

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2021

The North Ogden City Council convened in a virtual meeting on March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
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time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office
and posted to the Utah State Website on March 5, 2021. Notice of the annual meeting schedule
was published in the Standard-Examiner on December 13, 2020.

PRESENT:	S. Neal Berube Ryan Barker Blake Cevering Charlotte Ekstrom Cheryl Stoker Phillip Swanson	Mayor Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member
STAFF PRESENT:	Jon Call Dave Espinoza Lorin Gardner Katie Gerard Evan Nelson Tiffany Staheli Dirk Quinney	City Manager/Attorney Public Works Director City Engineer City Recorder Finance Director Parks and Recreation Director Police Chief
VISITORS:	Brenda Ashdown Dallin Barker Dennis Carlton Stefanie Casey Susan Clements Cal and Sandy Heiner Rich Humphreys Rosemary Jones Terri McCulloch	Dianne Montgomery Krishelle Roe Julie Sorensen Georgette Sweet Randall Winn Fed Lady Kcj

Mayor Berube called the meeting to order. Council Member Barker offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **READING OF DETERMINATION REGARDING CONDUCTING CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING WITHOUT ANCHOR LOCATION**

Mayor Berube provided a reading of the determination of substantial risk to health and safety associated with holding in-person meetings amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. **CALL FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

Mayor Berube asked if any Councilmember had any conflict of interest to disclose. No disclosures were made.

3. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER FEBRUARY 2, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Member Swanson motioned to approve the February 2, 2021 City Council meeting minutes. Council Member Cevering seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Ekstrom	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Swanson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER FEBRUARY 9, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Member Cevering motioned to approve the February 9, 2021 City Council meeting minutes. Council Member Ekstrom seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Ekstrom	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Swanson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVE AGENDA

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Georgette Sweet, stated that she is new to North Ogden and she lives in the vicinity of the intersection of 2600 North and 1050 East; she has witnessed several accidents and near misses at the intersection and wanted to provide input on her ideas for the best way to improve safety in the area. She supports the concept of a lit/flashing stop sign at the intersection over other options that have been discussed.

Dallin Barker asked how he can get an item listed on the agenda for Council meeting; he has been reviewing the budget and has found some things that he would like to discuss with the Council in depth. He asked for an opportunity to provide a presentation to the Council in two weeks. Mayor Berube advised Mr. Barker to reach out to each Council Member to see if they can support placement of an item on the agenda. Mr. Barker then stated that he also drives through the 2600 North 1050 East intersection frequently and he thinks a four-way flashing stop sign would be the best; this option is much less impactful than a round-about.

Dennis Carlton stated the Utah Governor is lifting the mask mandate in April; he understands that in-person operations will resume in the Justice Court starting in July and asked why it will be two months later that the mask mandate will be lifted. City Manager/Attorney Call stated that the State of Utah has asked for a court startup plan for each court facility in the State; it will take some time to get those plans approved, which is why it is not possible to resume court operations immediately following the lift of the mask mandate. Mr. Carlton then noted that he has asked for assistance from the Police Department on a fraud action that he has experienced, but he has not gotten much support. Mayor Berube noted that Chief Quinney has been as helpful as possible but unfortunately the City's Police Department has found it difficult to provide further assistance given that the case is a federal case.

6. RESIDENT PRESENTATION ON INTERSECTION OF FRUITLAND DRIVE AND 2100 NORTH.

Mayor Berube reported that a group of residents has asked for time to address the Council tonight regarding their concerns about the intersection of Fruitland Drive and 2100 North.

Rosemary Jones thanked the Mayor and Council for their time; she presented a petition containing 60 signatures of residents that live in the area of the intersection. There are three main concerns:

- First are the overgrown trees on the south side of the intersection that make it difficult for people to pull out into the intersection without seeing traffic in both directions – but mostly northbound traffic. The maximum distance that a car can see is approximately 150 feet, but a vehicle travels 44 feet per second and 150 feet is not enough distance for a vehicle to safely enter the intersection. The City has been willing to cut weeds and growth on the property it owns, but the property

upon which most of the growth is located is on a Weber County island and the City cannot take enforcement actions on it. She has reached out to the County Engineer who said he would work with the City Engineer about the intersection and options for requiring the property owner to remove the overgrowth. The Engineer expressed willingness on behalf of the County to partner with the City to address the matter both from an enforcement standpoint and financially.

