

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
2 **May 22, 2018 6:00 PM**
3 **Providence City Office Building, 164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT**
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5 Opening Ceremony:

6 Call to Order: Mayor Drew
7 Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Drew
8 Attendance: Kirk Allen, Kristina Eck, Dennis Giles, Roy Sneddon
9 Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Drew
10 Opening Remarks – Prayer: Rowan Cecil
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12 **Approval of the minutes**

13 **Item No. 1.** The Providence City Council will consider approval of the minutes of May 8, 2018.

14 **Motion to approve the minutes – K Eck, second – D Giles**

15 **Vote:**

16 **Yea: K Allen, K Eck, D Giles, R Sneddon**

17 **Nay: None**

18 **Abstained: None**

19 **Excused: None**

20 **Corrections:**

- 21 • Page 2 line 26 ~~reduce~~ **increase**
 - 22 • Page 2 line 27 ~~would~~ **could**
 - 23 • Page 3 line 2 ~~1~~ **one-time**
 - 24 • Page 3 line 32 ~~road~~ **rooms**
 - 25 • Page 3 line 10 the city does maintenance, repair, and **ultimate** replacement of infrastructure
 - 26 **decades later.**
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28 **Public Comments:** Citizens may appear before the City Council to express their views on issues within
29 the City's jurisdiction. Comments will be addressed to the Council. Remarks are limited to 3 minutes per
30 person. The total time allotted to public comment is 15 minutes The City Council may act on an item, if it
31 arose subsequent to the posting of this agenda and the City Council determines that an emergency
32 exists.

- 33 • Jana Hawkes, Providence, reported that Providence Hollow Phase 1 HOA board members have
34 changed. Danny McFarlane and Brent Skinner are no longer on the board. Jana Hawkes, Ben
35 Peterson, Brian Bostrom and Brett Bochedo are the current members. J Hawkes expressed
36 concern about the excessive speed coming out of little baldy into Providence Hollow and OHV
37 use. She requested speed signs and asked the council to consider a speed dip.
 - 38 ○ Mayor Drew will speak with the sheriff's deputies.
 - 39 ○ R Stapley explained where the speed limit signs will be located.
- 40 • Jan Arnell, Providence, expressed thanks for the diligence that Jeff Baldwin put into his council
41 position. She encouraged the council to choose someone with the qualities J Baldwin possessed.
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43 **Council Seat Mid-Term Vacancy Interviews:** The following residents have applied for the mid-term
44 council vacancy: Laura Banda, Alex Bearnson, Rowan Cecil, Brent Fresz, and Robert Perry.

45 Mayor Drew explained the procedure the Council will follow in filling the mid-term vacancy. The City
46 Recorder published the two-week notice. The requirements are that the applicant be a registered voter
47 and live in the City 12 months prior to the appointment. Each council member will ask a question, each
48 applicant will answer the question; then the next council member will ask a question.

1 • K Eck thanked the applicants. She was very impressed with the resumes. She encouraged those
2 not selected to run in the next election.

3 K Allen – question: What spurred your interest in seeking this position?

4 • B Fresz explained he has attended every city council meeting for the past 2 ½ - 3 years. He likes
5 the feeling of giving back and being involved. As part of the planning commission he is pretty
6 familiar with the city’s workings.

7 • L Banda explained it is a great honor to live in the City and service is important. She felt the
8 opportunity to serve is a wonderful opportunity.

9 • R Cecil had 6 people ask him to apply. He has been on the Planning Commission for some time;
10 this is his second time. He would like to follow through on some of the problems facing the City.
11 After going to the Envision Utah training, he feels he would like to be involved with the
12 solutions.

13 • R Perry explained he wanted to get involved with his new community like he did in New York
14 State. He was in a village ward in New York State. He is state level President with the New York
15 Snowmobile Association. He served on the Planning commission in New York State. Currently he
16 is an alternate on the planning commission for Providence City. He feels it is a nice community
17 and would like to be involved now and in the future.

18 • A Bearson has lived here the past 30 years and plans to live here the next 30 years, he
19 represents the future of Providence City. The decisions made today will affect him directly and
20 also in the future. He wants to make sure that as the city grows there is an infrastructure to
21 support the growth. He wants to make sure that his children and future generations will have a
22 place to grow up.

23 K Eck question: What is an issue in Providence that is a problem you would like to address?

24 • L Banda complimented Mayor Drew with access to the newsletters. Growth particularly in our
25 city and how to manage it while keeping the culture. Keeping the uniqueness and offering
26 opportunities for new citizens is something she wants to be involved in.

