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PROVO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Joint Meeting with Orem City - Minutes

12:00 PM, Thursday, September 10, 2020

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

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

Roll Call

The following Provo and Orem elected officials and executive staff participated:

Council Chair George Handley	Debby Lauret, Orem City Councilor
Isaac Paxman, Deputy Mayor	Brent Sumner, Orem City Councilor
Councilor Dave Sewell	Jeff Lambson, Orem City Councilor
Councilor Dave Shipley	Terry Peterson, Orem City Councilor
Councilor Bill Fillmore	Jamie Davidson, Orem City Manager
Councilor Shannon Ellsworth	Steven Downs, Orem Deputy City Manager
Council Vice-chair Dave Harding	Brenn Bybee, Orem Asst. City Manager
Mayor Michelle Kaufusi	Jody Bates, Orem City Recorder
Mayor Richard Brunst, Orem	

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Councilor David Sewell.

Business

1. **A discussion regarding a study for a flood zone map update along Provo River. (20-124) ([0:13:26](#))**

Jamie Huff, Utah Division of Emergency Management, shared information on the study, which would eventually result in some updates to the area's flood maps. He noted that most of the affected area was in Provo. This was part of a process begun in 2016 and the plan is available to the public. Mr. Huff responded to several questions from Provo City Councilors regarding Deer Creek reservoir and the impact of dams on the Provo River floodplain. *Presentation only.*

2. **A discussion regarding COVID-19 policies and responses. (20-123) ([0:45:43](#))**

Council Chair George Handley shared news of the Provo City Council's recent mask ordinance. He asked Orem officials about their pandemic response thus far. proportion of cases in the state.

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Orem Mayor Richard Brunst shared comments. Orem Councilor Debby Lauret was interested in the Provo City Council's line of thinking; Orem supported masks but were not sure if a mandate was the right approach. Mr. Handley shared background regarding the Council's deliberative process. Councilors David Harding and Shannon Ellsworth added their comments as well. There was a robust public dialogue throughout the process as well. Councilors reiterated that the ordinance was attached to a civil fine and was not intended to criminalize behavior. He indicated that the City Administration, responsible for enforcement, could better speak to that issue. Deputy Mayor Isaac Paxman shared comments in that vein. Councilors also noted that much of the effort focused on education and encouragement. Councilor David Sewell shared data that illustrated increased compliance of mask-wearing with successful lowering of the spread of the virus. Mr. Handley expressed a hope that Provo and Orem as neighboring cities could continue to work together to lead out in Utah County.

3. A discussion regarding additional items as time permits. ([1:16:47](#))

Mayor Brunst was interested in more information regarding Provo's relationship with Google on Google Fiber. He noted that 5G has been mandated by the State Legislature, Orem has started to see the technology arrive through various service providers in the area.

Councilor Shannon Ellsworth asked about Orem's efforts to preserve recreation opportunities in the foothills and Provo Canyon. Mayor Brunst expressed their support of Provo City in protecting these natural resources. Ms. Ellsworth expressed an interest in bringing in multiple partners to discuss long-range plans for Provo Canyon. She noted that the U.S. Forest Service, Orem and Provo Cities, and Utah County would be important entities to involve to make sure that expectations and goals are aligned for the coming years.

Orem Councilor Debby Lauret shared details of the new facilities which have opened or are opening soon in Orem.

Adjournment

Adjourned by unanimous consent.