

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

2 **Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:00 PM**

3 Providence City Office Building,  
4 164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT

5 **Members of the Council will be attending this meeting electronically.**

6 **This meeting was live streamed on Providence City's YouTube Channel**

7 Due to the length of the January 20, 2021 meeting several items were continued. This is a continuation of the  
8 January 20, 2021 meeting

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10 **Opening Ceremony:**

11 Call to Order: Mayor Drew  
12 Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Drew  
13 Attendance: John Drew, Kristina Eck, Carrie Kirk, Joshua Paulsen, Jeanell Sealy, Brent Speth  
14 Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Drew  
15 Opening Remarks – Prayer: Jeanell Sealy

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17 **Rates & Fees:**

18 **Item No.1. (Administrative) Proposed Amendments to the Providence City Fee Schedule – Resolution 003-2021:**

19 The Providence City Council will consider and may take action on a resolution amending the Providence City Fee  
20 Schedule including but not limited to the following rates and fees: certain development fees, license fees, monthly  
21 water rates, monthly sewer rates, monthly storm water rates, garbage rates, and green waste rates.

- 22 • R Snow presented about the fee schedule. He suggested allowing our property tax rates to go down while  
23 increasing some of our other rates/fees. This would spread out the burden more equally because there  
24 are some entities that do not pay property taxes. This will be the Council's decision.
- 25 • Water rates were discussed. An increase in rates was proposed.
- 26 • Sewer rates were discussed, including the 10% yearly cost increase from Logan City for sewer treatment  
27 that will persist at least until 2022. The cost of moving our sewer treatment to Hyrum instead of Logan  
28 was discussed. The need to eventually upsize our sewer line that connects to Logan was discussed, as well  
29 as potential impact fees. An increase in rates was proposed.
- 30 • Storm water rates were discussed. Creating a storm water capital facilities plan and master plan and a  
31 possible storm water impact fee were discussed. An increase in rates was proposed.
- 32 • Sanitation (garbage) rates were discussed. We have not been collecting as much from residents as we pay  
33 to Logan City. An increase was proposed.
- 34 • Recycle rates were discussed. No increase was proposed.
- 35 • Green waste rates were discussed. An increase to cover administrative costs was proposed.
- 36 • Disconnection/deannexation rates and appeals/variance rates were discussed. B Speth was in favor of  
37 passing the costs on to the applicant.
- 38 • Road cut/encroachment permits were discussed.
- 39 • The amount that all of these increases would total for an average resident was discussed. Spreading the  
40 increase over a few years was discussed. Picking only a few areas to increase was discussed.
- 41 • B Speth was in favor of increasing sanitation by 3%, increasing sewer rates by the recommended amount,  
42 and increasing disconnection and appeals/variance fees by the recommended amount. K Eck agreed.  
43 There will also be a \$1/month increase to green waste fees that was approved by Cache County that we  
44 will pass on.

45 ***Motion to raise the rate on water for the 10,001 gallons to 50,000 gallons from \$0.75 to \$0.85, that we approve***  
46 ***the suggested sewer increases as they were proposed in the plan, that on the storm water we make no change,***  
47 ***that on sanitation we raise the rates 3%, that we make no change to the recycling fee, that we add \$1 to the***  
48 ***green waste fee per resident, and that we approve the proposed fee changes for disconnection and appeals to***  
49 ***pass the full cost of those services on to the applicant: — J Paulsen, second — B Speth***

50 **Vote:**

51 **Yea: K Eck, C Kirk, J Paulsen, J Sealy, B Speth**

52 **Nay:**

53 **Abstained:**

54 **Excused:**

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56 **Item No.2. (Legislative) Proposed Amendment to Providence City Code 3-2A-3 Tax Levied and 3-2B-3 Tax Levied**

57 **– Ordinance No. 2021-002:** The Providence City Council will consider and may take action on an ordinance  
58 amending Providence City Code 3-2A-3 Tax Levied increasing the municipal energy tax on every sale or use of  
59 taxable energy made within the City from 5% to 6%; and 3-2B-3 Tax Levied increasing the municipal energy tax on  
60 every sale or use of taxable energy made within the City from 4% to 6%.

- 61 • R Snow explained the background for this proposal.
- 62 • Borrowing against this tax increase towards fiber-optics was discussed.

63 **Motion to approve Item 2 the proposed amendment to Providence City Code 3-2A-3 Tax Levied and 3-2B-3 Tax**  
64 **Levied — Ordinance 2021-002: — K Eck, second — C Kirk**

65 **Vote:**

66 **Yea: K Eck, C Kirk, J Paulsen, J Sealy, B Speth**

67 **Nay:**

68 **Abstained:**

69 **Excused:**

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71 **2021 Vision & Goals:**

72 **Item No.3. (Administrative) Council 2021 Vision & Goals - Discussion:** The Providence City Council will discuss  
73 council goals and objectives for 2021.

- 74 • C Kirk shared some of her goals: purchasing a property for a multi-use park, finalizing the change  
75 agreement with Spring Creek Water Company and participating in an RFP for an engineering study,  
76 moving forward with fiber buildout, and finding youth council advisors.
- 77 • B Speth shared his goals: finishing 100 South by early 2022 and working to implement an emergency  
78 planning structure.
- 79 • J Sealy shared her goals: finishing the master plans we have started, cleanup and clarification of the code,  
80 and making a decision about the library.
- 81 • J Paulsen shared his goals: starting a discussion on how we can incentivize business to locate in  
82 Providence, especially technically oriented businesses; hold a visioning session about the historic city  
83 center; and doing some research into the possibility of an aquatic center.
- 84 • K Eck shared her goals: starting the cemetery master plan and participating on the committee, inviting  
85 business to the city, having more concerts in the park, and putting our street lights on a GIS system so that  
86 we can report street lights that are out.
- 87 • Mayor Drew shared his goals: addressing the historic downtown including the library and creating a  
88 master plan for the west side of Highway 165.
- 89 • R Snow said that finishing the water plan is very critical to the city’s future. Members of the Council  
90 agreed.

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92 **Council Reports:** Items presented by the City Council members will be presented as informational only; no formal  
93 action will be taken.

- 94 • No council reports.

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96 **Executive Session Notice:**

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

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

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

103 **Motion to enter executive session: —B Speth, second — J Sealy**

104 **Vote:**

105 **Yea:** *K Eck, C Kirk, J Paulsen, J Sealy, B Speth*  
106 **Nay:**  
107 **Abstained:**  
108 **Excused:**  
109 Entered executive session at approximately 8:45 PM  
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111 **Motion to close the executive session:** — *J Paulsen, second — C Kirk*  
112 **Vote:**  
113 **Yea:** *K Eck, C Kirk, J Paulsen, J Sealy, B Speth*  
114 **Nay:**  
115 **Abstained:**  
116 **Excused:**  
117 Executive session ended at approximately 9:26 PM  
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119 **Motion to close the meeting:** — *C Kirk, second — K Eck*  
120 **Vote:**  
121 **Yea:** *K Eck, C Kirk, J Paulsen, J Sealy, B Speth*  
122 **Nay:**  
123 **Abstained:**  
124 **Excused:**  
125 Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:29 PM  
126 Minutes prepared by Jesse Bardsley  
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John Drew, Mayor

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Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder

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