

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

2 Wednesday January 18th, 2023, 6:00 PM

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

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6 Providence City’s YouTube channel Link: [Providence City Council 1/18/2023 - YouTube](#)

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8 **HR. MIN. SEC.** in **GREEN** above items are time stamps for the YouTube video of the City Council meeting.

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10 **Opening Ceremony:**

11 Call to Order: Mayor Alder called meeting to order.

12 Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Alder took attendance of members present.

13 Council in attendance: Mayor Alder, Council members Sealy, Paulsen, Kirk, Nebeker & Speth ( Via Zoom).

14 City Staff in attendance: City Manager Ryan Snow, Community Services Director Skarlet Bankhead, Public Works Director Rob Stapley and City Recorder Ty Cameron.

15 Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Alder lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

16 Opening Remarks/Prayer: Sharell Eames (Providence City Resident)

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19 **3 MIN. 20 SEC.**

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

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  - Mayor Alder called for Council reports.

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25 **Council Member Kirk**

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  - Discussed with Council her involvement with the Skatepark Committee and their plans to build a Skatepark here in the city. Indicated that the design approval was an item on tonight’s agenda.
  - Announced that this years Easter Egg Hunt, which the Youth Council will be helping with, is scheduled for Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Reported on her goals for the coming year which included: -Capitalize on the momentum of creating a sense of place by serving on the committees for the Skatepark, Sauerkraut Days, Tree Lighting, Easter Egg Hunt, and Youth Council. - Exploring funding sources and personally having hands-on involvement with the planning and build-out of Alma Leonhardt Park and Zollinger Park. - Continue to seek opportunities for parkland acquisition. - Improve communication with citizens with the launch of the updated website and a new emailing communication system to replace the Pipeline.
  - Announced her run for reelection by continuing to communicate with and advocate for citizens. Commented that if Josh and/or Brett decide to not rerun she would like to encourage citizens who are smart, ambitious, and willing to make time to engage in training and extra committees to run for Council.

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42 **Council Member Paulsen**

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  - Commented that he has enjoyed his time so far on Council but didn’t know at the moment if he would be running for re-election.
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- 46 • Reported that recently he had the opportunity to visit the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary down in Kanab  
47 and had a great time and enjoyed what they are doing down there. He he has met with the Cache County  
48 Human Society and has talked with them about their future plans and needs. He reported that he would  
49 like to do more with them and has proposed a possible ‘strut your mutt’ event this coming year.
- 50 • He is aware of the Deer Fence issues or comments residents have had and will bring them to the trails  
51 committee during their next meeting. Still has plans to see if it is possible to have year-round access to the  
52 trail.
- 53 • Has been following the legislative updates and commented on the Great Salt Lake water issues the State  
54 is dealing with and striving to get citizens and cities to do their part to conserve.

#### 55 56 Council Member Sealy

- 57 • Reported that the Healthy Cities Committee met today, and they have drafted their application and are  
58 getting ready to submit it to the State.
- 59 • Indicated that she has been following the ULCT (Utah League of Cities and Towns) LPC (Legislative  
60 Policy Committee) reports and updates and will continue to do so.
- 61 • She has been helping with the Skatepark Committee and is excited to see that go through.
- 62 • Reported that Blacksmith Fork Irrigation company is finalizing a few things and should be getting notices  
63 out to shareholders shortly.
- 64 • Commented that she would be participating as a panelist in the High Schools Local Government event  
65 which will be taking place next week.

#### 66 67 68 Council Member Nebeker

- 69 • Indicated that he would like to add comment to the last meetings comments about the purpose of public  
70 hearings. He commented that public hearings feel very one sided and brought up recent public hearing  
71 examples dealing with high density and Council wages. He commented that maybe those who came to the  
72 public hearings expressed the majority of the citizens and if not, hopefully other citizens who represent  
73 the other side come and voice their opinions as well.
- 74 • Reported that he is also working on creating measurable goals for this coming year.
- 75 • Commented that the Mosquito Abatement District meets every month and has ideas to discuss with them  
76 come mosquito season.