- Second is the split of Fruitland Drive at 2100 North; cars go fast in this area and residents would like to install signage to ask motorists to slow down, especially when passing by the residential properties. There is a family with young children that lives on the corner where vehicles can turn to go down 2100 North and they are very worried about speeding vehicles entering their yard.
- Third is speeding in general; Fruitland Drive's posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour, and that is reduced to 25 miles per hour on the winding section of the road near the Barker Fish Farm. Additional signs need to be posted to clearly inform residents of the speed limit fluctuations along the road. She spoke to City Manager/Attorney Call about the speeding on the road recently and he indicated he would commission a traffic study for the road to determine traffic levels. The study was done at the beginning of February for a four-hour time period and there were 793 vehicles that travelled through the intersection. She noted that last week when she was standing at the intersection at 2:00 p.m., she was surprised by the number of vehicles; a school bus heading east on 2100 North tried to make a left-hand turn to head north on Fruitland Drive. The driver had to stop in the middle of 2100 North, rather than hugging the south road shoulder, in order to get the best view of traffic heading northbound on Fruitland Drive. By the time he was able to get onto the road, there was a car right behind him, and she was worried that there would be a crash. She feels that a study of average speed on the road is needed and the Police Chief has indicated he has the equipment to perform that type of study soon.

Ms. Jones stated that it is her recommendation that the Council vote to remedy the problems at the intersection by first contacting Weber County to determine if they can assist in clearing the view obstructions on the southwest corner of Fruitland Drive and 2100 North. She would also like the City to install updated signage in problem areas along the road and perform further traffic studies on the road. She stated that Fruitland Drive has a great history; it was developed as a means of north/south travel in the 1850's. It was used for many years because Washington Boulevard was 'boggy'. Streets in the City have been laid out in a grid pattern, but Fruitland Drive is still an old pioneer road. When traffic was scarce, the layout of the intersection was not as problematic, but as the City has grown the area has become somewhat dangerous. Future growth will only make this situation worse, and she would like for the City to pursue improvements at this time; she encouraged them to look to the future and make accommodations to make the area safer and more user friendly for not only now but for the next 100 years. She stated she feels that a round-about would be the best type of traffic calming mechanism for this intersection.

Diane Montgomery stated she lives at the top of the hill on 2100 North and there are just a few other homes in that area. However, she and her neighbors use 2100 North to access their homes and when they come to a stop at the intersection of Fruitland Drive and 2100 North it is very difficult and dangerous to cross Fruitland Drive. She inches out into the intersection with her vehicle, and she has had several close calls where she has almost had an accident with northbound vehicles. She stated there was a recent three-car crash at the intersection with injuries. She noted that she has tried to use 2600 North to access her home; she turns north on Fruitland Drive from 2600 North but must then turn left to head east on 2100 North; this is also a very dangerous maneuver as it is difficult to see north bound cars coming over the hill. The only truly safe way for her to access her home is to use 1700 North, turn north on Fruitland Drive, and make a right-hand turn to head east on 2100 North. She then reiterated the concerns relayed by Ms. Jones regarding vehicles who are trying to turn either direction on Fruitland Drive from eastbound 2100 North. She has spoken with many City representatives over the past several years who agree with her and others that the intersection is very dangerous, and the best solution would be a round-about. She stated that she has family members, friends, and knows many other people that pass through that intersection on a regular basis, and she would be so upset if someone were to die there, especially after so many have spoken out that it is very dangerous. She stated that the best first step would be to remove the foliage and the large pine tree on the southwest corner of the intersection. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their attention and asked them to consider actions that will address their concerns. Traffic will soon increase when the subdivision to the south of the intersection is completed and residents living there will be using Fruitland Drive to get in and out of their neighborhood.

Krishel Rowe stated she lives on the corner of 2100 North and Fruitland Drive; she and her husband both grew up in the area and were familiar with the intersection when they bought their home four years ago. She has a two and four year old and when she was buying the home the area did not seem as busy as it is now. Her children and animals are out in her yard frequently and she has been scared several times by near misses of speeding vehicles and her property. She has noticed a Police Officer park in the parking lot of the church on 2100 North, which is great, but most people driving on Fruitland Drive know that he is parked there and they slow down before they get to him. She asked that an Officer be moved to a different location near the intersection to catch speeding motorists. Her biggest concern is the increase in traffic and lack of enforcement of speed limits. She has two driveways, one that accesses Fruitland Drive and the other that accesses 2100 North. A round-about may be problematic for her property but she feels that something needs to be done to address speed on the road and failure to stop at the stop sign on 2100 North.

