



Minutes of the **Strategic Planning Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Saturday, **February 23, 2013** at 8:00 a.m. at the Riverdale Senior Center, Riverdale Utah.

Members Present: Bruce Burrows, Mayor
 Don Hunt, Councilor
 Alan Arnold, Councilor
 Norm Searle, Councilor
 Braden Mitchell, Councilor
 Michael Staten, Councilor

Others Present: Larry Hansen, Chief Administrative Officer; Steve Brooks, City Attorney;
 Randy Daily, Community Development Director; Shawn Douglas, Public
 Works Director; Dave Hansen, Police Chief; Lynn Fortie, Business
 Administrator; Ember Herrick, City Recorder and no members of the
 public.

Welcome

Mayor Burrows welcomed all those present and noted that all Council members are in attendance as well as required staff. Mayor Burrows explained the format of the meeting and asked the Council to remember they represent 8,400 residents and a busy commercial district. He encouraged the Council to base their decisions on what would be in the best interest for the majority. Mayor Burrows updated the Council on the job opening for a new Riverdale Fire Chief. He said 16 applicants applied and three were given a first and second interview. Mayor Burrows said the city is planning to have a new fire chief to present to the Council by the next Council meeting on March 5, 2013.

City Administrator Larry Hansen talked about the sustainability of Riverdale City since the 2005 Action Plan was put into effect and said the city is moving in the right direction. He said staffing levels have remained constant or decreased with existing employees taking on additional responsibilities when a position has been eliminated to increase efficiency and help Riverdale weather the latest recession. Mr. Hansen thanked the Council for their support of staff in helping maintain a competitive work place able to retain skilled employees. Mr. Hansen said attracting destination retail is the key to the commercial sustainability of Riverdale with stores like RC Willey, Chic-fil-A, In-N-Out Burger and car dealerships.

Session Objectives

Consensus Priorities for drafting FY 2014 Budget:

Mr. Hansen said the purpose of the March Strategic Planning Meeting is for the Council to reach consensus in prioritizing city projects so that staff can proceed in drafting their department budgets for fiscal year 2014. He said the May meeting will give the Council an opportunity to review and scrutinize each line item of the proposed budget. According to Mr. Hansen, making Riverdale's Fire Department sustainable is a big key to maintaining the city's action plan and

having a smooth transition to a new fire chief will be essential to ensure there is strong leadership in place to accomplish that goal. Mr. Hansen said Riverdale roads will receive less revenue for repairs in fiscal year 2014 because the Utah State Legislature is not eager to raise the gas tax. He said parks and trails are very popular and the public gives staff positive feedback when new amenities are built. Mr. Hansen said the management of city utilities and water are issues critical to Riverdale and will be discussed when Public Works Director Shawn Douglas goes over the projects paid for through the Enterprise Fund. Mr. Hansen said other cities like Kaysville have come under fire recently because they used money from their enterprise funds to pay for projects in others areas of the city. He said to date Riverdale has been able to pay for enterprise projects with money collected from utility fees without borrowing from other funds but he said there will be a discussion about potentially raising water rates in the next three to five years to cover rising maintenance costs. Mr. Hansen said now there is a budget to move the power lines, a large scale development is possible in the West Bench RDA Project Area.

Emergency Preparedness Initiative:

Mr. Hansen said following Hurricane Sandy, it took utility companies up to a month to restore power to some affected areas and in the wake of natural disasters around the globe Riverdale is taking the initiative in updating its Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Mr. Hansen said there is currently a red emergency preparedness button at the top of Riverdale's home page for employees and citizens to use as a resource for information about disaster preparation. He said for the last four months he has been working with the department heads to update Riverdale's EOP and brainstorm solutions to help the city sustain core services for citizens in the event of an emergency situation. Mr. Hansen said each department head has gone through their section's assignments with the employees they supervise and have submitted all of their suggestions and plan updates to the city recorder. Mr. Hansen said all Riverdale employees recently met together in a quarterly training where they were shown the link on the city's website where they can get information to assist them in developing an emergency plan for their families. He said department heads are currently compiling 72 hour kits for all essential staff members that will be used to sustain them while they assist in implementing the city's EOP until help arrives, which typically takes at least three days. Mr. Hansen said the city is also offering an emergency prep item each month at a discounted price to employees and their families if they want to build personal 72 hour kits. He said in the event of an emergency the Mayor and Council and the staff present at this meeting will report to the Emergency Operations Center which will be the Riverdale Fire Department. Mr. Hansen asked the Council to join with staff in supporting these efforts to prepare for an emergency and raise the confidence level of staff so that they will be ready to serve to meet the expectations of Riverdale residents in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Hansen said Riverdale's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is half way through its six week course and will bring the city's total of active, trained volunteers to 50 individuals that can be mobilized to help the city in the event of an emergency so that fire and police services aren't overwhelmed. Mayor Burrows said CERT volunteers were essential in organizing volunteers to sandbag along the river during the spring flooding of 2011. Mr. Hansen said he would also like to engage the churches in the community who have volunteers and resources they can mobilize in the event of an emergency. He said the next step will be to hold a stakeholders meeting in mid April after the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference where representatives from commercial businesses and churches in the area meet to hear about

Riverdale's emergency plan and discuss entering into mutual agreements to assist one another in the event of a disaster. Mr. Hansen said Riverdale Police, Fire and Public Works Departments need fuel and the department heads have discussed having an agreement with local gas stations to allow the city to use their fuel in the event of an emergency for critical response efforts. He said big box stores like Home Depot and Lowes have building supplies and tools the city could use if an agreement were in place and America First has a huge computer backup system Riverdale could use to maintain emergency communication capabilities. Mr. Hansen thanked the Council, department heads and staff for their support to help raise the confidence level of everyone in the city about Riverdale's ability to respond in the event of an emergency.

Fiscal Review

FYTD 2013 Financial Review

Mr. Hansen said there will be a fiscal review by Business Administrator Lynn Fortie to determine what funds are available to help create a budget and see what priorities there are for the 2014 tentative budget.

Budget vs. Actual (thru Dec 31, 2012)

2012-2013 comparison

Mr. Fortie gave a fiscal review for the year-to-date for the different departments and sources of revenue for the city. He said Riverdale's Christmas sales and business license renewal fees appear on the February report and indicate that the city's revenue from sales tax is up in 2013 compared to previous years. Mr. Fortie said ambulance service is up as well as revenue for fines and forfeitures which he said seem to be steadily increasing year after year. He said he has seen a similar trend for Harrisville City where he works part-time.