#### 77 78 79 Council Member Speth

- 80 • Commented on the recent earthquakes the valley has had and making sure everyone is prepared in the  
81 future for potential bigger ones. Indicated that the emergency preparedness brochures are still being  
82 handed out and that the city website has a lot of good information on it now. [Emergency Preparedness –  
83 Providence City](#)
- 84 • Reported that with the hefty amount of snow we have received we should be prepared for possible flooding  
85 in the spring.
- 86 • Meeting with HAM operators and getting that set up and going.

- Announced that CERT training will be happening on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:30 and that if anyone is interested to contact Dave Faucet because a background check is needed before you can attend.
- Reported that Shake Out Day was happening on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Active Shooter Training on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Logan Hospital and FEMA has a guidebook for local officials that Council should be getting shortly.
- Reported on his goals for the coming year which was to continue working on emergency preparedness and possibly creating an emergency operation center to be able to do some trainings for residents.
- Commented that he is also following State Legislation as well regarding water bills and indicated reports have shown that the Great Salt Lake as risen about a foot.
- He is still working with the Historic Preservation Commission and getting funding for 2 more historical markers.

Mayor Alder

- Reported that she is still active on the Land Conservancy Board and that they are still seeking out and working with individuals who want to designate their land for conservation.
- Indicated that they are working on creating a document for Council to show more concise goals and how they relate to the city’s master plans.
- Commented on the recent issue Smithfield Council had with a resident and flooding and their Council making promises they were not authorized to make. Warned Council to make sure they are careful with what they promise citizens and to know their responsibilities as it relates to issues like that.
- Following the ULCT LPC meetings that are being held at the capital and getting information on what bills will affect the city and will try and keep everyone updated.
- Council discussed the Land Conservancy Board and their funding.

Approval of the minutes:

**28 MIN. 50 SEC.**

- Item No. 1 Approval of the Minutes: The Providence City Council will consider for approval the minutes of December 21st 2022 . (MINUTES)
- Mayor Alder called for the approval of the minutes of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**Motion to approve the minutes of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – Council Member Paulsen. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Council Member Kirk.**

**Vote:**

**Yea- Council members Sealy, Paulsen, Kirk, Nebeker & Speth**

**Ney-**

**Abstained-**

**Absent-**

**Motion passes, minutes approved.**

**Public Comments:** Citizens may express their views to the City Council on issues within the City’s jurisdiction. The City Council accepts comments: by email providencecityutah@gmail.com, and by text 435-752-9441.

- Mayor Alder opened the floor for public comment.
- Doug Fullmer took the podium and introduced himself to the Council. Indicated he was here tonight to introduce the IHelp foundation that he works for and that operates here in Providence. He discussed with Council that their organization participates in building medical clinics, schools, homes, rushing into disaster areas, and taking physicians and students to Central America and Haiti. They work on disaster relief and education in the United States and internationally. He introduced Mason who was a student at USU and who was helping with an upcoming event.
- Mason Widdison took the podium and introduced himself to the Council. He discussed with them that they are planning to do a 5K here in Providence sometime at the end of April and that they are hoping to raise money for their upcoming projects in Uganda & Liberia.
- Mason and Doug indicated that anyone could donate to their organization and see more about what they do and what they are about on their website. [IHelp Foundation](#)
- Emily Watterson, Providence City Resident, took the podium and discussed with Council public comments & questions that they receive via email or text. Parties discussed the public comment process and Council checking their emails. Parties discussed the general public comment email that is displayed on the agenda and Council trying harder to respond to emails, even if it’s a simple response letting the sender know they have received it.
- Ms. Watterson commented on the proposed bike lane and the issues of no parking, especially on Spring Creek where she lives. Parties discussed that they are working the bike path and understand the no parking areas are an issue.
- Ms. Watterson asked about the map showing that zone 4 for the fiber network is not a considered project. Ryan Snow, City Manager, indicated that it was probably an oversight and assured her that zone 4 is a considered project.
- Parties discussed signing up on the Utah Public Notice website to get email notifications of the agendas - [Home | Public Notice Website \(utah.gov\)](#)

**Agreements, Contracts, Bid Awards:**

**50 MIN. 05 SEC.**

- **Item No. 2 Providence City Skate Park RFP Evaluation:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss, and may take action on the Skate Park RFP evaluation. Proposals: **(EVERGREEN)** **(GRINDLINE)** & **(HUNGER)**
- Mayor Alder called item 2, gave a brief introduction and asked Ryan Snow to give an overview of the evaluations and proposals.
- Ryan Snow discussed with Council the RFP and indicated that members of the Skatepark Committee were here in attendance tonight. He reviewed with Council the three proposals that they had received commenting that a few of the companies who submitted have worked in the valley before with Hyrum’s and Smithfield’s Skateparks and that they were all good candidates.

