

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Steve Nelson; Councilmembers: Robert Cox; Waldo D. Galan; R. Scott Phillips; Phil E. Schmidt; Carter Wilkey.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Randall McUne; Finance Director Terri Marsh; City Recorder Renon Savage; City Engineer Kent Fugal; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Senior Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Events Director Brandon Burk; Economic Development Director David Johson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom Jett, Scotty Harville, Joe Sandberg, Bill Payne, Tonya Payne, Jesse Carter, Dallas Buckner, Madallyn Bleazard.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilmember Wilkey gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Chief Phillips.

**AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL:** Mayor - the January 21<sup>st</sup> minutes are not available, so pull those off. Councilmember Cox moved to approve the agenda order 1 through 5, all except the January 21<sup>st</sup> council minutes; second by Councilmember Schmidt; vote unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF**

**COMMENTS:** ■ Turn lane at 1600 North & Lund Hwy. **Robert Cox** – I had concerned citizens reach out; I asked Mr. Fugal to look at this. **Kent** – I looked at what we have and the pavement width and we don't have enough to stripe a left turn lane. We are looking at options to possibly widen the pavement. We will put together a plan and report back. **Paul** – Cedar City spent money to do the northeast side, is that the problem? **Wilkey** – no, it is the southwest side. **Ryan Marshall** – when we were doing this years ago, the limitation was the Airport fence, you will have to widen the west side, there is restrictions on the east side. **Phillips** – what do we do when we widen the entire road? **Ryan** - I don't know, it is a discussion we will have to have. **Cox** – the power vault is already in the west side; I farm that property so the widening will be on the west side. **Paul** – the NE side lines up with the NW side. We are talking to widen 1600. **Kent** - we need to widen Lund to get the left turn lane in. ■ Phillips – I attended an interesting event last night, our America250 Steering Committee has created the American 250 Iron County music playlist. It is the 250 songs in their estimation that should be included on a list that has shaped American History. It has to be American composers, it covers everything from religious to folk to rock, to rap, and is extremely interesting. They did a lecture on it last night, and some of the processes for choosing the songs and how they came about it. Not everyone's favorite song will be on it because they had to limit it to 250. It is on Spotify it is America 250 Iron County playlist, I encourage you to go find that and listen. They will do a presentation again on either July 3<sup>rd</sup> or July 4<sup>th</sup>, we will work out the details and where it will be. They talk about a lot of the songs and how it influenced American history. Also, this Saturday, SUU Jazz Band is playing for a dance of American Swing music in the rotunda of the Student Union building. It is open and free to the public. There will be ballroom dancers there doing demonstrations and then a night of free dancing to a live band. 7p.m. at Sharwin Smith rotunda. ■ **Schmidt** – we were scheduled to move the Iron Rock on the 17<sup>th</sup>, but because of inclement weather, it has moved to

