

HEBER CITY CORPORATION
75 North Main Street
Heber City, Utah
City Council Meeting
September 7, 2006

6:30 p.m. Work Meeting
Work Meeting Agenda
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The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on September 7, 2006, in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah.

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

Utah League of Cities and Towns September 13 – 15, 2006 – Salt Lake Sheraton: Mayor Phillips reminded the Council of this Conference.

Employee Party – Monday, September 11th at 6:30 at the Police Department: Mayor Phillips reminded everyone of the party, that it was a family party, and to bring their children. It was indicated 180 people had R.S.V.P.'d. Discussion about accommodating that many people.

Airport Runway Closure for Maintenance – September 11th – 15th: Anderson discussed this issue and indicated, weather permitting, the airport would be 100% closed until late Thursday or Friday. Councilmember Lange asked about notification. Anderson informed the Council letters had been mailed to every hangar owner notifying them of the closure and that notice would be posted at the airport. He indicated that tomorrow he would call the flight services in Cedar City and let them know. Councilmember Lange suggested he would like to see a weed burn while the airport was closed. Anderson said he would contact the fire department.

Discuss Citizen Concerns with the Removal of Stop Signs by Heber Valley Elementary and Wasatch Middle School: Mayor Phillips asked if anyone had heard from the community on this issue. (laughter) He indicated he had received several calls. The other Councilmembers indicated they had received e-mails and phone calls, as well.

Anderson explained that in May the City conducted a study on three or four intersection to determine whether or not signage was consistent with national standards. The recommendation came back, based on traffic counts, that six stop signs be removed. He reviewed the location of those intersections that had signs removed. It was indicated notice had been sent to neighborhoods about the removal prior to the removal. Since that time, the City had had numerous complaints from citizens by phone, e-mail and personally stopping in the office about the sign on Industrial Parkway. Anderson indicated he had visited with risk management about the sign removal and they were O.K. with replacing the signs. He stated the problem with that was there had been others that had made requests about sign placement and they had not been placed. Anderson said he had talked with Sgt. Bradley earlier in the day about the number of additional school children in the area since the Ivory Homes development had filled in. He pointed out again that the removal of the stop signs had been a big concern to citizens. Mayor Phillips reviewed the issues and that the Council had the leeway to place the signs, even if traffic studies did not warrant it.

Anderson said staff had looked at standards for crossing guards and they weren't required unless the speed limit was 30MPH. He pointed out the City had crossing guards in places that were not warranted.

Mayor Phillips asked if the Council would be inclined to replace the stop signs. They all agreed it was in the best interest of the community.

Chief Rhoades indicated stop signs gave a false sense of safety and that there were other ways to control speeds besides stop signs.

Councilmember Shelton said, in defense of the Police Department, he had seen many officers in the area even though some of the letters said they had never seen an officer there.

Additional discussion about the intersection of 910 South and Industrial Parkway. It was felt that was the only location where the signs should be replaced. Additional discussions about the stop sign in front of the elementary school by Schoolhouse Way. It had been reported it was hard for the buses to pull out at that location. Mumford said the second entrance from the parking lot should be in place next week which might allow traffic to flow better.

Discuss 12-Hour Work Schedule in Police Department: Anderson said it was brought to his attention there was some confusion as to what schedule the Police Department was working. He said Chief Rhoades had discussed a 12-hour schedule with him in July. At a later time, Sgt. Clegg attended a staff meeting and indicated they had some of the problems solved. Anderson said O.K. thinking it would be talked about more when the Chief was back in town. Sgt. Clegg took the O.K. as a go ahead. Consequently, the Police Department had been on the 12-hour schedule since August. Anderson felt it was a break down of communication and from his perspective, he wanted more discussion. Councilmember Lazenby said she had read pros and cons on a 12-hour schedule and wanted everyone to have time to review whatever information was available prior to making a decision. Anderson felt that since the schedule had been implemented, there was a need to continue until the end of the pay period. After some further discussion, it could be decided what schedule was best.

Mayor Phillips said the Council needed to have time to review the information that had been provided, along with additional information from the officers and Chief Rhoades. Mayor Phillips pointed out the Council was very sensitive to the hours of operation of the City. It was decided this issue would be placed on the next agenda. Anderson asked that if the Council had specific concerns, to let him know so he and the Chief could address them and get information out to the Council.

Discuss Valley Hills Park – Review Request from Vern Thacker: Mayor Phillips reviewed the issue (overgrown trees which take away the view of the valley and un-kept grounds) and the letter from Vern Thacker. He indicated he and Anderson had driven up to the area to look at the problem. He discussed the issue of grooming the trees in the park as well as private property owners encroaching onto the park area. Mayor Phillips suggested there needed to be comment from the Valley Hills residents as to what they wanted done with the park. He suggested a meeting with the residents to see what they wanted and then have the Council make a decision about what to do with the park. Councilmember Lange had concerns about the encroachment into the park on the one side. He also had concerns with other landscaping in the area. He mentioned his concern with drain water and fencing issues, as well. He pointed out it was hard to mow the park because it was too wet and too steep. He agreed that a meeting of the City residents should be called. The rest of the Council felt a meeting was appropriate. Mumford said he had a draft design of what the City might do at that park and suggested all discussion and decisions be done at the same time. Anderson and Mumford were asked to take care of scheduling and noticing a meeting.

As the time was 7:00 p.m. the September 7, 2006, Work Meeting of the Heber City Council adjourned.

Paulette Thurber, City Recorder