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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND CONDUCTED BY MAYOR BIGELOW.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Ron Bigelow, Mayor
Lars Nordfelt, Councilmember At-Large
Don Christensen, Councilmember At-Large
Tom Huynh, Councilmember District 1
Steve Buhler, Councilmember District 2
Karen Lang, Councilmember District 3
Steve Vincent, Councilmember District 4 (*Participating via Telephone*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Wayne Pyle, City Manager
Nichole Camac, City Recorder

Nicole Cottle, Assistant City Manager/ CED Director
Eric Bunderson, City Attorney
Jim Welch, Acting Finance Director
Lee Russo, Police Chief
John Evans, Fire Chief
Russell Willardson, Public Works Director
Layne Morris, CPD
Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director
Sam Johnson, Strategic Communications Director
Jake Arslanian, Public Works Department
Jeannette Carpenter, Finance Department

OPENING CEREMONY

Councilmember Don Christensen conducted the Opening Ceremony. He requested members of the City Council, City staff, and the audience to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS - SCOUTS

Mayor Bigelow welcomed Scout Troop No. 796 and 1994 in attendance at the meeting to complete requirements for the Citizenship in the Community and Communications merit badges.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 26, 2016

The Council considered the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 26, 2016. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

Councilmember Lang moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 26, 2016. Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and all members voted in favor of the motion.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD, AUGUST 2016- MARIA ALVARADO, JUSTICE COURT

Don Christensen read the nomination and presented the award for the Employee of the Month for August 2016 to of Maria Alvarado, Justice Court.

The nomination reads as follows:

Maria is probably the most cheerful and positive person here at the justice court. She starts of each day with a hello and a smile to every person she comes across. I personally know a handful of times that she has made my day more positive just by being around her cheerful personality. She also was recently asked to change job assignments and has taken the time necessary to learn everything she needs to know in order to perform her new assignment to the best of her ability. Maria is one of our Spanish speakers and never hesitates to volunteer to translate for a customer or take Spanish calls when asked for help.

COMMENT PERIOD

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Adams, 3153 S 4400 W, stated that he is frustrated and feels that the Police Department, Code Enforcement, and Planning and Zoning need to work full time instead of what he feels are part time hours. He stated that there is an ongoing yard sale in his neighborhood that creates significant problems and because they occur on weekends, he feels the issue won't get resolved. Mr. Adams stated that people should be restricted to a limited number of yard sales over a specific amount of time.

John Sanders, 2543 Derby Street, stated that he has lived in the Chesterfield area of West Valley City for over 30 years. He indicated that he loves his neighborhood as it is and he is bothered by a few neighbors who have been turning other residents in for various violations. He stated that his wife's grandfather bought his property in 1915 and the raising of animals and other agricultural uses have been conducted on the land since that time. Mr. Sanders expressed concern about the need for permits to build agricultural buildings on his property and animal use being

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restricted. He indicated that this is part of his lifestyle and only one perspective, a negative one, of Chesterfield is being seen.

Margie Penegar, 2568 S Fargo Street, stated that she has lived in the Chesterfield neighborhood of West Valley City for 70 years. She indicated that chickens have been a part of her life for as long as she can remember and she loves her neighborhood for its agricultural roots. Ms. Penegar stated that neighbors work problems out amongst themselves and she doesn't want the City to condemn her property because it is not improved or cleaned up to their standard.

Crystal Lopez, 2575 S Derby Street, stated that she speaks for her friends and neighbors who live in the Chesterfield neighborhood of West Valley City. She stated that she was raised with animals and she doesn't want this right taken away. She added that roosters are a part of her everyday life and for the City to ban them would be unfair. Ms. Lopez stated that everyone is a family in Chesterfield and she doesn't want the neighborhood to change. She indicated that it is her home and a place she finds comfort.

Terri Mills, 5890 West 3500 South, stated that her kitten was killed by her neighbor's dog one week ago. She indicated that she received a phone call in response after dialing for help and an officer was not sent to her home. Ms. Mills stated that this procedure needs to be changed and an officer should respond when an event happens. She indicated that when a dog kills another pet, a citation is given to the dog owner and no other penalty is dispersed. Ms. Mills stated that she understands every situation is different but she would encourage the City Council to consider discussing new policies and deciding whether current standards are fair. She requested to be notified when this conversation takes place.

