

From: [Gary B.](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Proposed Stipend Increase for Planning Commission
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 8:51:49 AM
Attachments: [07-16-19 CC Planning Commission Pay.pdf](#)

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

As a resident and a member of the planning commission I respectfully ask you to vote no for the 217% increase in the stipend for members of the planning commission. The amount is out of line with cities of a comparable size to South Weber and is an irresponsible use of taxpayer funds. I appreciate the willingness of the council to show appreciation for the work of the planning commission but a 217% increase in the monthly stipend is not the responsible way to express your gratitude.

In 2019 Ogden City discussed providing a stipend for their planning commission. The city did their work and tapped into a survey from the Utah City/County Management Association (page 6 of the attached PDF). The survey is several years old, but from additional research I concluded that most of these figures are still accurate today.

As you can see, only one other city has a stipend of \$150 - Washington City. Most of the stipends are between \$25 and \$50 a month. Increasing the monthly stipend to \$150 a month is an irresponsible use of taxpayer funds, especially in a city that has significantly increased taxes and fees in recent years.

If you feel a need to raise the stipend, raise it to \$50 a month - no more. For a city of our size, this is more than enough compensation.

Each of you knows that public service is just that - service. No one runs for office or volunteers for a position in the community to get rich or to supplement income. They do it to be of service and to better the community they call home.

Please vote no on the stipend increase. The proposal is irresponsible and does not align with the stipends of other cities of a comparable size and situation of South Weber.

Kind regards,
Gary Boatright



PLANNING COMMISSION PER DIEM

- Ordinance Amending Ogden Municipal Code § 3-3-2 to Allow for Per Diem
- Resolution Establishing Per Diem Amount

Actions:

1. Adopt or Not Adopt Ordinance
2. Adopt or Not Adopt Resolution

Executive Summary The Council will consider an Ordinance amending Ogden Municipal Code § 3-3-2 to authorize per diem payments for planning commissioners. The Council will also consider a Resolution setting the per diem amount.

Background

During the Council's September 25, 2018 strategy session and again in the April 30, 2019 strategy session, the Council discussed providing a stipend or per diem for planning commission members. Prior research by Council staff showed that most of the cities in northern Utah provided compensation for planning commissioner. (A copy of that research is attached.) Council members agreed that a stipend would be appropriate if tied to attendance. Planning Commissioners currently receive a \$500 stipend for electronic equipment when appointed and are reimbursed for official expenses.

The FY2019-2020 budget, adopted by the Council on June 18, 2019, included \$11,000 in funding for planning commission stipends. The Ogden Municipal Code requires an amendment to authorize a per diem payment to planning commissioners.

June 18, 2019

The Administration transmitted a request to amend Ogden City Code to allow planning commissioners to receive a stipend for commission meeting attendance.

Proposal

The Administration is proposing that Ogden Municipal Code § 3-3-2 be amended to provide that the "City Council may, by resolution, fix per



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diem compensation for the members of the planning commission based on meetings actually attended.” If the amendment to the ordinance is adopted, the Council must also establish the amount of the per diem by resolution. Planning Commissioners will continue to be reimbursed for expenses incurred while acting in their official capacity, per existing ordinance language.

The Administration conducted a Planning Commission Compensation Survey to determine the amount other cities were paying their planning commissioners. Based on their analysis, the Administration is recommending a per diem amount of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for each meeting attended.

Attachments

Planning Commission Compensation Research - 2017
Administrative Transmittal
Proposed Ordinance
Proposed Resolution

Council Staff Contact: Janene Eller-Smith, (801)629-8165

Planning Commission Compensation

Compiled by: Amy Sue Mabey
February 28, 2017

Background

Information has been requested about how Ogden's Planning Commissioners are compensated and what options can be considered to expand what is now provided. Planning Commissioners currently have access to a stipend of up to \$500, per appointed term, for the purchase of electronic equipment with a submitted receipt.