February 27<sup>th</sup>. ■Discussion/recommendations on Event Street Closures. **Chief Adams**, Ryan Marshall, Brandon Burk – Exhibit “A” was reviewed. It is to the point that with growth and safety issues, it needs to change. When you have a closure, it is favored by UDOT to have trained personnel put signs up for traffic controls and you have to have a traffic control plan. The volunteers have done a good job with the parades and events. Our Volunteers are limited and we don’t have the number of signs needed for the detour. We need trained personnel to do closures on Main Street to allow the public to detour. Years ago, the parade route started at 200 South and went to 400 North and around the city park, that has changed to start at 300 West Center to Main and then to Décorworx and to Coal Creek and back to 300 West. The last parade we had was Storybook and one of our Volunteers was narrowly missed. When you break down an event it should be done in a methodical way. We want to have a discussion on where to go from here. One discussion may come up that the entities bring value to the community, if an organization can’t afford a third party, maybe the city covers that cost. **Phillips** – is there anyone other than Utah Barricade. **Brandon Burk** – we start to move into an area where it is unsafe. There are certain MOU’s the state requires when we shut down their roads and many of our events shut down their roads. We have started hiring out the road closures through Utah Barricade. I am not aware of another company. I have talked to other organizations such as Rotary about the expense. We will take on the expense. I talked to folks in St. George; they require the events organization to handle the expense of the road closure. I agree with the recommendation that having some funds to help organizations that we believe do good things for the community and do events important to the community, or bring a significant amount of tourism, would be useful. **Wilkey** – what is the cost? **Brandon** – just short of \$1,500, Spring Fiesta is \$1,200. **Phillips** – The Storybook Cavalcade is working on a shoestring. What is TCT? **Chief** – traffic control technician. **Schmidt** – there is a school right now that trains for a TCT. If you take down the sign wrong, someone could get hurt. Talk to the AGT office about the training. **Brandon** – when they apply for permits, Civic Review requires that they upload anything required, and the traffic control plan is required and they are uploading sketches. One benefit to using Utah Barricade is that they provide the plan for the event. **Galan** – regarding hiring the third party, is there a savings if we hire them out? **Ryan** – the VIPS have done quite a bit. There was talk that our Street Department do that, however I don’t have the budget for that now, we would have to pay overtime as the majority of the events is after hours or on weekends and holidays. The cost would probably be the same and then the liability is with the third party instead of us. It depends on how much you want to push on the other entities. **Galan** – if we must increase our budget, it is always more expensive doing it in house than hiring a third party. **Chief** – that is correct. Law enforcement will still be involved in shutting the road down. Public Works will still pick up the trash and we will still do the small events such as the high schools’ homecoming parades. **Wilkey** – what about slow roll? **Brandon** – they move them each year and typically they are on private property or on trails, the only road they shut down is during Spring Fiesta. **Mayor** – is this something with an event coming up soon that we need to make a decision on? **Chief** – no, we want to be ready for the first event. **Galan** – about \$1,500 per event is the cost for the third party? **Brandon** – this is about the cost of July Jamboree. Spring Fiesta was about \$1,200; Downtown Lighting was \$1,500. **Galan** – is there a calendar of all events for 2026 so we can estimate the cost for this? **Brandon** – we have a calendar of the City Events, but not the community Events, Leisure Services would have the best count. We could find the ongoing events. **Paul** – if you are interested in putting money up for these, let us know, Brandon can put it in his budget, it should come out of TRT money. **Galan** – events are growing year by year, we are getting more people from out of town, and the more experience the better for the outside people. I am interested but want to see the costs. **Ryan** – the costs should go down after the first year because the route should stay the same. **Mayor** – we could possibly negotiate a rate with a vendor if they do all our events. **Phillips** – if we take the VIPS out of these events, what would they do? **Chief** – we