Mr. Fortie said a recent audit by the Utah Retirement System revealed that the city is legally obligated to pay into the retirement system for the Mayor so expenditures are up in fiscal year 2013 to bring the city into compliance. He said Class C Roads and street project funds are earmarked for road projects and are tracking well for midway through the fiscal year to date. Mr. Fortie said Riverdale's budgeted surplus is currently \$182,000 which has also increased over the previous fiscal year. Councilor Searle asked about new proposed state legislation currently being debated that would raise the amount cities can save in a rainy day fund from 18 to 25 percent. Mr. Hansen said the bill has already passed in the Senate and is likely to pass in the house without any major opposition. He said it will allow Riverdale to now hold \$2 million dollars in its rainy day fund and Mr. Fortie said if the bill becomes law, Riverdale will continue save the maximum amount allowed and will channel any additional surplus into its Capital Improvements Fund. Mr. Fortie said upgrading Riverdale's phone system and IT network is being funded by monies earmarked in the city's General Fund. According to Mr. Fortie, overall wages are down in 2013 primarily because the city is operating under staffing authorization without a Fire Chief but he said shift coverage wages are up for the fire department with four fire fighters on staff around the clock. Mr. Fortie said the Community Development Department's staffing budget has also increased in 2013 with the transfer of Randy Koger from the Riverdale Fire Department to the position of Code Enforcement Officer under the Community Development Department. He asked for any questions or comments and there were none.

Yr to Yr Comparative (Dec 2013 vs Dec 2012)

FY 2013

Mr. Hansen said sales are now 108 percent of the previous fiscal year which is better than the city's conservative forecast of a three percent annual increase. He said the economy is still very volatile but overall the trend is up which is good news for the city long-term but will cause Riverdale to lose its SB 35 subsidy in fiscal year 2013 if Riverdale's sales tax number exceed 90 percent of what they were in 2005. According to Mr. Hansen, this first anticipated fiscal cliff is more of a step than a cliff because of the successful implementation of the 2005 Action Plan and the \$700,000 the city has set aside annually in anticipation of the eventual loss of the SB 35 subsidy by the end of 2016. Mr. Hansen told the Mayor and Council the city has saved \$1.4 million to bridge the two subsidy cliffs created in 2006 by SB 35 and HB 172. He said if sales continue to rebound steadily, Riverdale should be in good fiscal shape although some insecurity still exists associated with sequestration federal budget cuts that will go into effect on March 1, 2013. Mayor Burrows said he is concerned people will cut back in their purchase of discretionary items because of the loss of income Hill Air Force Base (HAFB) and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employees will experience due to the mandatory furloughs created by sequestration. Councilor Arnold said as a HAFB employee he has been told to prepare for furloughs and Mr. Hansen said a lot of people and families in the community will be negatively impacted. Mayor Burrows said he believes Riverdale's 2012 Christmas sales were not as high as they could have been because consumers were nervous about their financial future with the federal government debating the fiscal cliff through the New Year.

According to Mr. Hansen, Riverdale's 2005 Action Plan has been successful because all city departments have worked hard to control staffing costs, make cuts and defer expenditures for the good of the city. He said Riverdale was wise to utilize the city option sales tax for the past several years and he noted that South Salt Lake didn't adopt the 0.2 % option until 2011 at a loss of approximately \$4 million for that city. Mr. Hansen said the passage of HB 81 in 2012 has extended the city option created by HB 172 from expiring in 2016 to 2030, helping to secure the long-term financial stability of the city without requiring cuts to services for residents and the community or cuts in staffing. Mr. Hansen said Riverdale's Public Works Department has transitioned following the retirement of Lynn Moulding and promotion of Shawn Douglas from Assistant Director to Director of that department. According to Mr. Hansen, the assistant position was eliminated in favor of creating two team leads at a considerable savings to the city. He said Riverdale's Fire Department is still not sustainable because the ambulance hasn't made as much money as anticipated and requires extra staffing. Mr. Hansen said in his interviews for a new Riverdale Fire Chief he is looking for a leader who can create a sustainable department through a good cost analysis to determine what expenditures are essential and what excesses can be cut. Mr. Hansen complimented the police department for creating a sustainable budget in recent years and said he hopes with a new leader in place, the fire department will also be able to maintain a sustainable budget. He said the Business Administration and Community Services departments will also need to be evaluated for efficiency at some future date.

Mr. Hansen said the Ken Garff and Larry H. Miller dealerships bring in the largest auto dealer sales tax revenues for the city each month and he said he is pleased that they have located in Riverdale where these businesses enjoy some of the highest automobile sales numbers in the state. Mr. Hansen said capital projects will be discussed later in today's meeting.

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:10 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

Consensus Priorities for drafting FY 2013 Budget

Council Projects and Initiatives

Mr. Hansen said the city sets aside funding annually for projects they can anticipate like the cost of replacing department vehicle fleets and other operational and maintenance capital projects. He said Enterprise Fund Projects are a little less predictable like the cost of replacing the water lines along Riverdale Road when UDOT widened the road.

Mr. Hansen asked if the Council members had any ideas or new initiatives not already included on the Capital Improvements Project List they would like to discuss now. Mr. Hansen said trail and park initiatives and proposed project recommendations from Riverdale's Bike/Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee will both be discussed later in today's meeting. Councilor Searle said the Riverdale Senior Board has suggested some new ideas for projects like pickleball courts that could appeal to aging baby boomers. According to Councilor Searle, Pickleball is growing in popularity and he would like the city to create one or two new courts somewhere in the city. Mr. Douglas said he is currently requesting bids for resurfacing and restriping the existing tennis courts in Riverdale for dual usage both for tennis and pickleball. He said this was the direction the Council agreed to last year and the dual striping will only create a slight increase in his budget while allowing staff to measure how much interest there is for pickleball. Councilor Searle said the net height for the two sports is different and he would like to see a dedicated pickleball court built in the courtyard at the Senior Center so patrons who use the center can also use the court. Mr. Hansen said there is money in the fund to build a pickleball court at the Riverdale Senior Center. Mr. Fortie said the seniors will lose their garden area if a pickleball court is built.

Councilor Hunt said he believes there is still a demand for tennis courts and he is concerned about the courts being monopolized by one sport or the other if they have dual striping. He said he would like to see separate courts for the two sports and Mr. Hansen said the cost of a playing court is not huge and once they are built maintenance of the courts is relatively low. Councilor Searle said he has heard complaints about Riverdale's tennis courts from some tennis players who travel to neighboring cities that have more than two courts. Mayor Burrows said years ago the Council determined there was an overabundance of tennis courts in Ogden City and it didn't make sense to build additional courts in this area. Councilor Mitchell said the tennis players he knows in the community will just be happy to see the existing courts resurfaced and Mr. Douglas said resurfacing the courts is in the budget to be completed in the spring of 2013. Councilor Searle asked about putting the pickleball courts near the trail head on the north end of Riverdale by Riverside Storage or south of the existing civic center or on the vacant parcel behind Sam's Club. Mayor Burrows suggested the pickleball courts be built on the cement surface between the existing tennis courts and the children's playground. Mr. Douglas said he likes the idea of keeping the tennis and pickleball courts separate and said the cement should be laser layered so that the balls will bounce correctly. Councilor Arnold said he has seen personal play courts with dual lines in residents' backyards and they appear to function fine. He said if courts are built at the senior center all residents should be permitted to use them not just seniors. Mr. Hansen asked how much interest there is among the seniors for pickleball courts to be built at the Senior

Center and Councilor Searle said several individuals expressed interest when he proposed it. Councilor Searle said pickleball is not just for seniors but is also popular with families. Councilor Arnold said the city could create leagues and Councilor Searle said pickleball tournaments would bring people to Riverdale where they will also likely eat and shop like the popular Splash Pad at Riverdale Park. Mr. Hansen asked if the Senior Board would be willing to build the courts with money from their own fund and Councilor Searle said he would bring up the topic at their next Board meeting. Mr. Douglas said in order to get accurate bids he needs direction from the Council about the scope of the project including whether there is consensus for one pickleball court or two and if they want the courts lighted. **Mayor Burrows asked for consensus that the pickleball courts be constructed separate from the tennis courts instead of dual striping.**

Councilor Staten said he would like information on both alternatives.