Jeff White, 4081 West Lake Avenue, stated that citizens of the United States have inalienable rights. He indicated that the government has the right to secure the safety of its citizens but should let residents live in peace. Mr. White discussed different forms of government and the right of people to own animals and live the life they want to live.

B. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, expressed sympathy to Terri Mills about the loss of her cat. He indicated that the Council discussed this incident in Study Meeting and he has been directed to have staff look into options and potential changes regarding penalties for pet owners. He added that the City will invite Ms. Mills when that conversation is had.

Mr. Pyle stated that there is no discussion or proposal to take away agricultural zoning in the City or to eliminate the ability of residents to raise animals. He

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indicated that the City is discussing possibly changing the ordinance to limit the number of roosters allowed on properties in agricultural zones but the only intent for that is to prevent cockfighting. Mr. Pyle stated that this is a conversation that is occurring but no action has yet been taken. He added that cockfighting is illegal under current State and Federal laws.

B. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Bigelow thanked residents for attending the meeting. He stated that Chesterfield is an important area in the City and he is thankful for the input received.

Mayor Bigelow also stated that he is concerned about ongoing yard sales occurring throughout the City and stated that he will ensure this issue is looked into.

PUBLIC HEARING, ACCEPT PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING THE BUDGET OF WEST VALLEY CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

Mayor Bigelow informed a public hearing had been advertised for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled August 9, 2016, in order for the City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding the budget of West Valley City for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

This resolution adopts the final budget for West Valley City for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and sets a date for public comment at a hearing to be held on August 9, 2016.

West Valley City will adopt a final budget that will be made available for public inspection during regular office hours in the City's Recorder's office and gave notice of a hearing to receive public comment, before the final adoption of this tentative budget for FY 2016-2017.

Jim Welch, Finance Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation summarized as follows:

Budget Fiscal Year 2016-2017

- Reflects Council direction and objectives
- Promotes efficiency in government
- Public disclosure/transparency
- Balanced budget required by State Law
- Prepared to GFOA standards
- City budgeting is a Structured process of systematically reviewing the costs of services and associated revenue sources to cover these costs.
- In this process the City Council provides direction to the Administration

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to meet their planned objectives.

- Preparing an annual budget is required by state law which promotes responsible management of taxpayer resources. This process requires that each expenditure line item is critically examined and projected. Additionally all revenue sources are evaluated and projected to reflect changes in fees or economic trends.. These projections are then compared and adjustments made to ensure that the city proposes a balanced budget to the City Council.
- The budget is strictly prepared to provide a clear and transparent document outlining the upcoming years needs and authorized expenditures. It is prepared to state and national standards which dictate the process and form of presentation to ensure accuracy and clarity.

Fiscal Drivers

- Ongoing & increasing costs of services and operations
- Modest revenue growth
- Judicious cost controls
- Aging infrastructure and maintenance costs
- Maintaining fiscal reserves
- Direction of the City Council to meet planned objectives
- There are a number of Economic and Environmental Forces that affect the operation of the City:
 - o Just like any operation the costs of providing services increases each year. These costs include rising healthcare costs and Employee Benefits, Utility costs, and the Maintenance and Replacement of ageing Buildings and Equipment.
 - o The economic environment indicates that we are entering a period of modest to flat growth in most revenue sources.
 - o Because of this slow growth and the fact that, as a service organization over 65% of the city budget goes to provide for personnel costs; expenditures are carefully scrutinized to make sure that service levels are maintained at appropriate levels and that the city maintains sufficient fiscal reserves to remain resilient enough to weather the possibility of another recession or required emergency expenditure.
 - o The budget is also prepared and proposed to meet the direction of the City Council with regards to providing adequate Police, Fire Protection, Ambulance Services, Roads and Park Maintenance, and Economic Development to ensure a vibrant and healthy business environment to providing jobs and a healthy tax base to support these services.