Ms. Jones asked if the residents can expect a vote from the Council on this issue. Mayor Berube stated he is unsure whether a vote should be taken tonight, but he asked for input from the Police Chief.

Chief Quinney stated that he agrees with the issues relayed by Ms. Jones, Ms. Montgomery, and Ms. Rowe; it is important for drivers to understand the traffic rules when driving in the area. First, the yellow speed signs referenced by Ms. Jones – advertising 25 miles per hour near the Fish Farm – are advisory in nature, but the 30 mile per hour speed supersedes all advisory speeds. He agreed that the trees and bushes on the property at the intersection are problematic, but the City does not have oversight for that property, and it would be good to work with the County to get that matter resolved. He added the changes in elevation of the road are also problematic and the line-of-sight matter will not be fully addressed by removing the trees and shrubs. Mayor Berube asked about the concerns expressed about speeding. Chief Quinney stated that since talking to Ms. Jones yesterday, he has not visited the area to observe speeds, but he knows that it has been an issue in the past and the Department has actively enforced speed limits near the intersection. He stated he will move his speed trailer to the area to gather speed data for the Mayor and Council to review.

Mayor Berube asked for permission from the Council to speak with the County about opportunities for addressing the overgrowth at the intersection. He is also supportive of the Chief placing the speed trailer on the road to gather data. In terms of the request for a round-about, City Manager/Attorney Call has looked into options for building a round-about and such a project would require the City to purchase property on the northeast corner of the intersection. The property owner has indicated that he is unwilling to sell property to the City for that purpose. Mr. Call stated that there are historical plans for a round-about at the intersection and the project is in the City's long term transportation plan, however, it is not on the current capital projects list which are projects that are planned for completion in the next five years. Mayor Berube asked if the City could obtain Weber Area Council of Governments (WACOG) transportation funding for such a project. Mr. Call stated it is his understanding that the City would be solely responsible for the expense as Fruitland Drive and 2100 North are not included on the list of roads that are eligible for State transportation funding. Ms. Jones asked if the County owns any part of the intersection and if they would be jointly responsible for funding a round-about project. Mr. Call stated that it is his understanding that the intersection is located entirely in North Ogden and the only property managed by the County is the private property outside of the right of way. Ms. Jones stated it may be that the City could secure some of the land near the intersection now before development of that area is proposed.

Ms. Montgomery stated that the property needing the round-about referenced by Mayor Berube had changed ownership. She suggested the new owner may be more willing to work with the City and she believes the City would need just a small portion of the property rather than the whole parcel. She stated the parcel is 10 acres, and it is her understanding the City would only need a half-acre. Mayor Berube stated that perhaps Mr. Call can reach out to the property owner again to discuss the issue; however, the project is not on the current five-year plan. This led to discussion among the Council about several intersection projects needed in the City; Council Members Swanson and Stoker both recalled historical discussions about the intersection, but no final decisions were ever made by the Mayor or Council. Public Works Director Espinoza stated that he

worked with former Mayor Taylor on this project, and it is correct that the property owners were unwilling to sell their property for an intersection improvement project. He added that there is a great deal of major infrastructure underground in the intersection and a round-about project would require the City to relocate some of that infrastructure. This was an additional reason that the project was halted.

Mayor Berube stated he will proceed as discussed above; he will reach out to the County and support Chief Quinney's recommendation to place the speed trailer on Fruitland Drive. He would also like Mr. Call to reengage landowners at the intersection to see if there is willingness to sell a portion of their property to facilitate improvements. Once more information is available, the issue will come before the Council again and it will be necessary to discuss options for considering a project that can be included in the capital improvement plan.

7. DISCUSSION AND/OPR ACTION ON CHERRY DAYS PARADE ROUTE

City Manager/Attorney Call reviewed a memo from Parks and Recreation Director Staheli, which was included in the meeting packet; the memo details discussions among City Administration, the Council, and residents regarding the Cherry Days parade route. It provided a list of detailed concerns about utilizing Washington Boulevard for the 2021 parade as there will be extensive construction at the intersection of 2600 North; it also listed concerns associated with moving the parade to 2600 North temporarily. Mr. Call stated that at this point, Administration needs the Council to make a decision regarding the 2021 parade route in order for event organizers to proceed with planning the parade.

