



## **PROVO/OREM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

12:00 PM, Thursday, February 7, 2016  
Room 310, Provo City Conference Room  
351 West Center, Provo, Utah 84601

THE FOLLOWING PROVO ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT:

Council Member David Sewell  
Council Member Kim Santiago  
Council Member Gary Winterton  
Council Member David Harding  
Council Member David Knecht  
Council Member George Stewart  
Wayne Parker, CAO

Excused Council Member Kay Van Buren

THE FOLLOWING OREM ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT:

Council Member Debby Lauret  
Council Member Sam Lentz  
Council Member Mark Seastrand  
Mayor Richard Brunst  
Steve Downs, Community Development

Excused Council Member Tom Macdonald  
Council Member David Spencer  
Council Member Brent Sumner

Conducting: Council Chair Kim Santiago

### **Agenda**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Council Member David Harding offered the prayer.

#### **A discussion on the local match funding for Bus Rapid Transit.**

Council Member George Stewart inquired about approving a lease for 50 years on Provo's

roads and a local match on the Bus Rapid Transit project.

Mayor Richard Brunst responded by saying the mass transit item is very important. There is a federal match on the project for \$70.9 million dollars which has been approved and \$4 million has been received for the project but has not been used yet. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has committed to \$30 million for widening the Parkway and \$65 million coming through the Association of Governments through the ¼ cent sales tax. It is a \$190 million project. This project will allow for East/West transportation to occur. The project is ten years in the making with UDOT and the Federal Government fronting two-thirds of the project.

Chad Eccles, Mountainland Association of Governments, stated that the local match is a regional match from sales tax, which is the majority of the match. The project is also a road project and a transit project and Orem and Provo (separate leases) will be leasing their roads. These funds from the leases make up a very small portion of the match. The majority of the match (95% - 98%) comes through the ¼ cent sales tax. The areas to be leased were discussed. The leases will be for a term of 50 years.

Mayor Brunst stated they are looking for a very large population growth in the future. The mass transit will reduce 30% of the wear-and-tear on University Parkway and reduce pollution levels. Currently, FrontRunner has taken off two lanes of I-15. Ridership is projected at 12,000 riders per day.

Utah Valley University has a current pass program with UTA. It is bought as part of student fees. Brigham Young University is looking into it.

### **A discussion on the affordable housing options in Orem/Provo.**

Bryce Mumford, Policy Analyst, presented. He reviewed a couple of maps showing the affordable housing distribution in Utah Valley.

Some of the issues discussed were:

- The map shows that there is a concentration of affordable housing in a small area.
- The schools and neighborhoods are overwhelmed because of the high concentration.
- There is a need to spread this housing out throughout Utah County.
- Anchor families want to move because of the strain.
- The boulders has at least 400 units and consumes 90% of first responder's time. It overwhelms the public safety, local congregations, social services, mental health and there are transient issues.

Dan Gonzales, Redevelopment Agency, explained how the HOME consortium work. The HOME program is a federal block grant program directed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the program is to expand the

supply of decent, safe, affordable housing for low-income households and strengthen public-private housing partnerships between Units of General Local Governments, Public Housing Authorities, nonprofits, and for profit entities. The Redevelopment Agency of Provo City Corporation is responsible for administering the HOME Program as the Lead Entity of the Utah Valley HOME Consortium. As a Participating Jurisdiction, the Consortium may use funds for eligible activities such as Single Family Housing Development, Multi-family Housing Development, Homebuyer Assistance, Homeowner Rehabilitation, and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance.

As we look at how to use the funding, we should also receive suggestions as to where this housing could be better located, rather than reacting to applications.

Mayor Brunst said he would like to see it spread out over the County. Council Member Mark Seastrand said many aspects should exist for this kind of housing such as an available hospital, easy access to transportation, food and care coalition, food banks, etc. Right now the resources exist in Provo. Council Member Santiago said that building affordable housing should be built around mobile transit allowing people access to transportation so they can easily get to their destinations.

Council Member Sam Lentz suggested that a proactive approach could dispel some of the negative symptoms. Proactively planning transit areas can help spread this type of housing throughout the County.

Mayor Brunst asked Provo Council what they have done to work with panhandlers. The Council responded that they approached it through a safety perspective. The ordinance passed gave the law enforcement a tool to enforce safety issues. Mayor Brunst asked for a copy of the ordinance because his City has been overrun by panhandlers ever since Provo passed their ordinance. It was reported that 70% of the panhandlers are using their money for drugs and alcohol and 30% are truly in need. Educating the public is very important when addressing the problem.

## **Other items of mutual interest.**

### **Adjournment**

Council Member Mark Seastrand moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member David Sewell. Motion passed 12:0.