- 172 • Council Member Sealy commented on the committee meetings they have had regarding this item, the  
173 interview process and that it was the recommendation of the committee that Council go with Hunger’s  
174 proposal as they have had the most positive feed back and their proposals shows that we would get more  
175 value for the money we are spending.
- 176 • Council Member Nebeker commented that he showed some students the plans and that they had mentioned  
177 that they also like the Hunger’s proposal the best.
- 178 • Council Member Kirk asked if any of the Skatepark Committee members wanted to make any statements.
- 179 • Amy Soto, citizen volunteer who originally proposed the Skatepark with her son, commented that they  
180 have received a lot of good feedback for design ideas for the Skatepark and that when they started  
181 gathering names, they got a lot of young people’s support as well as adults. She appreciates the Council  
182 and staff for all their work in bringing this about. Believes this will be an all-inclusive park for everyone.
- 183 • Council Member Paulsen commented on the community engagement that helped bring this park about.
- 184 • Parties discussed the process of how this idea came about.
- 185 • Shea Guevara, resident, asked the Council to have confidence in the committee and their  
186 recommendations. Commented on the proposals and that all three companies brought great ideas, but it  
187 came down to better pricing and a better plan for the square feet that will be used which Hunger’s  
188 proposed.
- 189 • Parties discussed the budget and trying to raise more money to build a bigger park.
- 190 • Parties discussed if the park can be built in phases and concluded that it would be difficult to do so.
- 191 • Ryan Snow indicated that they are working on two grants that could help with the Skatepark budget.
- 192 • Parties discussed the other completed Skateparks in the valley and current Skatepark plans which will  
193 hopefully start mid-summer of this year.
- 194 • Parties discussed timeline of park builds like these.
- 195 • Parties discussed the budget and proposals. Parties discussed the Hyrum Skatepark that was recently built.
- 196 • Che Guevara, resident, commented on Hunger’s plan and thinks it’s a great plan and indicated that a lot  
197 of kids at his school are talking about it.
- 198 • Parties discussed the square feet of the park in Hunger’s proposals and having the ability to add to the  
199 plan if needed.
- 200 • Council Member Speth commented on the budget, asking if it would be beneficial to wait until we have  
201 more money to build a bigger park.
- 202 • Parties discussed moving forward with what has been presented a continuing with efforts to raise more  
203 money.
- 204 • Donations to the Skatepark can be made at: [Home - Providence Skatepark - Cache Valley Utah](#)

207 **Motion to approve award the Providence City’s Skatepark design and build to Hunger – Council Member**  
 208 **Speth. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Council Member Kirk.**

209 **Vote:**

210 **Yea- Council members Sealy, Paulsen, Kirk, Nebeker & Speth**

211 **Ney-**

212 **Abstained-**

213 **Absent-**

215 **Motion passes, Hunger is awarded the bid to build the Providence City Skatepark.**

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217 **Plans and Other Business:**

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219 **1 HR. 18 MIN. 20 SEC.**

220 ➤ **Item No. 3 Re-appointment of Planning Commission member Michael Fortune:** The Providence  
221 City Council will review, discuss, and may take action on approving Michael Fortune’s continued  
222 membership on the Providence City Planning Commission. Michael Fortune’s current term ends February  
223 2023.

