



PROVO /OREM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL JOINT MEETING MINUTES

12:00 PM, Thursday, July 16, 2015
Room 310, Provo City Conference Room
351 West Center Street, Provo, Utah

THE FOLLOWING PROVO ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT:

Council Member David Sewell
Council Member Kim Santiago
Council Member Gary Winterton
Council Member Gary Garrett
Mayor John R. Curtis

Excused: Council Member Calli Hales
Council Member Vernon K. Van Buren
Council Member Harold L. Miller, Jr.

Conducting: Council Chair Gary Garrett

THE FOLLOWING OREM ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT:

Council Member Brent Sumner
Mayor Richard F. Brunst

Excused: Council Member Margaret Black
Council Member Mark Seastrand
Council Member Hans Anderson
Council Member Tom McDonald

Conducting: Council Chair Gary Garrett

Agenda

Roll Call

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was offered by Kim Santiago.

Items of Interest

1. Urban Deer Control Plan

<http://publicdocuments.provo.org/sirepub/meet.aspx>

Louise Jorgensen, Executive Assistant

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Council Chair Gary Garrett introduced this item by referring to a KSL article regarding the Department of Wildlife Resources program in Bountiful, Utah of trapping and relocating 200 deer. He mentioned other city's deer programs such as Alpine and Bountiful. At the last Provo Council Meeting, the Council invited the Administration to complete a Certificate of Registration with the State Division of Wildlife prerequisite of operating a similar program in Provo.

Council Vice-Chair Kim Santiago said her neighborhood is very positive about moving ahead on this program. Mayor John Curtis has received some strong resistance asking that Provo not meddle with the deer.

Mayor Richard Brunst mentioned that residents in Orem complain about the deer in their yards. It is a natural occurring problem along the Wasatch Front. Mayor Curtis mentioned that there are two types of deer, the resident deer and the herds. The herds are not targeted in the program, only the resident deer who live among the homes.

2. 2000 North Street Annexation/Disconnection

The Interlocal Agreement for the 2000 North Street Annexation/Disconnection has been signed and will be on the Provo City Council Meeting agenda Tuesday, July 21, 2015. This is un-incorporating the property so that it may be annexed into Orem.

3. RAP Tax and Property Tax

Mayor Richard Brunst reported on the Cultural Arts and Recreation Enrichment (CARE) Tax passed by voters in November 2005. The CARE tax paid for a new addition to the Recreation Center, funded many grants for SCERA Theatre and ballet. He remarked that a city with an arts and recreation and arts program makes a healthy city.

Jamie Davidson, Orem City Manager, discussed specific improvements which have been accomplished with the CARE tax.

He cautioned the Provo Council, in their crafting of the ballot language for the RAP Tax, to not be too broad nor too narrow. Mayor Brunst said this is an emotional issue for the voters and they will want to give input as to how the tax is spent. A policy discussion should be held to decide if day-to-day operations will be covered by the tax.

Mayor Brunst asked two questions:

- What is Provo doing with their water and wastewater increases specifically what it is being spent on

Wayne Parker, CAO, said there are some increasing utility related operations costs, being covered, but the larger portion is to cover unfunded capital needs over a long

period of time. Provo will be building some new water storage facilities, adding some lift stations and major sewer trunk lines on the west side. A bond was just issued to address these.

He addressed the savings on the automated meters whereby the City is able to turn-on/shut-off the meters from a computer. Another benefit is that customers can go on-line and track their water usage.

Kim Santiago said a study will be completed this next year by a BYU professor on the impact of the increases on the different demographics and report back to the Council.

- State Motor fuel tax bill if passed, will this affect Provo's Transportation Utility Fee.

Gary Garrett said when the Transportation Utility Fee was passed, the Council agreed to re-visit this fee whenever this kind of situation arose (increases in tax for road purposes). The Council was committed to assess the impact of a new fuel tax on its transportation needs and adjust it if necessary.

- RAP tax increase this year, how many years and for how much.

Property taxes will be addressed each year as well. The intent of the infrastructure bond is to meet some of the most critical needs and then on a "pay as you go" basis. iProvo was also a part of this bond.

4. People's Lobby

Rachel Stone, Intern, reviewed the People's Lobby project which was a Provo on-line forum made up of a group of citizens.

Other items discussed:

- Freedom Festival and the municipal requirements, cost sharing of public safety responsibilities, etc.

Mayor John Curtis reported that the City of Provo commits \$75,000 in cash to the event and \$75,000 in-kind for police support. There is also generous corporate and County sponsorship. Ticket sales from events fund activities as well. The Freedom Festival has been an independent corporation for 20 years. The overall impact as a result of the festival is more than the \$150,000 investment.

Mayor Richard Brunst said that Orem City is a sponsor as well and the citizens love the three events held in Orem.

- Jamie Davidson, Orem City Manager, reported that the State Street Master Plan has been finalized. The following ideas were included in the study:
 1. Cluster uses such as residential, commercial, retail, etc.
 2. Have planning more strategic in nature deciding where the residential will be located in the future.
 3. Bringing buildings towards the frontage of State Street.
 4. Transit was included in the conversation, especially along State Street.
 5. Improving traffic flow was another component and limiting left turns.

The meeting was adjourned.