

DATE TUESDAY JULY 7, 2020

THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020, AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.COM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: TESSA STITZER
KATHLEEN BAILEY
APOLLO PAZELL
KEVIN SEVERSON
SEAN CLAYTON, Chair

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: NATHAN BRACKEN, LEGAL COUNSEL



Mayor Sean Clayton, Chair, presided.



Mayor Clayton stated this emergency meeting was called in order to amend the Action Plan, which prohibits holding of all public meetings within Copperton Metro Township other than ones held by the Copperton Metro Township Council.

Mr. Nathan Bracken, Legal Counsel, Copperton Metro Township, submitted changes to the Action Plan allowing for public meetings to be held within the Copperton Metro Township. He stated the original Action Plan was adopted with the Council not knowing how COVID-19 would play out and was based on scenarios relating to the number of cases, which would trigger different actions. It has been his experience that planning commissions and steering committees in other metro townships have been meeting remotely and accomplishing the work that needed to be done. Before the pandemic hit, the Copperton Metro Township Steering Committee was meeting regularly to work on the general plan for this area, which is very critical work that needed to be done. This amendment would allow all public meetings to be held. He would recommend the Council amend the Action Plan as submitted or the Council can make any amendment it chooses to do since it has more information than it had before.

Council Member Pazell stated he is proud of how quickly the Council acted when it first adopted the Action Plan but knowing the information that it does now it is time to change the plan especially relating to parks. He has received a ton of comments from the public not wanting the park to close, and he does not see the value of closing it. He would like to strike the Action Plan completely.

Council Member Bailey stated she agrees. The Action Plan was a great plan at the time, but so much has changed that it does not fit any more.

Mayor Clayton stated the community needed to stay vigilant and as a Council it needed to provide notice, education, and whatever it can to citizens in the community to let them know the Council was doing all it could to help.

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Mr. Bracken stated when the Action Plan was adopted expectations was that it would be relatively short-temporary measures that would be appropriate in that circumstances; however, it now looks like it could be years before things got back to normal. The Council could strike this plan in its entirety and then develop a new plan based on current circumstances.

Mayor Clayton asked Corey Bowden, Maintenance Supervisor, Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation Division, what he has noticed throughout the County relating to parks that would be good to include in the new Action Plan.

Mr. Corey Bowden, Maintenance Supervisor, Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation Division, stated Salt Lake County is using COVID-19 funds, to hire bathroom attendants, who clean the bathroom and playground equipment once an hour by wiping down the high touch areas. Also, the funds are used to put up signage within the parks.

Mayor Clayton asked if the County was taking pavilion reservations at this time.

Mr. Bowden stated yes, the County is taking pavilion reservations, but it is done under whatever the current County guidelines are for gatherings.

Mayor Clayton asked if the Council rescinded this Action Plan before it had a new one in place, if Copperton Metro Township would be exposed to any potential liability.

Mr. Bracken stated no, there are laws and provisions in the State Code that would exempt any liability from this type of disaster. The Council could put up warning signs, if it chose.

Mayor Clayton stated he is sure the Council can create a sign and get it put up quickly. It could use COVID-19 funds for this, so it would be nicer than a piece of paper. A new Action Plan could be created, and he asked who would like to do the initial work on it, or if the Council wanted to work together on it at the next meeting.

Council Member Stitzer stated the Council needed to make sure that it was doing its due diligence by frequently checking the Salt Lake County Health Department website, which shows the number of cases within the township. Enough has changed since the Action Plan was created, that it is time for a new one.

Council Member Severson stated the Council should work on a new Action Plan at its next meeting, but in the meantime, signs needed to be posted in the park reminding residents about social distancing.

Mr. Bracken stated the Council will need to vote to strike the current Action Plan. It will also need to post on its website or social media page letting the residents of Copperton Metro Township know that it has been stricken and a new one will be developed at its next meeting. He will prepare a resolution, to be adopted at the next meeting, to this effect.

Council Member Pazell, seconded by Council Member Bailey, moved to rescind the Action Plan that was adopted in March, effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

CHAIR, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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