

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2019, 4:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE 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:

Mayor Pike called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The invocation was offered by Pastor Greg Wright and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mayor Pike.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Consider award of bid to JP Excavating for the Virgin River North Trail - Fossil Falls to Millcreek Power Station (Trail Gap Project).**
- b. Consider award of bid to ASH Excavating for the Tonaquint Cemetery expansion.**
- c. Consider approval of a Cooperative Agreement with the NRCS for the sediment removal near the River Road Bridge on the Ft. Pearce wash.**
- d. Consider approval of an Easement Acquisition Agreement for the Sand Hollow Pipeline connection alignment with Groves, LLC.**

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Randall to approve the consent calendar.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smethurst.

VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a 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.

PRESENTATION OF CAFR REPORT:

Presentation and consideration of the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) For Fiscal Year 2019.

Administrative Services Director Trevor Coombs explained the audit process and introduced Steve Palmer with Hinton Burdock CPA and Advisors. The report is still in draft form; needing minor tweaks.

Mr. Palmer stated the audit of the CAFR is completed. After completion of the audit, his firm will submit four (4) reports: 1) Independent Auditor's Report with an unmodified (clean) opinion on the financial statements; 2) Internal Control Report with no findings in any of the categories; 3) State Report with one minor finding relating to the Dixie Center EDA deficit fund balance; and 4) Federal Single Audit Report with no findings.

Financial Planning and Budget Manager Deanna Brklacich clarified the fund balance deficit is basically due to an accounting requirement. About 4 years ago, the Council approved an interfund loan for the infrastructure improvements within the EDA. Until the \$1 million loan is repaid, it will continue to be in a fund balance deficit.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Arial to approve the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Baca.

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.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Washington City to provide transit and paratransit services.

City Manager Adam Lenhard explained Washington City has requested St. George provide a bus route in Washington City. They have agreed to pay all costs associated with the service and the City of St. George has the capacity to provide services. Staff is still fine tuning the details; therefore, he suggested it be subject to Legal and Finance staff review. The City already owns the bus and would have to hire additional staff. Staff has a map of the route.

Public Works Director Cameron Cutler stated once the agreement is signed the service will begin in about 90 days.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Smethurst to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Washington City to provide transit and paratransit services subject to review and approval by the Legal and Finance Departments.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Arial.

VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a 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.

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE IRONMAN 2020 AND IRONMAN 70.3 2021 EVENTS:

Kevin Lewis with Washington County Convention and Tourism Office provided a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: 5-year agreement; bike course; run course; Ironman 70.3 World Championship; and Ironman 70.3 World Championship.

Support Services Director Marc Mortensen stated he and Mr. Lewis spoke to the folks at Art Around the Corner regarding art pieces in the downtown area during these events.

Mr. Lewis continued with his PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: key concerns; Local Organizing Committees; and ceremonial transfer to new host.

Mr. Mortensen spoke about wayfinding signs; he would like to see them Citywide on a grander scale.

ESTABLISH FEES FOR ADOPTION OF LIVESTOCK/ORDINANCE:

Consider approval of an ordinance establishing fees for adoption of livestock.

City Manager Adam Lenhard explained the St. George City Division of Animal Control was given custody of neglected livestock through court proceedings and is seeking a fee schedule to allow for adoption to new owners. Staff originally recommended setting the fees at up to \$1,500.00 per animal for livestock adoptions.

Mayor Pike read the updated proposed language in the ordinance. The fees are proposed to be: Adoptions: In amount based on staff's estimated value, and considering the cost of continuing border and care, and as approved by the City Manager.

City Attorney Shawn Guzman commented the intent is to say that staff will get an estimate on value and discount the estimated value by the cost of bordering and caring for the animal.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Arial to approve the ordinance establishing fees for adoption of livestock.

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.

REPORT FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER:

Financial Planning and Budget Manager Deanna Brklacich thanked the Council for their input on next year's budget.

Councilmember Baca reported on the recent Dinosaur Museum meeting.

Councilmember Arial noted a group inquired about a permanent sculpture at the round about near the Tabernacle.

Mayor stated Alan Carter approached the City about a piece of art; he sent them to speak to Art Around the Corner.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Baca to adjourn.
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smethurst.
VOTE: Mayor Pike called for a 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.

Christina Fernandez, City Recorder