Expenditure Projections

- Strategic Planning objectives

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- Service levels
- Cost of services
 - o Capital expenditures
 - o Fuel
 - o Utilities
 - o Debt Service
 - o Business type activities
 - o Facilities maintenance
 - o Wages, benefits, and insurance
- Expenditure projections are prepared by analyzing the resources available and needed to provide services as directed by the City Council.
 - o These include the personnel costs associated with providing Public Safety, Streets Maintenance, Parks and Recreation, Sanitation, and the administrative costs of improving and maintaining city services
 - o Examples of service levels might be: How many Police Officers is the City going to authorize and hire, What level of maintenance will the Streets and Storm-Water systems be maintained, How often will Trash be collected and at what level will Parks be maintained.
- Specific issues that must be addressed are the continuing depreciation of buildings, roads and other infrastructure. These all wear out and must be maintained and in some cases replaced. These costs are ongoing and increase each year.
- Because the city is a service organization most of the expenses incurred have to do with employee costs. Each year Health Care continues to rise

General Fund

- This year the proposed General Fund Budget is \$75,719,756 representing about a 1% increase over last year.
- While overall revenues have remained generally flat. We are projecting a modest increase in sales tax revenues with decreased revenues expected in Utility Taxes, Licenses and Permits and the Justice Court.
- The expenditures overall show a slight net increase of about 1%
- The expenditures reflected in the Police Department reflects a credit for grants applied for and expected to be received in the upcoming year along with some decreased personnel costs.
- Other cost fluctuations are largely due to increased benefits, changes in debt service and costs of operations.
- Non-Departmental includes
 - o Transfers to other operations
 - o Employee Benefits
 - o Utilities
 - o Fleet Replacement

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Revenue Sources FY 2016-2017 and General Fund Expenditures FY 2016-2017
(represented graphically)

- Graphically represented, the budget indicates that the Revenues are roughly balanced with 38% received from Property Taxes, 34% from Sales Taxes and 28% from Franchise Tax, Fines, Fees and Permits
- Of these revenues, sales tax collections are largely influenced by the economy and are not controllable by the city. The same goes for other franchise taxes and other fees. They are highly regulated by state and federal mandate which removes much of the flexibility of cities to adjust these revenues.
- Property tax revenues by state code are fixed at the previous years levels including any new construction. This means there is no growth due to appreciation in values. State Code allows City Councils to adjust the property tax revenues to meet the escalating costs of services by holding a public hearing and then adopting the adjusted revenue amount.
- Expenditures show that 41% of the budget goes directly to Public Safety with the remainder being used for Support Services, Public Works, Community and Economic Development, Public Works and Parks and Recreation and Debt Service.
- Non-Departments Expenditures reflect City expenses not expressly associated with a specific department. These include Fleet Replacement, Employee Benefits, and Transfers to operations and other obligations of the City

West Valley City's website to calculate estimated totally property tax bill

- This slide is a copy of a graphic on our website that illustrates a typical property tax bill and the portion of property tax a homeowner might pay compared to the services they receive.
- West Valley City collects about 26% of the total property tax bill.

Notice of Proposed Tax Increase

- Included in this years budget is an adjustment to the tax rate to reflect the imposition of a Judgment Levy and an increase for operations.
- The Judgment levy is proposed when large taxpayers in the city appeal the valuations of their property and are successful in petitioning the County to rebate taxes paid in previous years. This rebate called a Judgment causes a shortfall in municipal budgets. Because cities are allowed to collect a flat amount of property tax each year plus now growth a judgment levy is the amount need to bring revenues back to zero with the previous year.
- This year the Judgment amount is \$400,000. and reflects about 1.5% of the West Valley portion of property tax paid and about .6% of the total tax

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- The increase in property tax revenues proposed in this budget is \$2,000,000 and is about 8.4% of the West Valley City portion and 2% of the overall bill.

Wayne Pyle stated that there are always increased expenses year to year and specified various costs, such as health insurance, that have gone up dramatically this year. He indicated that there are various tools that can be used to prevent tax increases such as economic development, utilizing fund saving accounts, etc. Mr. Pyle stated that this year he felt the best solution to accommodate the growing needs of the City, its residents, and its personnel was to increase property tax. Mr. Pyle explained in detail how this money will be used and applied.

Mayor Bigelow opened the Public Hearing.

John Frederick, 4598 South Wood Grove Drive, questioned what the JDG tax line on his statement refers to. Councilmember Christensen indicated that this is the judgment levy. Mr. Frederick stated that the cost of everything seems to be increasing and he doesn't understand why his property taxes are increasing so high as well. He expressed frustration with the cost of living continuing to rise and indicated that he is worried he won't be able to continue functioning. Mr. Frederick added that he is thankful for the hard work of the West Valley City Police Department.