27 • R Cecil the new Life-Cycle Ordinance has some problems. Some are for it, some are against it.
28 There is a problem with roads. He explained Mayor Drew has done a good job at having USU
29 come in to look at the roads. Problem with sewage, the City of Logan overcharges 1.5 million
30 per year that goes to their general fund. He would like to find an alternative. One other thing,
31 we need to talk to the people in the community. Those against something come to meetings;
32 those for it don’t come.

33 • R Perry shortage of housing. Felt the Planning Commission is working on ways to correct the
34 issue. Has a great neighborhood and great neighbors. He has lived here for 1 ½ years.

35 • A Bearson felt everyone has problems and that is part of growth. He runs a business that has
36 faced many problems. He respects the question. He does not know what the biggest problem is.
37 He needs to get more information. When problems arise, reviewing the facts, information and
38 the numbers to make a decision on how to solve the problem.

39 • B Fresz growing pains and resources. No one wants to pay more, but everyone wants better
40 streets. It is a balancing act. We need housing and support infrastructure without losing the
41 identity of who Providence City is.

42 D Giles question: Can you make unpopular decisions such as raising fees or taxes that will be best for the
43 City, but the residents will not like?

44 • R Cecil felt he could. He gave an example explaining Brian Craig had come to him with his
45 unhappiness about the Chugg property being developed. The fire department increase is a
46 property tax increase that will occur. He can make the decisions that are unpopular.

- 1 • R Perry explained the role of government is to meet the needs of the people. Is it going to be a
2 better quality of life when we raise those taxes? It is a decision that the board has to make and
3 will affect all citizens. If it is done right with an open dialogue we can come to a conclusion that
4 will be best for the city and the citizens.
- 5 • A Bearson asked if he was a politician or here to serve the community. His purpose is to serve
6 the community. If it can be show that it makes sense, pertains to Providence City and is in the
7 best interest of all residents he is all for it. He is not here to be a politician.
- 8 • B Fresz we hear people complain about streets and parks. He felt it was about communication.
9 Unfortunately, there is not too many black and white situations in the chairs. A lot of it is grey
10 because we can't do everything. He felt his record on the planning commission shows that.
- 11 • L Banda communication and building consensus. Sometimes we make the best decision with the
12 facts that you have. Decision may not be popular but best for the majority in a forum that all
13 voices can be heard.

14 R Sneddon question: What is the purpose of the ordinances that we have that pertain to zoning? Many
15 times people feel positive as long as it is not in my back yard.

- 16 • R Perry in referring to the LCR he felt the Planning Commission does its homework. The
17 ordinances are there for a reason and should be enforced.
- 18 • A Bearson zoning laws are for the best for all residents. Sometimes zoning limits good
19 development. They are a foundation and a framework for the community. He did not feel it was
20 always cut and dry. He feels there can be acceptations if it fits into the specific portion of the
21 community.
- 22 • B Fresz zoning ordinances are a vision of the City. But with any vision priorities change. They are
23 not fixed in stone. They need to be a little flexible and should meet the goal of the city and the
24 citizens. Changing should be with upmost care and consideration.
- 25 • L Banda felt the ordinance were the map and grid of the community and sets precedents. It sets
26 the values of what you see your city growing to be. It does need to be flexible because things do
27 change over time.
- 28 • R Cecil zoning is there for us but will have to change over time. We must be willing to look at
29 these ordinances and be comfortable to make the changes.

30 Mayor Drew question: What in you experience career wise and personal background has prepared you
31 for the city council? Mayor Drew explained some people would criticize, direct their anger at you, and
32 have viewpoints and opinions that are polar opposite. It is not easy and some decisions are political.

- 33 • A Bearson attended Utah State. While attending he had the opportunity to be part of business
34 that went from 0 to 120 in a short period. Need a base, or it would collapse. Felt the biggest
35 issues are internal. Over the past 5 to 6 years as his business has grown they face and encounter
36 many challenges. He doesn't know what will show up but if the attitude is that you can face
37 them together. Respecting opposing views is important, then decide what is overall all best.
- 38 • B Fresz has been on HOA boards and on the planning commission. He has been a part of search
39 and rescue, industrial business and small companies to large companies. He has had a wide
40 breadth of experience with community and government involvement.
- 41 • L Banda has experience with both public and private work. She worked for Lockheed Martin
42 managing and negotiating contracts. Her public experience was working with families and
43 children. She has always come the decisions based on trust, letting people know that she is truly
44 listening but knows she can't please everyone. Coming from a place of trust and knowing that
45 you are having an honest conversation is important.
- 46 • R Cecil as an engineer working in San Juaquin Valley he was responsible for the production of
47 1500 oil workers. He also has experience in the State of CA working with county accessors and

1 appraisers appraising natural resource properties. He worked in a bank valuing loans on natural
2 resource. He spent 4-years on a ranch in WY serving a mission for LDS Church. He is also a past
3 planning commission chair.