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- 225 • Mayor Alder called item 3, gave a brief introduction indicating that Michael Fortune has done a great job
- 226 on the Planning Commission and being their Chair.
- 227 • Parties discussed reappointment process and term limits.
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229 **Motion to re-appointment Michael Fortune to the Planning Commission for another term – Council**  
230 **Member Paulsen. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Council Member Nebeker.**

231 **Vote:**

232 **Yea- Council members Sealy, Paulsen, Kirk, Nebeker & Speth**

233 **Ney-**

234 **Abstained-**

235 **Absent-**

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237 **Motion passes, Michael Fortune reappointed to the Planning Commission.**

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239 **1 HR. 22 MIN 20 SEC.**

240 ➤ **Item No. 4 Plans for Providence City’s waste removal services:** The Providence City Council will  
241 review, discuss, and may take action on plans regarding the future of the City’s waste removal services.

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- 243 • Mayor Alder called item 4, gave a brief introduction and history of item and asked Ryan Snow to give an
- 244 overview of their options.
- 245 • Council asked if item 4 was an action item and the process or motion that would be needed.
- 246 • Ryan Snow indicated to Council that only one hauler, ACE from West Valley, responded to our RFP. He
- 247 indicated that our options are to contract with this hauler which would be a 5-year contract or have the
- 248 city do it on our own, which would mean buying trucks, hiring staff, expanding the shop etc.
- 249 • Ryan Snow showed Council the numbers or prices from ACE regarding having them pick up waste for
- 250 the city. Parties discussed can sizes and price differences. Parties discussed recycling and green waste
- 251 services. Mr. Snow indicated that there is about a \$10 increase each month for residents if we go with the
- 252 hauler.
- 253 • The city’s green waste site was discussed, and it was commented that Logan would be discontinuing green
- 254 waste at our Vons Park site
- 255 • Commercial business waste was discussed and the benefits of contracting with a hauler.
- 256 • Council Member Sealy commented on green waste and the need and value of keeping green waste as an
- 257 option for residents. Parties indicated green waste and recycling was or is mandated but at a County level.

Parties indicated that take about green waste is tangential and that we should focus on to two options they have regarding how the city will collect waste.

- Parties discussed fixed costs, variable costs, and escalation costs. Parties discussed base price with regards to fuel escalation.
- Hal Hansen, resident, asked about the consortium and the other cities that have backed out. Staff indicated that the other cities that have backed out were small cities on the north of Logan.
- Parties confirmed that the Logan green waste transfer station would still be open, and individuals can still haul waste there.
- Parties discussed having recycling optional or required. Council Member Paulsen commented that it should be required and having to option to do so is one of the benefits of the city doing waste management on their own.
- Parties discussed the process and benefits of the city providing waste management services to its citizens. Ryan Snow told with the Council that if they did it them themselves, they would need to buy trucks, expand the shop to store the trucks, hire at least 2 employees which would include medical, insurance, retirement etc. and create an enterprise fund.
- Garbage can costs and tonnage costs were discussed along with maintenance , total revenue, labor, benefits etc.
- Council Member Paulsen commented on the assumption of the numbers being shown for doing it on our own and not knowing for sure how much all the costs could be.
- Parties discussed the overall costs, net charge, and profit.
- Staff indicated that Logan has said that they would be willing to help us get started and have given us a 3 year timeline to get everything in order before they officially drop services.
- Council Member Kirk commented on the benefits of doing it on our own and being able to keep the same level of services.
- Council Member Nebeker asked if a decision needed to be made tonight and commented that having the city do it on our own gave us more control which he stated was a benefit.
- Staff responded that ACE hauler gave us 90-days to decide and that after 90 days their prices could go up based on their projections.
- Parties discussed the services that would be provided and the pricing.
- Parties discussed the price differential between the hauler and Logan city who is currently providing waste removal services.
- Parties discussed total cost and depreciation. Council discussed the price increase from the hauler was due to them willing to bid for us which means they couldn't bid for the consortium.
- Parties discussed the price increase for citizens if they go with the hauler.
- Sharell Eames commented on the proposals and stated that they have a very difficult decision to make.
- Council Member Speth commented on being in control of our departments and the benefits of having it in-house versus contracted out. Council Member Kirk agreed and sees more benefits with doing it on our own.
- Council Member Speth motioned to approve as a City Council what Ryan has proposed doing the whole process ourselves with Logans help and keeping waste removal in-house.
- Council Member Sealy asked about depreciation numbers, fund contributions and if loans would be needed.

