

Heber City Corporation  
City Council Meeting  
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6:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on January 18, 2007, in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah.

Present:	Mayor	David R. Phillips
	Council Members	Terry Wm. Lange Vaun Shelton Jeffery Bradshaw Elizabeth Hokanson
Excused:		Shari Lazenby
Also Present:	City Manager	Mark K. Anderson
	City Recorder	Paulette Thurber
	City Engineer	Bart Mumford
	City Planner	Allen Fawcett
	Police Department	Sgt. Jason Bradley

Others Present: Mike Johnston, Sheila Johnston and Todd Cates

**Strategic Planning Meeting – Homestead resort – January 20 - 7:45 a.m.:** Mayor Phillips reminded the Council of this meeting. Anderson passed out a packet of information for that meeting--agenda, department head reports, a memo from Mark Smedley and a summary of last year's retreat. He asked the Council to review those materials prior to Saturday's meeting. He indicated he still did not have a report from Steve Tozier so that would be provided Saturday morning.

Mayor Phillips indicated the City staff would join himself and the Council about 10:00 a.m. and would have for lunch with them, as well. He asked that everyone bring their creative thought process and ideas with them and they would collectively brain storm. He said he wanted to leave there with new ideas for the new year.

**Sheila Johnston – Discussion on installation of sidewalk for Valley Hills Boulevard:**

Johnston indicated she wanted to revisit an item with the Council that she had previously presented about five years ago. She indicated she brought her son, Matthew, with her for an example of the need for a sidewalk in the area. Johnston said she knew in the last five years the Council had spent large amounts of money on other sidewalk and expressed appreciation for that. She talked about the increase in traffic in her neighborhood and the safety of the children.

She talked about The Cove development and the traffic that would bring. Johnston indicated there had been a change in the bus stop that had helped the situation in her neighborhood but that there was still danger associated with children walking along the road without a sidewalk. She presented a map of the area which showed existing sidewalks, areas where sidewalk was needed, and a cost estimate for the installation of that sidewalk.

Mayor Phillips indicated that a few years ago the City had prioritized areas for sidewalk installation. Johnston said when she was before the Council five years ago, she had a petition signed by all the neighbors and they all supported a sidewalk. She discussed the sidewalk from the top of Valley Hills Boulevard to The Cove and said she held the developer responsible for that situation. She said there should have been a retaining wall placed there because debris falls onto the sidewalk in places. She indicated that debris had been removed twice but it kept covering the sidewalk. She indicated that now that the City had responsibility for that sidewalk, the liability issue was the City's. Johnston asked that the Council consider a sidewalk in the area in the near future.

**Discussion on bid openings:** Councilmember Lange felt bids should only be opened in City Council meeting. He did not think the process was being done in the open. He said the bids should not be opened until the official opening in a City Council meeting.

Mumford reviewed the current process. He said the time and place of an opening was publicized in the paper. He indicated that if the bids were opened in City Council meeting, it would add two weeks to the process. He said again it was already an open process and hated to slow down the process by waiting for City Council meetings. He indicated that most of the time no one showed up but the bidders. There was discussion about additional staff time. The Council was polled about their thinking regarding the process. Councilmember Lange stood by his request. Councilmember Bradshaw wanted to think about the process as did Councilmember Hokanson. Councilmember Shelton suggested the Council needed time to think about the issue. It was decided the Council would give this some time, review it and make a decision later.

**Update on Tom and Leila Coleman vehicle damage claims:** Anderson said Tom Coleman was in his office today and felt like the City should be responsible for the damage to his vehicle rather than the contractor. Anderson said KW Robinson had indicated they were denying the claim. He questioned whether they had that right or if they should give their insurance company the opportunity to make that decision. Anderson suggested to Tom that he come to the City Council the 1<sup>st</sup> of February to discuss the issue. Anderson said from the City's business perspective, insurance is required from people that do business with the City and would expect that from the contractor's, too. However, he stated there were those that thought the City should take responsibility for everything. He said he wanted to give the Council fair warning about this issue for next meeting.

**Review policy proposed by the Police Department for use of the Police Department (Central School ) Request from Alan Bluth:** Anderson indicated that Alan Bluth had contacted him today about using space in the Police Department building for an organization. He indicated there were donors in the community that would sponsor a Big Brothers, Big Sisters Organization and they were looking for a place to meet. Councilmember Bradshaw said his understanding

was, after talking with Bluth, they were looking for a permanent location and not a temporary spot. Anderson pointed out the restrooms in that building were barely sufficient for the people in the building now.

Mayor Phillips said the Police Department didn't own the building but had to keep it secure. He said the City Council made the decisions about use. He indicated he wanted the Council to look at and review the proposal from the Police Department. He said the Council could then discuss this request as they form a policy for the future of that building for as long as it exists. It was indicated there might need to be two policies-one for the Tabernacle building and one for the Police Department building.

It was indicated one of the Animal Control vehicles was damaged in an accident. It was explained that another vehicle slid into the vehicle and there was about \$2,000 damage. It was indicated the vehicle was in a parking lot so there were no citations given.

**Review of Agenda Items:** Anderson said Bill Sandoval had called and said he did not want to go before the Council until Councilmember Lazenby could be present. Consequently, he asked that his item be tabled to the next meeting.

Anderson passed out a revised copy of the proposed MURCZ ordinance. He said a couple things had happened. Legal Council started working on the ordinance and felt some language needed to be modified. He said there were a couple other issues that had come up that staff was trying to make some adjustments on. He indicated he expected there would be public at the regular meeting tonight to make comment but suggested there were enough changes that he thought it should be tabled.

Anderson indicated he had met with Stone Creek and Red Ledges representatives at 5:30. He said the concern of Stone Creek, in looking to redesign, was the loss of value in a reconfiguration. He said suggestions were raised if the City would consider less wide roads in part of the development as something that would help them. They had concerns with who would bear the cost of the wider roads and timing concerns if they had to go back to the Planning Commission. Anderson said he suggested they go back to the Planning Commission with preliminary instead of concept which would save some time. He said he would encourage staff to expedite their request. Anderson said there was discussion about natural terrain and additional roadways chewing up open space. Anderson suggested the City entertain some additional density and possible transfer of some open space from Red Ledges. Anderson said he suggested Stone Creek put together a list of their thoughts that would accommodate changes. It was indicated they would meet tomorrow with the engineers and planners of the Jack Johnson Company. Stone Creek also would start an analysis of possible economic loss. Anderson said the biggest issues were density, open space, and time.

Mayor Phillips expressed concern with a road through a subdivision being a collector road. Todd Cates said the design of the development would be such that the road would not have driveway, etc., going out to it and it truly would be a collector. He said that if all groups compromised, they could find a way for this to work. (Stone Creek, Red Ledges and the City) He felt it would do what everyone wanted it to do.

As the time was 7:00 p.m., the regular meeting of the City Council was convened.

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Paulette Thurber, City Recorder

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