

**Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting
September 18, 2014**

6:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in Work Meeting on September 18, 2014, in the City Council Chambers at 75 North Main Street, Heber City, Utah.

Present:	Council Members	Robert Patterson Jeffery Bradshaw Erik Rowland Heidi Franco Kelleen Potter
Excused:	Mayor	Alan W. McDonald
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: Danny Goode, Ron Phillips, Ramona Pace, Jeanette Harris and others whose names were illegible.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradshaw opened the meeting and excused Mayor McDonald.

Discuss Business License Study: Anderson indicated he had invited Jeanette Harris with Zions Bank Public Finance to the meeting since she had performed the study. Harris reviewed how other communities were currently implementing their business license fees. They typically charged 100% of administrative costs and then a percentage of the disproportionate costs. She reasoned that if the administrative costs were subsidized, the homeowners would be subsidizing the businesses through their property taxes. According to State Code, the disproportionate costs could be subsidized for license fees. She felt businesses were not equal in what they contributed to the General Fund, so in other cities, many businesses were subsidized to 65% of their disproportionate costs and grocery and big box stores were subsidized to 45% of their disproportionate costs because of the large revenue those businesses brought to the cities.

Harris clarified the different columns of the worksheet and explained how the study was performed. There was discussion on big box sales tax revenue versus the police services required. Council Member Rowland stated most businesses would see a fee decrease, but the few

big businesses in the City would see a substantial increase and would surely ask questions. Harris thought Smiths and Walmart would not complain about the increased fee, but the local stores might question the increase. One idea would be to go to the businesses, explain the study and make suggestions on how each business could reduce its need for police services, which would eventually lower its business license fee.

Council Member Franco suggested inviting businesses to a work meeting to explain the study and to justify the new fees. Anderson stated the Council could go to the Chamber of Commerce and speak to the businesses at that meeting. Council Member Bradshaw thanked Harris for her time.

Anderson asked if the Council was comfortable with the proposed fee structure, and noted the Council's interest in fees for events. Anderson proposed using the proposed fees as a start, and then at the next work meeting the Council could make recommendations for changes, going line by line through the spreadsheet.

Anderson noted that Council Member Franco recommended establishing a fee for sexually oriented businesses. Harris stated she could send comparatives of what other cities charged for those types of businesses.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder