

**Pleasant Grove City Council Work Session Minutes
September 9, 2008
7 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Mayor:

Michael W. Daniels

City Council Members:

Cindy Boyd

Lee Jensen

Bruce Call

Jeffrey D. Wilson

Mark K. Atwood

Deputy Recorder:

Mary Burgin

Others:

Frank Mills, City Administrator

Tina Petersen, City Attorney

Gary Clay, Finance Director

Lynn Walker, Public Works Director

Ken Young, Comm. Dev. Director

Tom Paul, Police Chief

Richard Bradford, Ec. Dev. Director

Degen Lewis, City Engineer

Libby Flegal, NAB Chair

The City Council Members met in the City Council Chambers at 86 East 100 South, Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062 at 7 p.m.

Mayor Daniels welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Daniels called roll for the Council and noted that Council Members Boyd, Call, Wilson, Atwood and Jensen were present.

2. Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks were given by Deputy Burgin.

3. Update by Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) regarding 1-15 Expansion Project in Utah County.

Mayor Daniels welcomed the representatives from Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to the meeting. Mr. Dal Hawks then came forward and introduced himself as the project manager for UDOT's corridor expansion in Utah County. He also introduced Mr. Merrel Jolley, the I-15 CORE Project Engineer. He then explained that CORE stands for Utah County Corridor Expansion.

Mr. Hawks then showed a presentation on the screen. His first slide was showing the percentage of people in Utah County that rate traffic congestion amongst one of their highest community concerns at 55%. They next asked residents if traffic congestion was more or less of a problem than it was two or three years ago. 75% polled said it was more of a problem now.

An interesting question Mr. Hawks said was asked was if the residents knew if there were plans to reconstruct I-15 in Utah County. 51% said yes and 49% said no/don't know. He said that when he was over the project in Salt Lake County just prior to the Olympics in 2002, the same question was asked and the percentages came back very much the same.

Asking residents how confident they were that they would find alternate routes during the construction, 68% felt they could do so. 93% expressed their confidence that once the project was completed, that the product would be of good quality.

Historically, Mr. Hawks explained that the Environmental Impact Statement's record of decision was signed on August 15, 2008 and the 404 Permit is expected this month. The first construction on the project is then expected to be at the Main Street American Fork interchange, and will be built with the Pioneer Crossing project. This construction will begin in Spring 2009, with full project construction beginning in 2010.

Mr. Hawks then showed a map of Utah County. He explained that full reconstruction of the freeway will be from about American Fork Main Street to Spanish Fork.

Mayor Daniels observed that at a meeting he had attended earlier, there was talk of work being done further north of the freeway. Mr. Hawks said that the group doing that project was another entity, but that UDOT was coordinating with them. Also, he said that the 300 East would be about the size of the University Parkway interchange. He said a total of six interchanges would be reconstructed.

Mr. Hawks then explained that the State Legislature budgeted \$2.6 Billion for the project. This would include the design, construction, right-of-way, utilities and management of the project. He noted that it is estimated that 800 parcels of land will have to be purchased for the expansion project.

After several interviews were conducted in May of this year, HNTB was selected as the project management firm. He said that a large, multi-disciplinary team equivalent to a new UDOT Region was then put together. There will be 28 action teams.

UDOT goals for the Utah County I-15 Project include delivering the project within the budget, to provide the highest value for the budget, minimize inconvenience to the public, to complete I-15 Core by Fall of 2014 and to uphold the public trust with the project. Construction is slated to start by March of 2010.

Mayor Daniels then asked if there would be a shutdown on the freeway during the project. Mr. Hawks indicated that there will be two lanes open in each direction throughout the project.

Council Member Jensen asked if the material of choice for the road will be concrete. Mr. Hawks said yes, with the road base being constructed out of composite materials.

Council Member Call asked if there will be a difference between the Salt Lake project and this one.

Mr. Hawks noted that in Salt Lake, they were able to close down I-15 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m, and the residents could readily use alternate routes. He said they won't be able to do the same thing in Utah County.

Administrator Mills asked when the Vineyard Connector would be tied into the I-15 project. Mr. Hawks said it would be in approximately 2010.

Administrator Mills then asked if upgrades would take place on the crossings that go under the freeway. He said he meant upgrades with storm drain, sewer crossings, etc. He added that there are such utilities under the Pleasant Grove interchange. Mr. Hawks said this is a major point whereby UDOT will carefully meet with local officials so they can understand where such crossings are at, and that their maps are current. He added that if the cities need to upgrade, UDOT will replace lines in kind on the project.

An unidentified Scout leader then asked how UDOT will be able to combat the shortfall problems that happened in the same kind of project in Ogden. Also, he wondered how UDOT would address the continuing problem of shortfall of materials. Mr. Hawks said those were excellent questions. He said that UDOT staff has better learned to carefully monitor contractors in respect to cost overruns and time frames. He said it is UDOT's responsibility to audit and make sure the contractors are sticking to the prescribed budget.

He next observed that the I-15 budget for the Salt Lake area was \$1.59 billion. He said if the same project was to be completed today; it would run between \$5 and \$7 billion. This shows how the cost escalation has been dramatic in recent years. He said they have learned that the best way to combat most surprises with the budget is to make sure that everyone is confident with their estimates before the work even goes to bid.

Mayor Daniels then thanked Mr. Hawks and Mr. Jolley for their presentation. He said he could see this would be an extremely important project. Mr. Hawks said on behalf of himself and Mr. Jolley, they appreciated the Mayor and Council's time.

4. Department Report (Police Department)

Chief Paul came forward and said he felt it would be informative if he gave comparison statistics between June and July of 2007 and 2008 as to the number of calls received when Lindon was still being covered by Pleasant Grove, and now that it isn't.

He reported that the transition since July 1, 2008 has gone very well. He noted that there have been six new people that have been trained. He said this has been an accelerated training. All but one has finished the field training. In August, Officer Sean Nelson came on-line with the department. He said the officer has 20 years of experience, and is, "a breath of fresh air."

As far as calls being cut, he said that they had originally thought that without Lindon, the call volume would probably be cut about 33%. He said the actual number has been 26%.

Included in the compared numbers from 2007 to 2008, Chief Paul said that there were 71 less traffic accidents, 9 less injury accidents, 99 less burglaries and 59 less theft calls. Some calls were even

with 2007. These included repossessions and runaways. Fire calls were up with three and alcohol related calls were up with 13 calls. All together, he said there were a total of 675 less calls in July and August of this year.

Council Member Jensen said he had noticed increased patrols on 500 North. Chief Paul explained that now that his officers didn't have to cover Lindon, they could more closely concentrate on Pleasant Grove roads. He added that there are a lot of complaints about speed on 500 North and 1100 North, so they are patrolled more often. He said that accidents are down, and it is probably because of the heavier patrol of Pleasant Grove streets.

Mayor Daniels said that he has been receiving quite a few emails concerning traffic stops lately. He has explained that if they are speeding, etc, they will be caught. He said it simply is the law.

5. Discussion of items for the upcoming September 16, 2008 City Council meeting

a. Public Hearing to consider an ordinance approving a common boundary adjustment between Pleasant Grove City and the City of Cedar Hills The proposed area to be adjusted, to be known as the Pleasant Grove/Cedar Hills Common Boundary Adjustment No. 3, is owned by the following: Parcel No. 1 (approx. 3100 N. Canyon Rd.): Dana DuJardin and Anthony J. DuPreez; Parcel No. 2 (approx. 3400 N. Mahogany Dr.): Sheldon M. Sadler, Chris W. Roten, James V. & Ruth Johnson, Aaron D. & Crystal A. Michaelis, Lewis M. & Dorothy L. Edwards, James M. & Kathy M. Branin, Sandra T. Robinson, Tommy D and Kristie M. Freeman and Dennis W. & Margaret B. Egbert; Parcel No. 3 (approx. 3650 N. Canyon Rd.): Logan R & Adele M. Jones, Town of Cedar Hills, Tomie Jensen and Jerry Nyle Hamling; Parcel No. 4 (approx. 4288 N. 1100 W.): Tracy W. & Alyssa R. Flinders.

