

**Riverton City, Utah
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
December 13, 2022**

**Riverton City Hall
12830 South 1700 West
Riverton, Utah 84065**

Attendance:

Mayor Trent Staggs

Councilmembers:

Councilmember Tish Buroker
Councilmember Tawnee McCay
Councilmember Troy McDougal
Councilmember Sheldon Stewart
Councilmember Claude Wells

City Staff:

David Brickey, City Manager
Kevin Hicks, Administrative Services Director
Jamie Larsen, City Recorder
Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director
Cary Necaise, Deputy Public Works Director
Stacie Olson, Water Manager
Chief Don Hutson, Riverton Police Department
Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Casey Saxton, Communications Director
Chief Wade Watkins, Unified Fire Authority
Sheril Garn, Director of Events and Operations

Mayor and Council Informal Meeting

WORK SESSION – 5:45 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Staggs called the Work Session to order at 5:50 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Buroker, McCay, McDougal, Stewart and Wells were present.

Presentations

Bangerter Highway Update

Marwan Farah, Utah Department of Transportation Project Manager, presented the Bangerter Highway update. This presentation is included in the packet.

Councilmember Buroker asked if the acquisitions had begun on 2700 West. Mr. Farah said the residents are aware and have been contacted. Councilmember Buroker asked about closures on 13400 South. Mr. Farah said the moving of the utilities will take place before any closures will happen. As a result of these utilities being moved, there will be lane closures. Residents will see construction from Winter 2023 to the Fall of 2025.

Councilmember Wells asked about the Rose Creek relocation and if there would be acquisitions of properties. Mr. Farah said they are widening and putting in curb and gutter and this requires some acquisitions. Councilmember Wells asked Mr. Farah to estimate when the actual closure

would occur at 13400 South. Mr. Farah said it would be late 2024 through 2025.

Councilmember McDougal asked if they could maintain access for businesses and schools near the 13400 South intersection. Mr. Farah said there would be interference but they would maintain access to these businesses and the school during the construction.

Councilmember McCay asked for a copy of the slides to share with the residents. She would also like to know how the residents would be detoured around the construction. Mr. Farah said that north and south bound to continue to flow through the intersection. They are likely to utilize 4150 West. However, there is a possibility of roads being closed for 6-9 months.

Councilmember McCay asked if they would direct traffic traveling east to detour north onto 12600 South instead of through the neighborhood to the south of Walmart. These residents are concerned with traffic being a problem especially since there will be construction on 2700 West and Bangerter. Mr. Marah said that before they decide traffic detours, they will consult with local leaders of the City. Mayor Staggs asked them to communicate as far in advance as possible for these detours.

Councilmember Stewart asked if they have considered punching in at 13200 South and creating temporary signals to maintain the left turn on the northbound movement to the westbound movement. This would give business access and moves it away from the construction zone. Mr. Farah said they have not considered this option but if they could obtain permission from the City and from Suburban Land Development, they might consider it.

Mayor Staggs asked if the construction on Bangerter includes 9800 South. Mr. Farah said it does include 9800 South.

The Hub (Phase 1 of Redevelopment Plan) at the Point

Scott Cuthbertson, Deputy Director of the Point, presented information on the Hub, Phase 1 of Redevelopment Plan, at the Point. This presentation is included with the packet.

Mayor Staggs explained that Phase 1 would include 60-70 acres with construction in 2024-2025. Mayor Staggs asked what the plan was for retail. Mr. Cuthbertson said there would be retail in Phase 1 but he doesn't have the specific information on this subject.

Councilmember Stewart asked how the Pointe received ridership numbers and how they were awarded light rail for this project. Mr. Cuthbertson said he does not have the answer for this question. Mayor Staggs said that UTA have been a big topic of conversation in Riverton and he believes the southwest portion of the valley is underserved.

Councilmember McCay asked if they consider any portions of the prison for a museum. She appreciates their innovation on this project.

Discussion Items

Community Center Updates

Mayor Staggs explained that the budget for the Community Center auditorium was \$369,000 and has cost the City \$381,000. The City has secured the TRCC grant for the first-floor renovation, which will begin in 2023. He and Councilmember Buroker discussed the City spending a little more to complete the esthetics for the auditorium to make it all come together.