Consensus was reached with four of the five Council members requesting the pickleball courts be constructed separate from the tennis courts. Mayor Burrows asked the Council for consensus to build a single or double pickleball court and unanimous consensus was reached to create two pickleball courts.

Councilor Hunt asked about creating some ballparks next to the city offices and Mr. Hansen said that is a possibility as the city owns 40 acres south of the civic center. Mr. Hansen said he and the Mayor recently sent a letter to Dr. Nick S. Vidalakis who owns a 70 acre parcel through his company Unity Enterprises adjacent to the south of the Riverdale City Civic Center situated between the Weber River and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. Mr. Hansen said the letter proposed Dr. Vidalakis donate the 70 acres to the city in exchange for the city memorializing his efforts to pioneer redevelopment in Riverdale by bringing big box stores to the city. Mr. Hansen said he was first acquainted with Dr. Vidalakis in the 1980's and had a nice discussion with him last fall about FEMA flood plain issues affecting his 70 acres. According to Mr. Hansen, this open space has no commercial value until a million dollar bridge is constructed across the river to link the parcel to Riverdale's commercial district. Mr. Hansen said he proposed an alternative use for the land to be developed into ball or playing fields if gifted to the city without the need to build a connecting bridge as mandated in an agreement between Unity and Riverdale City. Mr. Hansen said the parcel behind Sam's Club would also make a nice recreation park but the land is owned by DDRC and would be costly for the city to purchase at this time. He said there are other larger projects in the works that border the city's existing trail system and may be utilized for future recreation use. Mr. Hansen said discussions about parcels of land the city is interested in buying must be handled delicately to avoid market price increases. He said it is frustrating to see land parcels on the north end of the city that weren't purchased by Riverdale in the past because land acquisitions discussed in executive sessions were leaked and the cost of the land skyrocketed. Mr. Hansen said he doesn't want to see the same mistakes repeated during his tenure as City Administrator. Mr. Daily said some decisions that were made years ago continue to impact Riverdale like Rohmer Park being given to Washington Terrace and the annexation of the Newgate Mall to Ogden City. Mr. Hansen said if the owner of the land south of the civic center would be willing to donate the 70 acres to Riverdale City it would be a great legacy for the community. Councilor Arnold said he would like some of Mr. Hansen's ideas memorialized in a plan so after he retires his vision won't be lost and the city will be able to facilitate a

smoother leadership transition. Mr. Hansen said he likes Councilor Arnold's suggestion and Mayor Burrows complimented Mr. Hansen and City Attorney Steve Brooks for implementing an orientation for newly elected officials to help to bring them up to speed on the city's processes and procedures. Councilor Staten said the Riverdale Bike/Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee has been vigilant in following the city's processes and he promised to give the Mayor and Council a report during the capital projects discussion.

Councilor Mitchell asked about a vacant parcel on the North end of Riverdale near the trail and Mayor Burrows said this would be an ideal location for a dog park. Mr. Hansen said the four acre parcel was available for purchase at a reasonable price years ago but now the current owner wants over one million dollars and so it is no longer a possibility for municipal purchase. Mayor Burrows said this parcel represents another tragic example of a former member of the City Council leaking closed executive sessions land acquisition discussions to the property owner causing the asking price to quadruple overnight. He said this is why the city attorney tries to impress upon new Council members the importance of keeping closed executive session discussions confidential.

Councilor Arnold asked about a parcel of land on 1500 West that Destination Homes wanted to build townhomes on and he asked if the city could require the bank that owns the vacant lots to maintain them better so that they don't become a nuisance. Mr. Daily said Riverdale's code enforcement department works with vacant property owners annually to compel them to maintaining the weeds and dumping on their lots. Mr. Daily said the property Councilor Arnold is referring to is currently being marketed for commercial development and he has heard they have some interested developers. Mr. Daily said Destination Homes withdrew their townhome proposal because they felt the cost to do an infrastructure study and upgrades would be too costly. He said the city attempts to enforce Riverdale's nuisance ordinance so that weeds are cut down on vacant lots but he said if the regulations get too strict the Council needs to consider how the city could be impacted if someone were to complain about the growth along the city's river trail.

Councilor Mitchell said he like Riverdale Resident Gary Boatright Jr.'s suggestion that Riverdale memorialize Riverdale history and buildings by placing historic markers around the city. Mr. Hansen said Riverdale will work with Mr. Boatright to develop this proposal in the future.

Department Projects and Initiatives

Mr. Fortie said under department projects and initiatives there is a generator for the civic center listed. He said this is in the tentative budget and could change as the city reevaluates its emergency management needs. Mayor Burrows said the city has already purchased a generator for Riverdale's Fire Department which will be the city's designated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) but the Council will need to consider if they want to invest in additional generators for the Community Center which could be used as an emergency shelter and the Civic Center, Police Department and Senior Center. Mr. Hansen said the fire department's generator works on natural gas but most generators work on gasoline or diesel fuel and the Council needs to consider how useful these expensive pieces of equipment will be if natural gas lines rupture and fuel is in short supply. Councilor Mitchell said watching the impact on residents following the extended loss of power experienced during Hurricane Sandy in 2012 highlighted the need to have working

emergency services at Riverdale's EOP in the event of a catastrophe. Mr. Hansen said Riverdale's designated EOC backup locations are the police basement and council chambers and Riverdale also has a verbal agreement with Roy to use their city building as an EOC if all Riverdale City buildings are unusable. Mayor Burrows said he sits on the 911 Board and Riverdale is ideally situated near five power substations in Weber and Davis Counties so if power goes out at one substation there are several backups available.

Mr. Fortie said Riverdale has budgeted to update the city's IT and phone systems in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and these are the only projects impacting his department's budget. Councilor Searle asked about the fund to build a new civic center and Mr. Hansen said the city has set some money aside but most cities bond when they build new city government buildings and Riverdale has no schedule to build a new civic center at this time. Mayor Burrows said Riverdale has saved \$1.4 million in its new building fund when there was a city surplus above the 18 percent the city was allowed to save in their rainy day fund to help bridge the gap from sales tax loss created by the two subsidy cliffs created in 2006 by SB 35 and HB 172.

