

Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting
February 19, 2009

6:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on February 19, 2009, in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah.

Present:	Council Members	Jeffery Bradshaw Elizabeth Hokanson Eric Straddeck Nile Horner Robert Patterson
Excused:	Mayor	David R. Phillips
Also Present:	City Manager City Recorder City Engineer City Planning Dept. Police Dept.	Mark K. Anderson Paulette Thurber Bart Mumford Anthony Kohler Sgt. Jim Moore

Discuss continued financial support of the State High School Rodeo Finals: Mayor Pro Tempore Bradshaw indicated the City Council had met with County Council last week. The County Council asked for a 5-year commitment of support for the High School Rodeo from the City and a pledge of \$10,000 for each of the next five years.

Anderson said ideally it would be nice to address this during the budget process so the Council understood the trade offs. He suggested any decision made would affect manpower, benefits, or level of service in the upcoming years. Councilmember Hokanson said the County Council needed to know in the next couple weeks so they could prepare their bid. Anderson said his conversation with Mayor Phillips suggested that Jay Price was proposing a contribution from Heber Light and Power, as well. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradshaw said this decision would only affect the City if the County actually got the bid. It was indicated the Chamber of Commerce had sent out a letter encouraging support. Anderson said he was meeting with department heads on March 10 and would have a good idea how this budget year would end up and also have projections for next year's budget. Councilmember Hokanson asked how the Power Company would benefit from this event. She said it was obvious how the City benefited, but not the Power Company. Anderson said the City had a statutory obligation to show how a giving a contribution benefited the City. Councilmember Hokanson said there was no doubt that the rodeo benefited the City, but asked if the City could afford this contribution. Anderson said if everything was on the table at the same time, it would be easier to see the choices between manpower, benefits,

level of service and contributions. Councilmember Horner felt the Council needed to give the County a comfort level ASAP so they could pursue their bid or not.

Anderson talked about the time the City forgave dividends from Heber Light and Power a few years ago. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradshaw said HL&P was in good financial shape right now. Councilmember Horner suggested the County wanted additional contributions from HL&P and not a combined effort between the City and Power Company. He said the City Council needed to make the decision based on its own ability. Councilmember Hokanson said the Council needed to ask if it was worth \$10,000 or not. If the City got back two or three times that, it had to be considered.

Councilmember Horner suggested the rodeo had put Heber City on the map. He said it was a benefit to the community at other times because people come to practice in the arena before the rodeo, come to our fairs, etc. He wanted to see the City continue with the contribution.

Councilmember Hokanson said she would support the contribution. Councilmember Straddeck said he first was inclined not to support it. Then the Council had discussion with the County and he now felt there was benefit to it economically and to also keep good relations with the County. However, if it was decided to support the County in this, he wanted to see a formal letter sent to the County indicating that the City would support it but that we had not seen them contribute to Cowboy Poetry and would like to see that happen. Anderson said Cowboy Poetry had access to TRRT monies in the past. Councilmember Straddeck said in light of the economy the County had made the pitch that the rodeo basically would not happen if the City did not support it. He did not feel that was accurate.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradshaw said the Council needed to look at the fact that Wasatch County hosting the rodeo actually cost the County money. He said they actually pay them to come... whatever community got the rodeo would pay. He felt the benefits outweighed the costs. He did feel, however, it was difficult to commit for five years. Discussion about a one-year commitment. Councilmember Horner said the County had to commit for five years, so they would need the City's support for five years.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradshaw felt the City should make a five-year commitment. Councilmembers Hokanson, Horner, Patterson, and Straddeck were all in favor of supporting the County in their rodeo bid.

Bart Mumford – Recommendation for Traffic Control at the Intersection of 100 South 300

East: An overhead of the area was shown. Mumford said there had been a recommendation to install a yield sign at 100 South 300 East and that the City's current signage was in accordance with the Master Street Plan. An overhead showed existing stop and yield signs which were consistent with the Street Master Plan.

He said that in looking at this he would recommend a yield sign on east and west bound traffic. Discussion about the new entrance to the new high school.

Anderson said he had a call from Robert Hiatt who indicated he felt speed limit signs would be adequate. Councilmember Hokanson disagreed and discussed the fact that with the yield signs it

was hard to even reach the 25 mph speed. She did not think speed limit signs would help anything. Councilmember Patterson said he had talked with LaRose Hiatt about the hedge across the street from them which, she felt, caused many problems in and of itself. Councilmember Horner felt if yield signs were installed, they needed to be consistent with all the others. He felt that taking one intersection out or changing it without designating the whole road was not going to be as beneficial. He said this was a road so people could travel to Main Street efficiently. Councilmember Horner was not opposed to putting a yield sign there but, if one was placed, it needed to be placed in the same direction as other signs. The Council indicated they wanted this issue on the Regular Meeting agenda so they could vote on it.

Update on the Center Street Project: Mumford indicated the project was still going forward and that he anticipated UDOT review in a couple weeks. He said a couple weeks after that, the bid would be out. He said, too, there would be another Public Hearing sometime in March and all property owners affected would get a notice.

Mumford said he had bad news in that he got word today that the City did not get the CDBG participation for the sidewalk. However, he potentially had good news in that through the Small Urban Program there would be some stimulus money and the representatives of that Program were going to recommend the City get an additional \$350,000. He said that generally the recommendation from the Small Urban Program was accepted. He said he would know after the Utah League of Cities and Towns Convention in St. George in April.

Anderson said staff believed the project might be eligible for \$300,000 in storm water impact fees based on some of the anticipated improvements. He said, too, he was still having ongoing discussion with Red Ledges about how their money gets lined up and work something out with UDOT that allowed that money to come in incrementally over the life of the project. He said he was working on getting that commitment collateralized so once Heber City committed to UDOT there was a mechanism to make sure that money flowed appropriately. He said they knew deferral of the project did not make sense because of the current help with the stimulus money as well as anticipated increase of the cost of construction if it were delayed.

As the time was 7:00 p.m. the 02/19/2009 Work Meeting of the Heber City Council adjourned.

Paulette Thurber, City Recorder