

**MINUTES OF HARRISVILLE CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 8, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.  
363 West Independence Blvd  
Harrisville, UT 84404**

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**Present:** Mayor Michelle Tait, Council Member Grover Wilhelmsen, Council Member Gary Robinson, Council Member Ruth Pearce, Council Member Clark Beecher, Council Member Steve Weiss.

**Staff:** Bill Morris, City Administrator, Mark Wilson, Police Chief, Jennie Knight, City Recorder.

**Visitors:** Arnold Tait, Richard Hendrix, Austin Moffitt, Aspen Teuscher, Beth Holbrook, Jake Brian, Lee Rasmussen, Kim Steed, Trent Nelson, Jaxon Bushell, Heidi Wahlen, Russ Wahlen, Jessica Prestwich, Karen & Glenn Boudreau, Jennifer Moore, Charity Keyes.

**7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Tait called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

**2. Opening Ceremony.**

Council Member Pearce led the pledge of allegiance and conducted the opening ceremony.

**3. Presentation.**

Jake Brian from Peterson Incorporated presented Harrisville Police Department with a check to purchase safety equipment for officers. They held a fundraiser to raise funds to help our local police departments. Mayor Tait thanked employees of Petersen's for the generous donation and their support of public safety officers in the area.

**4. Consent Items.**

- a. Approve the minutes of September 24, 2019 as presented.

**MOTION: Council Member Weiss motioned to approve the minutes of September 24, 2019 as presented. Council Member Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.**

**5. Business Items.**

**a. UTA Community Engagement Presentation**

Trustee Beth Holbrook from the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) introduced herself and explained she oversees Davis, Weber, and Box Elder counties. In 2018, UTA established three trustees to make sure decisions are made correctly and to provide maximum values in services.

She reviewed the services provided in Harrisville including the estimated ridership and hours of service; including how many stops are within our district along with the master plan of bus stops. She reviewed improvements that have been or are going to take place. They are trying to utilize technology with their services to provide transit in areas that may not currently have transit options available to them.

South Salt Lake County area has seen significant growth without a lot of transit available. They are always trying to determine where people live and need services. This South Salt Lake area is currently a pilot area where they are testing out a microtransit type of transportation service. The goal is to get people to a transit stop to meet appointment or other needs. This is not a door to door service, but transit options within a block of rider's homes. Uber and Lyft offer services, but they are not ADA compliant. New service provides ADA approved 15 passenger vehicles that may not have the same route every day, depending on service needs. They currently have paratransit services directly available to riders with mobility challenges. Alternative forms of transportation are to help communities with transit options by utilizing smaller vehicles, including new modes and technologies for improved access as well as addressing late night and weekend services to fill additional gaps in the transit network. Using an app, riders can request services in their areas and UTA can collect appropriate data to increase the needs of these growing communities.

A third party, VIA, will be providing these transit services. By using a select testing area, they are hoping to refine a draft plan to submit in 2020 and implement a new program in 2021. Some of these discussions with local governments are critical to determine where developments will create new needs. Addressing new density can help meet these needs and give cities what will benefit the most. These transit options will not be for every area, but they would like to know where each city land use development will be going. UTA is making sure their planners are getting out into the communities to see the changes in needs.

Council Member Robinson asked if there is UTA service to Hill Air Force Base. Trustee Holbrook said she knows there is service to BDO but some other larger areas have van pools that are driven by third parties. Council Member Robinson asked if these are paid by the government. Trustee Holbrook confirmed some of these van pools are paid by government or other companies. There are about 680 van pools designed for companies like Thiokol, that provide service for their employees. These are managed by a third party but the maintenance is managed by UTA.

Council Member Robinson asked if UTA is working with legislators to open car pool lanes to two lanes. Trustee Holbrook said the pressure is nothing north of Kaysville has a car pool lane. Some of the largest bottle necks are from 114<sup>th</sup> South to Lehi. Two HOV lanes might be needed in that area. She explained road management cannot just increase the lanes because there is a tipping point with the maximum number of lanes before traffic patterns actually slow rather than increasing travel.