Other Utah Communities

Salt Lake City

No pay but a dinner is provided prior to each meeting at an \$11 per diem per person. iPads were purchased for each Commissioner, but most have preferred to use their own equipment, with no reimbursement provided for this use.

Provo City

No compensation is provided.

Murray City

\$25 per meeting, but this is anticipated to be raised to \$40 per meeting on July 1. No dinner is provided and meeting information is provided in a paper form.

Sandy City

\$80 per meeting (contingent on meeting attendance). Additionally, Planning Commissioners are taken on a tour and provided dinner prior to meetings. APA Memberships are paid and there is also a small training budget for Planning.

Logan City

\$25 per meeting (contingent on attendance) and dinner before each meeting.

UCMA Survey

Attached is a UCMA Survey which provides additional information regarding compensation options and how these vary from city to city. Of the 49 responding cities, there are 37% that don't provide a stipend payment and 63% that do. However, this number does not take into account meals and other stipends because the information wasn't directly sought out as this information was gathered.

Fiscal Note

This fiscal note takes into consideration the cost of implementing various ways that Planning Commissions are being compensated in Utah.

Planning Commission Compensation/Stipend Options											
Monthly stipend/ regular meeting attendance \$25		\$225		\$225		\$225					
Monthly stipend/regular meeting attendance					\$450		\$450	\$450			
Regular meeting & work session attendance \$50 per meeting									\$900	\$900	\$900
Regular meeting meal \$10 per meal	\$120			\$120			\$120			\$120	
Regular meeting & work session meal			\$240			\$240		\$240			\$240
Cost per month:	\$120	\$225	\$240	\$345	\$450	\$465	\$570	\$690	\$900	\$1,020	\$1,140
Annual:	\$1,440	\$2,700	\$2,880	\$4,140	\$5,400	\$5,580	\$6,840	\$8,280	\$10,800	\$12,240	\$13,680

UCMA Survey of Pay for Planning Commissioners in Utah Cities

City	Pay
Orem	No Pay, dinner
Pleasant Grove	No Pay, dinner
American Fork	No Pay
Blanding	No Pay
Brigham City	No Pay
Eagle Mountain	No Pay
Ephraim	No Pay
La Verkin	No Pay
Nephi	No Pay
Ogden	No Pay
Parowan	No Pay
Provo	No Pay
Richfield	No Pay
Santa Clara	No Pay
Santaquin	No Pay
Springville	No Pay
Washington Terrace	No Pay
Payson	No Pay
Lehi	\$95/meeting + iPad
Sandy	\$80/meeting + dinner
Alta	\$75/meeting
Highland	\$56/meeting
Riverdale	\$50/month
Clearfield	\$50/meeting \$75/meeting PC Chair
Bountiful	\$50/meeting
Cedar Hills	\$50/meeting
Draper	\$50/meeting
Heber	\$50/meeting
Hyde Park	\$50/meeting
Nibley	\$50/meeting
Saratoga Springs	\$50/meeting
South Jordan	\$50/meeting
Taylorsville	\$40/meeting
Centerville	\$35/meeting \$50/meeting PC Chair
Clinton	\$35/meeting \$50/meeting PC Chair
West Point City	\$35/meeting \$45/meeting PC Chair
Enoch	\$35/meeting
South Salt Lake City	\$35/meeting
West Valley	\$33/meeting
Enterprise	\$30/meeting
South Ogden	\$25/month + \$25/meeting
Cottonwood Heights	\$25/meeting
Farmington	\$25/meeting
Pleasant View	\$25/meeting
Roosevelt	\$25/meeting
Price	\$20/meeting per diem
Midvale	\$20/meeting
Washington City	\$150/meeting
St. George	\$100/month



Ogden City Council Transmittal

Submitted to CAO: 14 June, 2019

Received by Council:

JUN 18 2019

OGDEN CITY FY 2019 REIMBURSEMENT PROVISIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

DEPARTMENT:

CED

DIRECTOR:

Tom Christopoulos

DIVISION:

Planning

MANAGER:

Greg Montgomery

STAFF:

Greg Montgomery

CONTACT:

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REQUEST:

Accept for review.

