



PROVO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Work Meeting Minutes

2:00 PM, Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Electronic meeting: [youtube.com/provocitycouncil](https://www.youtube.com/provocitycouncil)

Agenda ([0:00:00](#))

Roll Call

The following elected officials participated:

Council Vice-chair David Harding, conducting
Councilor David Shipley
Councilor David Sewell
Councilor Bill Fillmore
Councilor Travis Hoban
Councilor Shannon Ellsworth
Mayor Michelle Kaufusi

Excused: Council Chair George Handley

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Cliff Strachan, Council Executive Director.

Approval of Minutes

April 7, 2020 Budget Retreat
Approved by unanimous consent.

Business

1. A discussion regarding a WaterSMART Grant application. (20-105) ([0:12:00](#))

Dave Decker, Public Works Director, presented. Mr. Decker shared background information on the City's aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) test/pilot project. Public Works has proposed several other projects, which they would submit to the State for possible grant funding. Mr. Decker highlighted the other projects they have prepared and were considering. Councilor Shannon Ellsworth asked what would make projects more compelling to the State; Mr. Decker shared several criteria which were a priority for the State's approach to water resources. In response to a question from Councilor Bill Fillmore, Mr. Decker noted that the proposed projects were part of the City's long-term plans and ongoing capital improvements. *Presentation only. This item will be on the Council Meeting agenda on August 4, 2020.*

2. A motion to add an additional committee member to the Public Gatherings Committee. (20-103) ([0:43:06](#))

Cliff Strachan, Council Executive Director, introduced the item.

Motion: Bill Fillmore moved to make Shannon Ellsworth a member of the Public Gatherings Committee. Seconded by David Sewell.

Vote: Approved: 6:0, with George Handley excused.

3. An update regarding Provo City's policies for COVID-19. (20-106) (0:44:33)

Councilor David Sewell introduced the item. He felt that a discussion of the City's response to COVID-19 was warranted as case rates continued to climb in Utah. He felt it would be appropriate to consider what legislative and executive solutions were available to consider; the timing was crucial, and it seemed that strong executive solutions would be needed. Councilor David Shipley asked about some type of mask mandate for public facilities, similar to what Orem has implemented.

Mayor Michelle Kaufusi and Wayne Parker, CAO, shared thoughts on the issues at hand. Mayor Kaufusi expressed her support of education initiatives but had reservations about a mandate. She echoed the concerns of Police Chief Rich Ferguson regarding enforcement challenges. Councilor Shannon Ellsworth felt that Provo should continue to evaluate the evolving data to make the best decisions for Provo, not just defer to the State and County—there are different political pressures and constraints at those other levels of government and the fact that other entities could act did not necessarily absolve the City of its prerogative to do so if needed. Ms. Ellsworth noted that mask usage seemed inconsistent in City facilities and she was supportive of having a consistent approach in the City's facilities. Councilor David Harding shared comments as well, highlighting the key areas in which the Council and Mayor could have influence in these important public health measures. He emphasized that if citizens are concerned about shutdowns, school closures, and other effects of the pandemic, that wearing masks is the easiest and most effective thing Provo's community members could do. Mr. Sewell thought that Mr. Shipley's suggestion of a city facilities mask mandate was a logical next step and well within the purview of the City officials. He noted that businesses have started requiring masks and suggested that the City doing so could also help offer businesses cover and encouragement. Councilor Bill Fillmore felt it was critical to make changes soon and to set a good example where their stewardship was concerned. Councilor Travis Hoban shared his musings on enforcement and how it might work for a city facility mandate; he suggested taking note of other municipalities' solutions. *Presentation only.*

Policy Items Referred from the Planning Commission

4. An ordinance amending the zone map classification of approximately 1.92 acres of property generally located at 442 and 490 S State St from General Commercial to High Density Residential and authorizing a related development agreement. Maeser Neighborhood. (17-0010R) (1:16:06)

Dustin Wright, Planner, presented. This proposal was previously approved by Council. The ordinance has expired because the development agreement associated with the project was not executed within one year of the ordinance approval date. The developer had not been aware of the deadline but had been proceeding in good faith with the project. There have been no changes to the project proposal, or the recommendations from staff and the Planning Commission. This was simply a procedural matter to renew the ordinance so that the developer could proceed with

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the development agreement and project as intended and previously approved. Mr. Wright responded to several questions from Councilors clarifying various elements of the process and the earlier recommendations. Staff reiterated that the proposed project was appropriate for the site and consistent with the General Plan goals. Councilor Shannon Ellsworth was a Planning Commissioner when this item came to the Commission several years previously. She had some concerns about the project and felt it merited reassessment at this time. *Presentation only. This item was already scheduled for the Council meeting on July 21, 2020.*

Closed Meeting

The Municipal Council or the Governing Board of the Redevelopment Agency will consider a motion to close the meeting for the purposes of holding a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or to discuss the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in conformance with 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 et. seq., Utah Code.

Motion: Shannon Ellsworth moved to close the meeting. Seconded by David Sewell.
Vote: Approved 5:0, with George Handley and Bill Fillmore excused.

Adjournment

Adjourned by unanimous consent.