Richard Hendrix asked if the third-party services includes a fee. Trustee Holbrook said this will cost UTA approximately \$700,000 to provide their vehicles, drivers, and insurance. This is a smaller service area for this company who typically functions in very large metropolitan areas. Careful balance must be considered when putting more cars on the road.

Uber or Lyft rates are often based on distance and high usage times. UTA services will be the current rate of \$2.50 per ride; and can transfer to the bus, but not front runner. Again, these services will not be door to door, but within a block of riders. Council Member Robinson asked if UTA is finding ways to entice riders, addressing how frequently the bus stops and how quickly riders can reach their destination. Trustee Holbrook responded Salt Lake City committed to buying buses to increase their service in certain areas. This increased the response time and buses were available every 5 minutes in fixed areas of the city. They are seeing an increase in the amount of ridership and this program just began July 1, 2019. They are still watching to see how this will affect things long term. They also increased ridership by increasing the availability of buses between two universities. These buses go every 6 minutes and have increase ridership from 2,000 to 14,000. At Utah Valley University, 750 parking stalls were left vacant. This is changing these types of mindsets.

**b. Discussion/possible action to adopt Harrisville Ordinance 501; General Plan including associated elements, goals, policies, and maps.**

Bill Morris explained this item was continued from the previous council meeting. One comment has been received since the last meeting which is concerning the parcel on Washington Blvd north of Larsen Lane which has been changed to residential with general commercial on the road corridor. Mayor Tait explained she did not understand the changes that were implemented from the last meeting being to completely remove the mixed use from the north section of Washington and suggested adding some back. Bill Morris recommended staying away from the east side of Plush Nest subdivision. Council Member Pearce said she does not see a problem with having mixed use in these commercial areas as long as it does not border the neighborhoods. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked if there is a distinction with the commercial zone and the housing in the mixed use zone. Mayor Tait pointed out the area on the map separating the areas. Council Member Weiss asked if this is on the 21-acre property. Council Member Wilhelmsen expressed hesitancy to make changes to this area, asking for clarification of how much area will be considered mixed use. Bill Morris said the commercial areas would be more of the infill development than the standard mixed use being considered on the golf course. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked for more clarification. Bill Morris said the yellow residential area will offer a buffer against the already existing commercial in the current future land use map. Council Member Robinson asked to address the moderate income housing section of the plan. Mayor Tait asked for specific questions. Council Member Robinson referred to a section regarding parking regulations. Bill Morris clarified this is not a policy that is being considered by Harrisville, just a policy suggested by the state. He suspects this was part of the research in housing to reduce parking in high density to encourage using mass transit.

Council Member Robinson asked to address the sewer issue on Independence Blvd in the General Plan. Bill Morris said Lance from Central Weber Sewer has included this line in their future master plan because it belongs to them. He suggested modifying the General Plan to include “the City will support the strategic planning of Central Weber

Sewer to address the failing line on Independence Blvd.” Mayor and Council agreed to include this amendment.

Council Member Robinson expressed his concern with the Administrative services section regarding the development of a new city building on 750 West. He does not feel this is centrally accessible for residents. Mayor Tait pointed out this must be included in the General Plan if the city intends to build in the future. Bill Morris added “or other conducive site” to this section of the General Plan.

Council Member Robinson asked why large public hearings are not held at Orion Jr. High; he feels the schools are under used. Bill Morris said if we know we are anticipating a major meeting, we will hold the hearing at the school in the future. Mayor Tait pointed out we have outgrown the city office building and this needs to be addressed in the future.

Council Member Pearce said she would like to include the possibility of having a tri city police department. Mayor Tait explained this was investigated last year. Bill Morris included a reference “the city can look into forming cooperative agreements in the future”.

