



2005 City Audit Analysis

In December Washington City completed its financial audit of the 2005 fiscal year. Below is an excerpt from the Management's Discussion and Analysis portion of the audit; a complete copy of the audited financial statement is available on the City website at www.washingtoncity.org/admin/budget.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The City's total net assets at the close of the fiscal year totaled \$62,421,101 which represents an increase of 36% over the prior year. This is primarily due to contribution of infrastructure with the development of subdivisions, road improvements, construction of the Millcreek Trail and a new fire station.

The City's restricted and unrestricted assets increased more than 37% over the prior year. This is due to investing in future system infrastructure, acquisition of a new cemetery site, future road construction projects and future property acquisition for a police station and city office expansion.

Washington City's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of 14,508,822 at June 30, 2005, a \$2,000,363 change from the previous year.

At June 30, 2005, unrestricted fund balance of the general fund was \$763,921 or 15% percent of the total general fund expenditures for the year and may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations.

An Update from the Public Works Department

Greenspring – Middleton Drive project: This project will include the widening of Middleton Drive and the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Greenspring Drive has been awarded to Interstate Rock and is scheduled to begin in February with a project completion time of 120 days.

Telegraph –Main Street Traffic Signal; our contacts at UDOT say this project should also begin during the month of February.

Nichols Peak project: This project will re-align the Washington Fields Road around Nichols Peak. This project was awarded to Interstate Rock and construction began on January 9, 2006. Please take a little extra time when traveling through the construction area so you can slow down and follow the signals from the flaggers.



"Getting There Together" Transportation Expo 2006

Citizens are encouraged to attend the 2006 Transportation Expo on Tuesday, February 7th any time from 11:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Dixie Center Ballroom. Input is needed regarding current and future transportation ideas or concerns. Citizens can view displays and visit with transportation planners. The displays will provide updates on current transportation projects, as well as information on upcoming projects. Representatives from the following transportation related government entities will be available to answer questions and gather feedback: Utah Department of Transportation, City of St. George, Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization, Hurricane City, Washington City, Ivins City, and Santa Clara.

Making Pets A Priority

Vaccination & Licensing Clinic: Washington City Animal Shelter will be hosting a vaccination and licensing clinic on Saturday February 18th from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Rabies vaccinations will cost \$10.00 and parvo/distemper \$15.00. 2006 dog licenses are now due. All dogs, including small house dogs, need to be licensed annually. A ten dollar late fee will be charged with all licenses issued after February 28th. For more information on fees and pet limits visit the city web site www.washingtoncity.org/animalshelter/petfee

Also, there will be a Mega Cat Big Fix on February 23rd, pre-registration is required. The cost is \$9.99 for males and \$19.99 for females. Pre-register at the animal shelter - CATS ONLY.

On The Grapevine

On The Grapevine is a new feature in our newsletter. In the October 2005 Newsletter there was an article spotlighting 100 year old Washington resident Samantha Leona Reynolds Spafford. This was met with a lot of enthusiasm so we have decided to make it a permanent reoccurring feature of the newsletter. We also decided that these stories should be written and submitted by the great citizens of Washington City. Please submit a story about interesting people, places, and events that showcase the great community Washington City is. You can submit your information by one of the following methods. Submit electronically by visiting the website at <http://washingtoncity.org/newsletter> (preferred method); submit the information in writing to Kimberly Blazzard at City Hall 111 North 100 East, Washington Utah 84780; by fax 656-6370 or by e-mail kblazzard@washingtoncity.org. At this time if you have a photograph that you would like to include, the photo will need to be sent via e-mail or you can bring it into the City office and we will scan it and return the photo to you. Note: Articles are limited to 300 words and one photo. Submittal of information does not guarantee that your article will be printed. Articles must be received by the 15th of the month to be considered for the newsletter the following month but they can also be considered for future newsletters. For questions, or additional information, contact Kimberly Blazzard at 435-656-6307 or email her at kblazzard@washingtoncity.org

Cotton City Quilters

Cotton City Quilters, a chapter of the Utah Quilt Guild, is forming in Washington City. The first meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on March 11, 2006 at the old school house on Telegraph and Main. Be sure to bring a show and tell. If you have any questions call Janice Rogers at 229-4671.



February Calendar of Events



- February 1st – Planning Commission Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room
- February 2nd – Groundhog Day
- February 7th – Transportation Expo – 11:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M. – Dixie Center Ballroom
- February 7th – City Council Workshop Session – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Conf. Room
- February 7th – Chamber Installation – 7:00 P.M. – Staheli's Town Hall at Cottontown Village – Dinner Provided, please RSVP at 674-7411 to make your reservation for this event
- February 8th – City Council Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room
- February 12th – Lincoln's Birthday
- February 13th – Daughter's Of Utah Pioneers – 1:00 P.M. – Historic Relief Society Hall
- February 14th – Happy Valentine's Day!!
- February 15th – Planning Commission Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room
- February 16th – Historical Society Education Series – 7:00 P.M. – Washington City Museum (Old Rock School House)
- February 20th – President's Day, City Offices Closed.
- February 21st – City Council Workshop Session – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Conf. Room
- February 22nd – City Council Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Last month I wrote that the traffic signals at Telegraph Street and Main Street and the intersection of Greensprings Drive and Middleton Drive would be started and or completed in January. There has been a delay in the timing. As you know, these two projects are to be done by the Utah Department of Transportation and those intersections fall under the jurisdiction and ownership of UDOT. Both projects will be started and completed soon. UDOT is working on a project in Cedar City that has taken longer than expected and thus has delayed our two projects. Hopefully we will see the beginning of construction sometime in February.

Our Master Roads and Transportation Plan was adopted recently. The streets and roads in Washington City are on the priority list so that traffic can move more efficiently through our city. You will all see construction involving our streets and roads through out this coming year. Our Public Works Department is also heavily involved in the improvements to our water system, possible pressurized irrigation system and general road improvements throughout the city. 300 East, 2000 South, Washington Fields Road, Washington Dam Road, a Frontage road along the south side of I-15 from MP13 to Main Street and several new alternate routes for traffic are on the agenda in the near future.

Once again, thank you to the citizens and the city staff who make Washington City what it is today. We all want Washington City to be the very best.



Serving With Honor and Respect



The Washington City Police Department greeted 2006 with all the enthusiasm and optimism that every New Year should be met with; but for the WCPD, this was a very special New Year indeed. January 1, 2006 marked the birth of the newly established Washington City Police Department. In attendance to welcome the “new kid” to the Washington City family was City Manager Roger Carter and Councilman Steve VanDerHeyden. To help assist with the “delivery” was Washington County Sheriff Kirk Smith, along with the entire Washington City Police Department. A piece of history was created for Washington City as the freshly decaded fleet of police vehicles and sharply uniformed officers rolled out onto the Washington City streets when the clock struck 12:01 a.m.

At the Washington City Council Meeting held on January 11th, cameras flashed as Judge Lee Bunnell recited the Oath of Office to the WCPD; and the newly hired officers raised their right hands and solemnly swore to faithfully discharge their duties.

Since January 1st, the WCPD has been busy building relationships within the community. We have visited schools, and introduced ourselves to businesses; responded to calls from residents and answered a variety of inquiries as we have patrolled Washington City. We are proud to be part of the Washington City family and are looking forward to a safe and successful 2006, not only for our department, but for each member of the Washington City family and surrounding area. We express our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the Washington City Council for their phenomenal support. We pledge to do our best to “Serve with Honor and Respect” the people of Washington City.