Mr. Douglas said Riverdale qualified for a CDBG grant for a small project in fiscal year 2013 and Councilor Staten asked what the project was and Mr. Douglas said it was a storm drain project in an area of the city with a trailer court. Mr. Hansen said because of Riverdale's sales tax situation it is hard for the city to qualify for these grants. Mayor Burrows said the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) evaluates the bid applications and they are tough to secure when Riverdale is competing with five counties and many cities with significantly less sales tax revenue than Riverdale.

Mr. Hansen asked for consensus to cross the Community Center expansion project off a tentative list of future projects now that Riverdale has contracted with Roy City to reserve their swimming pool and aquatic center for 10 nights each summer. He said because Riverdale City subsidizes these activities, use of the pool is free for Riverdale residents and they get a better rate for exercise passes at the Roy Recreation Center than Roy residents do. Mr. Hansen said the partnership also makes good financial sense for Riverdale because the city is saved from the costs of maintaining and insuring a swimming pool. **Mayor Burrows asked the Council for consensus to remove this item off a tentative list of future projects and unanimous consensus was reached.**

Mr. Hansen said the fire department's budget won't be discussed until the new Chief is in place and has a chance to review the existing budget. He said he wants to know what expenses are essential and which can be eliminated. Councilor Arnold commented about the bad public image and appearance of wasting taxpayer resources when the city's fire engine responds to seemingly minor fender bender accidents. He asked if the EPA requires professionals with hazmat training to respond to all accidents in the event there could be chemicals leaking from damaged vehicles and said if he knew the reasoning behind the city's protocol that the fire engine respond to all accidents, it would help him to be better able to respond to public criticism of the practice. Police Chief Dave Hansen said he has had similar concerns about this fire department policy when his police officers are on the scene of a minor accident and the big fire engine rolls up and they have the added pressure of trying to find a place where the engine won't block traffic. He said the previous fire chief said the fire fighters must drive the engine to every scene they

respond to so that if they were to be detoured to a fire they would already have their equipment with them. According to Mr. Hansen, Riverdale City is reimbursed if their fire department assists on a hazmat cleanup at the scene of an accident. Mayor Burrows said these are good questions to ask the new Fire Chief once he gets up to speed and Mr. Hansen said former Riverdale Public Safety Administrator B. Wayne Hoaldrige cracked down on policies like this and Mr. Hansen agreed this will be a good point to bring up with the new fire chief.

Capital Improvement Projects Plan (FY 2014—FY 2018)

Park & Trail Benches, Picnic Tables, Etc.

Mr. Douglas showed the Council a map of Riverdale indicating where proposed additional amenities will be placed this year. He said most of the damage to the city's trail from the flooding in the spring of 2011 has been repaired but he is still working with FEMA to secure funding for two remaining projects. Councilor Hunt asked about repairing the Kayak Park and Mr. Douglas said FEMA is indicating that they won't share the city's cost of replacing the feature but he promised to keep the Council updated as soon as he receives an official written reply on his request from FEMA.

Mr. Douglas said Mr. Hansen had requested that pocket parks be added to the list of future capital improvements projects. According to Mr. Hansen, pocket parks would be green space areas that the city could purchase and build some benches and a drinking fountain that would require minimal maintenance throughout the city and along the trail. He said park and trail amenities are very popular and more benches would be nice for the elderly or people with children who use the trail. Mr. Douglas said benches don't require garbage cans like picnic tables or a water source to clean them down. He said he is waiting to see what the Riverdale Bike/Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee recommendations are before he proposes any locations for possible pocket parks.

Mr. Hansen said the lettering on the Civic Center is completed and the sign in front blocking the Veterans Memorial has been removed. He said the new roundabout at 700 West and 4400 South will be landscaped this spring with new "Welcome to Riverdale" signage and something to designate to drivers that they are entering a residential area like bronze figures of children playing. He said he has also received some suggestions about incorporating a water feature into the Riverdale sign from Planning Commission member Lori Fleming that are being considered. According to Mr. Hansen, the new Larry H. Miller Dealership at 1500 West and Riverdale Road has installed a "Welcome to Riverdale" sign as part of their development agreement with the city but it is currently obscured by their business signage. He said because automobile dealerships are such a large source of sales tax revenue for Riverdale, the city is using diplomacy to encourage the dealership to move their commercial signage so the Riverdale sign will be more visible. Mr. Daily said dealerships are required to display certain signage or they risk losing their franchise.

Mr. Douglas said the play field planned for south of the Civic Center is a placeholder and the playground behind Riverdale Elementary School is scheduled for replacement in 2015. Councilor Mitchell said he has already read some discussions on Facebook about what some residents would like to see done with the school playground and he asked about the existing

swings and Mr. Douglas said new swings and park benches have been ordered and will be installed this spring.

Mayor Burrows said the Kayak Park was built when the Central Weber Sewer District replaced their sewer line and Mr. Douglas the necessary permits were not secured by the county at the time the work was done and so FEMA is saying they won't help pay to replace it. Mr. Douglas said the whole bank structure has changed since the flooding two years ago and Mr. Hansen said many users of the Kayak Park were from outside of Riverdale and now that Canyon Sports has closed there is no longer the support for the water feature that there was previously. Councilor Staten said swimmers would also use the feature to practice swimming against the current but it is no longer safe because the flooding has caused a hazard to form where the water undercuts. Mr. Douglas said the city is committed to fixing the hazard even if they don't replace the Kayak Park as soon as they hear back from FEMA.

Chief Hansen said the police basement remodel project is complete and the exercise and training rooms have helped his staff better utilize the facility. He said his detectives and supervisors have surplused their old trucks and SUVs in 2013 and the police patrol fleet is scheduled for replacement in fiscal year 2014. He said his department has been satisfied with the functionality of the Dodge Charger and their resale value and plans to stay with the same vehicles for their next rotation. Chief Hansen said they will transfer all existing working equipment into the new vehicles to save the city money, including the LED light bars which he said will extend their lifespan to 14 years and has proven to be a good investment for the city. Mr. Hansen asked if the officers have reported any positive benefits from driving vehicles with hemi engines and Chief Hansen said gas mileage has improved for his fleet because the hemi engines idle on four cylinders. Councilor Arnold said he has heard complaints from residents about police vehicles left running for more than an hour while officers are investigating a theft inside Wal-Mart as a waste of taxpayer money and contributing to Utah's poor air quality. Chief Hansen said sometimes officers are not sure how long a theft call will take and during the winter they often leave their vehicles running because it takes their computers and equipment several minutes to come online after being powered down when the vehicle is shut off. Chief Hansen thanked the Council for recently approving the purchase of new police radios one fiscal year ahead of schedule so that the city could benefit from a Motorola promotion that will save taxpayers \$18,200.