Council Member Wilhelmsen asked to revisit the areas on the map. He asked if all the pink areas will be classified as mixed use. Currently every other area of mixed use is below Larsen Lane. He suggested drawing some type of line from 1400 North that does not include land parcels so there is no miscommunication of what is being done. Mayor and Council gave discussion about the buffer area and where property lines are drawn. Bill Morris identified the open space areas that were added to address the water issues. Bill pointed out the land locked area behind EK Bailey and what the spatial difference is for these lots. Bill Morris pointed out some of these changes are to prevent land locking parcels. Council Member Pearce asked what the depth of the commercial area will be in feet.

Richard Hendrix asked who would maintain the buffer area if left vacant. Bill Morris clarified more houses would become the buffer to address the area. Mayor Tait pointed out there are several areas in the city where there are no buffers between residential and commercial. Bill Morris explained the map key states one inch is equal to 2,000 square feet. The commercial depth of this area would be approximately 500 feet deep.

Council Member Wilhelmsen asked if mixed use areas in the General Plan will be controlled by the Planning Commission and Council. Bill Morris reminded Council they have complete control because the mixed use ordinance has not been passed. Mayor Tait said her concern with too much control in development is we tie their hands.

Council Member Wilhelmsen said he does not have a problem with mixed use going in some areas. Bill Morris suggested allowing a little at a time and see how it goes.

Council Member Weiss agree the control is still in the city’s hands, because the ordinance is not defined. Bill Morris mapped out exact parcels to include as mixed use. Mayor Tait asked how difficult it is to change the General Plan. Bill Morris said changes require public hearing and ordinances. Council Member Pearce asked if we have to allow this. Bill Morris explained if the request is consistent with the General Plan and they meet the requirements of the ordinance, they generally need to pass it, but do not have to.

**MOTION: Council Member Weiss motioned to adopt Harrisville Ordinance 501; General Plan including associated elements, goals, policies, and maps including the amendments and the update map. Council Member Beecher seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken.**

<b>Council Member Weiss</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Beecher</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Pearce</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Robinson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Wilhelmsen</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**6. Public Comments - (3 minute maximum)**

Richard Hendrix said he attended the last meeting and thought maybe some of the things discussed at that meeting would be discussed tonight as agenda items. With regard to the 4-way stops throughout the city, he asked if Council had plans to take action. He expressed concern with removing 4-ways stops. He believes these are protecting areas up by the schools. Also, there was discussion about whether to move public comments to the beginning of the meeting and how to better inform the residents, especially when people opt out of getting the newsletter. He also recommended Council consider getting a new sound system in the Council Room. People like to hear the discussions taking place and possibly lapel microphones for the Council to wear. He appreciates the work that is being done even though there is no way to know exactly what the future will bring.

Mayor Tait said she has instructed staff to address the sound system issue.

**7. Mayor/Council Follow-Up:**

Mayor Tait reminded Council and the audience of the Fall Festival on October 28, 2019 at 5pm and encouraged attendance and participation.

- 8. Closed Executive Session:** Utah State Code §52-4-205(1)(a): The Council may consider a motion to enter into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individual(s).

**MOTION: Council Member Pearce motioned to close the public meeting and enter a Closed Executive Session. Council Member Wilhelmsen seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken.**

<b>Council Member Weiss</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Beecher</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Pearce</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Robinson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Wilhelmsen</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 5-0.**

Mayor and Council convened into a Closed Executive Session.

**MOTION: Council Member Beecher motioned to close the Closed Executive Session and reopen the public meeting. Council Member Weiss seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken.**

<b>Council Member Weiss</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Beecher</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Pearce</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Robinson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Wilhelmsen</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**9. Adjourn.**

Mayor Tait declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

**ATTEST:**

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**MICHELLE TAIT**  
Mayor

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**JENNIE KNIGHT**

City Recorder

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2019