

**MINUTES OF HARRISVILLE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
363 West Independence Blvd
Harrisville, Utah 84404

Present: Mayor Bruce Richins, Council Member Jeff Pearce, Council Member Gary Robinson, Council Member Jennifer Jensen, Council Member Ruth Pearce. [Council Member Jennifer Jensen is excused]

Staff: Bill Morris, City Administrator, Bryan Fife, Recreation Director, Sean Lambert, Public Works Director, Jennie Knight, City Recorder.

Visitors: Kevin Shakespeare, Nicole Shakespeare, Sawara Martinez, Mary Ann Hickson, Karen Boudreau, Jen Chapple, Geris Rose, Robert Arnold, Lori Arnold Bingham, Eileen Nessen, June Brown, Bruce Brown, Wanda Warren, Judy Sanders, Nathan Averill, Jacob Schlegel, Gene Bingham, Edd Caulford, Austin Tracy, Aspen Teuscher, Antoinette Williamson, Jerry Williamson, Brian Chapple.

7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Opening Ceremony.

Mayor Richins led the pledge of allegiance and conducted the opening ceremony.

3. Consent Items.

- a. Approve the minutes of July 26, 2016 as presented.

Council Member Jeff Pearce asked for a clerical error to be corrected.

MOTION: Council Member J. Pearce motioned to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016 as corrected. Council Member R. Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

4. Business Items.

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING-Larsen Lane widening and expansion.**

MOTION: Council Member R. Pearce motioned to open the public hearing to discuss the widening and expansion of Larsen Lane. Council Member Robinson seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

[Council Member Jensen arrived at 7:15pm]

Matt Robertson presented the city engineer's presentation on the widening and expansion of Larsen Lane. He explained the purpose of this presentation is to explain the need for improvements, the benefits from these proposed improvements, review the intersection improvements project that has already been approved at the Larsen Lane/Washington Blvd intersection, and review the future widening of Larsen Lane. Larsen Lane is a minor arterial road and should have an 84 foot Right of Way. Past studies have given the level of service on this road an "F" ranking. These same studies have recommended the widening of the road. The current average daily driving on this road is 14,000 which is projected to increase to 21,000 by 2030.

Recommendations have also been received to widen this to three lanes, which creates a two-way left-turn lane down the median of the road. The current project is installing a dual left-turn lane from Larsen Lane onto Washington Blvd. The two-way left-turn lane eliminates stopping/stacking of through traffic for left turns. Additionally the dual left-turn lanes at Washington Blvd will eliminate some of this stacking. Improved safety of the road will be provided by opposite lane separation, protection for left-turn vehicles (rear-ending), and sidewalks for safe pedestrian routes.

The current improvement project includes widening Larsen Lane on the east end by 11 feet to add dual left-turn lanes. Bids were received June 2016 with construction set for August 2016- October 2016. This project is being funded by three agencies. Road widening is being covered by Weber County Local Transportation Funds (approved by WACOG). Traffic signals are being covered by UDOT and Bona Vista is installing an improved culinary water line at the same time. The Right-of-Way has already been acquired from Common Cents for this project.

Future Improvements for the widening of Larsen Lane would include an increase Right-of-Way to 84 feet wide. Increased asphalt width from 28 feet to 60 feet. A street cross section of the three lane road will include 12 foot lanes, a 14 foot two-way left-turn lane, and 11 foot parking on both sides. The conceptual road alignment is determined by maintaining a 10 foot setback for homes. Additionally the Thoroughbred Crossing Subdivision which has not received final approval through the city will be required to install improvement to these specifications.

The widening of the road is necessary to improve the level of service. Additionally the improvements will increase safety. The completion of the intersection project will be in 2016 with the widening project scheduled for 2019.

Wanda Warren, 217 Larsen Lane, asked if the irrigation ditch running on the North side of Larsen Lane will be piped.

Gene Bingham, former Public Works Director, said he has been heavily involved in this project. There were no complaints 7 years ago when this project began. The city recognizes this is not a city problem being created by our own residents and that is why this is being funded through other means. With studies indicated the necessity to address this, UDOT wanted us to widen this road immediately but the city did not agree.

We knew the intersection at Washington Blvd had to be addressed. The city engineer has taken into consideration the setbacks of homes and the vertical slope. Also the 2019 schedule is tentative. He is still aware of what is transpiring with this project. They recognize that safety is an issue. This proposal was passed by ordinance in 2010 and has already met the legal requirements.

Bruce Brown, 160 E. Larsen Lane, asked about the 30 ft setback on homes. He asked if this is on both sides of the road; also, when this is measured from what point of the home to the street. He asked if the sidewalk is going to be on both sides. He is not opposed to this project; he would just like more information. He agrees there is a need because from 4-7pm he cannot leave his driveway because the road is busy. He has landscaping in his yard and wants to know how this might affect things.

Jen Chapple, 184 E. Larsen Lane, said she doesn't like the proposal. The bus route goes on this road and is already a safety issue and now that this road will be busier she is not in favor of this project. She doesn't care to have more traffic.