Councilmember Buroker consulted an interior designer for some recommendations. She presented the report from the interior designer and this is included in the packet.

Mayor Staggs asked the Council to weigh in on these suggestions. He has estimated the expense to be about \$10,000 to \$20,000. The Council agreed to spend money to paint areas to improve the aesthetics.

Sheril Garn, Director of Events and Operations, said the railing would need to be replaced if the Council wanted it to be a different color. It should not be painted because it will chip. Mayor Staggs directed staff to find out about the cost of replacing this railing and get back to the Council.

Adjournment of Work Session

Councilmember McCay **MOVED to adjourn the Work Session.** Councilmember Stewart **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Buroker-Yes, McCay-Yes, McDougal-Yes, Stewart-Yes and Wells-Yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 6:52 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Staggs called the Riverton City Council Meeting to order at 7:05 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Buroker, McCay, McDougal, Stewart and Wells were present.

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember McDougal offered the invocation and Chief Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment

Mayor Staggs called for public comments;

Wendy Garvin, Executive Director of Unsheltered Utah, said Unsheltered Utah is a non-profit organization for homelessness. She invited everyone to participate in the annual pit count which is an opportunity to meet the unsheltered population. She said that homelessness is increasing and has become severe in some parts of the state.

Patrick Day said he is a resident who lives in Deer Mountain Estates in Councilmember McCay's district. He said he would like to keep traffic off of streets that have houses and he

believes the bridge may help keep traffic down.

Mayor Staggs called for additional public comments; there being none, he closed the Public Comment period.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Wells – No Report.

Councilmember Buroker said she was at the Midvale homeless shelter a couple of weeks ago. She confirmed that every homeless shelter is full and they need volunteers to help sort goods. She thanked Wendy Garvin for her work with the homeless population.

Councilmember Stewart reported that UFA had a meeting today. Mayor Wickers will be taking over as chair of UFA. Councilmember Stewart has been the chair of the finance committee for the past 6-7 years and Chair Henderson will now chair this committee. He said the budget cycle was presented and they are forecasting higher revenues.

Councilmember McCay reported that she attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns meeting. They talked about HB 462 which is the moderate-income housing bill. She said that most cities would be in compliance within the next few weeks, however, there are 7-10 cities that will not comply. She believes they will add a consequence for these cities.

Councilmember McCay said the governor is planning to provide free fares for 2023. She believes this would only benefit areas that have access to transit. She said they updated the free fares to include Via and UTA on demand. The southwest valley needs to get ridership up to justify transit being budgeted for this area.

Councilmember McCay said she has been in contact with the Riverton Youth Council. She said they have four or five service projects per month within the City and she is impressed they can help and serve.

Councilmember McDougal – No Report.

Mayor Staggs said he has been meeting regularly with the Southwest mayors since 2018. They have worked together to show housing statistics in the county's southwest part. Bluffdale and Herriman both have about 50% attached housing, Riverton has about 25% attached housing. He believes the southwest cities are doing their fair share with the housing situation in the county.

Mayor Staggs said the southwest cities have been successful at moving up the time frame for completion of Bangerter interchanges. The southwest cities are now trying to advance the shared priorities of getting funding for Mountain View Corridor and U-111 to become freeway-type roads. They are looking at ways to improve east/west traffic, looking at improving trails that run through all of the communities and looking to secure TRCC funds and any other available funding.

Mayor Staggs thanked staff for putting together another annual Night of Music.

Presentations/Recognitions

Riverton City Choice Awards for Excellence in Education – Rose Creek Elementary

Councilmember Wells presented the awards to students Penny Ellett and Noah Hansen and teacher Rick Richman.

Christmas Card Design Contest Award Presentation

Mayor Staggs recognized Greta Tucker, Second Runner Up, Tyler Catron, First Runner Up, and Quinn Hayes, Contest Winner of the Christmas Card Design Contest.

Recognition of Councilmember Stewart

Mayor Staggs recognized the years of service and accomplishments of Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Stewart was presented with a flag, Kneaders gift basket and signed photo of the Riverton signage project.

Councilmember Stewart expressed appreciation for all of those he worked with during his years of service.

