

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2019, 4:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT:

**Mayor Jon Pike
Councilmember Jimmie Hughes
Councilmember Michele Randall
Councilmember Bette Arial
Councilmember Ed Baca
Councilmember Bryan Smethurst
City Manager Adam Lenhard
City Attorney Shawn Guzman
City Recorder Christina Fernandez**

OPENING:

Councilmember Pike called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The invocation was offered by Russ Cashin with the Free Spirit Community and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mayor Pike.

Cameron Diehl, the Executive Director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns, provided the Council an update of taxation concepts that are currently being discussed; there may be a special Legislative Session in November.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE ART MUSEUM:

Leisure Services Director Shane McAfee stated Deborah Reeder retired recently. Staff would like to look if the museum is going in the right direction.

Michelle Graves mentioned she analyzed statistics regarding Art Museum visitation 7-10 thousand per year, cost per visitor is \$30 and the City charges \$3; last year total revenue was \$28,000. Their goal is to increase revenue through grants and donations. Additionally, they would like to increase programming and incorporate an art share program. She noted that increased visibility would help. If the museum stays in the current facility, she suggested improvements to the facility. The City has an art collection worth a few million dollars. She recommended hiring a director/curator.

Councilmember Arial commented the Museum has held a number of children's programs throughout the summer. It is intriguing to think of moving the museum.

After being asked by Councilmember Baca, Ms. Graves spoke about the art share program.

The Council discussed outsourcing the managing of the museum; the consensus of the Council is to hire a director/curator.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES:

Fire Chief Robert Stoker presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: St. George Fire Department Master Planning; Department analysis source reference; 2012 Impact Fee Study; Section 1: Executive Summary – Fire Impact Fees; Proposed fire impact fee; Table 3.3: Ratio of calls per developed unit; Level of service standards; Table 3.5: Existing level of service (response times); Fire facilities

needs assessment; Table 3.1: Estimate of impact fee costs per call; Insurance Service Office (ISO); FSRS Feature (2017) and FSRS Feature (2012); PPC review; PPC for Utah and PPC for fire departments countrywide; National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards; 4.2.2.1; Operating costs (staffing, building and apparatus); Specific City considerations; Existing and proposed fire station maps; Existing fire stations; Desert Canyons master plan; and Exhibit 1-14 public facility land donation.

City Manager Adam Lenhard mentioned the priority is to build station 9; the majority of the cost is set aside. Staffing for that station is full, they are currently at other stations. He spoke about staffing station 6 – providing numbers to do so. There is a need for a fire station in the Desert Canyons area in the future.

The consensus of the Council is to staff station 6. City Manager Adam Lenhard suggested moving the nine (9) new firefighters to station 6 until station 9 is built.

A discussion took place regarding running a 4-man crew versus a 3-man crew.

Chief Stoker thanked the Council for their support. He noted that areas are being maintained, but the City is growing fast.

The consensus of the Council is to complete station 9 as soon as possible and staff station 6 now.

Resident Tara Ferron asked if she can opt out of the recycling program as the City has not been transparent. She has paid for services that are not being rendered.

Mayor Pike explained this is a countywide program and the fees are for the collection of the recycling; it is still being collected. He stated that she can file an appeal.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER:

No reports were given.

ADJOURN TO A CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Arial to adjourn to a closed session to discuss property sale.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randall.

VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Randall – aye
Councilmember Arial - aye
Councilmember Baca - aye
Councilmember Smethurst - aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.