Mayor Berube polled the Council regarding whether to hold the parade on 2600 North or to move it to another location. Council Members Cevering, Stoker, Barker, and Swanson supported moving the parade to 2550 North. Council Member Ekstrom stated she trusts Ms. Staheli and her staff who recommended moving the parade to 2600 North for 2021. There was high level discussion and debate held regarding the issues the City will encounter if 2600 North is used for the parade; Mayor Berube stated that he also trusts the advice of the experts that have been hired to oversee operations in the City and he understands the reasons for suggesting that the parade be moved to 2600 North. However, he also believes that the 2550 North route will be safer for participants and spectators.

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION FOR RESTRIPIING OF 2600 NORTH

Public Works Director Espinoza noted he has been asked to review the road striping along 2600 N. from 400 E. to 1050 E. He reviewed drawings of an alternate layout, which includes a left turn pocket to keep the flow of traffic going. They also include the removal of the on-street parking which will open an additional lane for traffic to legally pass on the right. This will also include UTA bus pull-offs so traffic is not impeded by bus services. Public Works believes this is a very good option to keep traffic flowing along 2600 N. without making huge construction changes that would impact all the

homes along that stretch of road. Mr. Espinoza concluded he understands that by changing the striping on this road it will take away on-street parking from the residents but feels that this is a better option than taking property from these homeowners to widen the road.

Mayor Berube stated that the question that arose during the last discussion of this item was whether to pursue the restriping now or wait until the Washington Boulevard and 2600 North intersection project is completed. Council Member Swanson stated that he had asked for continued discussion of this issue; he was concerned about making a decision that was based upon emotion rather than the safety for the citizens of the City. He proposed that the City proceed with restriping 2600 North at this time rather than waiting until the completion of the Washington Boulevard and 400 East intersection widening project. He stated that he appreciated the feedback provided by Mayor Berube and Chief Quinney last week after the Council had already made a decision on the restriping proposal. He recalled several instances that have occurred on 2600 North in the past years and believes that the proposal to restripe the road will help to prevent similar instances from occurring in the future.

Council Member Cevering stated that he knocked on about 20 doors of homes along 2600 North; he spoke to about 10 homeowners and the majority of those voiced to him their desire for on-street parking in front of their home. He stated that he simply wanted to report that information. He noted that the homeowners also told him that their greatest concern is speeding on the road and he suggested that enforcement efforts be increased to address that issue.

Mayor Berube facilitated discussion among the Council regarding whether they would like to stick with the vote they made at the last meeting or if they would like to proceed with the restriping project at this time. Council Member Stoker stated that she understands the concern of homeowners losing on-street parking but she is most concerned about the loss of life on the road – especially the loss of a child. She stated her first choice would be to paint bike lanes on the road and explore other mechanisms to keep vehicles from leaving the travel lane and driving on the shoulder to pass a car. However, she ultimately supported restriping the road. Council Member Ekstrom agreed; she suggested proceeding with the restriping now as that is the only way to influence behavior of motorists on the road. She agreed that the loss of on-street parking will likely be problematic for homeowners and delivery drivers, and she is also concerned about the reduced width of a shoulder for bicyclists, but she supports restriping the road and proceeding immediately. Council Member Barker stated he possibly misunderstood the decision made by the Council; he thought that the Council had decided to wait until the conclusion of the Washington Boulevard and 400 East intersection project to further evaluate the restriping proposal. He stated he still thinks the City should wait to proceed with the restriping until after the Washington Boulevard and 400 East intersection is completed. If the restriping is done now, it will be difficult to determine which project resulted in improved conditions on 2600 North. He stated he is in favor of bike lanes on the road, but he is not in favor of the entire restriping project at this time.

Mayor Berube stated that while it may be true that the intersection project will slow traffic on 2600 North, that slow down will only likely be in the areas where the number of lanes is reduced from two to one during construction. He stated that his main motivation for supporting the restriping is the safety of the community and he asked Chief Quinney to provide his opinion of what is the safest solution for the road that takes into consideration the property owners on the street. Chief Quinney stated it is his opinion that the safest option by far is the turn lane for the entire length of the road; while the turn pockets at the intersections would improve conditions along some portions of the road, it will allow for some unsafe behaviors to continue.

