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## DELTA CITY COUNCIL

### Public Hearing

Thursday, May 19, 2016 6:15 p.m.  
Delta City Building Council Chambers  
76 North 200 West  
Delta, Utah

3 PRESENT

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| 4 Mayor Gayle Bunker         | 6 Council Member Travis Keel      |
| 5 Council Member Kiley Chase | 7 Council Member Betty Jo Western |
| 8 Council Member John Niles  |                                   |

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- 11 Council Member Robert Banks

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13 ALSO PRESENT

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| 14 Greg Schafer, City Recorder               | 28 Steven Huber, Delta Citizen            |
| 15 Todd Anderson, City Attorney              | 29 Sandra Christensen, Delta Citizen      |
| 16 Dent Kirkland, Public Works Director      | 30 Kim Carter, Delta Citizen              |
| 17 Travis Stanworth, Asst. Public Works      | 31 Joan Christensen, Delta Citizen        |
| 18 Director                                  | 32 Ivan Christensen, Delta Citizen        |
| 19 Sam Jacobson, Chronicle-Progress Reporter | 33 Dusty Smith, Delta Citizen             |
| 20 Lynn Ashby, Fire Chief                    | 34 Jenny Smith & Family, Delta Citizens   |
| 21 Justin Ashby, City Employee               | 35 Rebecca Peterson, Delta Citizen        |
| 22 Randy Morris, City Employee               | 36 Linda Sorensen, Delta Citizen          |
| 23 Monica Schafer, Delta Citizen             | 37 Hannah Jones, Delta Citizen            |
| 24 Cally Smith, Delta Citizen                | 38 Kurt Sorensen, Delta Citizen           |
| 25 Brandon Smith, Delta Citizen              | 39 Kristy Zufelt & Family, Delta Citizens |
| 26 LeeAnn Turner, Delta Citizen              | 40 Travis Zufelt, Delta Citizen           |
| 27 Megan Huber, Delta Citizen                |   |
| 41 Mike Steele, Delta Citizen                | 52 Emalee Atkinson, Delta Citizen         |
| 42 Lacey Keel, Delta Citizen                 | 53 Kaybree Stephensen, Delta Citizen      |
| 43 Derek Curtis, Delta Citizen               | 54 Ryler Stephensen, Delta Citizen        |
| 44 Megan Curtis, Delta Citizen               | 55 Dillon Pace, Delta Citizen             |
| 45 Paige Curtis, Delta Citizen               | 56 Brittney Pace, Delta Citizen           |
| 46 Tanya Stephensen, Delta Citizen           | 57 Janet Smith, Delta Citizen             |
| 47 Kate Smith, Delta Citizen                 | 58 Michele Steele, Delta Citizen          |
| 48 Lanie Lowell, Delta Citizen               | 59 Deam Smith, Delta Citizen              |
| 49 Rylee Winters, Delta Citizen              | 60 Justin Tayln, Delta Citizen            |
| 50 Henci Stephensen, Delta Citizen           | 61 Caralyn Tayln, Delta Citizen           |
| 51 Madison Killian, Delta Citizen            | 62 McKinley Tayln, Delta Citizen          |

63 Aspen Tayln, Delta Citizen  
64 Cora Hunsaker, Delta Citizen  
65 Amy Priest, Delta Citizen  
66 Joe Priest, Delta Citizen  
67 Tyler Priest, Delta Citizen  
68 Luke Beckstrom, Delta Citizen  
69 Scott Johnson Family, Delta Citizen

70 Heather Sharp, Delta Citizen  
71 Andy Nickle, Delta Citizen  
72 Hailey Sharp, Delta Citizen  
73 Ezri Sharp, Delta Citizen  
74 Jessica Sharp, Delta Citizen  
75 Hayden Sharp, Delta Citizen  
76 Shauna Nelson, Delta Citizen

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78 Mayor Gayle Bunker called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. He stated that notice of the  
79 time, place and the agenda of the meeting had been posted at the City Building, on the Utah  
80 Public Notice website, the Delta City website, and had been provided to the Millard County  
81 Chronicle-Progress and to each member of the City Council at least two days prior to the meeting.

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83 **BUSINESS**

84 To Receive Public Comment on Placing of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Locust  
85 Avenue and Birch Drive

86 Tanya Stephensen addressed the Council and stated that she lives over on Bristlecone Lane. Mrs.  
87 Stephensen stated that she lived in the area and that she has had many incidents at the  
88 intersection that have almost resulted in accidents. Mrs. Stephensen stated that while she  
89 believes laws should be followed that the stop sign was placed with the intent to protect the  
90 community. Mrs. Stephensen stated that she had yet to hear a good reason as to why it should  
91 not be placed where it is and that she thinks that the tax payers' money could be put to better  
92 use than a traffic study. Mrs. Stephensen stated that the majority of lots surrounding the stop  
93 signs have been sold to families with small children and it is to their benefit that the stop signs  
94 stay in place.

