

**Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting
June 5, 2014**

5:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on June 5, 2014 in the City Council Chambers at 75 North Main Street, Heber City, Utah.

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

Alan W. McDonald
Robert Patterson
Jeffery Bradshaw
Erik Rowland
Heidi Franco
Kelleen Potter

Also Present:

City Manager
City Recorder
City Engineer
Planning Director
Chief of Police

Mark K. Anderson
Michelle Kellogg
Bart Mumford
Anthony Kohler
David Booth

Others Present: Paul Boyer, Sheila Johnston, Mel McQuarrie, Todd Morrill, Dennis Jensen, Casey Lythgoe, Harry Zane, Lynna Beaman, James Kaiserman, Kraig Powell, Joan Weston, Jim Weston, R.E. Bailey, Tracy Taylor, Nancy Hart, Cliffie Johnson, Mike Johnston, Keith Baker, Kathy Burn and others whose names were illegible.

Mayor McDonald opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Item A - Discuss Traffic Study/Signage of Uncontrolled Intersections: Mayor McDonald asked for feedback from the Council. Council Member Franco was in favor of fast-tracking the traffic study. Mumford explained there was a meeting scheduled for Monday morning. The study would take two or three weeks to complete. The City could order the signs while performing the study, so that by July, Public Works could begin putting up the signs. This plan seemed logical and would be timely. Council Member Patterson was in favor of the plan and wanted the signs installed effectively instead of randomly. Anderson felt there might be changes to some of the existing signs as well. Mayor McDonald stated the Council would need to look at the funding required for this project. Anderson stated there were monies budgeted from the Transportation Fund and Roads Fund that could be used for this project. Mumford was hopeful that a report would be ready for the Council to review by the July 3rd Council Meeting. Council Member Rowland asked if the biggest drawback of the fast track plan was inconveniencing drivers with too many stop signs. Mumford clarified he felt the biggest drawback was that the projections for school travel would be inaccurate and he would have to look at traffic patterns once school was in session in the fall. He noted there would be an additional cost for adjusting signs if they were in the wrong place, and he listed other costs as well.

Sheila Johnston thanked the Council for their decision to control these intersections. She indicated she was on the Safe Neighborhood Access Plan (SNAP) committee, and asked the City to look at the intersections from JR Smith to Timpanogos Intermediate School. Mumford indicated he would be looking at those SNAP plans as part of the study.

Tracy Taylor noticed that storage pods were parked on some of the corners and asked the City to look at that. Anderson noted that the code enforcement official talked to the owner and the pod had been moved.

Item B – Discuss Proposed Improvements to the Valley Hills Water System: Mumford summarized the discussion from the last meeting for those in the audience who weren't in attendance. He noted the Valley Hills water was never intended to be for the sole use of the Valley Hills residents, but would be part of the City water supply and used as the City deemed most appropriate. The plan for realigning water flow would increase the water pressure for the higher elevated homes to the standard 60 pounds of pressure. He explained all the options regarding the issue and concluded that the original plan was still the best option and in the City's best interest.

Keith Baker asked if the well and spring could be chlorinated, but not the other wells, and then mix the chlorinated and non-chlorinated water during distribution to dilute the chlorinated taste. Mumford indicated that was what was currently happening.

Mel McQuarrie stated when chlorinated water was mixed with non-chlorinated water, there would always be a residual at every connection. In response to a question on booster pumps, Mumford stated the State prohibited them unless there were extreme conditions. Mayor McDonald asked if the Valley Hills well was deeded to the City. Mumford stated there was an actual title to the water. The development gave the well and water to the City, and once the City accepted the deed and water rights, the City took ownership.

Council Member Bradshaw asked if impact fees could be used in all the options. Mumford felt they could now, but if the project was not done now, a future project would not be able to qualify for impact fees because it would be considered a preexisting condition. Council Member Franco asked if the Valley Hills well had enough capacity for future development in that area. Mumford indicated there would not be enough capacity in the future and those developments would need water from other City sources.

Harry Zane indicated he was in favor of chlorine in the water because residents had ways of dealing with chlorine in their homes. James Kaiserman indicated installing filters to take care of the chlorine would be much preferred to having individual booster pumps, which he felt was a problem waiting to happen. Other questions and comments were given by individuals who didn't identify themselves.

Council Members Patterson and Bradshaw were in favor of continuing with the preferred Option One that was outlined in the Master Plan. Council Member Rowland had a conflict of interest because he lived in the area, but stated he could see the issue both ways. Council Member Franco felt Option One was better for the community. Council Member Potter noted she knew Mumford researched this and supported his recommendation.

Item D – Discuss Appointing an Alternate Member for the Airport Advisory Board: Mayor McDonald explained with only five voting board members, it might be wise to have an alternate in case a board member couldn't make the meeting. It was indicated Dave Hansen, Jeff Mabbutt, Kari McFee, Ron Phillips and Mel McQuarrie were the current voting members. Council Member Rowland indicated this would be a great discussion to have with the Airport Advisory Board, and if they were favorable, then amend the bylaws. It was decided to review the proposal with the Airport Advisory Board and then, if recommended, bring back the amended bylaws to the Council for approval. Anderson stated since the Council wanted to meet with the Airport Advisory Board, he recommended a joint meeting on June 18th at 4:00 p.m. The Council agreed. It was decided to see if there was a need to reappoint Mel McQuarrie now that he met the residency requirements for this board.

