Council Corner: The 2019 Legislative Session

Herriman City Council

Our community expects us to provide services that contribute to everyday lives; services like water, infrastructure, and policing. In efforts to meet the expectations of these services, we work closely with our legislature to best represent the interests and needs of our City. The end of March brought the end of the 2019 Utah Legislative Session, and the session brought forth a record number of bills for City Council to review and engage in. This session was like a game of Chutes and Ladders as we attained successes and disappointments with bills focused on transportation, air quality, economic development, and housing. Tax reform rose to the top of the ladder as it became a major focus during the middle of the session, but ended up being shelved and will be picked up again in a special session during the summer.

While not all bills proposed made it through to the end, this year the Legislature approved 573 bills. Herriman City monitored roughly 300 of those bills based on the various ways they could impact our community. Here are the highlights of a few of those bills that received our attention as we worked to support items that were beneficial, and oppose those that could have negative impacts.

**SB34 Affordable Housing Modifications** encourages local communities to plan for housing for residents of all income levels, and coordinate that housing with transportation. Communities are required to develop a moderate income housing (MIH) plan as part of their general plan. Communities that are required to annually report on their MIH plan implementation must satisfy these requirements to remain eligible for state transportation investments. Herriman City currently meets all requirements. The bill also looked to spend $24 million to incentivize more affordable housing developments, but the funding was removed from the bill. Herriman City participated in the efforts of this bill.

**SB129 Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Retirement Amendments** increased defined contribution for Tier II employees to result in 50% at 25 years. There is a delayed one year implementation to allow cities and counties time to fund it. This bill passed but was only funded for the first year, then will phase out and put the costs solely on cities. For Herriman City, it is a net neutral change as the City has continuously set that money aside anticipating for such a situation. Both Herriman City and Herriman PD participated in actively working this bill.

**SB228 Public Infrastructure District Act** creates a discretionary tool to allow local governments to finance public infrastructure. With City approval, a district could be created to finance the construction of public infrastructure, such as water, streets, etc. The district...
Recently Approved Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2019-07
An ordinance approving and appropriating a monetary contribution to Ace Hardware not to exceed the amount of $20,000 payable over four years and not to exceed $5,000 in any one year.

ORDINANCE 2019-08
An ordinance rezoning 4.29 acres from A-1 (Agricultural) to AMSD (Auto Mall Special District) and C-2 (Commercial) located at approximately 5010 West 12560 South.

To view the ordinances in full detail, please visit https://www.herriman.org/public-notices/

Candidate Filing for 2019
There will be a municipal election on November 5, 2019 for two City Council positions (four-year terms, January 2020-2024). City Council positions will be elected from Council District One and Council District Four.

The candidate filing period begins June 3, 2019 during regular business hours and ends on June 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Interested parties must file for office in-person with the City Recorder at the City Hall (5355 West Herriman Main Street). The Declaration of Candidacy Application can also be found on www.herriman.org, or by contacting the City Recorder’s Office at (801) 446-5323 during regular business hours. A non-refundable filing fee of $25 will be required at the time of declaration.

If more than two candidates file for each position, a primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. Polling location information can be found on www.vote.utah.gov and district information on www.herriman.org or by calling the City Recorder’s Office at (801) 446-5323 during regular business hours.

5K & Kids Yeti Chase
Saturday, June 22nd * Butterfield Park
5K - 8:00 AM  Kid’s Run - 9:00 AM

**5K**
- Early Registration (Now - June 16th)
  - $20 with a shirt
  - $15 without a shirt ($3 additional for XXL+)
- Late Registration (June 17th - 22nd)
  - $25 no guarantee of a shirt or other participant items

**Kids Yeti Chase**
- $10 (t-shirt & Woodallion)
  - *Kid’s run shirts are cotton/Not guaranteed unless registered by 6/16/19*
  - All ages welcome, but all participants must register

To obtain full Yeti Run SWAG Pack*, Register ASAP!

Registration & Full Details at bit.ly/herrimanevents

Finish line street party to follow the run, leading up to the parade, including music, prizes, food trucks, and more!

*Supplies may become limited

Requirements
- US Citizen
- Registered voter in Herriman
- 18+
- Live in Herriman
- Only one office in election
- Mentally competent, free of any felony, treason or crime convictions (Utah Code)
Pedal Palooza
Saturday, May 11 — 9:00-10:30 a.m.
W&M Butterfield Park — 6212 W 14200 S

Biking and sports safety—an activity for the whole family!
Bring your bikes, scooters, roller blades, and everything else with wheels!

 bó HPD Bike Rodeo
Safety lessons and obstacle course
 bó Helmet checks by the SLCo Health Dept.
New helmets will be issued as needed while supplies last!
 bó Helmet decorating
 bó Bike safety checks
 bó Bike and scooter giveaway

Fun booths and games!
Prize drawings!
Activities!
For more info, follow @HerrimanCity on Facebook!

Shop Local Spotlight
Project Dance Studio is located in the heart of Herriman City. Project Dance (PD) prides themselves on community involvement and providing quality training in a loving and positive environment. PD has been in operation for four seasons. They have seven studios running around the clock, 603 students, 28 competing teams, and offer dance and tumbling in multiple styles and techniques. PD provides classes for all ages and levels. Toddler, preschool, and kinder age students can participate in their “Twirl” program that puts the fun and fancy in dance. Classes are offered both in the day and evening. First through ninth grades can participate in the Performance Recreation program that is passionate about teaching students the foundations of proper dance technique and performance skills in two separate, one hour classes per week. PD also offers a 5-Level Tumbling program with experienced and certified teachers with low student-teacher ratio. PD also provides an award winning competitive program to all levels and ages from the novice beginner to the pre professional student, even offering an adult power tap program. Teams compete in multiple genres such as jazz, ballet, contemporary, lyrical, hip hop, power tap, and cheer. A new program PD is thrilled to offer in the 2019-2020 season is a high school program to students wanting the opportunities that private studios offer while participating on a high school dance team.

Whether you are a parent of a student, in a recreation program, tumbling class, or participate in their award winning competitive program, you will feel the difference that PD offers. With 55 years of combined experience between the directors, touching lives through dance is a slogan PD truly lives by. Check them out at Projectdance365.com for more information.

Sidewalk Safety & Trip Hazard Removal
The intention of this program is to mitigate possible hazards in sidewalk pedestrian travel. Each fiscal year, as budget allows funds used for sidewalk safety ranging from $20,000 to $30,000, the Street Department contracts with an independent sidewalk trip hazard removal contractor. Within the fiscal year, the contractor will survey an entire plat based on oldest to newest. Trip hazards or joint displacements that are 1 ½” or higher are placed on a list to be either removed and replaced by City crews or have the corresponding panel lifted using a concrete lifting contractor with the balance of sidewalk safety funds. Hazards measuring a ¼” and under are filed and re-inspected the following year. Any remaining hazards are cut using a patented procedure by the concrete-cutting contractor, at a 1°-12° slope ratio.

In addition to the contracted annual survey, hazards may also be identified by City employees performing sidewalk snow removal, or of course, by a concerned resident. These hazards are investigated then categorized by severity and dealt with using Street Department Crews.

To report a sidewalk concern, please contact Herriman City Street Department at (801) 446-5323 or email publicworks@herriman.org.

Interested in purchasing a Radon test kit? Stop by City Hall to purchase one for $6.00 while supplies last.

Looking for ways to serve your community?
Apply online at herriman.org/youth-council
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Ages 14-18
Deadline May 15

Apply Now

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can only be used as a finance tool for said infrastructure but cannot provide services. The district would not be able to remove authority or oversight from the local entity that has discretionary control.

HB31 Water Supply and Surplus Water Amendments regulates municipalities that provide water to customers outside their respective boundaries. This requires greater transparency to detail service area boundaries and equal protection for those who may live outside a boundary and provides more representation to those ratepayers.

HB119 Initiatives, Referenda and Other Political Activities improves the democratic process for initiatives, referenda, etc., by ensuring that more citizens have a voice on an issue rather than just a consolidated group. The bill also allows municipalities to educate the public on why they took a certain position on an item, providing opportunity for citizens to receive well rounded information from all sides prior to deciding on their position on an issue. It provides more even ground, disabling the opportunity for one area of a municipality or county to dominate decisions for all areas.

HB441 Tax Equalization and Reduction Act failed the house-led attempt to broaden the sales tax base by placing a tax on services. This bill imposed fees on health insurance, haircuts, and even legal advice. It would have implemented excise tax in lieu of sales tax expansion in certain cases. It then would offset the expanded base through decreased rates and credits. There were several arguments against this bill, including feat that it would hurt education funding. Legislators

Additional bills that passed include a bill budgeting $128 million more in per-pupil education funding, a bill letting someone seeking a protective order carry a concealed weapon without a permit, a bill that raised the smoking age in Utah to 21, a bill allowing cities to crack down on idling vehicles, a bill offering more money to firefighters in efforts to prepare for wildfire season, a bill expanding drivers license renewal to every eight years rather than five, a bill allotting that vandalism on state and federal lands is now a class B misdemeanor, a bill increasing the fee for a bounced check to $35, and finally, the legislature made the Gila Monster the state reptile.

We appreciated the thoughts, concerns, and participation of many in our community during this session. Together we can make a difference in working towards the best interests of Herriman City. We recognize the dedication and efforts of the members of the Utah State Legislature and thank them for the important work they do on behalf of Utahns. Now that the session has concluded, we are already gearing up for next year and addressing the important issues facing our community.