Mayor Daniels read this item and Attorney Petersen then came forward. She said that Pleasant Grove had declared their intent to adjust the boundaries and residents have 60 days to submit a written protest. She said that as yet, Pleasant Grove has not received any protests, but they can be submitted until the public hearing on September 16, 2008. She also said that Recorder Fraughton will call those that did send letters and inform them that if they want to protest, they will have to do it in writing. Mayor Daniels asked if he was correct in understanding that a verbal objection won't count—that it has to be in writing. Attorney Petersen said that was correct.

b. Public Hearing to take public comment regarding the City's intention to begin a curbside recycling program. Options to be considered include: (1) Mandatory recycling – Residents are required to participate; (2) Opt-Out – Residents are required to notify City that they don't want to participate; and (3) Opt-In –Residents are required to notify City if they want to participate on curbside recycle options.

After reading this item, Mayor Daniels explained that this has been discussed at previous meetings. Council Member Call said as he understood this item, it would be just to take public input, not to reach a vote. Mayor Daniels said that was correct. It was for comment only, but not to take action.

c. Public Hearing to consider Gary Carson's request to amend lot 1 of the Adam's Cove Subdivision, Plat "A," and to create a 3-lot subdivision known as Martha's Vineyard Subdivision located at approx. 790 East Orchard Drive, in the R1-9 (Single Family Residential

9,000 sq. ft. lot area) zone. SCRATCH GRAVEL NEIGHBORHOOD

Director Young explained that this particular item has been stuck in staff review for the past several months. He said that this proposed subdivision is a combination of land with a new subdivision, and the vacating of a former roadway that is no longer planned to go through. He said this will create two cul-de-sacs in the subdivision; with one with frontage on Spruce Drive.

Council Member Call asked about how it was being planned for there to be access to the Bezzant property. Director Young said it will be accessed to the east on 640 South.

d. Public Hearing to consider Discovery Grove LLC's request for the approval of a commercial office building and Site Plan to be called, "Discovery Offices," on property comprising 1.53 acres, which is lot #3 of the West DMB Subdivision #1, located at approx. 1900 West 800 South, in the Grove Interchange Sub-district Zone. (SAM WHITE'S LANE NEIGHBORHOOD)

Director Young explained that this property is in the same general vicinity of the University of Phoenix in The Grove interchange area. He said staff has worked with the developer to make sure they have a site plan that would work in that area. He also noted that there have been some concerns with open space; but that Mr. Dennis Baker and his associates has said he will work with staff to make sure the required amount of open space is provided in the project.

Director Young said that the information for the packet was not ready in time for the current meeting, but would be electronically forwarded to the Council prior to the meeting on September 16, 2008.

He then said that the plan looks good, and should be a proper continuation of other buildings in that area.

6. Mayor, City Council and Staff business

- Mayor Daniels welcomed Mrs. Libby Flegal back to the meeting. He asked if she had any business. She said that she would need a new chair for the Mudhole Neighborhood as Mr. Schouten had moved out of town.
- Engineer Lewis indicated that the Liahona Academy was holding class at Thanksgiving Point for a short time until they received their Occupancy Permit. He explained that there were still some things for them to do before they received the permit. However, he said they are now very close to moving into the building.

He next told the Mayor and Council that The Staker Construction Company had received the contract and would be preparing 200 South to Main St, and Main St. to State St. for curb and gutter as well as a road overlay of that route. He said that UDOT will be using that route as a detour as they demo the old railroad bridge on State St, and rebuild the road.

- Director Young announced that the City sent back corrections concerning the Embassy Suites Hotel to the Hammons' company. He said that the re-submittal of the plans should be

back to the City by the end of the week, and a building permit should be issued in about two weeks for the project.

- Director Bradford indicated that the Pleasant Grove Business Alliance would be meeting in the Grove Theater on Friday, September 12, 2008 at noon. He said that if attendees want a sack lunch, it will be \$5.
- Mayor Daniels then asked Director Walker what his feeling was about having residents only put their trash cans on one side of the street. He said it was supposed to save fuel and pump fewer pollutants from the trucks into the air. Director Walker said it might help if the trucks only had to make left turns, and only to have cans on one side of the streets. Administrator Mills said that Mapleton and another city in the county is currently doing this. Mayor Daniels said in a recent meeting he attended, they claimed that it does affect air quality and gas consumption.
- Mayor Daniels then said that he would be involved with Mr. Ed White (the attorney that will be representing Pleasant Grove before the Supreme Court in November) and Attorney Petersen with a conference call the next morning. He then said that Attorney Petersen will send out a list of what would be appropriate to talk to the news media about if they called them.
- In regard to the State St. project that was about to begin, Administrator Mills said that the City had just received a contract from UDOT for the detention pond that was to be built at the south side of the rodeo grounds. He said UDOT had agreed to build the pond. Also, he said that the improvements to be made to Wil's Park as well as the dollar figure for the right-of-way along State St. had been hand delivered to the City. He said that next, Attorney Petersen would review those documents from UDOT, and then the Mayor would sign them. He said that Director Giles would next request bids for the demo and grading on Wil's Park. Administrator Mills commented that since all of this was now moving quickly along, the chances were better that the park and ball fields would be ready in the early spring, as planned.

Administrator Mills then indicated that advertising was going out for the landscaping around the new Manila Creek Pond. He said that hopefully, that area will be landscaped in the spring of 2009. Speaking of the pond, Mayor Daniels asked if there had been anymore concerns expressed by residents in the area of the pond. Director Walker said no, that there hadn't been anymore concerns since the recent neighborhood meeting in that area. Council Member Boyd added that there will be an email sent by Director Walker on the 15th of each month so that residents in that area so that residents can be apprized of any updates with the pond and park.

- Council Member Jensen suggested that Allied Waste be contacted to see if they have any facts or figures concerning the possible impact of residents putting their cans on one side of each street. Council Member Atwood agreed that the company would be the one to ask. However, Council Member Atwood expressed concern for elderly residents that would have to cross icy streets in the winter to put their garbage cans on the other side of the road. He said he was afraid that they might fall on the icy road and get hurt. Mayor Daniels said that was a good point.

Council Member Jensen then said he had recently attended the Fox Hollow board meeting. He said he had expressed concern to the Golf Board that the course's financial report was incomplete in the respect that it wasn't showing comparatives from the previous year (2007) in respect to the budget, etc. He said that it was simply showing that how much had come into the course, but he wanted to see where the relationship was to the budget for the year as to whether the course was ahead or behind in their current budget. He also indicated that he felt the cities needed to have a monthly report during the winter, as well, and if the board was potentially going to come back to the cities asking for more monies.

Mayor Daniels said he felt Council Member's Jensen point was well taken. He said that Director Clay prepares a budget analysis for the Council each month so they can clearly see expenses and revenues in the City budget. The Mayor said that even though the golf course was created by the cities as a separate entity, there was still a need for accountability.

Director Clay then said that he had just received a phone call that day informing him that the golf course had made their first debt service payment.

Council Member Jensen then reported that the snack bar had previously had some personnel problems, but seemed to be going along fine now. He said that the railing around the racetrack was being removed. It was unclear to him as to who would be receiving the proceeds from the sale of the railing materials.

- Council Member Boyd said that there would be tours around the City for the Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 11 a.m, 1 and 3 p.m. He said for the 11 a.m. tour, the tour van would be stopping at a pioneer Danish home that the Historical Commission had chosen, and a plaque will be given to the owners of that home. She said the Mayor and Council Member Call would be in attendance. She also invited any of the other Council Members that wanted to attend. Additionally, Council Member Boyd said that plans for the Heritage Festival were going very well. She noted that if residents would be attending the BYU football game that day in Provo, that they would be able to make it back to the BBQ by 6 p.m.

7. Adjourn

ACTION: At 8:14 p.m, Council Member Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Atwood seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Boyd, Call, Wilson, Atwood and Jensen voting "Aye."

This certifies that the Work Session minutes for September 9, 2008 are a true, full and correct copy as approved by the City Council on September 16, 2008.

Mary Burgin, Deputy Recorder