Jeff White, 4081 West Lake Avenue, stated that he has had a great response from the West Valley City Police Department as well and is appreciative of their service. He indicated that he is frustrated with the Code Enforcement Department and the penalties they place on residents for not being able to maintain their yards. Mr. White stated that the cost of living continues to increase and the City has a steadily aging population. He indicated that people cannot afford the neighborhood firework shows over the July holidays as they once did and can't afford spending money on property tax increases. Mr. White suggested placing the tax raise on the ballot in November and letting the people speak.

Jeff Reeve, 4259 West Lake Avenue, stated that he is on a fixed income. He indicated that when taxes go up, people starve and added that residents have a right to their freedom.

Bud Shosteff, 8366 West 4400 South, stated that he also lives on a fixed income. He indicated that when he can't afford something he has learned to cut back on other things and this is something the City doesn't seem to be doing. Mr. Shosteff stated that he feels these meetings are just a formality and the decisions are made behind closed doors. He invited members of the Council to visit the neighborhoods of West Valley City to see what is really going on. Mr. Shosteff stated that he feels the City likes to spend other people's money and suggested charging property tax on multiple families living in a single house. He stated that roads and other projects need to be completed.

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Troy Council, 4812 W 3850 S, stated that the government should work for the people. He expressed frustration regarding UTOPIA and the City owned hotel that is failing and stated that tax dollars should be spent on other things. He suggested selling the hotel and eliminating WestFest instead of raising property taxes.

Fynbo, 4160 W 3830 S, stated that he has two part time jobs and will probably need to start begging for money on the corner of roads to pay for increased taxes.

Eugene Sorensen, 3851 S Congress Drive, stated that he is concerned this meeting is simply a formality but the decision to raise taxes has already been made. He indicated that taking 2.8 million dollars by way of property tax will also negatively impact the sales tax in the City.

Ed Blanchard, 3693 Sherington Drive, stated that he is angry because his taxes went up 34%. He indicated that he understands the principles of budgeting and government and encouraged the City to find other ways of acquiring the needed funds. Mr. Blanchard stated that he can't ask his work for an increase in salary just because the City raised property taxes. He also added that the Government always threatens residents with cutting Public Safety because they know this will cause people to pay the extra money. Mr. Blanchard stated that his opinion likely won't matter but he would ask the Council to find other ways.

Ron Black, 4171 West 3830 South, stated that he is disappointed that there are so few residents who attended the meeting and indicated that he doubts many of them knew it was happening. He quoted an opinion article published by Bill Barton and concurred with the comments made. Mr. Black stated that he is on a fixed income, has health issues, and struggles with everyday living while the City Manager of West Valley makes a significant amount of money. He added that many great people have moved out of the City due to negative changes that have occurred.

Jeff White, 4081 West Lake Avenue, stated that he would rather the City increase taxes by 1.5% every year instead of waiting 4 or 5 years and slapping a significant increase on its residents. Mr. White stated that he will be voting in upcoming elections because he wants to see changes.

Levi Card, 2555 South Fargo Street, stated that he was bored with the presentation by Mr. Welch and Mr. Pyle because it was very monotone, unexcited, and uninterested. He stated that hearing from the residents has been more powerful because this is their life and they care. He indicated he is a 25 year old single male and works hard to pay for his home. He stated it is difficult to manage the increases in life and it is unfair to take away from people who are working hard to survive. Mr. Card encouraged the Council to work with residents to find alternate solutions.

John Sanders, 2543 Derby Street, stated that the Council was elected to represent the

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people. He requested that they do the best they can with their money.

Mike Markham stated that this is a difficult increase for residents. He indicated that he likes seeing the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department in his neighborhood working hard and keeping the City safe. Mr. Markham stated that he understands the City needs money to accomplish these things and while it is difficult to have a tax increase in an election year, he has planned for it. He thanked the Council for their work.

John Frederick, 4598 S Woodgrove, stated that will likely need to appeal the property tax increase because he can't afford it.

Kathy Meyer stated that she has been resident of the City since 1955. She stated that she lives within her means and the neighborhood she lives in supports each other. She encouraged the Council to take older residents into consideration and make costs reasonable.

