

1 Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held August 20, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in
2 the Council Chambers of the City Hall, Bountiful, Utah.

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4 Present: Mayor: John R. Cushing
5 Council Members: Samuel R. Fowler, Barbara Holt, Alan A.
6 Johnson, C. Harold Shafter, and Ann
7 Wilcox Hardy
8 City Manager: Tom Hardy
9 City Attorney: Russell Mahan
10 City Engineer: Paul Rowland
11 City Recorder: Arden F. Jenson
12 Planning/RDA Director: Blaine Gehring
13 Recording Secretary: Nancy T. Lawrence
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15 Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a written notice of same and
16 an Agenda at the City Hall and providing copies to the following newspapers of general
17 circulation: Davis County Clipper, Deseret News, and Salt Lake Tribune.
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19 Mayor Cushing called the meeting to order, following which Councilman Fowler led
20 the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The invocation was offered by Councilman Shafter.
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22 Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held August 13, 1997 were
23 presented and unanimously approved as written on a motion made by Councilwoman Hardy and
24 seconded by Councilwoman Holt.
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26 **EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES APPROVED**
27 **FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1-15, 1997**

28 Mr. Jenson presented the Expenditure and Expense Report for the Period August 1-15,
29 1997 in the amount of \$277,471.13. Following a brief discussion, this report was unanimously
30 approved on a motion made by Councilman Fowler and seconded by Councilman Shafter.
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32 **REVIEW OF BUSINESS LICENSE STUDY AS**
33 **IT RELATES TO ENHANCED SERVICE AND**
34 **DISPROPORTIONATE COSTS**

35 Mr. Hardy explained that the State Senate and House recently passed legislation which
36 requires that we look at how business license fees are assessed. He noted that Bountiful has been
37 charging the same fee structure for business licenses since 1984. Revenue raised from business
38 license fees varies from \$70,000 to \$80,000 annually. A portion of this amount (\$15-20,000) is
39 for home occupations. Randy Hillier, intern from the office of the City Manager, presented a
40 report which he had prepared regarding the fees charged for business licenses. He explained that
41 the thrust of his study was to identify the costs of administering the business licenses and
42 specific services which are provided to those businesses that are not provided to residents. He
43 reported that the following departments are affected by increased costs and enhanced levels of
44 service related to the business license: police, fire, planning, streets, and parks. Tables were
45 included in the report which showed specific cost categories.
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48 Mr. Hillier said that the base fee for business licenses would need to be increased 400%
49 to cover these costs, and recommended that the fees be raised *gradually over time* until they
50 satisfy the costs. He emphasized that many factors of the study were identified on the basis of
51 *basic service* which can be a subjective measure. Compared to surrounding cities, Bountiful's

1 business license fee is very low.

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3 Mr. Hardy said that business license renewal notices are mailed the latter part of
4 November and if a change is going to be made, it should be determined prior to November 1.
5 The Council requested that staff make a recommendation to be presented at a future meeting.
6 There was no official action.

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8 **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

9 At the request of the Mayor, Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn to
10 executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Councilman Shafter seconded the
11 motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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13 **Those in attendance at Executive Session:**

- 14 Mayor Cushing
- 15 Council members Shafter, Johnson, Fowler, Holt, and Hardy
- 16 Tom Hardy, City Manager
- 17 Russell Mahan, City Attorney

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JOHN R. CUSHING, Mayor

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ARDEN F. JENSON, City Recorder

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