



PROVO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PROVO/OREM COUNCIL JOINT MEETING Minutes

12:00 PM, Thursday, January 22, 2015
Room 310, Municipal Council Conference Room
Conference Room, 351 W.Center St., Provo UT

THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT:

Council Member David Sewell
Council Member Kim Santiago
Council Member Stephen Hales
Council Member Gary Winterton
Council Member Harold L. Miller, Jr.
Council Member Gary Garrett
Mayor John Curtis

Excused: Council Member Vernon K. Van Buren
Conducting: Chair Gary Garrett

THE FOLLOWING OREM OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT:

Mayor Richard Brunst
Council Member Margaret Black
Council Member Brent Sumner
Council Member Mark Seastrand
Council Member Hans Anderson
Council Member Tom McDonald

Others Jamie Davidson, City Manager

Agenda

Roll Call

Opening Prayer

Council Member Gary Winterton offered the opening prayer.

Council Member Gary Garrett gave tribute to Council Member Stephen Hales with a brief moment of silence. Mayor John Curtis remarked on Mr. Hales' dedication to the

City. Council Member Kim Santiago spoke of his loyalty and dedication in serving.

Council Member Gary Garrett welcomed the Orem Officials and Staff. He remarked how enjoyable it is to get together in behalf of both cities. He shared a copy of a simple glimpse of Provo Council last year created by Karen Tapahe, Council Communications Coordinator.

An update on the Bus Rapid Transit

Janelle Erickson, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), said they have been working to complete the revised Environmental Assessment based on concerns of citizens and the application for the Federal Grant to fund half of the cost of the Bus Rapid Transit project. In regards to the Small Starts Grant, all documents were submitted in September. All issues were addressed and as of October 30th, the application was completed. The Federal Transit Authority has made their recommendation and UTA's belief is, it is funded. Exactly how it will advance through the federal budget is unknown. When the Federal Government publishes its annual report, it will be known how the funding of the project will work.

The Environmental Assessment is out for public comment until February 7, 2015. The website is <http://www.provoorembrrt.com/>. Ms. Erickson reviewed the proposed bike trail. This is on the website also. She gave the status of other things they are working on.

An update on University Place

Mayor Richard Brunst described the current projects in Orem:

- Ground breaking for the five story office building on February 5, 2015 at 11:00 AM in front of Macey's at University Place.
- Several new restaurants are being built: Starbucks, Chipotle Grill and Pot Belly Sandwich.
- RC Willey will be moving in their new location in April.
- The empty Mervyns store will be torn down in March. The ground will become a 3 – 4 acre park with the quality of a Disneyland Park including water features, an outdoor theatre, waterfalls, walkways, trees and a waterway.
- In February, the flooring in the mall will be replaced with a glossy white tile floor, and the walls will be painted white throughout the mall. New LED advertising/scenic signs will be placed throughout the mall.
- An apartment complex on the northeast side of 400 is under construction.
- A new road will be put in north of where Mervyns was connecting 800 East and State Street. There will be two new stop lights there.
- The stop light in front of Macey's on State St will be removed.
- With the CDA, Orem has a \$510,000,000 investment program going forward.
- A new hotel similar to Marriott will be built, five new office buildings, four new

parking structures, multiple new restaurants, a park, tennis club, and senior housing north of Costco.

Woodbury has invested \$500,000,000 into the University Mall project. Forty percent of Orem's sales tax comes from the University Parkway. Twenty-five percent comes from the Mall. The largest sales tax producer is Costco. The connection between State Street and University Parkway is one of the busiest within the State. The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will help with the traffic flow. The parking garages will help also and they will be beautiful

Midtown

Midtown was purchased by a development group (Ritchie Group) last year and was fully funded for the entire purchase, the parking garage and the build-out. They are working on the inside of the south tower right now and will start on the north tower in six months. The project is being turned into luxury apartments from condos and will include retail, restaurants and office space.

Orem and Provo are involved in a visioning project on State Street to beautify it. Orem also has 1100 new apartments being built in nine different complexes located at:

- Across from Miracle Bowl
- Behind 7/11
- 920 North
- South of Midtown
- Center Street across from Realtors Building with partial commercial

The generation Y-group will outnumber baby boomers in a two years. They buy 30% less vehicles than baby boomers. They want the ability to move where and when they want. Marriott is bringing on a hotel with rooms that are smaller, technical and with hangouts downstairs. We are trying to target this group.

The Nordstrom's rack is coming to the current Outback Restaurant building and the new building in the parking lot will be the new Outback.

Provo

Mayor John Curtis reviewed the new buildings in Provo. The apartment complex at 63 Center Street had leases signed in January. It will be three stories with a setback to 6 stories. Across from the City building on Center Street, Cowboy Partners will be building a forty-unit apartment complex which should start soon. Another five story apartment complex with 105 units is being built by the TOD.

A discussion on State Legislative Items of common interest

1. At the request of Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT), Provo expressed support for the Transportation Fund.
2. There is a conversation at the Legislature concerning dispatching services and consolidating them into one center in the County. Preserving local autonomy is important to both cities.
3. Another one being watched is legislation concerning car dealers and the changes in proximity with existing and new dealerships and how this could impact the sales tax.
4. There is also talk about safety legislation and body cameras on officers, and the use of force policies.
5. Water

Council Member Mark Seastrand said he enjoyed serving on the Utah Lake Commission. The lake does not get the attention it deserves and accessibility could be improved. Council Member Gary Winterton said the Westside Connector will help with access to the lake.

Meeting adjourned.