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2 **City of Washington Terrace**

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5 Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting
6 held on August 6, 2013
7 City Hall, 5249 South 400 East, Washington Terrace City,
8 County of Weber, State of Utah
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10 **MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

11 Mayor Mark C. Allen
12 Council Member Mary Johnston
13 Council Member Blair Brown
14 Council Member Robert Jensen
15 Council Member Scott Monsen
16 Council Member Val Shupe
17 Finance Director Shari' Garrett
18 City Manager Tom Hanson
19 City Recorder Amy Rodriguez
20 Lt. Kevin Burns, Weber County Sheriff

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22 **Others Present**

23 Charles and Reba Allen, Ulis Gardiner
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26 **1. ROLL CALL**

6:00 P.M

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28 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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30 **3. WELCOME**

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32 **4. CONSENT ITEMS**

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34 **4.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

35 **4.2 APPROVAL OF JULY 16, 2013, MEETING MINUTES**

36 Items 4.1 and 4.2 approved by general consent.
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38 **5. SPECIAL ORDER**

39 Special orders will proceed as follows: Chair introduction of item, staff/applicant presentation, questions by
40 Council, Chair opens public hearing, citizen input; Chair closes public hearing, then Council final
41 discussion.
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43 **5.1 PUBLIC HEARING: TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PROPOSED TAX
44 REVENUE INCREASE FOR WASHINGTON TERRACE CITY**

45 Hanson stated that the County's General Fund was overtaxing the residents' county-wide for
46 police coverage. Weber County proposed a tax reduction that is directly linked to our contract for
47 law enforcement services. The city had an opportunity to capture the reduction from the county

48 for our city, which will earn the city approximately \$48,000. It was determined that the \$48,000
49 will be put into our road program. He stated that the increase is noticed at 5%, however, it will
50 be a net zero dollar increase for residents.

51 Hanson stated that the city roads are rapidly deteriorating. He stated that the City does all that it
52 can with grant monies to fund the road projects, however, there is not much grant money
53 available. Hanson stated that regular maintenance is the key to road life. Hanson noted that the
54 city does have planning and road maintenance programs in place, however funding for the
55 programs is lacking. Hanson stated that the tax shift that Council is considering is budgeted for
56 the road maintenance and operations program

57 Hanson stated that the \$48,000 will be used to slurry seal 5000 South from Washington Ave. to
58 300 West. He stated that the critical point is not to let the roads go too far.

59 Council Member Jensen clarified that the \$48,000 has been dedicated to road use only.

60 Council Member Shupe stated that the citizens are already paying the \$48,000 and the money is
61 coming directly back to the community. Council Member Shupe stated that he feels that it is a
62 positive situation when the Council does not have to raise taxes and ask for more money from
63 the residents as other cities are doing.

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65 **Mayor Allen opened the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.**

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67 Resident Derrick Tobler- 273 E. 4475 S.- stated that he agrees with everything that has been said
68 so far in the public hearing. He stated that he would have wanted to hear from those employees
69 who are working on the streets and find out what their priorities are concerning city streets. He
70 showed several pictures of a crack on his street that he reported 2 years ago and has not been
71 fixed. He expressed his concerned about how the city is progressing on rotation of road
72 maintenance. He stated that he is concerned with the negligence in roads and also the
73 substructure regarding sewer and water. Mr. Tobler also expressed concerned about sink holes,
74 and believes there is a shift in some places in areas in the city.

75 Mr. Tobler stated that the County has voted to give the money back to the citizens. He stated that
76 he is asking Council to vote “no” on the issue. He also stated that he would like to see the
77 replacement plan that would rotate road maintenance within the city.

78 Mr. Tobler stated that he feels that the city can do more to entice developers to come into the city
79 for business.

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81 Mayor Allen noted that there is a Capital Facility Plan that lists the city projects and their
82 expected project dates that can be shown to anyone who is interested. Mayor Allen stated that he
83 appreciates Mr. Tobler’s comments and will pass the pictures on to public works director and
84 staff.

85 Hanson addressed the comments concerning tax incentives for commercial businesses to locate
86 within the city, stating that the city does appropriate allocations for businesses that show a future
87 and we hold them accountable for their results .

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89 **Mayor Allen closed the public hearing 6:34 p.m.**

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91 Council Member Shupe stated that he appreciates Mr. Tobler’s concerns. He stated that Council
92 is very aware that the city needs businesses. He stated that one problem that the city is
93 encountering is that it is hard to get businesses into the city when they know that Adams Ave. is

94 being tore up next year for the reconstruction. He stated that once the project is finished, the
95 hope is that it will be a big incentive to businesses looking to locate on Adams Ave.
96 He stated that he that Council is in a good position by not having to raise taxes and ask for more
97 money from residents pockets, but rather moving the money that is already being paid over from
98 one area to another. He stated that he sympathizes with Mr. Tobler's road situation and is sure
99 that the city will address the problem.

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101 Council Member Monsen stated his concern that the road that Mr. Tobler has shown is not that
102 old of a road. He stated that a baseball size crack is a huge concern. He asked who the contractor
103 was and if there is any recourse or warranty on the road. Hanson stated that there would not be
104 any recourse at this time because of the age of the road. Hanson stated that he will turn the
105 problem over to road crew so that they can assess how to repair the crack and area.
106 Council Member Monsen reiterated that the tax increase is money that we are already paying,
107 and can now be used as an opportunity to bring the money back to the city.

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109 **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

110 There were no citizen comments.

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112 **7. COUNCIL/STAFF RESPONSE AND CONSIDERATION TO CITIZEN**
113 **COMMENTS**

114 Due to lack of citizen comments in item 6, item 7 is unnecessary.

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116 **8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF**

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118 *Council Member Shupe asked that the crack that Mr. Tobler expressed concern about is
119 checked to make sure that there are no utilities under there. He thanked the citizens who came
120 out to participate in the public hearing.

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123 **9. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

- 124 * Please let Amy know if you will be attending the ULCT September meeting.
125 * Water tank at Rohmer has been primed as part of a service project.
126 * Code enforcement continues to be a top priority this summer.
127 * City will be receiving a \$10,000 refund on liability insurance.
128 * The Adams Avenue Road Project has begun. The Project will last approximately 2 years.

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131 **10. UPCOMING EVENTS**

132 **August 20th: City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.**
133 **August 29th: Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.**
134 **September 2nd: City Offices closed for Labor Day Holiday**
135 **September 3rd: City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

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137 **11. MOTION: ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

138 Council Adjourned into closed session to discuss:

- 139 ○ Strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation

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**Motion by Council Member Jensen
Seconded by Council Member Johnston
To adjourn into closed session
Approved unanimously (4-0)
Roll Call Vote
Time: 6:50 p.m.**

Mayor Allen adjourned the closes session and resumed the open meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Council held a discussion regarding the crack in the road. Mayor Allen stated that he believes that there is a section of road that was not done during the OTIS project and that the road in question may be older than 10 years, possibly even 30 years old. Council directed staff to review the road. Hanson stated that it comes down to where the money is to fill the cracks and how much effort can we put into fixing these cracks. Council Member Shupe stated that Mr. Tobler participated in the public hearing and the city should give him the courtesy to check out the road. Council Member Monsen stated that the city has spent money on things far less important than the roads and should be able to find the money to help residents and fix the problems. Hanson stated that he will address the problem, noting that it is a matter of knowing about the cracks and getting them fixed.

12. ADJOURN THE MEETING: MAYOR ALLEN

Mayor Allen adjourned the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Date Approved

City Recorder