At this time, the Work Meeting was paused so the Council could meet in the Regular City Council Meeting. Upon adjournment of the Regular meeting, the Council proceeded with the Work Meeting items as follows:

Item C - Discuss Heber City 125th Anniversary Event: Mayor McDonald suggested distributing ice cream to the residents. Anderson stated a date could be chosen for a celebration with root beer floats or something similar. Council Member Rowland asserted the City should have a better presence in the Fair Days parade. Council Member Franco suggested having the Historical Committee prepare a time capsule that could be put in the new public safety building, and they could also think about a parade float. The Council brainstormed on dates and possible activities. Council Member Bradshaw recollected the 75th year celebration, and noted there was a beard growing contest. Other suggestions included a pie eating contest and having different activities around the valley, with the train, sheep, etc.

Mayor McDonald suggested forming a committee to plan this event. Council Member Franco also suggested having a Citywide clean up event, with a contest for old town homeowners to spruce up their homes. The winner could receive \$500. Mayor McDonald nominated Council Member Bradshaw to serve on the committee. Council Member Franco suggested putting a notice in the newspaper for interested persons to come to a meeting in order to form an anniversary event committee. The Council agreed. Mayor McDonald felt there had been many good suggestions given tonight. It was indicated community groups could be contacted to help as well. A budget for the event was estimated at \$6,000-\$10,000. Anderson stated he would bring firmer estimates back to the next meeting.

Item E – Discuss Memorial Day Program Funding, Public Works Budget Requests and School Resource Officer Grant: Mayor McDonald stated the Memorial Day program would be a yearly event and he hoped the Council would contribute to this program. It was suggested that \$2,000 be budgeted for this event.

2014-15 Budget Amendments: Anderson explained that the Council members needed to bring their tentative budgets back to the next meeting. Anderson would bring back the new changes to the budget and then the final 2014-15 budget would be approved. He reviewed his staff memo on the Public Works requests. The Council agreed to the requests.

Chief Booth announced that the first day of the Farmers Market the Police Department would have a Bash the Gas party, where attendees could take a swing at the old gas chamber from the

Animal Shelter. He also reviewed some recent incidents within the community that required police attention.

Chief Booth explained the COP Grant opportunity for HCPD. This new position of a school resource officer would include running the after school programs and other programs. He indicated the school district would not commit to support 70% of this officer's salary after the grant ended. Because of this lack of commitment from the school district, he had mixed emotions on hiring this officer. He thought although the school should pay the 70%, the City might be more concerned with taking care of the students. He felt the position was good as he would be requesting a school resource officer in the future.

Council Member Potter asked if the school district superintendent saw a need for this. Chief Booth stated Superintendent Shoemaker saw a need but had indicated his budget was tight and his first priority was raises and benefits for his current staff.

Anderson stated he would prefer that the relationship between the Police Department and the School Board be more equitable. It was suggested to take the issue to the School Board. Council Member Franco thought that if the officer was instituted, the superintendent might see the value and renegotiate over time. Council Member Patterson didn't want to make the effort of filling the position if the superintendent didn't value this program. Council Member Bradshaw and Council Member Franco thought the position would benefit the youth and they liked investing in the youth of the valley. The Council agreed to apply for the COP Grant. Chief Booth indicated he would apply and keep the Council informed of the outcome.

Item F - Board Reports from City Council Members:

Council Member Bradshaw indicated he was on the Historical Preservation, Weed, and Tourism and Economic Development Boards. He stated the meetings were going well, but there was not a lot to report on because there were not a lot of decisions being made.

Council Member Rowland stated the Airport Advisory Board had not met yet because of the recent change in bylaws. He also had a scheduling conflict with the Sewer Board meeting so he hadn't met with them yet.

Council Member Franco indicated the Housing Board was approving loans to low income families. The Heber Light and Power Board consumed a lot of time with the proposed rate increase and salary survey issues. She also noted she looked forward to working on the Airport Advisory Board.

Mayor McDonald reported that the Heber Valley Railroad was in a better financial position than ever. The debt had been significantly reduced and the State approved a grant to fix the steam engines.

Council Member Potter stated the Cowboy Poetry Board was looking for ways to attract younger people. The Animal Services Board was doing well and Animal Services was doing a great job. The volunteers raised a lot of money to help this department. She also kept busy with the Personnel Policy Committee and the Heber Light and Power Board.

Council Member Patterson asserted the Sewer Board was going smoothly, and the new plant was doing well. They were currently installing a new fence.

Anderson stated he and Mayor McDonald met with Jay Price, Mike Davis and Joe Dunbeck from Heber Light and Power about the proposed land exchange. Mumford came up with \$250,000 as the rightful impact fee. A daily reading was taken during the High School Rodeo to get an accurate account. He talked to Jody Burnett about options that would protect the integrity of impact fees, but that would also be in the best interest of both parties. Burnett thought a justifiable analysis could be done. Mayor McDonald stated this item would be discussed at the next meeting.

Anderson also noted he met with the owner of Beehive Storage and was hopeful to see an annexation petition from him soon.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder

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