4 • R Perry explained as a police department commander he has listened to many conflicting views.
5 When he became a judge he also heard many conflicting views. At the county level he served
6 on the planning commission. At the state level his experience and roll as president of NY State
7 snowmobile association, with 60,000 members. 85% of trails we on private land. Property
8 owners who didn't like loud mufflers or speeding snowmobilers. It was his job to contact and
9 have meeting with these people throughout the state. These are some of the local, county and
10 state level experiences.

11 The Council agreed to select two applicants for further questions.

12 Mayor Drew would prefer the council members voice their choices publicly; but asked if the council
13 preferred ballot. The council agreed to have a public vote.

14 R Sneddon – B Fresz and R Perry

15 K Eck – R Perry and B Fresz

16 D Giles – B Fresz and R Perry

17 K Allen – R Perry and A Bearnson

18 Mayor Drew thanked the candidates for their answers.

19 Council narrowed to Brent Fresz and Robert Perry

20 D Giles question: Do you feel you can work with the current mayor and city council members?

- 21 • R Perry felt he could work with everybody.
- 22 • B Fresz explained he felt he could work with everyone and has in the past.

23 K Allen question: What is the most critical issue and your suggestion to resolve?

- 24 • B Fresz explained he feels revenues are the most critical issue. When you look at the price of the
25 fire department and the roads that are starting to deteriorate, it will all come down to
26 resources. Identifying all it takes to get to the level you want and then selling the idea or make
27 the difficult decisions and increase revenue.
- 28 • B Perry explained taxes are the most critical issue and the people are concerned. He feels the
29 biggest resolve would be to have more conversation.

30 Mayor Drew question: How do you sell a tax increase?

- 31 • B Perry getting the information out. Listening to other issues and discussing. Explaining the
32 position.
- 33 • B Fresz communication. However, no matter how much, there will be people that do not get the
34 communication. Taxes are for long-term solutions. Most people look for short-term solutions.

35 R Sneddon question: You both have been here when the chamber has been a little heated in terms of
36 responses and dialog. How do you personally handle your interaction in those situations?

- 37 • B Fresz patience's, civility and respect. He likes the fact everyone has different opinions.
38 Keeping it professional and have respectful conversations. Not everyone has to agree.
- 39 • B Perry feels heated conversations come from people who do not have all of the knowledge on
40 a specific issue. Explaining may have a less heated atmosphere.

41 K Eck question: time commitment, availability?

- 42 • B Perry is retired and has time.
- 43 • B Fresz does have a significant amount of time he spent on the PC and HOA. His term on the
44 HOA board is up next week.

45 The council agreed to vote

46 K Allen – B Fresz

47 R Sneddon – B Fresz

1 K Eck – R Perry
2 D Giles – R Perry
3 The vote was a tie, B Fresz two votes and R Perry two votes. Mayor Drew broke the tie voting for B
4 Fresz.
5 Brent Fresz took the oath of office.
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7 **Business Items:**

8 **Item No. 1. Appoint Mid-Term Vacancy – Resolution 014-2018:** The Providence City Council will
9 consider for adoption a resolution appointing an individual to fill the Mid-Term Vacancy.

- 10 • See the above voting

11 **Item No. 2. Development Agreement – Resolution 016-2018:** The Providence City Council will consider
12 for adoption a resolution approving the development agreement for the Cameron Wright Subdivision, a
13 two-lot subdivision located at 55 West 500 South, Providence UT.

14 **Motion to approve Resolution 016-2018 – R Sneddon, second – K Eck**

15 **Vote:**

16 **Yea: K Allen, K Eck, B Fresz, D Giles, R Sneddon**

17 **Nay: None**

18 **Abstained: None**

19 **Excused: None**

20 Discussion prior to vote:

- 21 • S Bankhead explained the highlights of the development agreement that the council received.
22 • K Allen asked why the figures were not listed on the agreement. S Bankhead explained the
23 engineers approved the overall figures but did not split the amounts into what they are going to
24 install now and what they will pay for with a fee-in-lieu. Once that has been done, the figures
25 will be put into the agreement and then the agreement signed.
26 • K Allen suggested in the future the construction drawings be included in the packet for a visual
27 explanation.
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29 **Item No. 3. PTIF Authorization Resolution 015-2018:** The Providence City Council will consider for
30 adoption a resolution authorizing Beth Munson, City Treasurer, and Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder, to
31 make changes to PTIF accounts.

