



# HARRISVILLE CITY

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## MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION RETREAT/WORK SESSION

January 24, 2023  
725 West Independence Blvd  
Harrisville, UT 84404

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Minutes of a City Council/Planning Commission retreat and work session held on January 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Harrisville City Cabin, 725 W Independence Blvd, Harrisville, UT.

**Present:** Mayor Michelle Tait, Council Member Grover Wilhelmsen, Council Member Steve Weiss, Council Member Blair Christensen, Council Member Max Jackson, Council Member Kenny Loveland

**Planning Commission:** Chad Holbrook, Brenda Nelson, Bill Smith, Kevin Shakespeare, Nathan Averill. (Brad Elmer was excused)

**Staff:** Jennie Knight, City Administrator  
Justin Shinsel, Public Works Director  
Mark Wilson, Police Chief  
Bryan Fife, Parks and Recreations Director  
Jessica Hardy, Finance Director  
Jack Fogal, Emergency Manager

**Visitors:** Stephanie Russell, Weber County Economic Development Director, Melissa Freigang, Center of Excellence Director.

### 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Michelle Tait opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

### 2. Economic and Community Development Discussion.

Stephanie Russell gave a presentation on the City's demographics and using a bottom-up approach to the City's economy. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked about the impact of the epidemic and rising housing costs driving young families from purchasing homes in the city. Stephanie Russell stated she does not have the current data for the impact the epidemic caused to city demographics. She talked about the best way to help with housing is being able to look at the best use of space for housing, industry, and quality of life, she then discussed changing mindset to looking at the whole picture of the city and identifying issues with the whole demographic

Melissa Freigang gave a presentation about Weber County being able to use data such as SHARP data from high schools to determine which are the biggest issues facing children and teens in the community. Commissioner Averill asked how SHARP data

would affect kids in our city because there are three different high schools that kids are sent to. He also expressed concern on how that data would look once the new high school in West Haven is built and kids would be moving to new schools. Melissa Freigang explained that SHARP data is collected about schools and not by city so we would need to look at the data from all three. She also explained that SHARP is conducted every other year and that it might change the data when a new school is built. She talked about how SHARP data shows Weber County schools face similar issues regardless of the school.

Stephanie Russell had all participants discuss social, economic, and community issues that the city faces, she then led discussions on brainstorming potential ways to handle different issues in the community.

Mayor Tait thanked Stephanie Russell and Melissa Freigang for their time and presentations.

### **3. Goals and Priorities.**

Jennie Knight gave a presentation on the 2022 goals of the city and a status of what goals have been completed and the status of future goals.

### **4. Budget Items 2023.**

#### **4a. Public Works Budget Presentation.**

Justin Shinsel presented his budget and explained grants the city received and what projects they were being applied to. He then presented what projects public works completed this year without needing to contract out the work.

#### **4b. Police Department Budget Presentation.**

Mark Wilson gave a presentation on his budget, he asked for an increase in budget for a second detective. He presented data for the number of cases the current detective was working on compared to neighboring cities. Council Member Jackson asked how many sworn officers the department would have if a second detective was added. Mark Wilson said it would make 12 sworn officers. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked if adding a second detective would decrease the thefts in the city. Mark Wilson replied that he did not think it would lower the theft cases the city had but it would allow the current detective to share the workload and complete cases quicker. He also expressed concern with burnout in the detective position, he stated that in the last fifteen years no detective has lasted longer than three years before leaving the position.

#### **4c. Parks and Recreation Budget Presentation.**

Bryan Fife gave his presentation on the budget for Parks and Recreation. He presented options for purchasing equipment for movies in the park and increasing fire work show time during the Fall Festival. Council Member Weiss asked to discuss an increase in firework show. He explained that members of the community he has spoken to love the show and claimed it was the best part of the Fall Festival. Council Member Loveland suggested exploring options to increase the show by three to five minutes and gauging the community reaction.

#### **4d. City Administration Budget Presentation.**

Jennie Knight gave her presentation about the city budget asking for increases due to inflation, training, and wages.

**5. Adjournment.**

Mayor Tait adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and participation. Meeting was adjourned at 9:17

**Attest:**

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**Michelle Tait**  
Mayor

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**Jack Fogal**  
City Staff