Greg Montgomery, 231 E. Larsen Lane, has some additional thought he'd like Council to consider regarding street concepts. He feels the old standards only take into consideration the traffic movement. He would like to address the key times that need to be considered for the overall benefit of cars, bikes, and pedestrians. He would encourage Council to look at intersection designs and consider all types of traffic not just car traffic. He feels the second issue of a need for sidewalk and widening of the road brings an increase of speed with increased road width. When there are lane widths of 12-14 feet that increases speeds. At 25 miles per hour, individuals have a high likelihood for survival but things increase from there. He suggested Council not encourage speeding by the speed of the street and also consider something that would accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic as well. He did not realize that Larsen Lane is considered an arterial road. He would like to consider a plan design that meets all types of transportation needs saying the more you consider the car traffic the more access is restricted for other types of traffic. And more important than that is the safety concern. He encouraged Council to take into consideration something that balances the needs of all users of the street.

MOTION: Council Member Robinson motioned to close the public hearing. Council Member R. Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

Matt Robertson addressed some of the questions brought up by residents. He explained the proposed development for Ivory Homes has not received final approval although the plans show the irrigation ditch on the Dinneen property as being piped through the subdivision and opened back up on the other side.

The current design of the road widening shows a 30 foot setback. The setback runs from the front of the home to the backside of the sidewalk. The only home that does not meet that requirement is on the North West side of Larsen Lane. Currently they are

favoring the north side of the road because there is more room on that side with fewer homes. A property survey will be conducted with consideration on both sides of the street to make appropriate adjustments. Elevation will also be considered, particularly with relation to sidewalk locations. That will be determined at a future point.

With regard to concerns about making the road busier; the intent is to accommodate the traffic that Larsen Lane is already experiencing. These improvements will make it safer for pedestrians and bicycles, to help alleviate the congestion on the road. The projections indicate traffic will just be increasing due to developments outside of Harrisville. The minor arterial road has already been designated. They can look into adding bike lanes but that would increase the width of the road.

Matt Robertson reminded Council and residents that this plan is just conceptual, not final. When they get further into the design, they will be able to provide more answers. Wanda Warren asked what will happen to the fences running alongside of properties and will they purchase the property to widen the road. Matt Robertson responded the property must be acquired through a legal process and fences will be relocated if necessary.

Bruce Brown expressed his concern with the irrigation ditch being piped. He said during heavy rains the already piped portion backs up onto his property. Matt Robertson said this is good information for him to have while they consider the Ivory Homes proposal. Council Member Robinson asked if the design could show exactly what impact this project will have on current homes. Showing exactly where the property lines are and where they will be moved. When considering the projections on increased traffic, he asked if this is based on the population in North Ogden. Matt Robertson said the study was conducted through traffic engineers. Council Member Robinson asked if there will be a change in the speed limit. Matt Robertson said there is no plan to increase the speed limit.

Council Member Jensen said national statistics on wider roads show an increased rate of speed. She expressed her sympathy for this issue as she lives on a busy road that is supposed to have a 25 mph speed limit but people often speed through this area regardless. She suggested considering a bike lane as well. Matt Robertson said they could not consider bike than if the general consensus is to reduce the width. Council Member Robinson asked how many people currently park on Larsen Lane or did most residents buy their homes knowing there is no parking on the street. Matt Robertson pointed out they park on the gravel shoulder. Some residents indicated they have parking on their own properties.

Mayor Richins pointed out this presentation is preliminary. The only thing that is final at this time is the intersection improvements.

Council Member Robinson said he would still like to see an overlay of the effects. Matt Robertson said there will be a lot of public hearing requirements to meet. Mayor Richins said the 2019 schedule is very aggressive and not likely to happen. He indicated to

have right of way funding secured by that time would be more realistic. Matt Robertson agreed.

Council Member Ruth Pearce said the intersection at Washington Blvd needs to be done immediately. Council Member Jeff Pearce agreed the intersection needs to be completed, but the rest of the proposal is not an immediate need. The main concern is clearing the road during the evening traffic.

b. Discussion/possible action to award bid for Larsen Lane and Washington Blvd intersection improvements project.

Sean Lambert explained he is seeking approval for STAPP Construction on the improvements for the intersection at Larsen Lane and Washington Blvd. They are the low bid, have done several projects with UDOT and are highly recommended. Council Member Robinson asked why the engineers bid came in so much lower than the actual bids. Sean Lambert said that with the construction boom the estimate is just a guess. He explained this includes a UDOT right of way and is a joint project with Bona Vista. The contractors will be working during the evening hours of 9pm-6am to offset the busy commute hours and that may have affected the price on the bids as well. Council Member Robinson said he would think engineers would project the costs according to that. Sean Lambert said this is very difficult to determine. Development kind of goes in strides and this year has been busy, making it difficult to predict.

Council Member Jeff Pearce asked what the interruption schedule will be. Sean Lambert said the project completion date is scheduled for October 15. There will be some interruption during the construction and some road closures but there is a traffic plan to move traffic through the area. Local traffic will be allowed access but commuter traffic will be re-routed. North Street will be an option. Council Member Jeff Pearce asked about noticing. Sean Lambert said this will be included in the traffic control schedule. Mayor and Council gave a short discussion on how far the project will go west on Larsen Lane.

