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**Groundbreaking ceremony for new West Jordan public works building**  
**Thursday, February 16 at 10 a.m.**

(West Jordan, Utah) – West Jordan City officials will break ground for a public works building Thursday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. at 7960 S. 4000 West. The building will be built on the site of the old facility, which was dedicated in 1986 when the city had 35,744 people. Today, West Jordan has over 110,000 residents.

“We have been working for the past seven years to get this facility built,” said Mayor Kim V. Rolfe. “The current building has safety issues, is outdated, and too small to house the personnel and equipment that provide many of our core services. We also need additional space to store vehicles that are weather sensitive and service a variety of equipment that ranges from lawn mowers to police cars to snowplows to fire engines. The new building is designed to last 50 years and support our city at build-out.”

The main public works building will cost about $15 million and include space to support 100 staff members, most of whom will not have actual offices but rather “huddle space” where they can meet for daily briefings before being deployed into the field. An additional $11.5 million is budgeted for accessory structures (salt storage and racks for snow removal; dump station for the street sweeper and vactor trucks; road base storage; etc.), undergrounding power lines along 4000 West; construction management and design fees; demolition of the existing building; and other site improvements.

The City Council unanimously supported the construction of the public works complex, but they were undecided on a location. “After evaluating different options, the most cost-effective solution was to build the facility on land the city already owns,” City Manager Mark Palesh said. The current building sits on 10 acres and is adjacent to the Youth Soccer Complex, of which seven acres will be used, giving the site a total of 17 acres when completed. The new building will require the demolition of two soccer fields.

“The short-term solution is to open up fields that were going to be closed for maintenance this season so that we keep the same number of fields,” said Brian Clegg, parks director. “The long-term solution is to move forward with plans to build the additional fields at Ron Wood Park.”

The old public works building will stay intact until the new one is complete so that there is no interruption of service. The public works facility houses the city’s water, sewer, stormwater, streets, electrical, facilities, fleet, and parks crews and their equipment. The city fueling station and maintenance of the city’s fleet also take place in this building. The city fleet includes about 450 vehicles (trucks, street sweepers, police cars, fire engines, etc.) and 400 additional pieces of equipment (backhoes, lawn mowers, trimmers, front end loaders, and more).

JRCA Architects designed the facility, and Hogan Construction is building it. For more information, contact Kim Wells at 801-569-5163 or kimw@wjordan.com.

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JRCA Architects designed West Jordan’s new Public Works complex.

The current building has inadequate space to store and serve the city’s fleet vehicles.

The vactor truck picture below is lifted almost to the rafters when it is worked on.
A leaky roof has caused the ceiling to collapse and black mold is present.

The fleet pit doesn’t meet current safety standards and can’t be used.