would still involve them with the officers in closing the roads, patrol parking lots, etc. **Wilkey** – is this something we need to move forward, or can we recommend that they use a third party. The money will be discussed in the budget. **Paul** – it is policy, it should be on an agenda formally. We will ask Brandon to put something in his operation budget to fund the big events we know about. **Mayor** – people involved in the organizations need to be informed. **Cox** – we want to come together. **Mayor** – we need a third party and a detailed discussion on a policy. **Phillips** – we need to get it on the agenda and notify the non-profits. ■ **Military appreciation recognition. Chief Adams** – I wanted to bring this to you because a lot of the thanks and gratitude are owed to the city. Corporal McCoy, who is also a First Sergeant with the Air Force, nominated us as Employer of the Year and we were selected to receive that recognition. We went up a week ago Saturday, Assistant Chief Roden and I joined him and accepted that at Hill Air Force Base. I want him to read the nomination and express gratitude to the council, to Paul and to Natasha, for all the work we've done in supporting our veterans in law enforcement. **Patrick McCoy** – I am a detective for the Police Department. I also represent the 49<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, the 419<sup>th</sup> Operations Squadron, and the 466 Fighter Squadron, in simpler terms, I represent the F-35 guys up at Hill Air Force Base on the reserve side. I'm getting close to my 20 years; I will retire this year from the Air Force. I have been with Cedar City for 7 years and I can say prior employers before I got here did not support my career. Cedar City, Chief Adams and the Police Department have always supported what I have done. When I have to go away for a couple of weeks for my military duty, I have constantly had support for my family, and on top of that, generously the city gave us 80 hours of military time, roughly 25% of the police force is military or prior military, so it is a big lift for us, you guys have helped us out so much. Because of that I wrote the award, I wanted to say thanks before I concluded that part of my career and tell you how much that meant to me. Without breaking into classifieds information, Hill Airforce Base, our reserves directly impacted on two of the biggest missions that happened this previous year. The constant support we get from cities, like this one is what makes reserves successful. This is recognized by the 419 Leadership as well as ESGR which is Employee Service Guard Reserve. It is an organization that watches over all of us to make sure employers are helping us out or at least treating us fairly. I just want to say thank you for doing that and this award is a thanks for doing that. ■ **West Canyon playground. Ken Nielsen** – we have ordered the All Abilities for the West Canyon playground. This has been in the works for many years with Rotary. The playground will be here in October; it is north of the current renovations. See Exhibit "B" for the renderings. Big T will warrant the equipment for 25 years. Park Discovery has 33 features in it. **Galan** – what about parking for the park. **Mayor** – we are working with the County to expand the parking from the Senior Center side. **Ken** – we will take out the playground next to the Senior Center and make that area additional parking. **Wilkey** – have we got the pivot fixed? **Ken** - it is in place, but it has not been tested, it will be done in the spring. **Paul** - Southwest Field Irrigation held their meeting and they are going to request that the city indemnify them, if we don't do that, they are going to request that the ditch be piped. There have been a lot of slips and falls. They allowed improvements but don't want liability. **Phillips** – the Youth Council had discussion about covers over the equipment for cancer awareness. **Ken** – coverings are on all the swings at Park Discovery and will be here also. The surface is guaranteed for 20 years and the equipment for 25 years.

**CONSENT AGENDA: (1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JANUARY 21- & 28, 2026; (2) RATIFY BILLS DATED JANUARY 30, 2026; (3) APPROVE THE BID FROM CACHE VALLEY ELECTRIC CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$243,359.03 FOR THE KITTY HAWK DRIVE AND BULLDOG ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT. SHANE JOHNSON/JONATHAN STATHIS; (4) DENY ANY FURTHER OPERATIONS ON THE MARTINS FLAT WELL. KENT FUGAL; (5) APPROVE A UDOT AGREEMENT WITH**

**CIVIL SCIENCE, INC., FOR THE ENGINEERING WORK ON THE 800-WEST**

**EXPANSION TO COAL CREEK ROAD PROJECT. KENT FUGAL:** Councilmember Wilkey moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 5 as written above minus the minutes for January 21<sup>st</sup> minutes; second by Councilmember Cox; vote unanimous.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCES FOR A GENERAL PLAN CHANGE FROM RURAL ESTATE TO BUSINESS/LIGHT MANUFACTURING AND A ZONE CHANGE FROM ANNEXED TRANSITION (AT) TO INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING (I&M-1) IN THE VICINITY OF 3000 N 400 W. GO CIVIL / RANDALL MCUNE:**

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve ordinance for a General Plan change from Rural Estates to Business/ Light Manufacturing, and a zone change from Annexed Transition to I&M-1 in the vicinity of 3000 North 400 West; second by Councilmember Cox; roll call vote as follows:

Robert Cox	-	AYE
Scott Phillips	-	AYE
Waldo Galan	-	AYE
Phil Schmidt	-	AYE
Carter Wilkey	-	AYE

**CONSIDER A ZONE CHANGE FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO RESIDENTIAL DWELLING – MULTIPLE UNITS (R-3-M) FOR THE ADDRESS OF 491 NORTH 400 WEST. GO CIVIL / RANDALL MCUNE:** Dallas Buckner, Go Civil – this is for the existing house, so they will be able to sell it.