Enterprise Funds (Water, Sewer, Storm, Garbage)

Mr. Douglas said city wide sewer projects will continue in 2013 and he said the Southcrest Subdivision Sewer Liner Project is currently open for bids and he will have a recommendation for Council consideration in March. He said several of the projects have come in under budget and the sewer fund looks good so he may propose moving up some projects to fiscal year 2014 because it is cheaper to do multiple liner replacement projects simultaneously, especially when an out of state contractor is the lowest bidder. He said the new liners also don't disrupt neighborhoods like replacing lines can do because there is no need to dig up city streets. Councilor Arnold asked about the lifespan of a sewer liner and Mr. Douglas said it is almost like a new pipe removing tree roots and extending the pipe's lifespan 40 to 50 years. He said maintenance of the lines is on a three year city rotation. **Mayor Burrows asked the Council for consensus to move some sewer pipe liner projects into fiscal year 2014 and unanimous**

consensus was reached. Mr. Douglas said where feasible he will propose additional sewer line replacement projects through change orders when similar project bids come to the Council and where the sewer budget allows.

Mr. Douglas said most of Riverdale's storm water projects will be completed this year and any new projects will be designed to meet the new federally mandated storm water plan adopted by the Council in December 2012. He said the Irrigation Diversion Box on 4400 South has been completed with a head gate in place and his department is currently receiving bids to purchase a pump before the snow melt enters the Weber River this spring. Councilor Mitchell asked if the pump will be removable or permanent and Mr. Douglas said it will be a portable 4 inch pump that runs on a gas generator and can be stored in the shop and moved to any area of the city that may be experiencing flooding.

Street Maintenance/Water Tanks

Mr. Douglas said some Riverdale streets are deteriorating and will need to be replaced and he said he will have more accurate estimates by the time the tentative budget is due. He said roads are now being replaced with recycled materials instead of pure asphalt but the longevity of the streets seems to be the same. He said Riverdale's streets projects are on track and his crews are working hard to fill in any pot holes until the weather warms up. Councilor Staten asked about a Ritter Drive road project and Mr. Hansen said before he retired, former Public Works Director Lynn Moulding worked to get UDOT to help fund this project but there were too many issues like right of way acquisition, redesign, and widening which he said would cost \$4 million. Mayor Burrows said UDOT has this project listed as a level three priority and Mr. Hansen said the collector concept has been mitigated by improvements to Riverdale Road. Mayor Burrows said Riverdale City would not be allowed to restrict right turns onto Ritter Drive if UDOT partnered with them on the project. Councilors Arnold and Hunt said the road is functioning well with the restricted turn lane and they aren't getting the complaints they did before the city intervened. Councilor Arnold asked about that status of Aunt Nancy's Assisted Care Living Facility and Mr. Daily said the last update he received the developers were still trying to secure funding but when the project is built they will be required to put in a sidewalk in front of the facility along Ritter Drive. **Mayor Burrows asked the Council for consensus to remove the Ritter Drive Project from the Streets Project List and unanimous consensus was reached.**

Mr. Douglas said water use in Riverdale is not consistent as snow and rainfall determine how much water residents use each year and he said the Council will need to consider in the next two to five years a two dollar per month rate increase to meet operational needs and address aging infrastructure. He said the city's two water tanks are scheduled to be replaced this year and the city is replacing water pipelines on an ongoing basis and will need to replace one of their wells in the coming years. He said the Council has two options to completely replace the water tanks or to paint the tanks and extend their lifespan 15 to 20 years, he said building new tanks will save residents money in the long run but they will incur a three to four dollar monthly rate increase to fund the project now. Mr. Douglas said painting the tanks won't upgrade their seismic integrity like replacing them will. Councilor Arnold said he isn't in favor of a water rate increase at this time because residents are already subject to a Weber County mandated sewer rate increase in 2013 and he said he thought there was past consensus among the Council to paint the existing tanks.

Mr. Douglas said the mandate he was given from the Council was to bring back proposals outlining the pros and cons and costs of both options to paint or replace the water tanks. He said painting will cost \$600,000 and replacing the tanks will cost two million dollars. Councilor Staten said he had requested a present value analysis for both options because projected interest and inflation rates will affect whether or not it makes sense to build new tanks now. He asked how old the existing tanks are and Mr. Douglas said one was built in 1964 and the other in 1991. Councilor Staten said it won't look good to the public to replace a tank built in 1991 and he said that he supports painting the two tanks as necessary routine maintenance. Mr. Hansen said although it is cheaper to paint the tanks now this short term cost savings decision will eventually cost the city more over the life span of the tanks because purchasing new glass fused tanks in 2014 will save the city money in the long run over the next 50 to 100 years. Mr. Hansen said Riverdale's water budget will cover the cost of painting the existing tanks now, although monthly rates will need to increase by one to two dollars in the next two to five years to cover operating costs as Mr. Douglas explained. Mr. Hansen said in the event of an earthquake Riverdale's water supply could be disrupted even with seismic upgrades associated with new water tanks. Mr. Hansen said it will not be politically popular for the Council to raise monthly water rates by three or four dollars to pay for the cost of replacing the tanks now. He said he agrees the city should solicit bids to paint the tanks this year and replace the water line from the well to the storage tank by 2019 as these are high priority maintenance issues and the tanks can be replaced at some point in the future. Mayor Burrows said he agrees the sewer and water rate increases need to be staggered and Councilor Hunt said painting the tanks will buy the city some time to address more pressing infrastructure upgrades and imposing a water rate increase now would be difficult for residents facing sequestration furloughs. Councilor Mitchell said he hears more complaints about the cost of utilities from residents than other controversial subjects like streets or snow removal so he would also not be in favor of a rate increase at this time. Councilor Searle asked if the tank built in 1964 should be replaced now and Mr. Douglas said he has looked into that and it will be cheaper to replace both tanks at same time. Mr. Douglas said painting the 1964 tank should extend its life by 20 years, unless there is an unknown problem with tank. Councilor Staten said in his opinion the role of city politicians is to do the right thing for the city over the long run and he said that he doesn't want to delay water rate increases if they are necessary to pay for mandatory water infrastructure upgrades. He said if water wasn't subsidized in Riverdale people might conserve it more.

Mr. Douglas said the water budget also needs to factor in an upgrade to convert to a remote system to read water meters as it currently takes staff two weeks to read all the water meters in Riverdale and with remote read the same job could be done in one day. He said Riverdale and Pleasant View are the only two cities in Weber County that haven't switched over and Pleasant View has added it to their budget and Riverdale needs to also now the old meters are being phased out making the switch over the next five to six years mandatory. Councilor Searle asked about the cost to implement the remote read system and Mr. Douglas it will be \$400,000 to \$500,000 but the city will see some more revenue as the electronic meters are more accurate and there will also be a savings in staff hours.