REQUESTED TIMELINE:

As soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSAL:

Approval of amendment to 3-3-2 to allow the planning commission members to receive a stipend for commission meeting attendance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The FY20 Proposed budget includes funding for planning commission members to receive a stipend of \$45 for every planning commission meeting they attend.

The City's HR division conducted a survey of surrounding cities and found that Ogden is one of the few City's that paid no compensation to planning commission members for meeting attendance.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMPENSATION SURVEY

Entity	Population Estimate	Paid?	How	Amount
RIVERDALE CITY	8250	Yes	Per month	\$50 per month
WASHINGTON TERRACE	9599	no		\$0.00
LAYTON	75,655	yes	Per meeting	\$40.00
ROY	35,000	yes	Per meeting	\$30.00
SYRACUSE	27,365	yes	Per meeting	\$50.00
PLEASANT VIEW	7,979	yes	Per meeting	\$25.00
CLINTON	22,879	yes	Per meeting	\$35.00
HEBER CITY	13,000	yes	Per meeting	\$50.00
BRIGHAM CITY	18,279	no		\$0.00
NORTH OGDEN	18,000	yes	Per month	\$100 per month
SOUTH OGDEN	17,094	yes	Per month and meeting	\$25 per month \$50 per meeting
OGDEN	85,000	no		\$0.00

It is the feeling of administration that due to the time commitment of the commission members to attend planning meetings, a proposal to pay commission members \$45 per meeting attended should be made.

In order to allow this to occur, an amendment to Ogden Municipal Code, section 3-3-2, needs to occur. The ordinance attached proposes to amend the Municipal Code to allow for per diem and other reimbursement for planning commission members.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Included in FY20 proposed budget, \$11,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-33

AN ORDINANCE OF OGDEN CITY, UTAH, AMENDING THE OGDEN MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 3-3-2 TO REVISE PER DIEM AND OTHER REIMBURSEMENT PROVISIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS; AND BY PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON POSTING AFTER FINAL PASSAGE.

The Council of Ogden City hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. Section amended. Section 3-3-2 of the Ogden Municipal Code is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

3-3-2: [TERMS, COMPENSATION AND VACANCIES:]

- A. For any term commencing prior to July 1, 2002, terms of office shall be six (6) years or until their successor is appointed. Of the members appointed for a term commencing in 2002, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years or until their successor is appointed. Thereafter, terms of office shall be four (4) years or until their successor is appointed. No more than three (3) members' terms of office shall expire in any given year, with each term expiring on July 1 of the last year of the term.
- B. The City Council may, by resolution, fix per diem compensation for the members of the planning commission based on meetings actually attended. ~~Members of the planning commission [shall serve without compensation, except that they]~~ may also be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while acting in their official capacity.
- C. Any vacancy occurring during the term of any member of the planning commission by reason of death, resignation, removal or disqualification shall be promptly filled by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council, for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon posting after final passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED POSTED by the Council of Ogden City, Utah this _____ day of _____, 2019.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER

TRANSMITTED TO THE MAYOR ON: _____

MAYOR'S ACTION: ☐ Approved ☐ Vetoed

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER

POSTING DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM: MAB 6/12/19
Legal Date

- * The headings, catchlines or catchwords suggested for use in the Ogden Municipal Code and which are bracketed at the beginning of sections or subsections, shall not be considered to be a part of the ordinance adopted herein.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OGDEN CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING PER DIEM
COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ogden Municipal Code section 3-3-2, the City Council may by resolution fix per diem compensation for members of the planning commission for meetings actually attended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that per diem compensation in the amount of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per meeting attended is a reasonable amount to compensate members of the planning commission for necessary expenses associated with attendance at meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Ogden City, Utah that pursuant to Ogden Municipal Code section 3-3-2, per diem compensation for planning commission members in the amount of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) is hereby established.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of Ogden City this ____ day of _____, 2019.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
LEGAL DATE