Mayor Berube stated that he is concerned about painting a bike lane on the road given space restrictions. He then asked Chief Quinney to summarize State laws relating to bicyclists using the roadway. Chief Quinney stated that cyclists using the roadway are required to follow the same traffic laws as a vehicle; if they cannot keep the speed of traffic they must stay as far to the right of the roadway as possible, and the roadway ends at the white line. This is why bicyclists often appear to be too close to the traffic lane, but they are following traffic laws.

Mayor Berube then stated he sympathizes with those who will experience negative consequences of the elimination of on-street parking, but noted he feels that it is warranted in this situation; sometimes doing nothing is riskier than doing something. He then asked City Manager/Attorney Call for clarification of the decision made by the Council at the last meeting relative to this matter. Council Member Barker stated he does not believe an official motion was made regarding the project as the matter was only discussed during the work session. Council Member Swanson agreed; while the Council reached consensus, no official motion was made.

COUNCIL MEMBER SWANSON MOTIONED TO PROCEED WITH THE RESTRIPIING OF 2600 NORTH, USING THE OPTION WITH A CENTER TURN LANE ALONG THE ENTIRE DISTANCE OF THE ROAD, AND ELIMINATING ON- STREET PARKING; WITH THE PROJECT TO COMMENCE AS SOON AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE. COUNCIL MEMBER EKSTROM SECONDED THE MOTION.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	nay
Council Member Cevering	nay
Council Member Ekstrom	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Swanson	aye

THE MOTION CARRIED ON A 3-2 VOTE.

9.

COUNCIL DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. COUNCIL MEMBER BARKER – BUILDING & PLANNING

Council Member Barker reported on the process of hiring a new Planning Director to fill the vacancy created by Rob Scott's retirement; he looks forward to a recommended appointee being presented to the Council soon. He also provided an update regarding House Bill (HB) 98. The legislation has been passed by both the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature. He stated that he is still strongly opposed to the legislation as he is very concerned of the negative implications for the City and other municipalities across the State. He stated the City is working to hire and train new inspectors to comply with the inspection timeframes provided for in the new law; new software will also be employed to prevent 'logjams' that occur when developers try to schedule multiple inspections at the same time. Developers will now just be able to schedule one type of inspection at one time. Mayor Berube stated that he shares the same concerns as Council Member Barker and thanked staff for their efforts in response to the legislation and in training staff to ensure that a three-day response time be provided for an inspection. He concluded by saying it is his opinion that any time there is a power-grab whereby one government entity tries to take power away from another, there will be negative consequences. He stated that local government is best suited to handle the issues that HB98 is intended to address, but he believes City staff will make the best of the situation and move forward. Council Member Barker agreed and noted that he was most concerned with how many legislators cited housing affordability as the reason that the legislation was written; however, the law allows for developers to use building materials that are more expensive than standard materials which will drive up the price of home construction.

B. COUNCIL MEMBER SWANSON - FINANCE

Council Member Swanson reported that sales tax revenues continue to exceed expectations given concern about lagging revenues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. An additional stimulus package will be acted upon by the federal government in the coming days which should result in each household receiving at least an additional \$1,400; this should impact sales tax revenues positively as has been the case with past stimulus bills. He then noted that the next budget discussion will be held during the Council meeting scheduled for April 13th. He asked each Council Member to meet with the Departments they have been assigned to in order to have a clear understanding of their budget proposals. This should help to avoid the line-by-line review that the Council has performed in the past. He then reported on the status of the audit report; the City's certified public accountant (CPA) has submitted final financial reports to inform the audit. Finance Director Nelson stated that is correct; a revised draft of the financial statements has been provided to the auditors and some comments have been provided in responsive to the statements. The final audit report should be available in the coming weeks.