SB268 Transportation Infrastructure Bond Amendments was passed by lawmakers, providing a $1.6 billion dollar bond to fund a number of transportation projects across the state. Herriman City will receive $1 million dollars from said monies to expand and improve Herriman Blvd.

HB57 Electronic Information or Data Privacy requires police to obtain search warrants to access electronic information. This means that if you store a document, etc. in Dropbox, Google Drive, etc, law enforcement has to have a warrant in order to search that information. HPD initially opposed this bill because the original language created investigatory hurdles. They were able to participate in discussions and work on language to mitigate some of those hurdles. The protections provided in the physical world now hold true to the electronic world. This law placed Utah as the State with the strongest data privacy laws in the country.

HB288 Critical Infrastructure Materials initial draft undermined local control when it comes to the expansion of gravel pits, offering expansion regardless of local government input. Changes were made to the bill, and though it prohibits a municipality from changing the zoning within a permitted mining zone and eliminates local authority to control an existing operation, it also ensures that municipalities maintain local control when determining if an operation can expand. Cities should be able to deny expansion when an operation would infringe on nearby residences. Herriman City took special interest in this bill and provided testimony.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Monday, May 27**

**BREAKFAST**
Main Street Park
7:00 - 11:00 a.m.
5900 W 13000 S
- $5 Veteran/senior/youth plate
- $7 Adult plate
- Wagon rides

**CEREMONY**
City Cemetery
9:00 a.m.
12465 S Pioneer Street
Riverton American Legion Post 140 will honor those who have passed on with a free program of patriotic music and poetry.
- Reading of veteran names
- 21-gun salute
- Playing of “Taps”

Herriman Police motorcycles will escort a procession from Main St. Park to the Cemetery for any veterans who wish to participate. Veterans should ride in their own vehicles. Those interested should meet at 8:30 at the park.

In association with the Herriman Veterans and Military Advisory Board

The 2019 Legislative Session
National Trails Day!
Saturday, June 1st
8 am - 12 pm
Blackridge Reservoir
15000 S Ashland Ridge Dr.

There will be work for all ages! Come for any amount of time you’re willing to give.

Bring:
- Rakes
- Pruners
- Hats
- Gloves
- Sunscreen
- Water
- Closed-toe shoes

Your Dog is Too Cool for Hot Cars

Keep your pets safe this spring through fall! In Utah, it can be freezing and raining in the morning and then heat up in the afternoon, making your car, yard, or patio, a dangerous place for your pet. A good rule of thumb is once it’s over 55° outside, it’s too hot to leave your dog in your car.

Hot Cars: Once outside temperatures reach 70°, temperatures in a car can exceed 116° within 10 minutes. Even on a mild 75° day, cracking a window in your car or parking in the shade doesn’t make a difference. Temperatures inside the vehicle are deadly. Dogs can suffer from heatstroke, irreparable brain damage, or even death.

Hot Pavement: Dogs can burn their paws on the sidewalk in the summer. When in doubt, test the surface yourself: place the back of your hand on the pavement. If you CAN’T stand the heat for FIVE seconds, it’s too hot for your dog. Walk your dog early in the morning, later in the evening, and leave them at home when heading to festivals or farmer’s markets.

If you see or hear a pet in a car or on a balcony that’s in distress, call Animal Control: (801) 743-7000.

No Codes, No Confidence

Come celebrate the 39th annual Building Safety Month with Herriman City during the month of May. We’ll have treats, helpful information for homeowners, and coloring activities for kids. This year’s theme is “No Code, No Confidence” and is a celebration of the Herriman City Building Staff and the codes that help keep us all safe.

Most aspects of building construction – electrical wiring, heating, sanitary facilities – represent a potential hazard to building occupants and users. Building codes provide safeguards. Although no code can eliminate all risks, reducing risks to an acceptable level helps.

Each week features a specific aspect of the building safety industry:

Week 1 (May 1-5): Preparing for disasters; Build strong, build smart
Week 2 (May 6-12): Ensuring a safer future through training and education
Week 3 (May 13-19): Securing clean, abundant water for all communities
Week 4 (May 20-26): Construction professionals and homeowners: Partners in safety
Week 5 (May 27-31): Innovations in building safety

As we face the prospect of disasters – from wildfires and earthquakes to high winds and even tornadoes – building codes become increasingly important to the safety, health, and well-being of our families in Herriman. Modern, regularly-updated building codes and a strong system of code enforcement ensure that individuals and communities are safe in the buildings where they live, work, and play – codes build confidence.
Parade Road Closures

Roads being used for the staging area may close periodically as needed. Along the parade route, closures will begin at 10:00 am and will be staggered.
Did you know...

In February 2017, the City began requiring a $200 deposit for new utility accounts. Residents qualify for a refund if they have no more than two delinquencies in a 24-month period. Beginning in March 2019, the first of our residents qualified for a refund.