

Heber City Corporation  
City Council Meeting  
February 5, 2009

6:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on February 5, 2009, in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah.

Present:

Mayor	David R. Phillips
Council Members	Jeffery Bradshaw Elizabeth Hokanson Eric Straddeck arrived 7:45 p.m. Nile Horner Robert Patterson arrived 6:45p.m.

Also Present:

City Manager	Mark K. Anderson
Deputy City Recorder	Michelle Kellogg
City Engineer	Bart Mumford
City Planner	Allen Fawcett
Chief of Police	Ed Rhoades

**Kathryn Berg, Airport Advisory Board Chairman, Recommendation from the Airport Advisory Board Regarding Engineering Consultant Selection:** Berg said the Airport Advisory Board interviewed four consultant firms. They had reviewed information from each firm's packet for two weeks prior to the interviews. At each interview, the Board members asked pre-determined questions. Afterwards, they met in session to discuss which firm to recommend. They reviewed the pros and cons of each and finally decided to recommend that Heber City retain Armstrong Consultants. The Board had spoken with eight airport managers and they praised all four firms. One manager said it would take a long time to bring a new consultant up to speed, and it would be wise to retain the same one. It was recommended to put everything done regarding the airport and all that was proposed on a GIS map. Mayor Phillips commented that he sat in on the interviews and was impressed with the Board members and their questions. He reminded the Council that the City had retained Armstrong Consultants for at least five years. The Council agreed that the City would retain Armstrong Consultants.

**Chief Rhoades/Bart Mumford – Recommendation for Traffic Control at the Intersection of 100 South 300 East:**

There was another accident at this intersection about two weeks ago. Anderson asked Chief Rhoades and Mumford to look at the situation and report on possibilities to improve the safety of that intersection. Chief Rhoades said there had only been three property accidents in that intersection in nine years. There were an estimated total of 300 property accidents in the City per year. He gave statistics on other accidents which had occurred in the near vicinity and stated that accidents occurred in greater frequency in the areas which were close to Main Street.

Mumford said there was a hedge surrounding the corner of 100 South and 300 East. Some possibilities for a remedy to the intersection would be to put a yield sign on 100 South, cut down the hedge within the 45° angle from the corner, or trim the hedge to a three foot height maximum instead of a four foot height maximum that the City Code required. Mayor Phillips suggested placing stop signs going east and west on 100 South. Chief Rhoades said before the City could place stop signs, traffic studies would have to be performed to determine if it was warranted. Mumford said the placement of yield signs were more flexible.

Councilmember Hokanson suggested the whole area be studied at some point in the future. Mayor Phillips said the City Council had the final say in the matter. As a case in point, he asked if the stop sign on 600 South had a study done prior to installation. It was confirmed that no study had been performed.

Councilmember Hokanson was concerned about a stop sign on 800 East and 200 South by the park. She stated nobody stopped at the sign because there was no cross street. She asked staff to look at that sign to see if it was necessary. Mumford recommended a yield sign be put there until future development occurred.

Councilmember Horner didn't want the yield sign placed on 100 South. He preferred it on 300 East. Mumford said 300 East was a collector road. Mayor Phillips suggested following the master plan. He asserted that 100 South would be a key road, especially when the Center Street construction began. Anderson asked Mumford to revisit the master plan and come back to the Council with an updated report.

**Review City Office Building Site Plans Prepared by GSBS Architects – Discuss Date and Format for a Meeting with Wasatch County Officials:**

Anderson said the Citizen's Building Committee had been put on hold until the Council had time to discuss the matter and go to the County with a proposal. The estimated cost for a new City office building - which included administrative offices, a wing for the police and courts, remodeling the Tabernacle and landscaping was divided into two phases, \$5 million per phase excluding land acquisition.

Anderson was looking for direction from the Council as to when he should set up a meeting with the County to see if there was potential for timing in this transition. Kendall Crittenden, a County Councilmember, was in the audience and said next Wednesday would be a possibility for getting this item on the agenda. Crittenden said next Thursday there was a joint meeting with the Planning Commission. Mayor Phillips preferred Wednesday and asked if 5:00 p.m. was a possibility. Anderson said he would check. Mayor Phillips said there were four or five issues he would like to discuss with the County concerning the future.

**Review Engineering Proposals to Address the Valley Hills Park Tennis Court Retaining**

**Wall Repair:** Anderson said the City hadn't anticipated nor budgeted for this project. Mumford said the proposed rock wall would eliminate the tennis court from the park. He didn't think the court got much use, and it was in disrepair with cracks running throughout it. He suggested if it were taken out, a flat area could be put in with picnic tables, etc.

Three different design options were given. Councilmember Horner asked if other engineering firms were considered for this job. Mumford stated Summit Engineering was asked because Johnston was a structural engineer. Councilmember Horner wanted other firms solicited. He also wanted to see public input so as to know what the neighbors wanted in that location. Mumford said there was not much that could be done with the park because of the budget. Councilmember Straddeck said the City Council should have time to consider the design options. Anderson said the City would solicit more proposals during that time.

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Michelle Kellogg, Deputy City Recorder