Mike Millet, 4556 S 3245 W, stated that he loves the City and has been a promoter of crime prevention for many years. He indicated that he is on a fixed income and he was devastated when he saw the increase. Mr. Millet stated that he is appreciative of the services he receives but doesn't understand why the City has a judgment levy that is so much higher than neighboring communities.

Jeff White, 4081 Westlake Avenue, stated that many people likely don't know this meeting is occurring. He stated that the City needs to figure out how to address people on fixed incomes and how they will be able to afford the increase. Mr. White indicated that there needs to be a way to prevent property tax increases and added that the City is its people.

Mayor Bigelow closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: RESOLUTION NO. 16-120, ADOPT A FINAL BUDGET; MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF WEST VALLEY CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF TAX AND LEVYING TAXES UPON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH, TAXABLE BY LAW FOR THE YEAR 2016

The City Council previously held a public hearing regarding adopting a final budget; make appropriations for the support of West Valley City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; and determine the rate of tax and levying taxes upon all real and personal property within West Valley City, Utah, taxable by law for the year 2016.

Mayor Bigelow stated that cutting programs is difficult and budgeting for a City isn't an easy task. He indicated that the County and other sources are partially responsible for the

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raises that many residents see on their tax documents. Mayor Bigelow stated that when he was running for Mayor he promised to not raise taxes until he was convinced that the City was spending money effectively and efficiently and his vote tonight will reflect that. He added that the Council has held a number of meetings throughout the year regarding the budget and the proposed tax increase and this information is available to the public in person or on the internet. He stated that the City can provide the information but can't force residents to look at it. Mayor Bigelow added that the Council cannot vote or take a formal position on any topic until they are before the public in a meeting. He indicated that the annual ongoing and operational budget of the City is something that should not be placed for a vote by the people because there is a great deal of expertise that goes into it.

Councilmember Christensen stated he is on a fixed budget and his property taxes increased immensely this year as well. He indicated that he understands the concerns expressed by the residents. Councilmember Christensen stated that if the Police Department is not brought up to scale, the City will not have this department and it will revert back to the County. He stated that this would be detrimental to the residents of West Valley. Councilmember Christensen stated that many residents on a fixed income can apply for a tax circuit breaker amendment and added that any concerns regarding the value of a property should be addressed to the County Assessor's office. He concluded that he hopes residents attend other meetings where tax levels increased such as Granite School District, Salt Lake County, etc.

Councilmember Vincent agreed with the comments made by Mayor Bigelow and Councilmember Christensen. He stated that the City didn't raise taxes by 35% and many other entities added to that increase. Councilmember Vincent stated that as a resident, he experienced the increase as well but also feels it is something that is necessary to ensure the Fire Department and Police Department can operate at a high standard. He concluded that he is constantly involved in the neighborhoods of the City and speaks to residents every day so he does understand their concern and needs.

Councilmember Buhler stated that he doesn't like that many residents use the terms "us" and "them". He stated that every Councilmember, the City Manager, and even the Police Chief live in the City. He indicated that not only do they live in the City, many Councilmembers work in the City as well. Councilmember Buhler stated that the Council meets every Tuesday year round and discussions are had on what to spend money most appropriately on and decisions are made based on what the Council feels is best for the Community. He stated that he doesn't like paying taxes and he doesn't like that his neighbors having to pay them either but added that this is a great country where we can operate as a democracy. He indicated that a resident in his district fell on a sidewalk that was in disrepair but the City was finally able to fix that. Councilmember Buhler stated that he voted to have sidewalks installed in a neighborhood that didn't have any so that children were able to get to school safer. He indicated that these costs are all paid for by the City. Councilmember Buhler stated that police cameras and the space to store the footage costs

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money. The Council recently voted to rebuild old and out of date Fire Stations and that costs money. He stated that the Council listens to the residents who come to complain throughout the year and tries to make the best decisions for the City based on these concerns. Councilmember Buhler stated that the Mayor and Council have been essentially voting for this tax increase all year with the different contracts and programs they have approved and agreed to enter into. He stated that it would be disingenuous for anyone to vote against this tax increase after voting yes for many costly changes that will be occurring soon and benefitting the City.

