

PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday November 20th, 2024, 6:00 PM

Providence City Office Building, 164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT

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Opening Ceremony:

Call to Order: Mayor Alder

Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Alder, Council Members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.

Staff in Attendance: City Manager Ryan Snow and City Recorder Ty Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Alder

Opening Remarks/Prayer: Council Member Kirk

Council Reports: Items presented by the City Council members will be presented as informational only; no formal action will be taken.

Council Member Sealy:

- Attending the Cache Summit, highlighting discussions on housing loan mechanisms and agritourism within the valley.
- Attended a Legislative Policy Committee meeting focused on legislative session topics, emphasizing property tax reform and moderate-income housing report updates.
- Noted that the library has an initiative to repaint its interior

Council Member Speth:

- Attended the new skate park ribbon cutting, commended the contractor for the excellent work they have done.
- He underscored the importance of emergency preparedness, encouraged new & current community members to visit the city's website for guidance on being self-sufficient during disasters.
- Reported satisfaction with the financial management of the city, noting discussions with the city manager regarding the city's current and future funds.

Council Member Nebeker:

- Shared recent experiences from meeting citizens and communicating their concerns to staff.
- Attended the Providence Elementary School meeting about safe routes and communicated ongoing efforts to pass on community recommendations to the Cache School District Board.

Council Member Kunz:

- Provided updates on the mosquito abatement district, reporting significantly lower mosquito trap results compared to the previous year. He mentioned an upcoming budget hearing addressing tax increases to fund equipment upgrades for the mosquito abatement district.
- JustServe volunteer groups were noted to have plans to remove graffiti in the spring.
- Additionally, continues to meet with Ryan Snow regarding the city's financials, ongoing projects and overall status of the city.

Council Member Kirk:

- Discussed the Youth Council's efforts in setting up for Sub for Santa and expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming tree lighting event.
- She shared insights from networking with elected women from surrounding areas and emphasized the importance of hearing more women's voices in government.
- Also attended the Paz Wellness Mental Health Summit and noted all the good work that they are doing.
- Appreciated the conversations with community members during the skate park ribbon cutting and how much it has benefited the kids in the area.
- Highlighted concerns from residents about permanent strobe lights from neighbors' homes and encouraged awareness of the community's positive attributes.

Mayor Alder:

- Concluded the council reports by praising interactions with the community, recounting the positive feedback from citizens.
- Announced plans for playground equipment upgrades in Bragger Park.
- Discussed COG group discussions focusing on road project funding and issues related to diverting funds from a proposed tax increase, urging cooperation among the county and cities.

Approval of the minutes:

30 MIN. 40 SEC.

- **Item No. 1 Approval of the Minutes:** The Providence City Council will consider for approval the minutes of October 16th, 2024. [\(MINUTES\)](#)

- Mayor Alder called for the approval of the minutes of October 16th, 2024.
- No corrections or additions were noted or made.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 16th, 2024. – Council Member Speth. 2nd Council Member Sealy.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.

Nay-

Abstained- Council Member Kunz

Absent-

Motion passes, minutes approved.

Public Comments: Citizens may express their views to the City Council on issues within the City's jurisdiction. The City Council accepts comments: by email providencecityutah@gmail.com, and by text 435-752-9441.

- Mayor Alder opened the floor of public comment
- Staff indicated that no comments had come in via text or email.
- No comments were made.
- Mayor Alder closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Presentations/Public Hearings:

32 MIN. 20 SEC.

- **Item No. 2 Audit Presentation & Review:** Auditors from Aycock, Miles, & Associates CPA's will present to the City Council their findings and recommendations per their audit. The Providence City Council will review, discuss, and may take action on approving the City's annual audit review.

- Ryan Snow introduced the audit presentation, which was conducted by Mike Miles from Aycock, Miles & Associates.
- The presentation highlighted the end-of-year financial conditions as favorable for both general and capital project funds, despite shifts such as the creation of a new solid waste enterprise fund. The auditor commended the city's financial projections, noting the balancing of major capital expenditures with surpluses.
- The discussion covered significant accomplishments in infrastructure investments, underscoring a healthy financial state with no outstanding governmental debt apart from a water utility loan and a fiber optic loan.
- The solid waste fund's initial startup costs were highlighted, recognizing future repayments within the utility framework.
- Discussions also covered recent endeavors by various departments in infrastructure improvements and fiscal responsibilities.
- The audit concluded with findings related to budgetary overreach in operating transfers within governmental funds and adjustments recommended for monitoring future operations.
- The session reaffirmed the city's financial strengths and future outlook.

