents of the West Valley community. City Manager, Wayne Pyle, explained the request had been to facilitate the recognition by means of a resolution as 56 other cities in the United States had used resolutions. Mayor Nordfelt advised that many citizens were expected to be in attendance at the meeting whereat the resolution would be considered and he requested

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the Council consider a motion to take the item out of order at the beginning of the agenda to accommodate those citizens. The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 04-72 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled May 4, 2004, at 6:30 P.M.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. **SPECIAL AGENT ROGER CALL, PRESENTATION REGARDING POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN NEW FBI REGIONAL COMPUTER FORENSIC LABORATORY**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated Special Agent Roger Call had been scheduled to make a presentation regarding the Police Department's participation in a new FBI regional computer forensic laboratory; however, he would be unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency. Mr. Pyle indicated this item would be rescheduled to the Council Study Meeting of May 25, 2004.

B. **UPDATE REGARDING FIESTA OLMECA**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, requested Ross Olsen, Administration, to discuss and provide an update regarding Fiesta Olmeca. Mr. Olsen stated Veracruz, Mexico, and West Valley City had come together in a cultural exchange of ideas, art objects and economic and educational dialogue. He also stated the Fiesta Olmeca event would be a celebration of two cultures to honor the Ancient Olmec tradition. He indicated a replica of an ancient Olmec head would be installed at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center (UCCC) during a celebration to be held May 22, 2004, from 6:00 P.M. to midnight. Mr. Olsen distributed a commemorative pin to members of the City Council in honor of the celebration. He reported he had met with the Hispanic community and would be conducting this event with proper protocol and honor of their culture. He also distributed brochures including details of the event, visiting dignitaries who would participate, VIP reception, public unveiling and ribbon cutting, public celebration, free public feast, games for children with piñata displays and treats, lighting of the Olmec head at dusk followed by a fireworks display, then dancing in the great hall with Hispanic entertainment and live music. Mr. Olsen further discussed how the Olmec head would be transported to West Valley City and stated this was very important to the Hispanic citizens of the community. He discussed a current exhibit on display in the UCCC gallery and reported the artist, Pilar Pobil, donated artwork valued at \$10,000 to the UCCC. Mr. Olsen answered questions from members of the City Council. City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated the Olmec head had been donated to the City as long as the City was willing to pay for transportation and associated costs, which would be funded from the Sister City budget. He stated staff had met with Bill England of England Trucking and requested participation and possible transportation of the head. He reported England Trucking would assist in the transportation and working through some