- Council Member Paulsen commented on Council Members Speth motion and amending it to exclude what was proposed and just stating that the city will be moving forward with in-housing waste management services so that they can work out any issues with the numbers or proposal.
- Council Member Speth amended his motion.

**Motion to approve that Providence City moves forward with in-housing garbage services – Council Member Speth. 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member Kirk.**

**Vote:**

**Yea- Council members Sealy, Paulsen, Kirk, Nebeker & Speth**

**Ney-**

**Abstained-**

**Absent-**

**Motion passes, Providence City will move forward with providing garbage services for its citizens.**

**2 HR. 29 MIN. 05 SEC.**

**Staff Reports:** Items presented by Providence City Staff (including but not limited to: Public Works Director, Community Services Director, City Recorder, and City Manager) will be presented as information only.

- Mayor Alder called for staff reports.

Rob Stapley (Public Works Director)

- Commented on the recent motion regarding the garbage removal and the city in housing those services. Stated that he is confident that the city can manage garbage removal but that he does have some concerns with the transition but hopefully Logan is willing to help them, as they have said they would.
- Reported that its going to be a busy year this year as they have a lot of projects currently going on and coming up. Discussed with Council the current and upcoming projects which included the on going fiber optics project, which has slowed down and they are a bit behind but they have plans to catch up and move forward; developing the bike lane route, widening of roads, sewer lift station, shop expansion, skatepark, new pickleball courts, chip and sealing of a some roads, drilling for a well and updating some water and sewer lines.
- Discussed with Council the recent snowstorms and keeping the roads plowed. Commented that with all the recent snow hopefully we won't have any flooding issues come spring.

Skarlet Bankhead (Community Services Director)

- Discussed with Council their ongoing efforts in code compliance and making sure citizens are complying with the code especially when it comes to overnight or winter parking and sidewalk snow removal. Indicated that owners are responsible for sidewalk snow removal whether they live at the residence or not.
- They are hanging up door hangers as a notice for residents who are not complying and hopefully that will help with some of the issues they are seeing.



- Reported on the upcoming recreation calendar and that South Cache Soccer will get underway with their registration and they have worked out a plan or agreement for lacrosse to be able to use some of the fields as that is becoming a more popular sport here in the valley.
- Comp baseball registration is underway and that the city league registration will start in February.
- Reported that there are few developments getting started, Blackstone on the west side of the highway, Judges Car Wash, Next Meter building which looks like it will be a nice looking building and a rezone has been submitted for a 1 acre parcel of land that they hope to build a few extra houses on.
- Council ask how long site plans can be held for. Skarlet responded that they can be held for 2 years.
- Council member Speth reminded on citizens to keep their fire hydrants clear.

Ty Cameron (City Recorder)

- Reported that an annexation has been submitted to the County for notice regarding parcel 02-117-0022 which is at the end of Garden Dr around 700 S with the petitioners seeking to annex this parcel into Providence.
- There has been a slight delay in the website update but that it was expected due to the holiday season.
- Discussed with Council that the boundary line adjustment the city tried to do via a quit claim deed was not accepted by the County. The city will not move forward with trying to adjust the lines as it looks like everyone is an agreement to develop the land instead of selling it.

Ryan Snow (City Manager)

- Commented on the projects that have been discussed and reiterates that we will be busy this year and have been busy and have accomplished a tremendous amount as a council and staff.
- Comments on the success of the general and master plans which have been undertaken with an even focus. Comments on the reports that have been given.

**Motion to move into a closed session – Council Member Kirk. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Council Member Paulsen.**

**Vote:**

**Yea- Council members Sealy, Paulsen, Kirk, Nebeker & Speth**

**Ney-**

**Abstained-**

**Absent-**

**Motion approved; Council conducts closed session.**

**Executive Session Notice:**

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

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

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

- Council returned from closed session.

**Motion to adjourn meeting – Council Member Paulsen. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Council Member Kirk.**

**Vote:**

**Yea- Council members Sealy, Paulsen, Kirk, Nebeker & Speth**

**Ney-**

**Abstained-**

**Absent-**

**Motion passes, meeting adjourned.**

**Next Council Meeting February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Minutes approved by Council on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.**

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**Kathleen W. Alder, Mayor.**

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**Ty Cameron, City Recorder.**