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96 Dusty Smith thanked the Council for taking the public's input on the matter. Mr. Smith said that  
97 he has read through the previous meeting minutes to see how much thought the Council has put  
98 into the issue and has also gone door-to-door around the area to get the opinion of those close  
99 by. Mr. Smith stated that he had brought a petition with at least 65 homes near the area asking  
100 to keep the stop sign for the safety it provides. Mr. Smith stated that he was at the first meeting  
101 when the Council decided to do a study, but that it was not required to be an engineered study  
102 and he has seen Council Members out in the area looking into the matter themselves.

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104 Dillon Pace stated that he has lived on Locust Lane for five years and that he has been wanting a  
105 stop sign near his house because people speed on that street. He stated that he had not heard  
106 any valid reasons for taking the stop signs down.

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108 Linda Sorensen stated that when the situation first began she had been approached about the  
109 stop signs and in turn asked Code Enforcement Officer Kirkland and that he had said that he had  
110 believed that a study would need to be done. Mrs. Sorensen stated that she had not been telling  
111 people that it was a planning and zoning issue but that when she had approached people about  
112 it, she had informed them that she was on the Planning and Zoning Commission. She stated that  
113 the decision had not been voted on it had just been made and that the Code Enforcement Officer  
114 had not brought it up. Mrs. Sorensen stated that the issue had never come before Planning and  
115 Zoning and that it was never her intent to cause contention. She stated that she had done her  
116 research and that in the audio minutes the dairy and feed trucks were brought up multiple times  
117 and that living on the road and checked to see the amount going through and unless silage is  
118 being hauled there aren't many. Mrs. Sorensen stated that the Council was welcome to check  
119 any of the data she had compiled and that she believed that the Council should have to follow  
120 the rules and guidelines that that are in they have adopted. Mrs. Sorensen presented the Council  
121 with a signed petition to do a traffic study with the taking down of a stop sign optional.

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123 Rebecca Peterson came before the Council and stated that when she first moved to Locust  
124 avenue 25 years ago there was only one other family living on the road and there was little traffic,  
125 but that it has changed so that both stop signs are needed to help slow down traffic for the  
126 children. Mrs. Peterson stated that there are children playing on the road or parking their bicycles  
127 next to it all the time. Mrs. Peterson informed the Council that drivers need the stop signs as  
128 reminders that they need to slow down.

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130 Mike Bettis informed the Council that he lives on Locust Avenue and that he has been involved  
131 in getting the speed reduced and getting the other four-way stop installed over the years. Mr.  
132 Bettis stated that there is still a problem with people speeding on the road and the two stop signs  
133 are not doing enough to slow people down. Mr. Bettis stated that he had discussed the issue with  
134 the Sherriff's department and that they had informed him that there wasn't enough traffic on  
135 the road to actively patrol it. Mr. Bettis advised that a children-at-play sign be placed on the road  
136 as well. Mr. Bettis stated that he thought that the stop signs were good to have there as long as  
137 proper procedure was followed.

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139 Dean Smith referenced the ordinance section 1 A.09 listing that the application of traffic control  
140 devices that shall not have legal requirement for their installations. Mr. Smith stated that there  
141 was no use spending the money on the study if it is not needed.

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143 Kurt Sorensen came before the Council and stated that the whole town should have traffic  
144 studies on the roads. He stated that he that didn't care about whether the stops signs stay or

145 leave, but that moving the children's bus stop one block east to White Sage Avenue would be  
146 safer. Mr. Sorensen stated that the Locust Avenue is pretty peaceful, but does have some people  
147 speeding like most roads in town.

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149 Ivan Christensen stated that there used to be two bus stops out on Locust, but there is only one  
150 there now and it is a courtesy bus stop because the kids in the area are not eligible for state  
151 funded school buses. Mr. Christensen stated that state law will allow one stop for children not  
152 living in an eligible area provided that the stop does not alter the route that the bus would need  
153 to take to get to the schools and the bus stop on Locust cannot be moved. Mr. Christensen  
154 reviewed some of the local bus routes taken and the numbers of children. Mr. Christensen stated  
155 that he was in favor of the bus stop staying where it is.

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157 Mayor Bunker thanked everyone for their input and stated that the issue of the stop signs will  
158 not be addressed at the next meeting, it will be addressed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016. Mayor  
159 Bunker stated that some investigation will be done into the comments made at the public  
160 hearing.

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163 Mayor Gayle Bunker asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none, Mayor  
164 Bunker thanked everyone for their participation and for coming and declared the Public Hearing  
165 closed at 6:43 p.m.

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GAYLE K. BUNKER, Mayor

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175 **Minutes Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
GREGORY JAY SCHAFER, MMC City Recorder

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