

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2009, ROY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Approval of the May 19, 2009, Minutes
2. Public hearing to receive public input and obtain Council approval of amendments to the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget
 - (A) Resolution No. 952 approving adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget
3. Public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget to receive public input and obtain Council approval
 - (A) Resolution No. 953 adopting the Fiscal Year 2010 City Budget and Levying a Property Tax Revenue Rate Anticipated to be Established by Weber County
4. Adjourn City Council Meeting and convene a Redevelopment Agency Meeting
5. Public comments
6. Approval of Resolution No. 954 granting an easement to UDOT to cross municipal-owned property
7. City Manager's report
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Minutes of the Roy City Council Meeting held June 2, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council/Court Room of the Roy City Municipal Building.

The meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting designated by resolution. Notice of the meeting was provided to the Standard Examiner at least 24 hours in advance. A copy of the agenda was posted.

The following members were in attendance:

Mayor Joe H. Ritchie
Councilmember Marge Becraft
Councilmember Willard Cragun
Councilmember Larry Peterson
Councilmember Michael Stokes
Councilmember Dave Tafoya

City Manager Chris Davis
City Attorney Andy Blackburn
Acting Secretary Laurel Dalton

Also present were:

Management Services Director Cathy Spencer, Community & Economic Development Director Tony Reynolds, Public Works Director Ross Oliver, Police Chief Greg Whinham, Fire Chief Jon Ritchie, Parks & Recreation Director Travis Flint, Nikolina Ellingsen and Sandi Christiansen

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Councilmember Stokes led the moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2009 MINUTES

Councilmember Becraft moved to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2009, as written, Councilmember Cragun seconded the motion. Councilmembers Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes and Tafoya voted "aye," motion carried.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT AND OBTAIN COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET

At 6:02 p.m. Councilmember Tafoya moved to close the meeting and convene a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public input and obtaining Council approval of amendments to the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion, Councilmembers Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes and Tafoya voted "aye," motion carried.

Cathy Spencer explained amendments that had been made to the FY2009 budget.

In response to a question from Councilmember Tafoya on why Roy City hadn't received the Interoperability Grant for the Fire Department, Chief Ritchie said that if you didn't

qualify high enough for that, you didn't get awarded. There were some fine lines on what the Fire Department needed to do. It had been reevaluated and resubmitted and was in 2010's budget.

Councilmember Cragun asked about the \$407,000 out of reserves to balance the budget. Ms. Spencer replied that right now we are actually showing a \$600,000 profit. She didn't think that it was going to go anywhere down that far, it just depended on whether the departments continued to save on their expenditures and if some of the revenues came in a little higher than budget. She said the departments were saving money and not spending all their line items, so she didn't think it was going to be that big. Chris Davis said there were two primary issues on that, sales tax was down and interest was down.

Ms. Spencer said that because we are so far into the year we can't cut expenses any more and everybody has done their best to save some money, so she thought we would be closer to not using anything out of fund balance, but we have had to leave the expenditures on to get through the rest of the year. She said that if every revenue came in as budgeted and every expense went out as budgeted, it would be a \$400,000 minimum. She said that expenses would have to exceed revenues by \$1 million in the next month to have the budget come out where it is. She said there would be expenses higher than revenues in the next month, but she didn't think it would be \$407,000, but we couldn't just go in and cut all the expenses from the departments after eleven months.

Mayor Ritchie called for public comments on amendments to the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, but there none.

Councilmember Stokes moved to close the public hearing and reconvene the City Council Meeting, Councilmember Cragun seconded the motion, Councilmembers Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes and Tafoya voted "aye," motion carried.

2(A) RESOLUTION NO. 952 APPROVING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET

Councilmember Peterson moved to adopt Resolution No. 952 approving adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget as proposed, Councilmember Becraft seconded the motion. In a roll-call vote Councilmembers Peterson, Becraft, Cragun, Stokes and Tafoya voted "aye," motion carried.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT AND OBTAIN COUNCIL APPROVAL

At 6:10 p.m. Councilmember Becraft moved to close the City Council Meeting and go into a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget to receive public input and obtain Council approval, Councilmember Tafoya seconded, Councilmembers Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes and Tafoya voted "aye," motion carried.

Mrs. Spencer explained modifications that had been made to the tentative budget that had been presented to the Council on May 5, 2009. The tentative budget included rate increases in the garbage fund and in sewer rates. No COLA's, merits or personnel changes had been included in the budget. The employees will be responsible for the change in health insurance rates.

Councilmember Cragun asked if Waste Management had asked for an increase this year. Mrs. Spencer said they usually did; it was based on their costs and their business as a whole. Mr. Davis said it was based on the CPI and was built into their contract. Councilmember Cragun said he had some concerns with that. He said that a year ago gas prices rocketed and they raised the rates at that time. Fuel costs decreased a little this year. Mr. Davis said that Waste Management had requested a fuel surcharge, but Roy City did not grant that to them; they didn't receive an increase beyond what their contract was.

Councilmember Stokes said he had talked to some people from Waste Management and overall there had been some significant adjustments in their operations that had meant some decreased costs, but there had been some significant increases in costs. He didn't think the CPI was too far off in talking about an increase. He thought that contractually they were following suit with what they had always done and he didn't think it was unrealistic. He said that nobody liked a price increase, but that's the way business was sometimes.

Mayor Ritchie called for comments on the proposed budget. There were none.