MOTION: Council Member Jensen motioned to approve Jones & Associates memo dated August 4, 2016 and award the bid for Larsen Lane & Washington Blvd intersection improvements project to STAPP construction in the amount of \$372,416. Council Member R. Pearce seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Council Member R. Pearce	Yes
Council Member Jensen	Yes
Council Member Robinson	Yes
Council Member J. Pearce	Yes

Motion passed 4-0.

c. Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville City Resolution 16-10; a resolution entering an Interlocal Agreement with UDOT for a new signal at Washington Blvd & Larsen Lane.

Bill Morris explained this resolution approves the cooperative agreement with UDOT for the signal at Larsen Lane and Washington Blvd. This is the UDOT funding mechanism of the project which allows us to move the light at their expense.

Council Member Robinson asked if UDOT is going to share the cost in the project. Bill Morris clarified this agreement is the funding for the signal portion of project and encouraged Council to pass this if they want to receive UDOT funding.

MOTION: Council Member J. Pearce motioned to approve Harrisville City Resolution 16-10; a resolution entering an Interlocal Agreement with UDOT for a new signal at Washington Blvd & Larsen Lane. Council Member Robinson seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Council Member R. Pearce	Yes
Council Member Jensen	Yes
Council Member Robinson	Yes
Council Member J. Pearce	Yes

Motion passed 4-0.

d. Discussion/possible action on advice and consent to Mayor's Appointment for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Richins explained that Council Member Murtha received a job in Washington DC and has resigned from his position on Council. Mayor Richins appointed Jeff Pearce to serve as Mayor Pro Tem until December 31, 2016.

MOTION: Council Member R. Pearce motioned to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Jeff Pearce as Mayor Pro Tem until December 31, 2016. Council Member Robinson seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

5. Public Comments - (3 minute maximum)

Greg Montgomery, 232 E. Larsen Lane, thinks they should act on this future design of Larsen Lane sooner rather than later. With a subdivision on this street, he encouraged Council to take a look and make a decision so developers will include the appropriate specification on the development. Mayor Richins pointed out they have addressed this by requiring new development setback requirements. Greg Montgomery said if the development is being considered in this area, the future road should also be considered.

Bruce Brown, 160 E. Larsen Lane, said he is concerned with the elevation of the improvements because they slope down onto his property by about 2 feet. He would like to make sure this is considered if they raise the road too much so he isn't adversely affected by additional water in conjunction with the piping of the irrigation ditch and anything else.

6. Mayor/Council Follow-Up:

Mayor Richins expressed his appreciation for Council efforts with regard to Heritage Days and their success. With Council Member Murtha leaving before the 5K, he recognized the great effort made by Council Member Jensen to pull off the race on Friday night. From donations from business, give always, and the Weber High track team to facilitate the race. That was an incredibly large project to take on. He participated and was at the starting line which was impressive with over 40 participants. Every year this race increases and is becoming quite popular.

Mayor Richins asked Council Member Robinson for his results of the survey he conducted. Council Member Robinson said he received some feedback on the survey. Most indicated they want the parade and more activities at the park; some booths and other activities, more like it used to be. Mayor Richins asked if anyone volunteered to help. Council Member Robinson said he still has some additional surveys. He will compile the results and present them. He would like to have the survey available to the public. He said some of the results were from non-residents but he gave a token to each person who filled out the survey. Council Member Robinson said he has not had time to tally all of the results of the survey. Jennie Knight offered to tally the results and send them to Council.

Mayor Richins acknowledged the efforts of the youth city council. They along with Austin Tracy as the advisor put on a great parade with only a three week preparation period. There were over 30 participants. Council Member Ruth Pearce suggested the youth city council oversee the parade next year. Mayor Richins asked Council to compile a list of contributions received to include in the newsletter. He asked Jennie Knight to prepare thank you card to distribute to businesses who donated.

Council Member J. Pearce said, as chairman of the event, thanked Council Member Jensen for all of her help. He also thanked Austin Tracy for the youth city councils help with the 5K as well. They did a great job. He also said the food vendors expressed their success for the evening.

Mayor Richins said they will have a follow-up on Heritage Days in a month or so.

Mayor Richins reminded Council of the annual training provided by the Utah League of Cities and Towns in September and asked them let Jennie Knight know if they will be attending so she can get people registered.

Bill Morris thanked Matt Robertson for his presentation to the Council on Larsen Lane and thanked Gene Bingham for his contribution as well.

MOTION: Council Member Jensen motioned to close the public meeting. Council Member J. Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

7. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Utah State Code §52-4-204 & §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 R. Pearce motioned to move into the closed executive session. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor and Council convened into a Closed Executive Session.

MOTION: Council Member J. Pearce motioned to close the Closed Executive Session. Council Member R. Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

8. Adjourn.

Mayor Richins declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

ATTEST:

BRUCE RICHINS
Mayor

JENNIE KNIGHT
City Recorder
Approved this 23rd day of August, 2016