

Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting
08/21/2008

6:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on August 21, 2008, in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah.

Present:	Mayor	David R. Phillips
	Council Members	Jeffery Bradshaw Elizabeth Hokanson Eric Straddeck Nile Horner Robert Patterson
Also Present:	City Manager	Mark K. Anderson
	City Recorder	Paulette Thurber
	City Engineer	Bart Mumford
	City Planner	Tony Kohler
	Chief of Police	Ed Rhoades

Utah League of Cities and Towns Convention – September 10-12, 2008: Mayor Phillips reminded the Council of this Convention. Anderson said he still needed information from Councilmembers Patterson and Horner as far as their attending or not.

Swiss Days Parade – Saturday, August 30 – 10:00 a.m. – More information to follow: Mayor Phillips reminded the Council of the event. Councilmember Straddeck said he would not be available.

Discuss Request from Wasatch County Fire District to collect building fees for Red Ledges: Anderson said when the City worked with Red Ledges and Wasatch County to get the Red Ledges annexation processed, one of the provisions in the Agreement was the County would be given the authority to do fire inspections on those homes. Anderson said he met with Ernie Giles, Jerry Davis and building staff to make sure there was a system that worked. One of the requests coming out of that meeting was that the City collect the fee imposed by the County (.00075%) which funds the fire marshal position. He said in addition to that, the County charges a plan review and inspection fee. Anderson suggested the County collect the .00075% fee because we already require people that get building permits in the City to provide proof that they had paid their impact fees to Heber Light and Power and the fees required by the County for garbage and for fire impact fees. He said that Giles was resistant to have the County collect that .00075% fee. Anderson said he suspected it was a matter of control of funds. He thought Giles would be attending the meeting tonight to make this request. Anderson explained that the City does collect the fees for HVSSD but it was a set fee and not tied to building valuation and the HVSSD office did not have a person in their office all the time. Councilmember Straddeck asked how these funds were collected now. Anderson said he suspected they were paid with the building permit fees to the County Building Department or their Treasurer's Office. Mayor Phillips wondered

what the incentive was for the City to collect and did the Council want to get involved. The Council said no they did not want to get involved with this. Anderson agreed and said everyone needed to be mindful on how to provide a quality service to the customer and not have them running from place to place to get their permits. He felt paying these fees at the County Building was the way to go since building permit applicants pay two fees at the County Building anyway. The Council agreed.

Councilmember Horner arrived at 6:42 p.m.

Discuss request for a Crossing Guard at 980 South 1200 East: This issue was discussed at the last Council Meeting and pointed out it cost approximately \$4,500 a year for the City to provide a crossing guard. Mayor Phillips wondered who had asked for a crossing guard at this location. Chief Rhoades said both the School District and Old Mill Elementary School itself. Chief Rhoades said he wanted clarity. He talked about which crossings were mandated and which were manned because the City felt they should. Chief Rhoades talked about the report he had prepared about the intersections that showed which crossings were mandated and which were not. Discussion about the Midway Lane crossing as UDOT wanted those markings removed; however, the School Board and School District did not. Chief Rhoades talked about getting a count next week after school had been in session for a week. He felt some crossings should be eliminated where they were not warranted but knew the parents would come to the Council with concerns. He reported to the Council the numbers from 100 South and 300 West and said it just was not warranted and UDOT wanted that removed. He said if the kids would cross at 300 West, there would be enough to warrant a guard but they cross at various places which then makes the numbers at 300 West too light. Chief Rhoades thought more flack would be gotten from parents if the 1200 East and Center Street crossing guard was eliminated than the Midway Lane crossing even though neither were warranted. He said, too, he did not have the manpower to cover all crossings.

Mayor Phillips asked for comment from Council on 980 South 1200 East. Discussion about sidewalks in the area. All the Councilmembers were in favor of a Mill Road and 980 South crossing guard.

Chief Rhoades was asked to get a count next week, get the information to Anderson and then make the move. Councilmember Horner suggested that before the crossing on Center Street and Mill Road was eliminated, he wanted Chief Rhodes to come back to the Council with some updated counts. Chief Rhoades agreed and said he also wanted to look at those numbers.

There was discussion about the speed limit on Mill Road. Chief Rhoades and Anderson both discussed the need to increase that speed limit. Mumford suggested the Council take the opportunity to talk to the School District about raising the speed limit from 25 to 30 on Mill Road when they talked to them about crossing guards.

Anderson talked about a grant of \$1,000,000 in 2012/2014 for enhancement of 1200 East with small urban monies. From a staff perspective, he was confident curb, gutter and sidewalk at least to 1200 South on that roadway where there are pieces missing. At that time it will probably be recommended the speed limit be increased to 35 mph at a minimum.

Discuss date for a Summer Party: After discussion, it appeared September 16 was the best night to have the Summer Party.

Discuss Dinner in Salt Lake City during the League of Cities and Towns Convention:

Discussion that the Council, over the last several years, had dinner with any staff, employees, board members and their spouses on the Thursday night of the Convention. Anderson was asked to make reservations somewhere--possibly the Roof Restaurant.

Discussion that the Council, City Manager and City Recorder would get together as a group another night at a local restaurant when everyone could be in attendance. October 18 at the Zermatt was decided upon.

Study of City Office Space and Volunteer Committee: Mayor Phillips had questions about the Citizen's Committee and the suggested scope of work as outlined on the draft letter provided in tonight's packet. Discussion about how much of that work did the Council want from the Committee versus the Council making the decision. Councilmember Horner did not think the Council needed volunteers to tell them how many people to hire and for what department. He said the City hired GSBS to do those things. He said he was in hopes GSBS could project where the City would be in 20 years and what the needs at that time would be. Anderson said all cities were not created equal and suggested talking to GSBS and ask them how to avoid giving too much authority to the Citizens' Committee. Councilmember Hokanson felt the list as provided was more a list for GSBS and the Council. She suggested taking most of the bulleted items out and make the scope of work more broad for the Citizen's Committee.

Anderson was asked to talk with GSBS and bring something back to the Council at the next meeting. Mayor Phillips emphasized the Council wanted to get the Citizens' Committee involved but not give them limitless power. Councilmember Straddeck said there was a programming phase and the Council never envisioned the Committee doing that. Then once the staffing needs part was done, talk should start about how to house the people. At that point, the Citizen's Committee takes the information from GSBS and makes recommendations.

Discussion about a date for a first meeting. Anderson said he would like to get the letters out to the Committee by Monday as he wanted to get the group together on Tuesday, September 2, as kick off night. Otherwise the next possible date would be September 23. Additional discussion about what should be included in the letter to the Citizens' Committee so it could be mail on Monday. It was suggested the Council be involved as much as they could be.

As there was no other business, the August 21, 2008, Work Meeting of the Heber City Council adjourned.

Paulette Thurber, City Recorder