Councilor Arnold asked about Riverdale City's commitment to residents years ago to keep culinary water rates low by not hooking into the county's secondary water system and maintaining city wells instead. Mr. Hansen said that decision has benefited residents more than

commercial businesses as price is determined by use. He said it would be cost prohibitive to hook into the county's secondary water system now. Councilor Arnold asked about a possible education campaign to garner public support for rate increases to purchase new water tanks and Mr. Douglas said that could have been done two or three years ago but now the tanks need to be painted or replaced and the decision cannot be delayed any longer to maintain high water quality. Mr. Hansen said Riverdale is still trying to recover from the recession and consumer confidence won't increase with so much uncertainty in the policy making ability of the current Congress. He suggested the Council consent to paint the tanks now to extend their lifespan and the new well project remain on the list of enterprise projects in the next few years. Mr. Hansen said hopefully by that time there will be less uncertainty nationally and the impact of a water rate increase on residents will be less severe.

Mayor Burrows asked the Council for consensus to paint Riverdale's two water tanks at a projected cost of \$600,000. Consensus was reached with four in favor and Councilor Arnold abstaining from the vote.

Councilor Arnold said he did not want to go on the record with a vote on this issue. Mr. Douglas said the water budget will be able to cover the cost of the \$600,000 tank painting but in order to switch to the electronic meter reading system the city will need to budget an additional \$100,000 beginning in fiscal year 2014 for the next five years to cover the cost of the conversion. Mr. Hansen told the Council they will need to consider raising water rates in 2015 or 2016 depending on how much revenue is raised in the next year which will be generated by residential and commercial water usage.

Mayor Burrows asked the Council for consensus for Riverdale to convert to an electronic water meter reading system beginning in fiscal year 2014 and consensus was not reached with only two in favor. Mayor Burrows asked for consensus to convert to an electronic water meter reading system beginning in fiscal year 2015 and consensus was reached with three in favor that the conversion will be implemented from 2015 to 2019.

The meeting recessed at 11:54 p.m. for a lunch break
The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Mayor Burrows asked Mr. Douglas for a report of water line breaks during the winter and Mr. Douglas said there were more this winter than he has seen in the last five years with frost 42 inches deep in some areas of the city and several homes with frozen water lines on the Washington Terrace side of Riverdale. He said the ground is starting to unthaw which is causing potholes from water trying to escape from the ground which his public works crews have been busy patching. Mr. Douglas said throughout the winter on average three to five residents call complaining about the plows not clearing their neighborhoods fast enough each storm. He said the plows have priority high traffic routes and then work to remove snow from residential streets with a goal to move the snow back to the curb in all areas of the city. He said his department experimented with red salt this season which is twice as expensive as white salt and doesn't seem to melt snow and ice any better than traditional salt so he said he will purchase white salt next season. Mr. Douglas said his department tracks and follows up on all calls and complaints and he asked the Council for any feedback about his department's performance during the last winter

season. Mayor Burrows said he heard a lot of compliments from the public on the good work the snow removal crews did keeping city streets and neighborhoods clear.

Other Funds (General, Internal Service, & RDA)

Mr. Daily thanked Councilor Staten for his work on the Bike/Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee and said that the Planning Commission is currently considering revisions to the Transportation Section of Riverdale's General Plan including proposed amendments from the Committee. Councilor Staten said the Committee has followed established procedures in making their recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council. Councilor Staten gave a history of cycling to the Council and said more people have started biking in the last 10 years for health and economic reasons as gas prices have remained high through the recession. According to Councilor Staten, national and local surveys indicate that people want more sidewalks, trails and bike lanes including 60 percent of Riverdale residents who responded to a 2011 survey. He said in 2012 the Council approved funding for bike lanes on 4400 South, sharrows painted in the roundabouts and 'Share the Lane' signs and he said these changes have generated some positive publicity in the local newspaper and with pathways groups. He said he has explained Riverdale's project to representatives from Roy City and they plan to continue striping their section of 4400 South with bike lanes from the border with Riverdale to 1900 West in Roy. Councilor Staten said overall response to the project has been positive. He said one driver complained that he didn't like the narrowing of 4400 South but Councilor Staten said in his opinion slowing drivers down is a good thing. Councilor Staten said he would like to see city streets designed for all users and Riverdale's committee has used Salt Lake City's best practices as a guide in creating their recommendations because SLC is the forerunner in Utah for creating dual usage city streets. Councilor Staten read the practices out loud to the Council.

Councilor Staten said complaints about the ongoing cost of maintaining bike lanes are not reasonable because any time a new road is built the public understands that road will not last forever and will require routine maintenance like annual street painting. He said bike lanes increase safety and livability and criticism over their cost will die out as residents utilize them and see how they benefit the community. Councilor Staten referenced a map in Transportation Section of Riverdale's General Plan's and pointed out proposed new bike lanes throughout Riverdale creating access to the river trail, local schools and Riverdale's Recreation Center and parks. According to Councilor Staten, the national standard is that trails should be 10 feet wide to allow a cyclist to pass a pedestrian safely. He said the Committee unanimously voted to remove Riverdale Road from the list of priority routes for cyclists and has created a priority list of projects for the Council to consider funding. Councilor Staten referenced two charts created with data from the Riverdale Police Department about bike and pedestrian related accidents in Riverdale in the last 10 years. According to Councilor Staten, all the accidents occurred on UDOT owned roads and most of the accidents involving pedestrians occurred in crosswalks and were the result of distracted driving or jaywalking. He said there have been more bike than pedestrian accidents in the last 10 years and several were because the cyclist was riding on the wrong side of the road against traffic or on city sidewalks. Councilor Staten said if cyclists are violating traffic rules he would like to see the police pull them over and educate them about traffic laws affecting bike usage on city streets. He said only children 10 years of age and under can legally ride their bikes on sidewalks.

Mayor Burrows asked Councilor Staten what projects he is proposing to the Council for fiscal year 2014 and Councilor Staten reviewed how the Committee had evaluated each city street according to SLC's guide and said their recommendations were listed in the orange column. Councilor Staten said the gray column is a list of completed projects and at the bottom of the spreadsheet is a list of state owned roads like South Weber Drive where the Committee did not make a recommendation. Councilor Staten said the next step of the Committee will be to conduct a public opinion poll and education campaign to generate interest and garner public support to fund some of the high priority projects identified by the Committee. He said he has spoken with a representative from UTA that would be willing to partner with Riverdale City to host a bicycle week to include recreational races for families, free commuting and safety workshops and an open house. According to Councilor Staten, at the open house the Committee could have project boards set up where members of the public could give their input on proposed projects before the Council votes to appropriate funding in the budget at their next Strategic Planning meeting in May. Councilor Staten said in the current fiscal year \$15,000 was spent to stripe 4400 South and post signage and sharrows through the roundabouts. He said there is still \$20,000 budgeted for the current fiscal year and he asked the Council for consensus to use this appropriated money for one of the projects the Committee has identified as a high priority.