David Brickey, City Manager, explained that Councilmember Stewart's resignation would be effective tomorrow. The City will send out an email to all residents identifying the District 1 council seat opening. Applications will be forwarded to the Council and the council seat will be filled on January 3, 2023 during the City Council meeting.

Unified Fire Authority Presentation

Chief Wade Watkins presented the Unified Fire Authority information for the month. This presentation is included with the packet

Claude Wells was presented with a certificate for his completion of Fire School 101.

Resolution No. 22-78 – Appointing Volunteer Members to the Riverton City Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee

Mayor Staggs asked to pull Item 14 b from the Consent Agenda. He recognized Craig Ellsworth for his willingness to serve on the Riverton Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee.

Mr. Ellsworth introduced himself and said that he is looking forward to serving on this committee.

Councilmember Buroker **MOVED** that the City Council approve **Resolution No. 22-78 – Appointing Volunteer Members to the Riverton City Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee**. Councilmember Stewart **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for discussion on the motion. Mayor Staggs called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Buroker-yes, McCay-yes, McDougal-yes, Stewart and Wells-yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Financial Report

Kevin Hicks, Administrative Services Director, thanked Riverton City staff for all of their help with the Annual Financial Report. He introduced Shawn Martin from HBME, LLC, which is the firm that audits the City.

Mr. Martin presented the Annual Financial Report. He explained their audit opinion was that the City's financials were materially correct and fairly stated. They did not see any issues with the City's internal controls. The findings from last year have been remedied and they did not issue any new findings.

Councilmember Buroker was impressed with the debt per citizen of \$803 which is the best it has been in 20 years.

Consent Items

Mayor Staggs presented the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minute Approval: November 15, 2022;
- b. **Resolution No. 22-78** – Appointing Volunteer Members to the Riverton City Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee;
- c. **Resolution No. 22-79** – Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Newman Construction for the Completion of the Secondary Water Meter Project, Phase 2;
- d. **Resolution No. 22-80** – Declaring City Equipment as Surplus, Authorizing the City Manager to Dispose of These Items as He Deems Appropriate;
- e. **Resolution No. 22-81** – Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Riverton City and Salt Lake County for cost sharing of the 2022-2028 UPDES Media Campaign;
- f. **Resolution No. 22-82** – Performance Bond Release for Premier Medical (10064); and
- g. **Resolution No. 22-83** – Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract to Hansen Allen & Luce for the Engineering Design of the 13400 South Bangerter Waterline Realignment.

Councilmember Wells **MOVED that the City Council approve the Consent Agenda.** Councilmember Stewart **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for discussion on the motion. Mayor Staggs called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Buroker-yes, McCay-yes, McDougal-yes, Stewart and Wells-yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing(s)/Action Items – N/A

Discussion/Action Items – N/A

Upcoming Meetings

- a. January 3, 2023 - Work Session & City Council Meeting
- b. January 17, 2023 – Work Session & City Council Meeting
- c. January 21, 2023 – Strategic Planning Meeting
- d. February 7, 2023 - Work Session & City Council Meeting
- e. February 8, 2023 – State of the City

Closed Session

- a. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
- b. Strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
- c. Strategy session to discuss the sale, purchase, exchange or lease of real property, including any form of a water rights or water shares.

At 8:18 PM, Councilmember Stewart **MOVED** to suspend the City Council meeting and move into the RLESA meeting. After the RLESA meeting he **MOVED** to convene in a Closed Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and the sale, purchase, exchange or lease of real property, including any form of a water rights or water shares. Councilmember Stewart also **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council meeting at the conclusion of the Closed Session. Councilmember Wells **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Buroker-yes, McCay-yes, McDougal-yes, Stewart-yes and Wells-yes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The City Council meeting resumed in a Closed Session at 8:27 PM. Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and recorded and are now on file as a Protected Record.

Councilmember Wells left the Closed Session at 9:10 PM.

Councilmember Stewart **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session at 9:30 PM. Councilmember McCay **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for discussion on the motion. Mayor Staggs called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Buroker-yes, McCay-yes, McDougal-yes, and Stewart-yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

As previously noted, Councilmember Stewart **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting at the conclusion of the Closed Session. Councilmember Wells **SECONDED** the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Approved: 1.3.23 CCM