Councilmember Schmidt moved to approve an ordinance amending the zone from GC to R-3-M in the vicinity of 491 North 400 West; second by Councilmember Wilkey; roll call vote as follows:

Robert Cox	-	AYE
Scott Phillips	-	AYE
Waldo Galan	-	AYE
Phil Schmidt	-	AYE
Carter Wilkey	-	AYE

**CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 4200 W CENTER STREET. JESSE CARTER / RANDALL MCUNE:**

Wilkey – the ask is not to do the improvements on the south side but do the section on the side he is developing. Phillips – but their recommendation is to do both sides up to the intersection. Kent – engineering would not defer any improvements, but you could defer west of 4200 West. Mayor – if Mr. Carter split that section off, he could only do what is in front of his property? Kent - no, because it is under the same ownership on both sides of the street it would be required. Paul – if it was owned by two separate parties it would not be required, but because it is the same owner it would be required. Schmidt – sometimes you have to do phase 1 to pay for phase 2. It doesn't hinder traffic in any way if you only do the developed side. Cox – I disagree with the ordinance; you only develop on the side you are developing. Galan – what was the rationale of the Planning Commission to go to 4200 West? Kent – why allow the deferral west of 4200 West, the reason, the eastern portion is more directly related to the project they are doing now, and it is a long stretch, about ¼ mile. They were looking for a compromise that made sense to the existing development. It would also extend the full width improvements and fix the most choked-off

section and make it safer for the families in the area. **Schmidt** – they would still have to develop 12' past center line. **Wilkey** – the amendment as written is just in front of the development, or to the intersection. **Paul** – specify in your motion. **Cox** – I think we need to change the ordinance to where you are developing. **Phillips** – if he were required to do improvements on the red portion, it is just curb and gutter. **Kent** – on the south side that is correct.

Councilmember Cox moved to approve the ordinance amending a Development Agreement for property located at approximately 4200 W. Center Street to defer all of the south side improvements and that the road be asphalted 12' past center line; **Phillips** – we set up the commissions for a reason, and I don't want to undermine them. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Schmidt; roll call vote as follows:

Robert Cox	-	AYE
Scott Phillips	-	NAY
Waldo Galan	-	AYE
Phil Schmidt	-	AYE
Carter Wilkey	-	AYE

**Galan** – the argument on both sides of the proposal is as valid as the other. I want to make safe spaces, but I am proud of us, because it is a logical step.

**CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN IN THE VICINITY OF 2500 NORTH MAIN STREET. VELOCITY BUILDERS / KENT**

**FUGAL:** Councilmember Wilkey moved to an ordinance amending the transportation master plan in the vicinity of 2500 N Main Street; second by Councilmember Schmidt; roll call vote as follows:

Robert Cox	-	AYE
Scott Phillips	-	AYE
Waldo Galan	-	AYE
Phil Schmidt	-	AYE
Carter Wilkey	-	AYE

**CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS TO CEDAR CITY ORDINANCE 26-III-12 PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUSLY REPEALED GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE. AMBER RAY / RANDALL MCUNE:**

**Councilmember Cox** moved to approve modifications to Cedar City Ordinance 26-III-12 pertaining to the previously repealed General Commercial zone; second by Councilmember Schmidt; roll call vote as follows:

Robert Cox	-	AYE
Scott Phillips	-	AYE
Waldo Galan	-	AYE
Phil Schmidt	-	AYE
Carter Wilkey	-	AYE

**CONSIDER A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE DRILLER ON MARTINS FLAT. KENT**

**FUGAL:** **Wilkey** – what is the difference on this and what we voted on? **Kent** – whether to give the contractor additional funds for the difficulty on getting to the 2100 feet. **Cox** – I feel we need to do something. **Schmidt** – I talked to Paul; we gave them \$30,000 to abandon the well. If we give them

extra money, they had previously asked for a change order, and it was denied. It is bad business to ask for a change order at the end. If we give them money then I think we are doing a disservice, people will come to Cedar City and say you did it for these guys. I don't think we should set a precedent. **Wilkey** – didn't we approve for them to neck down and they didn't do it, I don't know if it would have been easier, but they didn't do it. **Schmidt** – relate what happened with previous asks. **Paul** – we did a storm water master plan and the engineering firm came in and wanted more money and it was denied. The engineers on Fiddlers Park came in and wanted more money and we said no. We have had contractors in the same boat say no, but some councils have said yes. **Galan** – I was on the fence last week, but I wanted more information from Jonathan. Councilman Phillips piped in and I should have listened to him. **Phillips** – we are paying the cost of closing the well.