32 **Motion to approve Resolution 015-2018 – K Eck, second – D Giles**

33 **Vote:**

34 **Yea: K Allen, K Eck, B Fresz, D Giles, R Sneddon**

35 **Nay: None**

36 **Abstained: None**

37 **Excused: None**

38 Discussion prior to vote:

- 39 • S Bankhead explained B Munson recently attended the Treasurers’ conference and they have
40 recently changed some of their policies. They want the city councils to be more aware and take
41 an active part of who is in charge of the money. She also explained this resolution is not
42 changing any of the practices just making the council aware of those who are working with the
43 city funds.
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45 **Item No. 4. Workshop:** The Providence City Council will discuss the budget proposal for Fiscal Year
46 ending June 30, 2019.

- 47 • S Bankhead explained she and Mayor Drew met with the fire chief last Friday. They went over
48 the budget and the time line for the contract. Mayor Drew explained nothing has been

1 approved and the information he gave is for discussion purposes. He explained the impacts on
2 the budget for the next two fiscal years and will be in full contract rate for the fiscal year 2020.
3 The contract will increase 3% every year and capped at 5 years.

- 4 • Mayor Drew explained the tax increase is inevitable. He feels it is very important to discuss with
5 residents the need and reasoning behind the tax increase as soon as possible. The property tax
6 for each residential homeowner will raise on average to \$145.00 per year.
- 7 • It was agreed to hold the council meetings for the month of June on the 5th & 19th.
- 8 • K Allen would like to have an additional spreadsheet at the next meeting that shows the
9 engineers fees and subcontracts for engineers. It will be used as a quick reference when
10 discussing and approving the budget for the fiscal year.
- 11 • Mayor Drew discussed the Justice Court attorney fees. The attorney fees related to a traffic
12 violation or code violation have nothing to do with the justice court. The attorney fees
13 previously charged to the justice court will move to a different department.
- 14 • Sewer wastewater discussion:
 - 15 ○ Mayor Drew reported he chairs the Logan Wastewater Treatment Rate Committee. A
16 meeting with the contractor has yet to be scheduled. Mayor Drew explained the Logan
17 City treatment fee. It is a gradual rate increase of 10% each year.
 - 18 ○ Mayor Drew explained Aqua Engineering has not provided enough information to make
19 a decision on joining with Hyrum and Nibley for wastewater treatment. One of the
20 challenges is the transmission line to Hyrum.

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22 **Staff Reports:** Items presented by Providence City Staff will be presented as information only.

- 23 • S Bankhead explained the discussion that held with the Planning Commission on public safety
24 and emergency management.
- 25 • R Stapley discussed the spring cleanup service. The city used to just chip branches and not take
26 loads to the landfill. Now we chip and take loads to the landfill. This year we have received many
27 complaints from people that we do not come through the city multiple times. If we stop the
28 pickup, we could create some drop zones. K Allen and D Giles felt the service should be
29 discontinued. K Eck felt the council needed to review the costs before a decision could be made.
- 30 • R Stapley reported the dust sealant would be coming.
- 31 • R Stapley discussed the storm water project on 1000 South.
- 32 • Discussed the private speed bumps on Grandview Drive.
- 33 • R Stapley discussed the traffic monitoring signs are used in 3-4 studies. The signs keep track of
34 the speeds and times.
- 35 • Surveillance cameras were discussed.

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37 **Council Reports:** Items presented by the City Council members will be presented as informational only;
38 no formal action will be taken. The City Council may act on an item, if it arose subsequent to the posting
39 of this agenda and the City Council determines that an emergency exists.

40 Council reports:

- 41 • B Fesz – passed
- 42 • K Allen – passed
- 43 • R Sneddon – passed
- 44 • K Eck – met with residents on for the 800 South Park
- 45 • D Giles – passed
- 46 • Mayor Drew – attended Envision Utah’s Quality Growth Management Workshop. Discussed
47 walkability and bike-ability. He felt opening 100 south and extending Center Street to the west

1 would connect the residential area of the City to the business area and improve both walkability
2 and bike-ability. It would also make it easier for traffic to get to the commercial area.

- 3 • Mayor Drew discussed letters to the editor regarding 700 South. He reported he and S Bankhead
4 would be meeting with Dan Cox on Friday.

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6 **Executive Session Notice:**

7 The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent
8 litigation as allowed by Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(c).

9 The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss professional competence or other
10 factors allowed by Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a).

11 The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss land acquisition or the sale of real
12 property Utah Code 52-4-205(1) (d) and (e).

- 13 • No closed session held

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15 **Motion to adjourn – K Eck, second – D Giles**

16 **Vote:**

17 **Yea: K Allen, K Eck, B Fresz, D Giles, R Sneddon**

18 **Nay: None**

19 **Abstained: None**

20 **Excused: None**

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22 Meeting adjourned approximately 9:15 p.m.

23 Minutes prepared Mindi Petersen

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25 APPROVED June 5, 2018

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29 John Drew, Mayor

_____ Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder