

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2024

The North Ogden City Council convened on July 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Ogden City Public Safety Building at 515 East 2600 North.

Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on July 3, 2024.

Notice of the annual meeting schedule was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on December 13, 2023.

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PRESENT:

S. Neal Berube	Mayor
Ryan Barker	Council Member
Blake Cevering	Council Member
Jay D Dalpiaz	Council Member
Chris Pulver	Council Member (Zoom)
Christina Watson	Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
Rian Santoro	City Recorder
David Espinoza	Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager
Scott Hess	Community and Economic Development Director

VISITORS:

Kevin Burns	Susan Barton
Jeanette Sweet	Marc Hansen
Brenda Ashdown	Merrill Sunderland
Sandy Cochran	Susan Kilborn (Zoom)
Stefanie Casey	Genneva Blanchard

0:0:02 Mayor Berube called the meeting to order and Council Member Cevering gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CALL FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

0:01:29 No conflict of interest was disclosed.

2. ACTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 04, JUNE 11, AND THE JUNE 18, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Cevering motioned to approve the June 04, June 11, and June 18, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Dalpias seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpias	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CONNEXT COMMUNICATION

0:03:14 Council Member Dalpias mentioned that there is another company working on fiber in North Ogden and suggested that City Manager/Attorney Jon Call speak with Connex about focusing on areas not yet covered by the competitor to achieve higher fiber coverage in the City. City Manager/Attorney Jon Call responded that Connex would be focusing on currently dark areas and would likely connect from Mountain Road or Skyline Drive and enter the City from the top.

Council Member Dalpias motioned to approve A9-2024, the Franchise Agreement with Connex Communication. Council Member Barker seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpiaz	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVE AGENDA

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

0:05:31 Brenda Ashdown, a North Ogden City resident, shared her experience with her grandson's swimming lessons, where she initially found an issue with the class size of 11 students to one teacher. After discussing her concerns with Leisure Services Manager Justin Rasmussen, he promptly addressed the issue by ensuring two to three teachers were in the class the next day. She expressed her appreciation for his responsiveness. Brenda then raised several points for the Council to consider during their discussions. She questioned the financial planning for the Senior Center, specifically about the anticipated cessation of funds from Weber County by June or July 2025, and urged the Council to consider where the additional money would come from thereafter. Mayor Berube responded that this had already been negotiated, and they would receive more money under the new contract.

Brenda also commended the Council for moving away from the Connection Magazine and suggested a concise newsletter be included with bills, or at least made available online for those who pay bills digitally.

Regarding the amphitheater, she disagreed with the current proposals, arguing against free usage given the significant investment already made. She questioned whether the City had funded previous musicals at the amphitheater, asserting that the City should not be in the business of fronting money for such events and suggesting consistency in how funding requests are handled.

0:08:39 Stef Casey, a North Ogden City resident, requested an update on the status of donations for various projects.

She specifically inquired about the banners on Heroes Boulevard and expressed interest in knowing the amount of donations received. Stef also asked about donations for the amphitheater, recalling previous discussions about seeking contributions for lights and sound. Although she acknowledged that these needs have been covered, she wanted to know if any donations were being directed toward other projects or events.

0:09:42 Kevin Burns, a North Ogden City resident, requested an update on the Pond Park.

Mayor Berube asked that City Manager/Attorney Jon Call be prepared to report back on the inquiries addressed in the public comments.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE PATRIOT POINTE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

0:10:37 Community and Economic Development (CED) Director Scott Hess presented an update on the development agreement for the Patriot Point subdivision, a master-planned community approved in 2019 and set to be developed in 5 phases. Phases 1 and 2 are nearly complete, except for the clubhouse, while phases 3 through 5 are yet to be subdivided and master-planned. The main focus of the discussion was a proposed change in the development agreement, which involves relocating eight residential units from phase 2 to the current clubhouse location. This adjustment is aimed at providing a clubhouse amenity specifically for the rental units in phases 1 and 2.

Scott clarified that phases 1 and 2 are rental properties owned by a single owner and have not been subdivided for sale, unlike phase 3, which will consist of 68 for-sale townhome units. Each phase will maintain its own homeowners association (HOA) responsible for their respective areas. The Council was informed that the change does not alter the total number of units, landscaping, or exterior requirements, but it does separate the clubhouse use between the phases.

Scott pointed out a potential issue with snow plowing on 150 East, where driveways close to the street might get snowed in. He mentioned that similar situations exist elsewhere in the City. He assured that there would be no net change in open space or amenities and that the developer has considered limited clubhouse access for phase 3 residents.

Council Member Dalpiaz raised a concern about ensuring the timely completion of the clubhouse to avoid prolonged delays, similar to issues seen in other developments. Scott acknowledged this concern but noted that no timing or performance clause for the clubhouse construction was included in the current agreement.

Geneva Blanchard, representing the developer, addressed concerns about the timing for building the clubhouse in the Patriot Point subdivision. She emphasized that renters were never promised a clubhouse and that market conditions made it impractical to commit to a specific completion date. Council Member Dalpiaz raised the possibility that potential renters might have seen the clubhouse in earlier plans, but Geneva noted the difference between renting and buying, stressing that renters signed leases knowing the current amenities.

Mayor Berube expressed a desire for flexibility but emphasized the importance of including amenities to ensure the development remains competitive and occupied. Geneva explained that adding the clubhouse's significant cost without economic feasibility would be challenging, especially as rental rates have decreased.

The discussion revealed that the original development agreement required the clubhouse to begin construction within 180 days of starting Phase 3. Geneva acknowledged this clause, although it had not been initially recalled by the developer.

Council Member Dalpiaz clarified that Phase 3 consists of 68 units designated for sale, separate from the rental units in Phases 1 and 2. Scott Hess recommended approval of the proposed changes, highlighting the current market conditions that favor selling over renting due to high building and holding costs.

Council Member Barker motioned to approve A10-2024, an amendment to the Patriot Pointe Development Agreement. Council Member Pulver seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpiaz	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR CENTURY FARMS

0:26:07 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call updated the Council on the tentative approval of the Century Farms rezone, focusing on amendments to the existing development agreement. The current agreement allows for single-family homes on 4000 sq. ft. lots. Key issues discussed included owner-occupancy requirements and setback reductions, with proposed 15-foot setbacks on the north and west sides.

The Mayor and CED Director Scott Hess's recent meetings on affordable housing highlighted the State's recommendations, though enforcement remains challenging. The developer's donation of land for a park and financial contributions to its development was noted.

Mayor Berube reiterated the increased density was justified by the developer's contributions, linking it to a pilot program for open space in dense units.

Council Member Dalpiaz raised concerns about parking adequacy, and Jon Call responded that additional parking is planned, with restrictions to prevent long-term storage of non-operable vehicles.

Council Members supported owner occupancy to maintain but questions were raised on the feasibility of enforcing such requirements. Mayor Berube suggested deed restrictions and affidavits to ensure compliance. Council Member Barker highlighted the challenges of market-driven solutions for owner occupancy and preventing investment groups from purchasing multiple units. Council Member Dalpiaz felt comfortable with a 10% owner occupancy requirement, recognizing the developer's park contributions.

Mayor Berube summarized the Council's varied opinions on owner occupancy, which ranged from 10% to 80%. He then invited the developer to provide input on the discussed points.

0:50:29 Marc Hansen, representing the developer, discussed the design plans for rear-load townhomes, emphasizing aesthetics and functionality. Marc argued against deed restrictions on rentals, citing market preferences and investment viability.

Mayor Berube responded by highlighting statewide concerns about investor-owned properties contributing to housing shortages. He acknowledged the complexity of financing but stressed the City's role in balancing market dynamics with community needs. The Council debated the implications of rental restrictions on housing availability and developer partnerships.

Council Member Cevering and others expressed concerns about community consistency and stability with high rental percentages.

Council Member Dalpiaz motioned to approve A11-2024, the proposed Development Agreement for Century Farms with a 10% owner occupancy required. The Motion died due to lack of a second.

Council Member Barker motioned to table A11-2024, the proposed Development Agreement for Century Farms pending further discussion and clarification on the Developer's Commitments. Council Member Cevering seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpiaz	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH WEBER HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE NORTHVIEW SENIOR CENTER

1:07:45 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call presented to the Council an extension and amendment proposal for the Senior Center program facilitated through Weber Human Services. The proposal extends the current agreement until June 30, 2025, with amendments to cap the City's financial contribution at \$25,000 annually, down from previous expenditures of approximately \$30,000 to \$33,000. This adjustment reflects a cost-sharing initiative where Human Services will either absorb more costs or streamline operations to maintain budgetary balance.

Mayor Berube emphasized the importance of promptly submitting a Letter of Intent by July 15 to secure funding for a regional Senior Center in North Ogden. Discussions highlighted considerations for a smooth transition in management responsibilities, including the potential for North Ogden City to assume employer duties earlier than the planned July 2025 start date. Council Member Dalpiaz inquired about the possibility of initiating the program earlier than July 2025 if mutually agreed upon. City Manager/Attorney Jon Call affirmed that earlier implementation could be feasible with mutual consent and appropriate transition planning.

Council Member Watson motioned to approve A12-2024, an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Weber Human Services for the operation of the Northview Senior Center. Council Member Cevering seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpiaz	aye
Council Member Pulver	aye
Council Member Watson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE DRAFT VERSION OF TITLE 9, 10, 13, AND 14 OF THE NORTH OGDEN CITY CODE

1:13:22 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call updated the Council on the ongoing comprehensive rewrite of the City Code, specifically focusing on Titles 11 and 12, which have been consolidated into a new Title 11. The revision process involves incorporating consultant-proposed and staff-suggested language amendments, along with introducing new chapters like Title 13 and Title 14. Notable changes include separating animal-related regulations into their own section for clarity.

Council Member Pulver and Mayor Berube have submitted additional suggested changes, reflecting community needs and legal clarity. The discussion highlighted specific adjustments, such as clarifying regulations around water discharge to mitigate neighbor disputes and environmental concerns.

Mayor Berube raised concerns about prioritizing delinquent payments and suggested revisiting regulations concerning the use of culinary water versus secondary water in developments. Council Member Barker shared insights from neighboring water providers, emphasizing the strict prohibition of using culinary water for secondary purposes in their jurisdictions.

City Manager/Attorney Jon Call requested a commitment from the Council to review the forthcoming 300-page document carefully and provide feedback. He outlined a timeline aiming for adoption in September, pending Council review and adjustments.

9. DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NORTH OGDEN CITY NEWSLETTER

1:22:35 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call initiated a discussion regarding the transition from the Connection Magazine to a new newsletter format.

He emphasized the need for input from the Council on critical components to include in the newsletter, as well as considerations on what to exclude due to limited space. Concerns were raised about the community's transition from physical to electronic media, with the recognition that some residents still prefer hardcopy formats. Council Member Pulver highlighted the challenge of replicating the broad reach and impact of the Connection Magazine without incurring similar costs or staffing implications. He underscored the importance of maintaining effective communication channels through platforms like social media, which have proven successful in engaging residents. Council Member Cevering suggested looking at successful digital newsletter formats from neighboring cities like Pleasant View for inspiration. They emphasized the effectiveness of concise, informative content that includes community updates, event calendars, and important notices. Council Member Watson advocated for visually engaging content with colorful images to enhance reader appeal, proposing strategies like QR codes on bills to encourage digital newsletter subscriptions. She also suggested leveraging the City's website and social media platforms for newsletter distribution. City Manager/Attorney Jon Call addressed concerns about the financial feasibility of printing physical copies, citing cost considerations and declining ad revenues affecting the viability of the Connection Magazine. He proposed making digital versions accessible while exploring partnerships with local businesses to provide printed copies at convenient locations like the Senior Center. Mayor Berube supported the shift towards digital formats while acknowledging the need to accommodate residents who prefer printed materials. He suggested exploring partnerships with local businesses to distribute printed newsletters as an alternative. The Council agreed to provide further input and review draft versions in preparation for a targeted launch by September 1st, ensuring a seamless transition from the Connection Magazine.

10. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON COSTS FOR SUMMER 2025 THEATER PRODUCTIONS AT THE BARKER PARK AMPHITHEATER

1:36:59 Council Member Watson proposed utilizing approximately \$22,500 from the RAMP community funds to support theatrical productions at the amphitheater in the summer of 2025. Council Member Watson highlighted past successful productions at the venue and emphasized community engagement and talent showcasing as key benefits. She outlined the financial model where initial City investment covers play rights and director fees, with revenues expected from ticket sales and sponsorships to offset costs.

Council Member Cevering confirmed interest from directors for a potential production of "The Addams Family" in fall 2025, underscoring community enthusiasm and sponsorship opportunities.

Mayor Berube and City Manager/Attorney Jon Call discussed financial projections and risk management, with Mayor Berube advocating for community-oriented spending of RAMP funds.

Council Members deliberated on risk tolerance and budget allocations, expressing cautious optimism based on past event successes and potential community support.

Council Member Watson motioned to approve fronting costs for the 2025 products at the amphitheater with unallocated 2024 RAMP grant funds, contingent upon potential risks where projected revenues may not meet expectations and the provision to provide a detailed summary and cost projection to the Council for ongoing monitoring of financial outcomes. Council Member Barker seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Dalpiaz	aye
Council Member Pulver	nay
Council Member Watson	aye

The motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote.

11. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT AND INCREASE AWARENESS FOR THE BARKER PARK AMPHITHEATER

2:05:26 Council Member Watson highlighted the recent upgrades to the amphitheater's sound and lighting systems, noting the transformative impact on its appeal. Emphasis was placed on increasing usage through lower rental fees initially, possibly even offering free rentals for community events with a high deposit for damages. The goal is to familiarize more residents with the facility and encourage recurring use.

Council Member Cevering supported the idea, citing interest from local groups like piano recitals and smaller community events. Concerns were raised by Council Members about the potential financial implications and the need for clear guidelines on who qualifies for free use versus paid rentals.

City Manager/Attorney Jon Call provided cost details for rentals and noted an increase in usage this summer compared to previous years, though exact figures were not immediately available. Mayor Berube expressed interest in data on inquiries and rental trends to inform future decisions.

Council Member Barker requested more information before committing to any motion, expressing concern about ongoing financial implications and the need for sustainable revenue generation. City Manager/Attorney Jon Call agreed to gather data on current inquiries and usage trends for the amphitheater.

The item was tabled and will be revisited at a future meeting with additional information provided for consideration.

12. COUNCIL DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a. Council Member Dalpiaz – Police Department

2:23:32 Council Member Dalpiaz provided an update on behalf of Chief Eynon regarding recent developments in the Police Department. Chief Eynon is preparing to present a comprehensive Strategic Plan to the Council at the next meeting. Additionally, the department is in the process of updating officer photos and planning for the integration of its website with the new City website. The department has recently acquired two new ballistic shields to enhance operational capabilities. Furthermore, they are actively pursuing the Utah Chiefs of Police Association (UCOPA) accreditation, with the process expected to conclude by the end of the year.

b. Council Member Covering – Building and Planning Departments

2:24:50 Council Member Covering announced that CED Director Scott Hess will be bringing information to the Council in August on the 12 RDA Grant Applications that were received from local businesses.

c. Council Member Barker – Parks Department

2:25:48 Council Member Barker expressed appreciation for the exceptional support provided by the Parks and Public Works Departments during a recent Cherry Days events.

He highlighted their responsiveness and efficiency, noting that they promptly fulfilled every request made by the Cherry Days Committee within five to ten minutes throughout the day. Council Member Barker emphasized that the event wouldn't have been possible without their invaluable assistance.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

2:26:36 City Manager/ Attorney Jon Call answered questions posed in the initial public comment period of the meeting. He mentioned that donations for lights and sound at the amphitheater were minimal, around \$100 to \$200.

Regarding Heroes Boulevard, approximately \$2,500 was received from the Brent Taylor Foundation, with additional funds spent on banners totaling \$7,500, mostly covered by the City. He discussed efforts to recover costs through community contributions for future banners. Mayor Berube clarified budget allocations and contributions from Council Members Cevering and Pulver.

Moving on to the pond project update, City Manager/Attorney Jon Call reported delays awaiting signatures and congressional support to navigate the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) funding issues during an election year. Reimbursement agreements with NRCS to manage project costs were explored. Mayor Berube highlighted challenges with NRCS funding disbursement and noted slow progress in approving similar projects nationally.

2:33:36 Sandy Cochran, a North Ogden City resident, expressed gratitude to the Council for holding developers accountable to their commitments, citing issues with promises made during the Village at Prominence Pointe development. She emphasized the importance of including all developer promises in development agreements to ensure they are upheld. Sandy also addressed concerns about owner occupancy promises made during her property purchase, which were later disregarded by subsequent developers, leading to increased rental units against initial assurances. Additionally, she inquired about rumors regarding changes at the Senior Center and noted dissatisfaction with the recent City Council Chamber window tinting efforts.

2:37:41 Brenda Ashdown, a North Ogden City resident, questioned whether the July 23rd meeting was planned despite expectations for no July meetings beyond the current one. Mayor Berube clarified that the July 23rd meeting would be canceled due to a lack of pressing matters.

Brenda then expressed concerns about the management and promotion of the amphitheater.

Brenda used an analogy about placing items on the street for free versus selling them, suggesting that offering the amphitheater for free might convey desperation. She questioned why the City wasn't actively promoting the amphitheater through its official channels like Facebook and the website, emphasizing the need for better advertising considering the amphitheater's \$4 million investment. Furthermore, Brenda criticized past efforts where community donations were expected but not received due to inadequate advertising by the City. She also expressed frustration with the current City website, highlighting difficulties in finding essential information like swimming lessons and baseball schedules.

2:40:41 Stef Casey, a North Ogden City resident, clarified her initial questions on the financial details related to Heroes Boulevard. She mentioned reviewing the approved budget and noted discrepancies from previous meetings. Stef recalled that on April 13, an approval of \$2,440 was made for the project, with the expectation that the remainder would be covered by private donations. However, she expressed confusion upon hearing that \$7,500 had been spent on the project, which seemed higher than anticipated. Mayor Berube responded, clarifying that the \$5,000 expenditure line item was balanced by \$5,000 in expected revenue from donations. He acknowledged that approximately \$2,500 more than anticipated had been spent by the City, which was intended to be covered by private donations according to last year's budget discussions.

2:43:07 Merrill Sunderland, a North Ogden City resident, expressed appreciation for the Mayor and City Council's dedication, acknowledging their long hours of service to the community. Merrill cautioned against using personal family anecdotes when making decisions that affect the broader community, emphasizing the importance of considering impacts that extend beyond individual cases.

He also raised questions about the effectiveness of the City newsletter, seeking insights into practices from other cities to understand what methods have proven successful. Concerning the amphitheater, Merrill advised prudence in spending, suggesting a thorough assessment of risks before committing funds to initiatives aimed at increasing its utilization.

Additionally, Merrill queried about the location of the recycle dumpsters. Mayor Berube explained their relocation was due to non-compliance issues to the Green Waste Pit for better control and management by the City.

2:47:44 Jeanette Sweet, a North Ogden City resident, raised concerns regarding the management and authority of the Senior Center by Weber Human Services. She questioned the extent of control Weber Human Services has over operations beyond what is outlined in their contract.

Jeanette noted instances where decisions, such as removing exercise equipment and canceling activities, seemed to exceed their specified responsibilities.

She sought clarification on whether such decisions were within the purview of the Board of Trustees or dictated by Weber Human Services.

Mayor Berube responded, explaining that while North Ogden City owns the Senior Center building, Weber Human Services employs the staff and oversees operations as part of a contractual arrangement. He acknowledged that federal funding requirements dictate certain guidelines Weber Human Services must follow, which influence their decision-making. Mayor Berube also mentioned ongoing discussions with Weber Human Services to clarify their authority and operational boundaries within the Senior Center. Council Members and City Officials further discussed efforts to maintain Senior Center activities, including exploring options for reopening on Thursday and Saturday nights, emphasizing the role of volunteers in continuing activities despite staffing challenges, and aiming to ensure ongoing community engagement at the Senior Center.

2:54:08 Susan Kilborn, a North Ogden City resident, praised the success of Cherry Days and expressed gratitude to all participants, especially those who work tirelessly behind the scenes without seeking recognition. She emphasized the essential role played by these individuals in making Cherry Days a success.

Shifting to a different topic, Susan questioned whether all residents receive their utility bills via mail and suggested utilizing the back side of City utility bills for important information. It was explained to Susan by City Manager/Attorney Jon Call that using the back of the bills was not feasible due to contractual constraints with the billing service.

14. MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

2:57:37 Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Dave Espinoza brought up the issue of replacing an aging lift truck for North Ogden City, highlighting that efforts to find a vendor or build a new truck were unsuccessful. However, a vendor offered a new lift truck that had been previously considered but not ordered. The cost of the truck is \$230,000, and financing options ranging from 3 to 6 years were presented. Dave emphasized the truck's critical role despite low mileage, citing safety concerns with the current aging truck and its frequent need for repairs.

Mayor Berube inquired about the cost and suggested consulting with Finance Director Jamie Jones to understand the budget implications and financing details.

Council Members expressed concerns about the truck's safety and its multiple uses across various departments, including streetlights and park maintenance. There was consensus on the importance of informing the public about the truck's necessity and usage.

The discussion concluded with plans to gather more information promptly and review budget priorities to accommodate the potential cost increase.

3:02:47 City Manager/Attorney Jon Call addressed upcoming legislative changes related to homebuilders seeking increased density without local City oversight. He expressed concerns that this legislation might lock cities into current zoning codes and general plans for an extended period. Jon emphasized the importance of reviewing any zoning variations or concerns, especially related to subdivisions, before the end of the year. He suggested that legislative changes could retroactively affect zoning codes effective from January 1 or possibly earlier, potentially impacting existing City regulations.

3:03:57 Mayor Berube highlighted concerns about upcoming legislative changes that could impact local zoning control, particularly regarding density regulations enforced by the State. He emphasized that Weber County faces challenges due to varying levels of density in its cities, some with large lots, which affects compliance with State standards. Mayor Berube addressed sidewalk maintenance, noting the insurance concerns about cities lacking formal sidewalk plans. Plans are being made to work on a program to identify and gradually address sidewalk issues, with a proposed budget allocation of \$100,000 for repairs.

Mayor Berube praised the Cherry Days' success while calling for transparency in financial reporting. He requested a detailed budget report showing funds raised and expenditures across different activities. Additionally, he stressed the importance of clear communication from City committees, ensuring that roles and responsibilities are accurately portrayed to avoid confusion and unnecessary City involvement.

Finally, Mayor Berube urged Council Members to follow up on issues within their responsibilities and provide updates during Council meetings. He suggested maintaining a list of follow-up actions with assistance from the City staff to facilitate efficient reporting and discussion.

3:09:33 Council Member Dalpiaz expressed gratitude to the Council for their collective efforts during Cherry Days. He acknowledged the contributions of various members, highlighting Council Member Barker and his wife's booth assistance, Council Member Pulver's dedicated hours selling event merchandise, and Council Member Watson's involvement in supporting the 5k, parade, and Youth Council activities. He emphasized that their participation helped unite the Council during the event. Looking ahead to future celebrations, Council Member Dalpiaz noted that planning for next year's Cherry Days, which coincides with July 4th on a Friday, should start early to accommodate potential changes in the week-long festivities.

He praised the hard work of the Cherry Days Committee while expressing concerns about volunteer fatigue due to the extensive demands placed on them.

Council Member Dalpiaz stressed the importance of sustaining volunteer enthusiasm and suggested earlier coordination for smoother event planning.

3:11:49 Council Member Cevering announced upcoming events at Barker Park, inviting participation in activities. This Saturday, July 13, a community event for Build Barker Park is scheduled from 8 AM to 12 PM, encouraging attendance. Additionally, a fundraiser is planned for Monday, July 15 at 6:15 PM, aiming to raise \$10,000 through Venmo and contributions, emphasizing its family-friendly nature and free admission.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Watson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.


S. Neal Berube, Mayor


Rian Santoro
City Recorder




Date Approved