

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

2 **December 16, 2009**

3 **Providence City Office Building**

4 **15 South Main Providence, UT**

5
6 Call to order:

Mayor Randy Simmons

7 Roll Call of City Council Members:

Mayor Randy Simmons

8 Attendance:

K Baker, J Russell, R Liechty, D Low, D Astle

9 Excused:

10 Pledge of Allegiance:

K Baker

11
12 **DISCUSSION:**

13 The Providence City Council will discuss Ex-parte Conversations.

14 Mayor Simmons said that if you disclose a conflict of interest you can still vote. You can excuse yourself but it is not
15 necessary. He explained about the Open Public Meetings act and how it works. The Planning Commission has a rule that Ex-
16 parte Conversations have to be disclosed. The Council does not have this rule but they may want to consider making one.

17
18 **BUSINESS ITEM:**

19 **Item No. 1. Resolution 09-037.** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution amending the
20 Providence City Corporation Department of Public Works Standards and Specifications Manual by adding Downtown Street
21 Cross-Sections.

22 **Motion to approve: J Russell, R Liechty second.**

23 S Bankhead explained to the Council that several years ago they started looking at recommendations on how the downtown
24 area of the City should look. Staff met with the Planning Commission and the Council a few times to determine what kind of
25 look they would like the City to have. They looked at current traffic patterns that would change with the growth of the
26 community. This is when they came up with the street cross-sections. In ordinance 11-4 there is a section that refers to the
27 Specifications Manual, Downtown Street Cross-Sections.

28 Mayor Simmons reminded the Council that they instructed the Staff to not put curb and gutter and sidewalk everywhere.

29 The Council discussed the areas of downtown where there is curb and gutter and sidewalk.

30 Staff explained that some areas were not required by the City. The property owner just put it in.

31 D Astle asked if it is a single lot is that property owner required to put in sidewalk and curb and gutter. How do you end up
32 with a sidewalk from one end of the street to the other?

33 Max Pierce said there is probably 1,000 feet of curb and gutter and sidewalk that would have been put in if this had been in
34 place.

35 D Astle suggested that the City find a way to put in the whole street instead of bits and pieces.

36 M Pierce said he agreed if anyone could find a way to do this.

37 S Bankhead reminded them about the budget talks last year and how they needed to come up with a plan to do street
38 improvements. It is not being suggested that the City give up any right of way.

39 D Astle asked if the engineering needs to be done at least a year in advance.

40 M Pierce said that is correct.

41 Randy Eck said the intent is to plan something so that when a developer comes in it has already been decided. Our
42 subdivision ordinances are crystal clear. The Council wanted to treat the downtown differently.

43 D Low asked why the places that don't require curb and gutter were decided.

44 S Bankhead said that Planning Commission and Council didn't want it.

45 The Council discussed between themselves why you would want or not want curb and gutter and sidewalks.

46 J Russell said that there has to be a starting point established. If money comes available then you know where to start.

47 R Liechty asked why 100 East and 400 South should be done.

48 R Eck said it could be developed.

49 R Liechty said it does not affect single homes.

50 The Council discussed what curb and gutter does.

51 M Pierce says the downtown area needs to have guidelines for the infrastructure improvements.

52 K Baker said she wants the downtown area to look different. She doesn't want any of the trees taken out.

53 The Council discussed the uses for curb and gutter.

54 Glen Busch said he is not a fan of curb and gutter. He would rather see swells. He likes the rural look in the downtown area.

55 M Pierce said he feels like people like the big trees in the downtown area.

1 R Eck said this is just to decide on curb and gutter and street width.
2 S Bankhead said that that people were dealing with 2 ½ foot park strips. This is why the road widths were changed to 56” and
3 66” roads.

4 S Bankhead reminded the Council that the whole City could be re-developed down the road.

5 **Vote: Yea: J Russell, R Liechty, D Astle**

6 **Nay: D Low, K Baker**

7 **Abstain: None**

8 **Excused: None**

9

10 **Motion to adjourn: R Liechty, D Low second**

11 **Vote: Yea: J Russell, R Liechty, K Baker, D Astle, D Low**

12 **Nay: None**

13 **Abstain: None**

14 **Excused: None**

15

16 Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm

17 Minutes taken and prepared by Terri Lewis

18

19

20

21

Randy Simmons, Mayor

Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder