

1 Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held
2 March 4, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room of the
3 City Hall, Bountiful, Utah. The Council was joined by members of
4 the Planning Commission for the latter part of the meeting.
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6 Present: Mayor: John R. Cushing (Arrived
7 7:16 p.m.)
8 Council Members: Samuel R. Fowler, Barbara
9 Holt, Alan A.
10 Johnson, Stewart Knowlton,
11 and C. Harold Shafter
12 City Manager: Tom Hardy
13 City Attorney: Russell Mahan
14 City Recorder: Kim J. Coleman
15 Planning/RDA Dir.: Blaine Gehring
16 Dept. Head: Clifford Michaelis, Power
17 Recording Secretary: Nancy T. Lawrence
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19 Planning Commission Members:
20 Mark Green
21 Dick Dresher
22 Lois Williams
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24 Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a
25 written notice of same and an Agenda at the City Hall and
26 providing copies to the following newspapers of general
27 circulation: Davis County Clipper, Deseret News, and Salt Lake
28 Tribune.
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30 Councilman Shafter explained that Mayor Cushing was
31 involved with the Legislature and would be late for this meeting.
32 As requested by the Mayor, Councilman Shafter would be serving as
33 Mayor Pro Tempore until Mayor Cushing arrived. Mayor Pro-tem
34 Shafter then called the meeting to order, following which the
35 invocation was offered by Councilman Fowler.
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37 Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held
38 February 25, 1998
39 were presented and unanimously approved as amended on a motion
40 made by Councilwoman Holt and seconded by Councilman Johnson.
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42 EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES APPROVED
43 FOR PERIOD FEBRUARY 20-25, 1998

44 Mayor Pro-tem Shafter presented the Expenditure and Expense
45 Report for the Period February 20-25, 1998 in the amount of
46 \$197,595.42. Following a short discussion, these expenditures
47 were unanimously approved as presented on a motion made by
48 Councilman Fowler and seconded by Councilman Johnson.
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50 PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
51 IN VAL VERDA ANNEXED AREAS APPROVED

52 Mr. Michaelis reviewed that portions of the Val Verda area
53 have been involved in annexation to Bountiful since 1992. Since
54 that time, the City has been working with Utah Power and Light in
55 negotiations to purchase the electrical distribution system so
56 that the Bountiful residents in this area can have full City
57 services.
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59 The proposal being presented tonight involves purchasing

1 the distribution system from UP&L for 588 customers, at a cost
2 not to exceed \$760,000.00. He distributed a map which showed an
3 area bounded by 3100 South on the north and 3300 South on the
4 south, 500 West to 200 West, which is presently still in the
5 County. It is completely surrounded by Bountiful and a small
6 portion of North Salt Lake. In anticipation that it will one day
7 seek annexation into Bountiful (as included in the City's Master
8 Plan), Mr. Michaelis recommended that encouragement be given to
9 this annexation taking place now to avoid duplication of services
10 and to facilitate the most efficient way to provide the
11 electrical service to this area. The \$760,000 represents the
12 total cost of wire, poles, transformers, etc. In addition, the
13 cost to separate from UP&L will be ~\$272,000.00.
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15 If the area recommended for annexation were included in the
16 project, Mr. Michaelis indicated that costs could be brought
17 down. Mr. Hardy noted that inclusion of the area in question
18 would represent a cost-savings if it were included at this time.
19 If it is annexed at a later time and service is then provided, it
20 will be at an additional cost of \$120-160,000 (1998 dollars).
21 Service to the area is expected to be available by May, 1998.
22 Councilman Fowler made a motion to approve the purchase of the
23 electrical distribution system from Utah Power and Light, at an
24 amount not to exceed \$760,000 and with the recommendation that
25 annexation proceedings be encouraged for the island still in the
26 County. Councilman Shafter seconded the motion and voting was
27 unanimous.
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29 At this time, Mayor Pro-tem Shafter recognized the visiting
30 Boy Scouts and introduced the elected officials and staff. Mayor
31 Cushing arrived at 7:16 p.m.
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33 At 7:16 p.m. the Planning Commission joined the Council for
34 a discussion on the sign ordinance. Mr. Gehring explained that
35 the Planning Commission requested a meeting with the Council
36 pursuant to determining a need to do a major re-write of the sign
37 ordinance. Mr. Gehring said that the purpose of this meeting is
38 for the Council and Commission to define concepts which should be
39 incorporated into the new ordinance. He will then write a draft
40 and bring it back to the two bodies for their review. He said
41 that three things should be taken into consideration:
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- 43 1. The reasonability of the ordinance in terms of how it
44 will impact the businesses in the community.
- 45 2. Overall aesthetics to Bountiful City as a whole.
- 46 3. Enforceability -- ease of administration and legal
47 defense.

48 Mr. Gehring asked the group's impression of signage in the
49 City as it exists today and how it compares with other areas.
50 Discussion followed, with specific comments regarding the major
51 travel routes (200 West, 500 West, Orchard Drive, 500 South). It
52 was noted that most signs in Bountiful are pole signs and Mr.
53 Gehring asked if monument signs should be encouraged. It was

1 noted that the areas in question are mostly developed and have
2 limited frontage to accommodate monument signs.
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4 The general consensus of the group was that the signs that
5 are in place, for the most part, are okay. However, as
6 properties are sold and uses change, the City could take an
7 active role in encouraging more restrictive signs which will be
8 complimentary to the area. Ms. Williams stated that she would
9 like to see the ordinance more restrictive in residential zones,
10 but not as restrictive in business areas. Councilman Knowlton
11 noted that concern should be focused on safety and maintenance
12 issues; Mr. Mahan noted that the present ordinance requires signs
13 to be taken down if businesses are abandoned.
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15 Mr. Green pointed out that if a business is on a corner and
16 fronts on two streets, a provision should be made for signage on
17 both streets. The group liked the idea of encouraging more
18 monument signs. However, since there is only a narrow park strip
19 along the roadways, snow removal would become a problem.
20 Councilman Shafter suggested that the site plan approval could
21 include a total review of the proposed sign(s) and their
22 relationship to the total project. Mr. Dresher suggested that
23 developers could come before the Commission two times to
24 facilitate review of the sign plans and the total site plan.
25 Councilwoman Holt asked if the intent was to automatically make
26 existing signs non-conforming as businesses change. Mr. Dresher
27 suggested that this would not be automatic, but that the signs be
28 reviewed when a business changes ownership or type of business.
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30 Mr. Gehring expressed concern regarding temporary signs
31 (reader boards, A-frames, real estate signs, etc.). He will
32 include this area in the re-write. He also noted that if he
33 properly policed the sign ordinance, it would take another ½-time
34 person to assist with the workload (especially during the summer
35 when the weed ordinance is also monitored).
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37 The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. on a motion made by
38 Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Shafter.
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43 JOHN R. CUSHING, Mayor
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