

Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting

April 15, 2010
6:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on 04/15/2010, in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah.

Present: Mayor David R. Phillips

Council Members Eric Straddeck
Nile Horner
Alan McDonald
Benny Mergist

Excused: Robert Patterson

Also Present: City Manager Mark K. Anderson
City Recorder Paulette Thurber
City Planner Allen Fawcett
Chief of Police Ed Rhoades

Others Present: Salt Lake Tribune Reporter, Ed Thacker, and Mike Thurber.

Budget Workshop – Saturday April 17th – 8:00 a.m. – Packets will be delivered tomorrow: Anderson reminded the Council of this meeting. It was indicated donuts, juice, fruit, etc., would be provided. Anderson said he would deliver a budget packet to the Councils' homes tomorrow.

Utah Government Finance Officer Meetings – April 21 – 23: Anderson said he would be out of town next week with Finance Officer Meetings but would be available through e-mail and phone.

Review of Wal-Mart Elevations and Site Plan: Mayor Phillips and Councilman Mergist attended a meeting with Wal-Mart architects yesterday in which they brought drawings of the elevations of the long awaited Wal-Mart. It was explained that where the process stood now was planning staff was reviewing the plans against Code to determine that all elements were met. It was also discussed the approval for this building was granted last May which approval was good for one year. However, they had a right to ask for up to a one-year extension from the Planning Commission. Anderson thought that issue might be on the Planning Commission's agenda next week. It was indicated staff had met with legal counsel today to review the process. Once Wal-Mart had the okay from planning staff that all elements of the design criteria and Code were met, they would prepare their construction drawings. Anderson reviewed the drawings which had been e-mailed to the Council earlier in the week. It was explained the extension came in to play

if they didn't have their building permit application in by the one-year deadline. Discussion that they had added a garden center.

Councilman Horner wanted to know if staff was the only one to approve the elevations. Anderson said staff had to make sure it met the design criteria and the Code. Discussion that an extension did not have to be a 12-month period, but could be any number up to 12 months. After staff had reviewed the elevations, Wal-Mart would determine if they needed an extension. Councilman Horner wanted to know if Council was comfortable just having the Planning Department looking at this or should it go before the Planning Commission and CAMS. Anderson said the group they met with yesterday was very comfortable with that. Councilman Mergist said no changes had been made in materials. It was indicated the front façade was slightly different. It was indicated the elevation met the current Code and that the building was actually smaller than originally planned and was also less high. Fawcett pointed out approval was not coming just from planning staff but the engineering staff and building staff had a part in that as well in order to make sure it all met Code.

Anderson indicated the landscaping plan was somewhat different and drawings had been presented at the meeting yesterday. Anderson said once they got notification from the City they would soon after that establish a schedule for the timing for the construction drawings to be prepared, the bidding process and construction to commence. Councilman Mergist hoped at that time they would issue a press release.

Mayor Phillips said the good news was they had all the strings tied now that everyone had been waiting for. Councilman Horner did not want to push this through and just rubber stamp it. He wanted to make sure it was what the City wanted. Anderson said staff was instructed that they were to make sure it met Code.

Anderson asked the Council to go to into Closed Session after the regular meeting to discuss pending litigation.

LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Commission) Chief Rhoades indicated he represented the City on that Board. He said they had received \$169,000 from Homeland Security of which the Region took some but approximate \$156,000 was designated for Wasatch County. Of that, \$44,000 had to be used for law enforcement. The following was the plan he presented for using those funds. 1) \$4,000 for digital fingerprinting machine; 2) \$17,000 for an emergency generator at the Police Department; 3) Radios for the vehicles in the Public Works Department. He said he would like to replace the radios in the police cars and give the old ones to the Public Works Department for their vehicles. However, the fee for the use of the airwaves would increase with more radios. He suggested if there was a situation in which the Police Department needed the Public Works Department, it would be difficult without radios. He talked about the importance of communication between the departments in an emergency.

Mayor Phillips suggested from an emergency preparedness communication standpoint, the City was weak and in an emergency, cell phones would probably not be sufficient.

Councilman Mergist asked if the City had a disaster plan. Chief Rhoades replied “certainly.”

As the time was 7:00 p.m., the Work Meeting was adjourned in order to start the Regular Business Meeting of the Council.

Paulette Thurber, City Recorder