Mayor Berube reported that he has asked Mr. Nelson to provide a document for the Council to review in order to gain an understanding of revenue trends and patterns; the report will also include information about capital improvement projects and funding over the past several years and how that has varied from year to year. He hopes this information will be helpful to the Council as they proceed with determining how to finance the Public Safety Building project. He stated that the City typically sees a 10 to 12 percent increase in sales tax revenues from year to year, but last year the increase was closer to 18 percent. He has suggested a six to eight percent decrease in sales tax revenue projections for next year's budget. Additionally, he suggested that the increase in property tax revenue, that was approved last year, not be considered in the fiscal year 2022 budget for ongoing operations but as a potential source for financing the public safety building project. He has asked Mr. Nelson to identify additional funding sources that could be used for the project. He concluded by echoing Council Member Swanson's suggestion that each Council Member thoroughly review the budget for the Department they have been assigned to; this will help to make budget discussions among the entire Council more efficient.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Kilborn asked if the Mayor and Council are able to see how many people attend Zoom meetings. Mayor Berube answered yes. Ms. Kilborn asked how many people are attending tonight. City Recorder Gerard stated there are currently 22 participants; this includes the Mayor, City Council, City staff, and residents. Ms. Kilborn stated she was a member of a City Council for six years in California and the City encountered difficulty in getting the general public to attend meetings. She wondered if the Mayor and Council have thought of ways to increase participation in City Council meetings. She noted that since she began attending meetings, she has learned so much and she believes that others would have the same experience. Increased participation may help to reduce concern in the community regarding large projects because they would have information about all of the work that has gone into decision making. Mayor Berube agreed; he and the Council have taken many steps to increase transparency and make it easier for citizens to get involved, but it is not possible to force participation. He stated he is open to ideas aimed at getting more people to participate. Ms. Kilborn stated she wants everyone to be involved in the things that are happening in their community. She stated she is willing to volunteer to help the City increase participation. Mayor Berube thanked Ms. Kilborn for her willingness to volunteer. Ms. Kilborn then stated her second question relates to covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) for the Homeowners Association (HOA) that she is a member of. She wondered what happens in an instance where there is a conflict between the CCRs and City ordinance and asked which regulation supersedes the other. City Manager/Attorney Call stated that HOAs can impose rules that are more restrictive than City rules; one major exception to that rule deals with any regulation that would be non-compliant with the Fair Housing Act. In such an instance, the Federal rule trumps all other regulations. Mayor Berube added that HOAs cannot be less restrictive than City ordinances.

Brenda Ashdown stated she really enjoys the portion of the meeting where Council Members are allowed to report; the information shared helps to keep her informed of what is happening in the community. She stated she agrees with Ms. Kilborn's recommendation to increase efforts in encouraging participation and noted she feels the City's website could be improved to provide more information about participating in Council meetings. Ultimately, however, each resident must make the decision to be informed; the reason she got informed several years ago was that the City's Public Works Facility was being built across the street from her home and she did not have information about the project before it was decided upon. She then noted that it will be great to resume in-person meetings soon, but she has thoroughly enjoyed meeting via Zoom and hopes that the City will provide citizens the option of continuing to participate in meetings virtually. Mayor Berube stated that he and Mr. Call have been discussing the idea of a hybrid meeting to allow people to participate in person as well as virtually. He has asked Mr. Call to prepare a proposal for transitioning back to in-person meetings. He added that City Administration is exploring options for improving the City's website to provide more information to residents.

Georgette Sweet addressed the earlier discussion about the intersection of Fruitland Drive and 2100 North and asked why a four-way stop sign at the intersection would not be a good idea. Chief Quinney stated the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices provides guidelines for circumstances under which a four-way stop would be appropriate; one thing that is required is a certain number of vehicles per hour in an eight-hour span and the intersection does not meet that warrant. Second, the number of accidents at the intersection does not meet the criteria. Finally, the number of vehicles from each approach to the intersection should be fairly equal in order to warrant a four-way stop and that is not the case at this intersection as the majority of traffic runs in the north/south directions. However, these are just guidelines and the Council could decide to pursue a four-way stop sign if they feel that is appropriate. Ms. Sweet stated her point was that those are just guidelines and it seems that a four-way stop sign would be appropriate for the area; it would also be much less expensive than a round-about project.

11. COUNCIL/MAYOR/STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager/Attorney Call referenced the earlier discussion about the Cherry Days parade route and asked for clarification on whether the Council is comfortable with candy being thrown from parade floats. Council Member Stoker stated she is comfortable allowing candy given the relocation of the parade route. Mayor Berube stated that the rules for candy throwing need to be clearly expressed to parade participants and that participants not complying with the rules will be penalized. Mr. Call stated that in the past the City has removed violators from the parade. Mayor Berube stated he would like to fine those who violate the regulations. Mr. Call stated it would likely be necessary to collect a deposit in order to fine violators as it would be difficult to collect a fine after the parade is over. There were no objections from other Council Members to candy throwing in the parade.

12. ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCIL MEMBER STOKER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
COUNCIL MEMBER BARKER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.


S. Neal Berube, Mayor


Katie Gerard, City Recorder


Date Approved