Councilmember Lang stated that increasing taxes by 1% every year doesn't make sense to her. She stated that she feels that would give staff a free check and she would rather be able to maintain a check and balance system. Councilmember Lang stated that it's the job of the Council to spend the money of the residents in the best way possible. She stated that she questions a lot of things the City proposes and does the best she can to ensure money is being spent appropriately and wisely. She added that everyone has a budget but costs increase for everything and she personally has to budget for these increases as well. Councilmember Lang stated that for \$450 a year, she gets many wonderful services offered by the City and if she lived in an HOA elsewhere, she'd probably pay more for less.

Councilman Nordfelt thanked residents for attending tonight's meeting and expressing their opinions. He stated that when he ran for office, he promised he would do the right thing for his family, the City he loves, and the future of the community. He indicated that he will be voting in favor of the tax increase because he feels that while it isn't easy, it's necessary and important.

Councilman Huynh thanked residents for attending. He stated that West Valley City is very unique and has a diverse and aging population. He indicated that younger cities don't face the same problems and he wants to help fix the issue. Councilmember Huynh suggested increasing sales taxes instead of property taxes and indicated that larger businesses can afford the increase. He thanked staff for their efforts but stated that the Council, staff, and the residents need to come together to find a solution. Councilmember Huynh stated that there have to be alternative methods and he doesn't support the idea of raising taxes. He added that taxing younger, wealthier residents should also be looked into so that older people on fixed incomes don't experience this problem.

Councilmember Buhler asked if sales tax rates can be changed. Wayne replied no. Councilmember Buhler asked if tax increases can be targeted to specific groups of people. Wayne replied no.

Mayor Bigelow stated that he is angry and offended at being called disingenuous. He indicated that he is staying true to the residents that elected him and he will always live by that standard. He stated that the Council told him to stay away from the budget but he believes he can put together an effective one that meets the needs of the City without a tax

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increase. Mayor Bigelow stated that he is upset that he was not given that chance and is offended at being called disingenuous.

Councilmember Buhler apologized for saying anything that may have come across as offensive. He stated that the Council has already voted on several items that the money from the tax increase will be spent on and he feels his integrity is at stake as well.

Wayne Pyle stated that the unity and ability for the Council and Mayor to function together has been a great strength for the City. He indicated that he doesn't want this debate to cause a rift between them and stated that while he recommends the property tax increase, the City can manage with whatever decision the Council decides.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Bigelow there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and he called for a motion.

Councilmember Nordfelt moved to approve Resolution No. 16-120, a resolution that would adopt a final budget; make appropriations for the support of West Valley City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; and determine the rate of tax and levying taxes upon all real and personal property within West Valley City, Utah, taxable by law for the year 2016.

Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Vincent	Yes
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	No
Mr. Christensen	Yes
Mr. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	No

Majority.

Councilmember Steve Vincent was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING, ACCEPT PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING THE WEST VALLEY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION FOR A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Mayor Bigelow informed a public hearing had been advertised for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled August 9, 2016, in order for the City Council to hear and consider

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public comments regarding the West Valley City Police Department's application for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the U.S. Department of Justice Programs.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

Authorize the Police Department to apply for the Justice Assistance Grant (J.A.G.) through the Department of Justice Programs. The Grant amount is \$97,094. A portion of the funds would be utilized to pay for specialized equipment and overtime for the Department's Special Investigations Unit. The other portion will be used to purchase a web-based mobile alert system entitled "CodeRed". The police department is not required to match funds as this is a non-matching grant. The 2016 J.A.G. program is a three year grant. Additional funding may be awarded in future years to continue the grant program.

The U.S. Department of Justice Programs is allowing the West Valley City Police Department to apply for a Justice Assistance Grant (J.A.G.). The funds may be used to purchase equipment, fund training, to fund approved programs, and pay salaries for approved programs. The procedure for allocating J.A.G. funds is a formula based on population and crime statistics in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program will allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to improve the criminal justice system. J.A.G. replaced the Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant programs.

Police Chief L. Russo is re-instituting the police department's Special Investigations Unit. In order for this unit to function at its full potential, specialized equipment and funding for overtime activities are needed. A portion of the 2016 J.A.G. will be used to cover these costs.

