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PROVO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Work Meeting Minutes

3:00 PM, Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Council Chambers, 445 W. Center Street, Provo, UT 84601 with an online broadcast: <https://www.youtube.com/provocitycouncil>

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

Roll Call

The following elected officials participated:

Council Chair Travis Hoban
Council Vice-chair George Handley
Councilor Katrice MacKay
Councilor David Shipley
Councilor Rachel Whipple
Councilor Bill Fillmore, arrived 3:06 PM
Councilor Shannon Ellsworth, arrived

Excused: Mayor Michelle Kaufusi

Prayer

Justin Harrison offered the prayer.

Business

- 1. An ordinance amending the zone map classification of .95 acres from PRO-R22 zone to the LDR (Low Density Residential) zone for property located at 193 West 4800 North, to allow for a 6-unit townhome development. Riverbottoms Neighborhood. (PLRZ20210112) ([0:10:50](#))**

Aaron Ardmore, Planner, presented. Several structures were demolished in 2014 along 4800 North. In 2018, a project plan was submitted to construct a project on this site. Several single-family lots were included in the site plan for this project, which were intended to serve as a buffer between the denser housing units and the surrounding neighborhood. The developer has returned with a proposal for one of the vacant properties at the site. Councilor Katrice MacKay asked if the townhomes would be for sale or rent only. Mr. Ardmore indicated that the developer may reserve a couple of units for personal connections, but the intent was that the units would be for sale. Councilor Travis Hoban asked about the neighborhood feedback. Mr. Ardmore indicated that they had received no negative feedback from the neighborhood. ***Presentation only. This item was previously scheduled for the Council Meeting on August 23, 2022.***

2. A presentation regarding the economic development of Provo City. (22-066) ([0:16:00](#))

Keith Morey, Development Services Assistant Director, presented. Mr. Morey played a video that highlighted some of the economic development successes in Provo. Provo has been a top-performing city in the country for two years in a row. Mr. Morey highlighted some of the accolades and achievements for Provo as a business and community destination. He continued and explained the branding and marketing campaign for the “Provo Advantage.” They are developing monthly topics that they are sharing with local community influencers and business leaders. Mr. Morey shared some of the feedback they have received from the local business and development community. He highlighted some of the current major projects in Provo which represent significant investment in the City, as well as some of the future projects they were expecting to move forward in the coming months. Mr. Morey also reviewed recent and current/ongoing redevelopment projects along with the projected economic benefits of these projects. Their outreach efforts include local companies, real estate businesses, and other community partners in the area. Mr. Morey highlighted several additional efforts, including sales tax reimbursement agreements, a business resource guide, support for the startup community, and joint promotional work. Mr. Morey invited questions and comments from the Council.

Council Chair Travis Hoban thanked Mr. Morey for a great presentation and for the work they are doing to be proactive. Councilor George Handley commented on the redevelopment of the old city center building and the typical return on investment for something like that. He asked if the city has been looking at metrics for their return on investment 15 years out, and what would be the loss if this property wasn’t converted into a successful multi-use project. Mr. Morey shared some comments on this and indicated they are working on identifying what the current market is, as well as the impacts of inflation on a potential project. They are preparing a new request for proposal for the project redevelopment which will include an economic analysis.

Councilor Bill Fillmore also thanked Mr. Morey for his presentation and their great work in recent years. He agreed with Mr. Handley regarding doing a strong redevelopment project downtown. Mr. Fillmore also commented on implementing an economic development fund. Mr. Morey shared some ideas from other municipalities and entities that Provo could potentially use as ideas for implementing something similar. Mr. Handley also shared some comments on a possible economic development fund—he liked the idea that these City savings could be used in a productive way that would generate a return on investment. ***Presentation only.***

3. A presentation to Council on the 2022 Fireworks Season. (22-048) ([1:00:25](#))

Fire Chief Jim Miguel and Lynn Schofield, Fire Marshal, presented. Chief Miguel thanked Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Provo Power for their cooperation and partnership over recent months. Mr. Schofield reviewed some of the successes of the 2022 fireworks season, including no significant fire loss and no structure fires. Mr. Schofield shared the results from a survey done of residents neighboring designated firework parks. He then reviewed some of the negative aspects of the 2022 firework season. Mr. Schofield also shared details about several brush fires that occurred in the City. He also highlighted several areas for improvement in future fireworks seasons. This program works very well in Provo as a result of the collaborative

partnerships at the City, the cooperation of Provo residents and guests, and the consistency of the program. Councilor Shannon Ellsworth asked if there was anything they would do differently next year. Mr. Schofield shared comments and indicated one change is that they would have a stronger presence in the areas of most risk.

Councilor George Handley shared some comments on fireworks and some of the negative effects and problems with using them. He was glad the Fire Department was able to channel and regulate the use of fireworks somewhat to a specific window of time. Chief Miguel offered comments on this and he noted if and until there was a major shift in state policy, the City was doing its best to reduce the problems. *Presentation only.*

4. A presentation regarding the "Safe Streets For All" grant opportunity- Status Update & Further Discussion. (22-065) ([1:27:50](#))

Rob Hunter, Engineer, introduced the presentation. Mr. Hunter shared an update on this item, which was presented to the Transportation and Mobility Advisory Committee at their last meeting. TMAC is supportive of the grant application and their role in overseeing the implementation as it is enacted by Public Works. They planned to present the Safety Action Plan and a resolution for approval at the Work and Council Meetings on September 6, 2022.

Vern Keeslar, Parametrix, also presented. Mr. Keeslar highlighted the components of the Safety Action Plan and gave a broad overview of each section of the plan. One component of the plan relates to equity considerations in transportation. Mr. Keeslar reviewed in more detail the equity considerations and data sources that help inform this evaluation and planning. These metrics seek to highlight transportation disadvantaged Census tracts within the city. He highlighted some examples of the types of factors that resulted in that designation. Of the 28 Census tracts in Provo, 10 of these have four or more applicable categories and are considered transportation disadvantaged. Mr. Keeslar reviewed additional data that is included in the Safety Action Plan, including crash and safety data for various streets and intersections in Provo.

Councilor Shannon Ellsworth asked if all state roads in the City were exempted from using grant funds. Mr. Keeslar indicated that the exemption included all state roads, but there were still potential ways to improve adjacent roads and approaches connecting to state roads using grant funds. Councilor George Handley asked if the data included collisions with animals; Mr. Keeslar indicated if the property damage was over \$12,000, those collisions were included. Mr. Keeslar shared a preliminary list of the high-crash locations they have seen in the current data. Councilor Rachel Whipple asked if they could compare data before and after the safety improvements and bicycle infrastructure changes were made to Cougar Boulevard. Ms. Whipple asked if that data showed the project was successful in reducing crashes. Mr. Keeslar indicated they could obtain this data and share it with the Council. In Provo, 72% of fatalities and serious injury crashes occur on about 3% of roads. The intent of the Safety Action Plan is to identify serious dangers and to implement engineering solutions to avoid these types of issues in the future. Councilor Bill Fillmore shared comments on his participation with TMAC, and how TMAC is involved in this process. He asked Mr. Keeslar to highlight the timeline for the grant application. Mr. Keeslar indicated the grant application deadline is September 15. *Presentation only.*

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.

Brian Jones, City Attorney, outlined the statutory purpose for the closed meeting, which was to discuss the character and competence of an individual.

Motion: Shannon Ellsworth moved to close the meeting. Seconded by Rachel Whipple.

Vote: Approved 7:0.

Adjournment

Adjourned by unanimous consent.