Councilor Arnold said in his opinion the project list the Committee has created with projects totaling \$40 million dollars is beyond the scope for which the Committee was created. Councilor Staten said the Committee realizes that not all of the projects they have identified are feasible, that is why they are listed in order of priority from top to bottom. He said \$20,000 won't cover the cost of new sidewalks in the city and there won't be enough time to secure UDOT approval for any projects on state roads so the Committee is recommending a project to place wayfinding signs to direct cyclists through Riverdale to Roy. Mr. Hansen said most people biking in Riverdale will already know how to get to Roy and Councilor Staten said nationally bike route signs are being replaced by new signage designed to divert cyclists from dangerous routes like Riverdale Road to safer routes like 4400 South indicating the distance to their destination. Mr. Hansen asked what percentage of Riverdale 8,400 residents will benefit from this new proposed signage and Councilor Staten said the 60 percent of survey respondents who expressed interest and concern in making Riverdale streets more bike and pedestrian friendly. Mayor Burrows said half of the residents he has heard from don't agree with the Council's decision to stripe 4400 South with bike lanes and he said he is concerned there will be public criticism if the city funds wayfinding signs when most people know how to get to Roy. Councilor Staten said maybe he's "sleeping a kicking dog" but if there isn't consensus among the Council to fund wayfinding signs the Committee is also recommending signage indicating that bikes may use the full lane on Ritter Drive. Councilor Arnold said he would not support that proposal and Councilor Hunt said he is skeptical additional signage will change the behavior of cyclists and drivers.

Mr. Douglas said there are Committee recommendations that he thinks merit Council consideration for funding like completing bike lanes on 4400 South and 700 West to connect with the existing bike lanes on River Park Drive with a bid estimate of \$1,400. Mayor Burrows asked if there were any right of way issues associated with this proposed project and Mr. Douglas said only at the intersection with Riverdale Road which is UDOT owned. Mr. Douglas said the city should also paint sharrows in the new roundabout on 700 West to create consistency and crossing stripes in areas designated for pedestrian crossing at an estimated cost of \$2,400.

Councilor Staten said he is not asking the Council to appropriate funds for specific projects at this time, he said he simply wanted to update the Council on the Committee's recommendations of important projects because a lot of time and thought has gone into the process. Councilor Staten asked for authorization to schedule an open house or town meeting so that the Committee can prepare a brief description of each project and the public can give the Council feedback on which ones they would like to see funded. He said the Committee will also be making recommendations to the Council about how to educate the public about cycling safety by sponsoring a bike rodeo or a city wide bike to work and school day. Mayor Burrows asked how many residents make up the Bike/Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee and Councilor Staten said there were six members originally but because of busy schedules the Committee currently has three members with a fourth individual who has expressed interest in joining recently. Mr. Hansen said he is concerned the scope of the Committee has exceeded what the Council established it to do, which was to recommend projects they thought would benefit the entire community with the \$30,000 appropriated in the current fiscal budget. According to Mr. Hansen, many of the cycling projects represent an ongoing annual cost to taxpayers and the Committee's weekly meetings also require staff commitments with a member of Riverdale's police department and Mr. Douglas and Mr. Daily attending Committee meetings. He said he feels the Council needs to give the Committee guidance on who they are serving, what their scope is, and what their priorities should be before the Planning Commission considers adopting the Committee's recommendations into the Transportation Section of Riverdale's General Plan. Councilor Staten said the Committee has worked hard to create a list of priority projects that coincides with the project areas identified in the Transportation Section of Riverdale's General Plan in time for this Strategic Planning meeting. He said he realizes the life of an ad hoc committee is short so the Committee has met regularly to determine priority projects and update the General Plan so that the Council can earmark funding for some of the proposals in the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014 and will have a list of projects to consider funding in future years after the Committee has been disbanded.

Mr. Daily said Riverdale's 2005 Action Plan asks each department to evaluate the projects they are working on regularly to ensure that they are not doing the wrong thing well. He complimented Councilor Staten on all of his efforts and Committee for their service but asked if they are expending energy to identify projects that there won't be Council or public support to fund. Mr. Daily said he expected to see greater participation on the Committee from Riverdale residents who are cyclists, pedestrians and joggers if there was community support for these types of projects. He said he supported bike lane striping on 4400 South because he felt it was a good project but the Council is wise to consider the annual striping costs of these projects because unlike a sidewalk, they are not a onetime expense. He pointed out that Riverdale and Roy are at the mercy of UDOT to create a continuous route for cyclists and pedestrians to 1900 West and so there is only so much the city can do to make roads safer when many streets and bridges are state owned. Mayor Burrows said he has a meeting set up with city officials from Roy and UDOT next week to receive an update about the fourth phase of the Riverdale Road Project. He said in the past when the city makes recommendations UDOT typically listens politely then proceeds to do what they want. Councilor Staten said UDOT will be more likely to add bike lanes to Riverdale City streets if they are shown in the city's General Plan. He said the General Plan is just advisory so it won't obligate the Council to stripe bike lanes on every city

street but it will give staff negotiating power with UDOT for planning purposes. According to Councilor Staten, only three Riverdale streets are shown with bike lanes on the current city map 700 West, River Park Drive and 4400 South. He said UDOT will probably not agree to stripe 1500 West when they complete the fourth phase of Riverdale Road unless Riverdale amends the Transportation Section of their General Plan to show it with bike lanes. Councilor Staten said he has donated hours of consulting work to put this plan and recommendations together. He said his request today is that the Council and staff evaluate the work the Committee has done so that they can make an educated decision about which proposed projects should be funding priorities to expedite moving pedestrian and cycling traffic around town safely.

Councilor Mitchell said he thought the Committee was established to address bike and pedestrian safety and he said he feels like the Committee has turned into a new department and he doesn't necessarily want a budget for annual projects. Mr. Douglas said if the Council decides to stripe a street with bike lanes they need to realize there will be an annual financial obligation for the city to maintain the lane by repainting lines and periodic street sweeping to remove gravel and debris. He said the city must also budget to replace street signs every seven years. Councilor Arnold said the city's Enterprise Funds must be self-sustaining and he asked where the money will come from to pay for the ongoing annual expense of the projects the Committee is recommending. He said he would like Riverdale to be more bike and pedestrian friendly but in his opinion the Council's priority should be to keep core service rates low and fund some of the essential projects discussed earlier like replacing the city's water tanks. Councilor Arnold said he is concerned the Committee has exceeded its scope by recommending projects that would take millions of taxpayer dollars to fund and he said the General Plan is a planning tool not a wish list and he recommended the Council clarify the Committee's role. Councilor Hunt said water tanks are an essential city project and bike lanes are not. Councilor Staten said different projects are funded with money allocated to different funds so if the Council stripes bike lanes to increase the safety of a city street that isn't taking money from the enterprise fund allocated to replace the city's water tanks. Mayor Burrows said grants and other funding sources could also be utilized to stripe bike lanes.