Councilmember Phillips moved to deny a change order for the driller on Martins Flat; second by Councilmember Wilkey; vote unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** there were no comments.

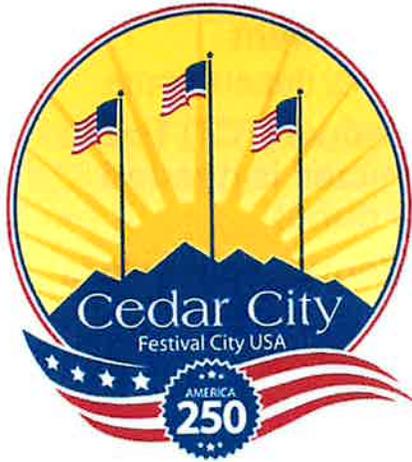
**Galan** – I want to apologize to Jonathan for putting him on the spot in an open meeting last week.

**CLOSED MEETING – PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS:** Councilmember Phillips moved to go into closed meeting at 6:30 p.m.; second by Councilmember Galan; roll call vote as follows:

Robert Cox	-	AYE
Scott Phillips	-	AYE
Waldo Galan	-	AYE
Phil Schmidt	-	AYE
Carter Wilkey	-	AYE

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.; second by Councilmember Schmidt; vote unanimous.

  
Renon Savage, MMC  
City Recorder



## Events/Street Closure Recommendations

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## History/Concerns

- VIPS formed in 2006
- Shortly after assumed event/parade traffic closures
- Before this, the closures were handled by Cedar City Public Works
- Population Growth
- Personnel/Sign/Resource Issues
- Inherent danger to volunteers

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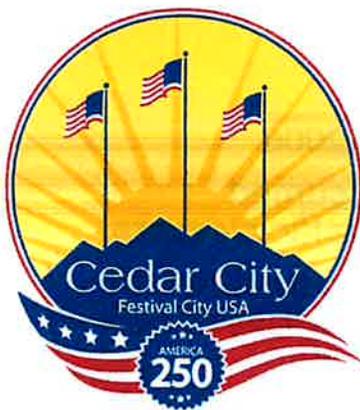
## Needed



- A traffic control plan or TTC is required prior to event
  - Approved by city departments
- A trained individual (TCT) Traffic Control Technician is needed (not currently done)
- Proper and adequate signage is required

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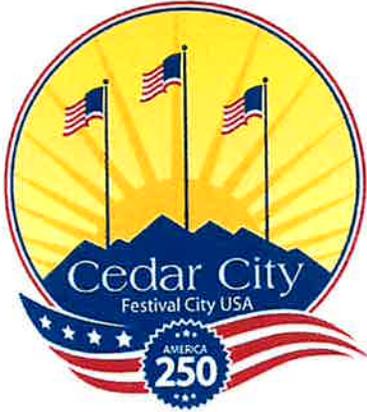
## Recommendations



- Law enforcement will continue to close the roadways and staff intersections as required/needed.
- Law Enforcement/Public works will continue to provide closures for smaller events (i.e. high school homecoming parades.)
- Street department will continue to empty trash, sweep streets, etc.

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## Recommendations



- Entities to utilize TCT trained resources, with proper and appropriate signage supplies.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party with staff and equipment to deploy and remove signs and barricades would be most helpful.
- City Events currently utilizing such entities to ensure proper execution and safety.
- If desired, the city may consider providing financial support for the use of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party company providing signage and TCT personnel.

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QUESTIONS?

