

HEBER CITY CORPORATION
75 North Main Street
Heber City, Utah
City Council Meeting
10/19/2006

6:30 p.m.
Work Meeting

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in Work Session on October 19, 2006, in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah.

Present: Mayor David Phillips
City Council Members Vaun Shelton
Elizabeth Hokanson
Jeff Bradshaw
Terry Lange
Shari Lazenby

Also Present: City Manager Mark Anderson
City Engineer Bart Mumford
Police Chief Edward Rhoades
Planning Director Allen Fawcett
Planning Secretary Karen Tozier

The work session was convened by Mayor Phillips at 6:32 p.m. with a quorum present. Mayor Phillips reviewed the Regular Session Agenda Items before addressing the work session.

Report on School Safety Committee – Councilwoman Hokanson

Councilmember Hokanson informed the Council that she had met with Bart Mumford, Chief Rhoades, and the principals of a number of schools to discuss crosswalk safety. The first crosswalk discussed was located at the Rocky Mountain Middle School just beyond the school bus pull-out. Councilmember Hokanson indicated that after researching the area the Committee felt that the decision to place a crosswalk at this location should be rescinded. The other location that presented a safety issue was located at 300 West 600 South. Councilmember Hokanson indicated there was not a safe place to put a crosswalk at this location due to the shape of the intersection creating a triangular shaped right-of-way. She felt that this needed to be fixed. A suggestion was made to sell surplus property to incorporate into the lot on the corner so that the street corners will align and a safe crosswalk can be established. Bart Mumford indicated he would follow up on this. Councilmember Hokanson also indicated that sidewalks had been repaired at the Heber Valley Railroad by the City crews.

Discuss Speed Limit Issues on 1200 East

There was discussion on the speed limit on 1200 East. Councilmember Hokanson indicated she would like to see a study performed if necessary and if the objectives couldn't be accomplished without a study and to see a higher speed limit with flashing lights when school was in session.

Bart Mumford indicated he planned to have another study done to determine whether 25 miles per hour should be the appropriate speed or whether the speed limit should be raised. It was noted that Wasatch County has the speed at 25 miles per hour in the County sections of 1200 East and that they were not planning to change the speed limit irregardless of a study being performed. There was brief discussion on installation of flashing lights for the crosswalks. There were comments that if the City did not follow the findings of the study due to the conflict in speed limit with Wasatch County that money should not be wasted for the study. A local resident, Kasey McFarland, felt it would take longer to travel this corridor if the speed limit was lowered too much. Discussion on how to proceed. Councilmember Hokanson indicated she would rather not have the confusion over two speeds. A suggestion was made to discuss this with the County and see if common ground could be established.

Review Request from Police Department for Tammy Thacker Training

Discussion on the request. Tammy Thacker has been a reserve police officer for the past year. Chief Rhoades indicated that the caveat in her current status as a Category II Post Certification is that she can only work in the position under the direct authority of a full time officer. The option to hire Ms. Thacker at this time and send her to P.O.S.T. Academy or to pay a significant portion of the fees for Ms. Thacker to attend a satellite academy class with a signed agreement to stay a designated amount of time with the City was discussed. Chief Rhoades indicated he would compile information regarding the department's education budget for the Council to look at.

Discuss Selection of Airport Consultant – Budget \$8,000

Airport Business Solutions - \$7,500 + travel expenses (Estimated travel \$1,500)

Wilbur Smith - \$12,410 (includes travel expenses)

Mark Anderson explained the response to the scope of work and indicated the Airport Advisory Board had recommended to engage Airport Business Solutions, but that Airport Business Solutions would be over budget in the amount of \$1,000. The Council agreed to proceed.

Review Letter from Barbara Murdock regarding 600 South 500 East Intersection

Mark Anderson gave background information; the realignment of 600 South had required encroachment on the property of the home at the corner of 500 East and 600 South and the City had agreed to grant a variance to a six foot fence there to eliminate some of the noise coming off the road. The City paid \$6000 for the fence to be built. Mayor Phillips felt that the road needed to be straightened out. Chief Rhoades suggested to take one or two side panels down or to lower the fence. Councilmember Shelton suggested taking a fieldtrip to look at the alternatives. Bart Mumford indicated he had already made an analysis and that the fence cuts into the visual triangle at the corner. Mumford commented that approximately half the fence would need to be removed to meet the standards. A question was posed as to whether the stop sign could be moved farther out instead. Mayor Phillips asked Mr. Mumford to look at this option.

There was discussion on connectivity in reference to the proposed high school and the potential Ranch Landing Development. Bart Mumford indicated that 500 East was the master planned corridor. 600 East and 400 East angling to 500 East as alternatives were also discussed.

Discuss Date for Personnel Policy Committee Meeting

Councilmember Shelton and Councilmember Hokanson scheduled a Personnel Policy Committee Meeting for Tuesday, October 24, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.

There was discussion on impact fees. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Approved 11/02/2006