Mr. Douglas said staff and the Committee especially Councilor Staten have invested a lot of time into preparing recommendations for the Council. He asked that there be consensus on what the scope of the Committee is so that everyone has a clear understanding of what their focus should be moving forward. Mr. Hansen asked about the Committee's recommendations to increase pedestrian safety and Mr. Douglas said the goal is to fill in areas without sidewalks to create continuous walkways in areas of the city where there are gaps. Mr. Douglas said the Public Works Department has done this in the past and will continue to bring recommendations to the Council where they are feasible because the city is already doing road work in that area or it is under construction in connection with a new development. Mr. Hansen thanked Mr. Douglas for identifying gaps in sections of the sidewalk along major Riverdale roads that need to be completed so pedestrians don't detour into the street and for working with property owners to try and negotiate their completion. Councilor Arnold said he likes Mr. Douglas' recommendation to maximize efficiency by incorporating bike lanes and sidewalks when other road work is being done. Councilor Arnold said he would like the Public Works Department to handle future recommendations to the Council and is recommending the Bike/Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee be disbanded immediately.

Mayor Burrows asked for consensus to add design standards into the Transportation Section of Riverdale's General Plan to create guidelines for the Council to consider how to make streets more walkable and bikeable as new road projects arise. (No consensus was reached.)

Mayor Burrows said when the city commissioned a transportation study from Wilbur Smith Associates in 2004 the report was considered advisory and was never adopted into Riverdale's General Plan. He said he doesn't think the Bike/Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations should be adopted into the Transportation Section of Riverdale's General Plan by the Planning Commission either. Councilor Staten said before the Committee is disbanded he would like them to finish what they started with a description of each of the projects on the list and the Committee's priority ranking of each project so that Mr. Douglas and the Council can use the recommendations for future planning. Mayor Burrows said he would like joint projects that will benefit cyclists and pedestrians in the recommendations not just a list of roads the Committee would like to see striped with bike lanes. Mr. Hansen thanked Councilor Staten for his professionalism and work on the Committee and said in his opinion cycling issues should be separate in the report with a summary of priority projects that the Council can consider when they are considering future projects. Councilor Searle said when the Council established the Bike/Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee he understood that its scope was to create a plan with project priorities and he said in his opinion they have accomplished their goal. Councilor Searle said the expense of the proposed projects and the ongoing cost of striping bike lanes annually concerns him. He said he agrees the Committee's recommendations should be a guide and reference when public works projects come up so that if the Council determines the road improvements will benefit the community they can appropriate funding.

Councilor Staten thanked Mr. Douglas and Mr. Daily for their work on the Committee and he said the projects list draft that he has distributed to the Council today was intended to be a rough draft to get Council feedback. Councilor Staten said although he doesn't like all of the feedback he has heard today, he will comply with the consensus by completing a list of bike proposals separate from a list of pedestrian projects and he asked if the Committee could still organize bike week activities or a bike to work day in May as a Riverdale recreational activity. He said the Committee would love to organize these activities and promote safety in the community. Councilor Arnold asked if this should fall under Community Services Coordinator Jeannette Hall's purview and Mr. Hansen said Riverdale's Police Department and recreation programs have hosted bike rodeos in the past and would be happy to organize one this spring if there is Council consensus. Mayor Burrows said Riverdale's Home Depot sponsored a safety fair annually for four years but there was not enough public interest and the fair was discontinued. He said as long as volunteers run the event Ms. Hall will be happy to help facilitate any positive community outreach with Councilor Staten and he doesn't need Council consensus for a bike rodeo or bike to work day unless there will be a financial obligation requested from the city.

Mr. Hansen said if there are specific questions the Council would like to ask to measure community sentiment about bike lanes they should forward their suggested questions to him for possible inclusion in the next city wide survey.

Mayor Burrows asked for consensus to allow the Bike/Pedestrian Committee to finish their report and list of projects to the city before the Committee is disbanded.

Councilor Arnold said he wants to review the proposals first and Councilor Staten said he would welcome the Mayor and Council's review as well as the Risk Management Committee as the proposals are designed to improve street safety in Riverdale.

Consensus was unanimous.

Councilor Staten asked that the proposed amendments to the Transportation Section of Riverdale's General Plan from the Bike/Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee be withdrawn from the Planning Commission's February 26, 2013 agenda and Mr. Daily said the action item will be removed. Councilor Searle proposed using the term "bike routes" in the Transportation Section of the General Plan and said River Park Drive is a good alternate route for cyclists to connect to other areas in the city without using Riverdale Road. Councilor Arnold complained about 1500 West and Mr. Douglas said UDOT will attend the Council meeting on March 19, 2013 to update the Mayor and Council on the state's proposal for the fourth phase of Riverdale Road construction and proposed changes to the intersection at 1500 West.

RDA Project Area and Program Review

Mr. Hansen said Riverdale City owns eight acres on 550 West and the RDA owns five acres in the West Bench RDA Project Area. He said Destination Homes has withdrawn their townhome proposal for 1500 West and the city will keep the Council updated about any other proposed developments on this commercial piece of land. Mr. Hansen said the Macys and old Best Buy buildings still do not have permanent tenants and there is only so much the city can do about this as the property managers determine who they will lease their buildings to. He said In-N-Out Burger representatives claim they have a tenant to occupy the other half of the old Toys R Us Building adjacent to Zurchers and sales numbers are strong for the new Gordmans and Best Buy locations. Mr. Hansen said the city would like to see the North side of Riverdale Road occupied where Macys and Zurchers once were to rejuvenate that shopping complex.

Mr. Hansen said this time of year he receives a lot of inquires about RDA loans and purchase assistance programs for vacant properties in Riverdale. He said not all applications qualify for loan assistance but 13 years into Riverdale's RDA Housing Program it has proven to be very successful. He said the Riverdale Senior Center funded through RDA money will be a legacy for the city for generations to come and there are nearly 90 seniors on the waiting list for apartments. Mr. Hansen said his only regret is that the city didn't have more land to expand the number of units and he said in retrospect he would only build two bedroom apartments as most seniors have so many belongings they need the extra room for storage. He said the first tenants moved in eight years ago and now the center has six to eight residents in their 90's. According to Mr. Hansen senior housing is economical with rent between \$500 to \$700 a month compared to \$3,000 to \$4,000 to live in an assisted care facility.

Councilor Staten asked if a proposed roundabout at the five way intersection of Ritter and South Weber Drive could be funded with RDA money because it feeds into an RDA area. Mr. Hansen said Mr. Douglas has met with engineers about the project and because three of the five roads are state owned UDOT would need to approve it even if Riverdale agreed to fund it.

Mr. Hansen said UTA has agreed to install several bus shelters at Riverdale bus stops in the Spring of 2013 and Mayor Burrows said funding for the new shelters is already in UTA's budget.

Discretionary Items

Mayor Burrows asked for any discretionary items and Councilor Searle asked how the new health care law will impact Riverdale's employee health care costs and Mr. Hansen said part-time employees may be impacted as department heads have been directed to adjust their employee schedules to avoid additional benefit costs. He said Riverdale's Human Resources Manager Stacey Comeau is scheduled to attend a training seminar in March to learn more about how the changes will impact the city. Mr. Hansen said early indications are that insurance cost increases for all full-time employees will be between six and eight percent in fiscal year 2014.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council at this time the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:33 p.m.

Approved: April 16, 2013

Attest:

Bruce Burrows, Mayor

Ember Herrick, City Recorder