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PHYSICS 439: QUANTUM MECHANICS

LECTURE 1: THE SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION

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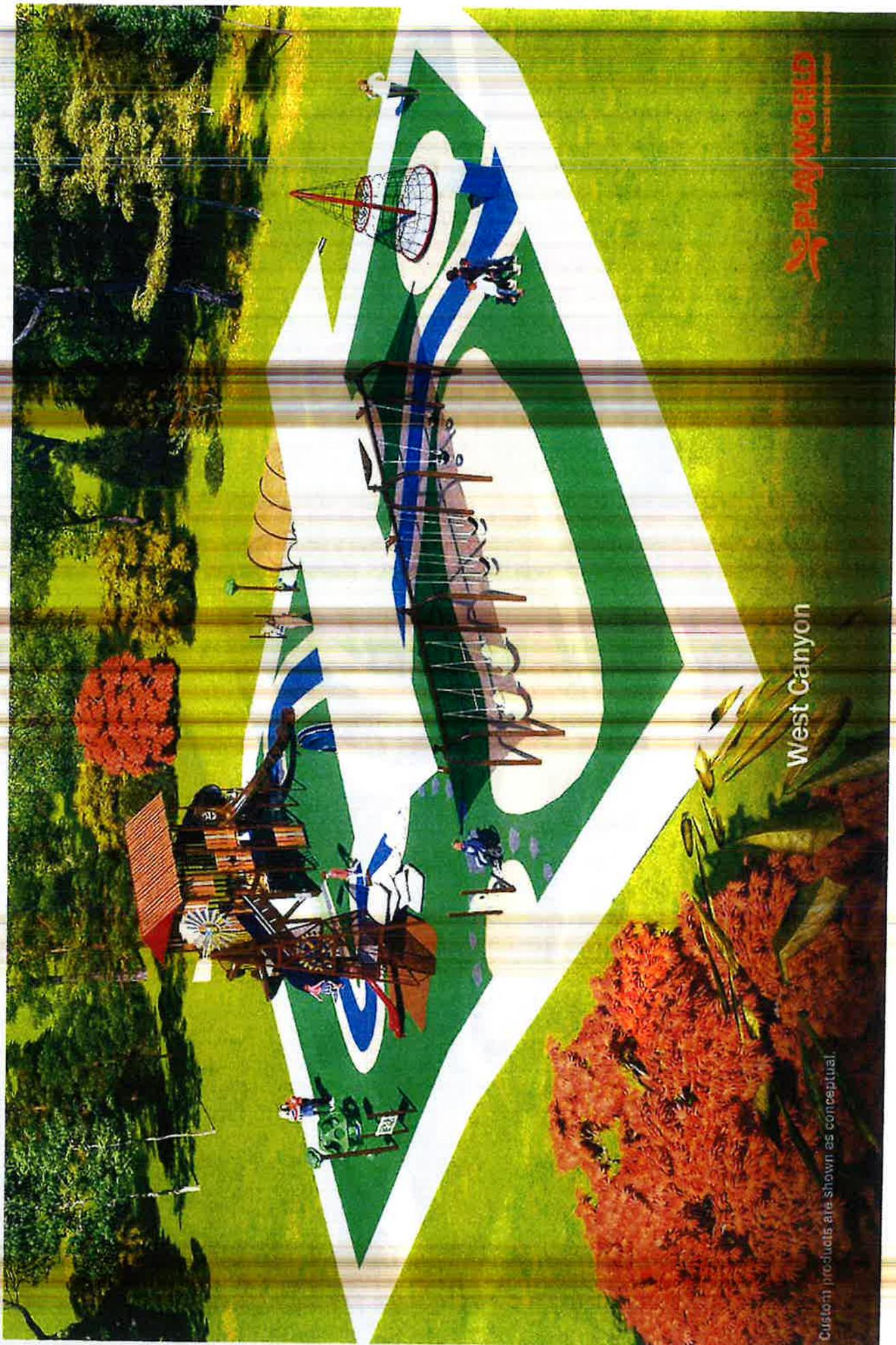




West Canyon

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EXHIBIT "B"  
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**PLAYWORLD**  
THE WORLD'S LARGEST PLAYGROUND

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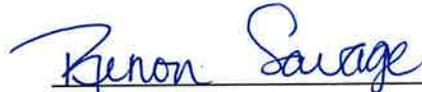
**CITY COUNCIL CLOSED MEETING**  
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**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.; second by Councilmember Schmidt; vote unanimous.

  
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City Recorder