Additionally, the Department will be purchasing a web-based mobile alert system called "CodeRed". CodeRed allows for immediate and effective communication between a police department and its citizens by way of alerts via email or mobile devices. CodeRed also provides lines of communication for internal notifications within a police department.

Mayor Bigelow opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak either in favor or in opposition, Mayor Bigelow closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: RESOLUTION NO. 16-121, AUTHORIZE THE WEST VALLEY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

The City Council previously held a Public Hearing regarding authorizing the West Valley

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City Police Department to apply for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the U.S. Department of Justice Programs.

Upon inquiry, there were no further questions or concerns expressed by members of the City Council.

Councilmember Christensen moved to approve Resolution No. 16-121, a resolution that would authorize the West Valley City Police Department to apply for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the U.S. Department of Justice Programs.

Councilmember Lang seconded the motion.

Mr. Vincent	Excused
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes
Mr. Christensen	Yes
Mr. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-122, SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A VETERANS HALL WITHIN THE STATE OF UTAH

Mayor Bigelow discussed proposed Resolution No. 16-122 that would authorize the City to support the creation of a Veterans Hall within the State of Utah.

Written information previously provided to the City Council included the following:

The Veteran's Hall Foundation is asking the West Valley City Council to support them in their efforts to build a Veterans Memorial Hall by adopting the resolution.

The State of Utah does not currently have a Veterans Memorial Hall specifically built not only as a memorial but a gathering place for families to honor and recognize Utah Veterans. Recognizing the need for a unique place to remember, honor and respect those who have given their lives for their Country, the Veteran's Hall Foundation has launched a campaign to raise money to construct a building for this purpose.

During the past several months the Veteran's Hall Foundation has found great support from the public, with members of the State legislature and other mayors and Council members in other local municipalities throughout the State. Several local government officials desire to pass resolutions supporting their efforts to

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raise funds for this worthwhile cause. West Valley City elected officials have also expressed a desire to voice their support as well.

Councilmember Karen Lang requested that minor changes be made. She stated that she would like the last “furthermore” listed in the proposed resolution to be stricken. She also requested that the beginning of the last sentence under the “Now, Therefore” read as: the Mayor and City Council of West Valley City, Utah, hereby declare their support for the creation of a statewide Veterans Memorial Building that will honor, support and assist all Utah veterans;...”

Councilmember Buhler stated that he is thankful for the efforts of Mayor Bigelow who is the head of this foundation. He stated that this is his idea and vision and he has worked diligently to promote this project. Councilmember Buhler stated that Mayor Bigelow is a Veteran and he is thankful for his service. He added that he would like to see the Veteran’s Hall built in West Valley City.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Bigelow, the Council had no further questions or concerns.

Councilmember Huynh moved to approve Resolution No. 16-122 with the proposed changes expressed by Councilmember Lang.

Councilmember Lang seconded the motion.

Mr. Vincent	Excused
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes
Mr. Christensen	Yes
Mr. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-123, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF ABIGAIL DIZON-MAUGHAN AS CHAIR OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM COMMENCING AUGUST 9, 2016 AND ENDING JULY 1, 2018

Mayor Bigelow presented proposed Resolution No. 16-123 that would ratify the City Manager's re-appointment of Abigail Dizon-Maughan as Chair of the Professional Standards Review Board for a term commencing August 9, 2016 and ending July 1, 2018.

Written information previously provided to the City Council included the following:

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This resolution re-appoints Abigail Dizon-Maughan as Chair of the Professional Standards Review Board for a term commencing on August 9, 2016 and ending on July 1, 2018.

The Professional Standards Review Board reviews all allegations of police misconduct from a citizen’s perspective and makes various recommendations to the Police Chief regarding these incidents.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Bigelow, the Council had no further questions or concerns.

Councilmember Christensen moved to approve Resolution No. 16-123, a resolution that would ratify the City Manager's re-appointment of Abigail Dizon-Maughan as Chair of the Professional Standards Review Board for a term commencing August 9, 2016 and ending July 1, 2018.

Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion.

Mr. Vincent	Excused
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes
Mr. Christensen	Yes
Mr. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Upon motion by Councilmember Huynh all voted in favor to adjourn.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY COUNCIL THE REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016, WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:42 P.M. BY MAYOR BIGELOW.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

Nichole Camac
City Recorder