Motion to accept the audit report and presentation. – Council Member Speth. 2nd – Council Member Kirk.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent-

Motion passes, Audit report approved.

1 HR. 23 MIN 40 SEC.

- **Item No. 3 PCC 6-2-8(1) Amendment Public Hearing:** The Providence City Council will hold a public hearing to take comments and questions regarding a request to amend Providence City Code 6-2-8(1) regarding winter parking hours for Commercial Districts.

- Mayor Alder called item 3 and gave a brief introduction. Asked Ryan Snow to give an overview of the amendment before opening the floor for public comment.
- Ryan Snow briefed the Council on an application submitted by a citizen requesting a change in the winter parking regulations from 9:00 am to 8:00 am for Commercial Districts.
- No public comments were made on this item. Staff recommendation was provided with concerns to street plowing having adequate time to plow the snow if the change was made.
- Mayor Alder closed the public hearing.

Resolutions/Ordinances:

- **Item No. 4 Ordinance 23-2024 – PCC 6-2-8(1) Winter Parking Amendments:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may take action on an ordinance that seeks to amend PCC 6-2-8(1) changing the winter parking hours or restrictions for Commercial Districts. [\(APPLICATION\)](#) & [\(ORDIN. 23-2024\)](#)

- Consideration of this ordinance was deferred in accordance with the usual protocol when the requesting party is not present. The item will likely be revisited at a future council meeting, allowing members to consider further insights from the petitioner if made available.

1 HR. 27 MIN. 45 SEC.

- **Item No. 5 Ordinance 22-2024 Rezone of Parcel 02-090-0022:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss and may take action on an ordinance that rezones parcel 02-090-0022. Parcel is located in the area of 425 S Hwy 165 here in Providence. The Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding this rezone on October 23rd. [\(ANALYSIS\)](#) & [\(ORDIN. 22-2024\)](#)

- The Council discussed the rezoning of Parcel 02-090-0022. Ryan Snow provided context for rezoning the area per the applicants request and recognizing the complexity underlying hospital materials buried on site that is limiting how the applicant can build.
- Ryan noted that the Planning Commission's held the public hearing regarding this rezone and unanimously recommended that the City Council rezone it per the applicant's request.
- Hans Peterson, applicant, illustrated impactful scenarios that propelled the mixed-use zone request, mainly addressing mitigative efforts needed for buried construction materials on the site and collaboration happening with neighboring property owner for shared access to allow the development to be viable. Noted that the requested rezone was really the only one the property or land could be effectively used or built on.
- Parties discussed the history of the old LDS hospital that was buried on the property.

- A motion was made to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the rezoning request

Motion to approve Ordinance 22-2024 rezoning parcel 02-090-0022 per the Planning Commissions recommendation. – Council Member Speth. 2nd – Council Member Kirk.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent-

Motion passes, Ordinance 22-2024 is approved. Parcel 02-090-0022 will be rezoned to mixed-use.

1 HR. 47 MIN 40 SEC.

Staff Reports: Items presented by Providence City Manager and/or Staff will be presented as information only.

- Ryan Snow reported significant developments undertaken over the past year, including extensive infrastructure improvements and business expansions like the city's fiber network and solid waste services. The new well drilling completion promises water supply improvements, with future testing planned soon.
- Though unsuccessful in securing a grant for street enhancements, Mr. Snow indicated future success with future plans to better the city's roads and connectivity.
- Ryan further explained innovative route selections benefitting transportation around the city. Mr. Snow commended the effective garbage operation launch and its future positive effects it will have on the city.
- Reported on the updated meters and being able to now pull hourly reports.
- Additional considerations were shared regarding Rocky Mountain Power future plans and potential environmental impact on the city's layout and updated LED lights
- No further questions were raised by the Council.

Motion to adjourn meeting. – Council Member Sealy. 2nd- Council Member Speth.

Vote:

Yea- Council Members Kunz, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent-

Motion passes, meeting adjourned.

Next City Council meeting will be held on December 18th @ 6 PM.

Minutes approved by vote of City Council on ____ day of _____ 2024.

I swear that these minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Ty Cameron, City Recorder.
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