At 6:16 p.m. Councilmember Peterson moved to close the public hearing and reconvene the City Council Meeting, Councilmember Cragun seconded the motion, Councilmembers Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes and Tafoya voted "aye," motion carried.

3(A) RESOLUTION NO. 953 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 CITY BUDGET AND LEVYING A PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RATE ANTICIPATED TO BE ESTABLISHED BY WEBER COUNTY

Councilmember Becraft made a motion to approve Resolution No. 953 adopting the Fiscal Year 2010 City Budget and Levying a Property Tax Revenue Rate Anticipated to be Established by Weber County, Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. In a roll-call vote Councilmembers Tafoya, Stokes, Cragun, Becraft and Peterson voted “aye,” motion carried.

Mayor Ritchie commended Cathy Spencer, Chris Davis and the department heads for the job they had done this year in budget preparation. He thought it was commendable that they as employees of the City had tightened their belts and done a magnificent job. He said that Roy City had lost no employees, no services or raised taxes which was more than a lot of cities could say. He said he appreciated the good work the department heads did. He said they did have the support of the City Council.

4. ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENE A REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

At 6:20 p.m. Councilmember Tafoya moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting and convene a Redevelopment Agency Meeting, Councilmember Becraft seconded the motion. Councilmembers Tafoya, Becraft, Cragun, Peterson and Stokes voted “aye,” motion carried.

(The City Council Meeting was reconvened at 6:24 p.m.)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Ritchie asked if there were any public comments, but none were offered.

6. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 954 GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO UDOT TO CROSS MUNICIPAL-OWNED PROPERTY

Chris Davis explained that this was part of the Hinckley Drive extension project. Part of the overpass will cross over the roadway that parallels the FrontRunner tracks. It won't impede it, it will just be over the top of it. Councilmember Becraft suggested that the City needs to let the residents on the road know about it. Mr. Davis responded that it was towards the end of the roadway and it wouldn't impact their use of it. He said the City would let them know and we ought to put it in the newsletter. Councilmember Becraft agreed that should be done.

After discussion, **Councilmember Stokes moved to approve Resolution No. 954 granting an easement to UDOT to cross municipal-owned property, Councilmember Becraft seconded the motion. In a roll-call vote Councilmembers Tafoya, Stokes, Cragun, Becraft and Peterson voted "aye," motion carried.**

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Davis reported on Bert Visser's request at the last City Council meeting about not removing flowers from headstones at the cemetery. Travis Flint had checked and about half the other cemeteries removed all the flowers and about half do not disturb anything that are put in upright headstones with attached permanent vases. Travis Flint and Scott George had indicated that that kind of situation would not affect Roy City's ability to be able to maintain the cemetery, so we are going to do that in the future. Councilmember Peterson suggested that the staff let Bert Visser know about that. Mr. Davis said he would contact him.

Mr. Davis said that Mark Miller had suggested that the decorative concrete on the entrances of the City be resealed, as it had to be resealed every few years to keep it looking good. It was being done that evening, so you ought to see a difference on the decorative sidewalk.

Mr. Davis reported that the Hope Community Center was coming along well and they are ahead of their projected schedule. Councilmember Peterson suggested that we might want to look at setting some policies and procedures for reserving that facility and getting the word out. Mr. Davis thought we didn't want to get the word out too quickly, as the contractor was telling us on a weekly basis things were going well, but you never knew what would happen in the future.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Ritchie stated that a new meeting schedule needed to be set at the first of the fiscal year. He asked councilmembers Tafoya and Stokes if they would rather start the meetings at 6:30 p.m., rather than 6:00 p.m. They indicated they were okay with 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Stokes reported on meetings he and Tony Reynolds had with the Boyer Group, Thomas Fox Properties, NAI, The Home Depot, Woodbury's and Cornwasser at the ICSC Convention. He said they worked hard and it was a very good and productive time. He said he could see the value of having someone attend that conference every year.

Councilmember Becraft asked what was going on at the Sinclair on 4000 South with the tobacco outlet. Chris Davis said that Sherry May was aware of it and had been working on it. Councilmember Tafoya commented that it was a pretty junky corner.

Councilmember Becraft said she had heard roosters two mornings in a row and they were loud. She said in most cities it was OK to have chickens, but roosters were not allowed. Chris Davis said the staff would get the Council an update at the next City Council Meeting and some options.

Councilmember Cragun recognized and welcomed some patrons from RASA that were in attendance.

Councilmember Tafoya said they were going to meet tomorrow for Roy Days and see how well their letter campaign did.

Councilmember Tafoya told the Council that Amy Tafoya was going to be the new director of the Miss Roy Pageant.

Chris Davis asked the Council if they wanted to have a workshop to work on the personnel policy concerning some issues generated by the staff based on requests by employees and department heads and also issues relating to annual leave and sick leave conversions and accruals. Councilmembers felt it would be worthwhile to hold a workshop. Councilmember Stokes commented that it would not be not honoring the commitments that had been made to employees, we would not be taking away anything. He said we have to get some more stability in how we budget for retirements. Mr. Davis said the Council would have the redline the next day on changes we are looking at administratively, and then we will start working on additional input.

Councilmember Becraft moved to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

9. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS CHARGED

1. Chris Davis to put an article in the newsletter concerning the Hinckley Drive extension project
2. Chris Davis to contact Bert Visser on cemetery policy

3. Staff to get the Council an update and options on roosters at the next City Council Meeting

Joe H. Ritchie
Mayor

Attest:

Laurel S. Dalton
Acting Secretary