

Mayor's Report

7 March 2022 – 12 March 2022

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Greetings, boss.

Here are some of the things I worked on this week, and an indication to what's going on in Nibley City governance.

- Community Redevelopment Area on Hwy 89/91
- Hwy 89/91 with UDOT and commercial landowners
- Justin Maughan performance review
- Miscellaneous meetings
 - School District Road Dedication
 - Ridgeline Phase 3 Update
 - Trucks on Nibley Roads

Rather than type full names and titles throughout this report, I use these references.

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| Justin | Justin Maughan, City Manager |
| Darren | Darren Farar, City Engineer |
| Levi | Levi Robers, City Planner |

Development on Hwy 89/91. This week had a lot to do with commercial development on Hwy 89/91, consisting of two separate meetings. The first coordinated different landowners that are part of a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) project. This is a state-sponsored project that encourages commercial development in Utah in general, and in this case, specifically in Nibley. This process started before my term as Mayor, and I believe it is a good thing for Nibley. Here is a brief description. For a period of time and a targeted amount of property tax revenue, a portion of the increased property tax resulting from a commercial development in the specific development area is designated to build infrastructure in that area. The local jurisdictions who have indicated a willingness to participate in this property tax designation are Nibley City, Cache County, and the Cache County School District. There still lots of work to do on this, so you will hear about it again in a future report. With newly passed state legislation on retail development, July 1 may turn into an important date on this effort.



The second meeting was an important one that included the same landowners mentioned in the first meeting along with David Zook as the Cache County Executive, Rob Wight as the UDOT Director in our area, and two Utah Transportation Commissioners. The Transportation Commission is appointed by the Governor, and it prioritizes projects and decides how funds are spent. In last week's report I described the 3200 S signalized connection on to Hwy 89/91 and that construction will start this summer. This meeting discussed UDOT priorities along Hwy 89/91, including a second signalized connection in Nibley. It's a bit early to predict how the prioritization will shake out, and that prioritization is important to Nibley. Traffic signals on the highway first and foremost a safety issue, but also represent a key to commercial opportunities in Nibley. After a discussion where Justin and I talked about Nibley's



history along Hwy 89/91, the two Transportation Commissioners told us they were impressed with Nibley's planning activities. My appreciation to the Planning Commissioners, City Planners, City Managers, Councilmembers, and Mayors who contributed to those plans over the years.

Justin Maughan Performance Review. Justin has been Nibley's City Manager for about one year. He is due – and he welcomed – a review of his performance. To start the process with the City Council, Justin and I met last week. I won't go into lots of detail here except to say this. Justin's performance isn't just determined by his own performance. Instead, as City Manager, his performance is determined by the performance of the entire staff. Despite me being the new guy in my current seat, I am impressed and thankful for the level of professionalism, dedication, can-do attitude, and citizen-centric attitude that runs throughout Nibley's employees. Through a combination of good luck and great decisions, Nibley has an outstanding group of people working for the city, and I appreciate Justin's role in acquiring, keeping, and leading that great group of people.

Miscellaneous Meetings. Justin and I met with Cache County School District to finish a process from long ago to dedicate a road to Nibley City that is near Heritage Elementary to Nibley City. In addition, we met with Visionary for an update on the Ridgeline development. Finally, Darren and I met with a student reporter to talk about truck traffic in Nibley.

Thanks for reading. You are my boss. Please call, text, or email anytime.

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