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Minutes of the **Work Session** of the **Lehi City Council** held Tuesday, **December 3, 2019**, at the Lehi City Administration Building, 153 North 100 East, Lehi, Utah. The meeting began at approximately 4:00 PM.

Present: Mark Johnson, Mayor
Paige Albrecht, Council Member
Chris Condie, Council Member
Paul Hancock, Council Member
Johnny Revill, Council Member
Mike Southwick, Council Member

Others Present: Jason Walker, City Administrator; Cameron Boyle, Assistant City Administrator; Ryan Wood, City Attorney; Kim Struthers, Community Development Director; Lorin Powell, City Engineer; Dean Lundell, Finance Director; Steve Marchbanks, Parks Superintendent; Beau Thomas, Assistant to the City Administrator; Shaye Ruitenbeek, Management Analyst; Teisha Wilson, City Recorder; and approximately 30 citizens.

1. Welcome and Opening Comment

Mayor Johnson welcomed everyone and noted that all Councilmembers were present except for Councilor Hancock who will attend the meeting in progress. Steve Marchbanks gave the opening comment.

2. Discussion Items

2.a. Presentation of Banjo Software- Lehi Police Department

Chief Paul explained that this software can be used in a child abduction scenario and can significantly reduce the time it takes to find a missing child. He said that this is very innovative, and Lehi is interested in this possibility.

Brian Smith is the Banjo Government Relations Representative for Utah. He stated that he's been working with the State of Utah and they are now ready to pursue contracts with various entities in the state. He explained that this is the largest live data collection software. It's a way to bring in live data, then synthesize the data source to make sense of it and then send out the information for public safety. The best way to use this software is to shorten response times for public safety. He said that in an event, this software provides critical details to first responders, even before the first 911 call comes in.

Jason Walker stated that there is an agreement that will come to the Council for their approval at the next Council meeting.

2.b. Waste Collection Increase Discussion- Finance Department

Dean Lundell, Finance Director, stated that the Council discussed the new Waste Management agreement at a previous meeting, but he wanted to clarify that the rates will need to increase to match the new increase from Waste Management and he is proposing that to be approved in January.

2.c. Discussion on Contract Extension with Stifle

Jason Walker stated that this company was formerly known as George K Baum, and that he is confident enough in their abilities to offer them an extension. He said this will be put on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

2.d. Presentation by UTA- Trustee Kent Millington

This item was moved to the end of the agenda.

2.e. Lehi City Parks Presentation- Mark Vlasic and Ryan Hales

Mayor Johnson stated that he has asked Mr. Vlasic and Mr. Hales to reevaluate the surveys and studies previously done for the City's parks and asked that they identify again the best future use for the large-scale regional use facilities, based on studies and current conditions. Mayor Johnson stated that he is committed to building parks and would like the Council to agree on a direct path moving forward based on what makes sense.

Councilor Hancock arrived at 4:45 p.m.

Mark Vlasic with Landmark Design stated that he considered Peck Park and Mellor Rhodes Park as far as what the best future uses may be for those properties. He found that through open houses and surveys that the public would prefer the Mellor Rhodes location for a large scale sports facility and Peck Peck for more of a leisure, traditional and passive park.

He stated that they looked at the changes since that study was done in 2015 and considered the new addition of the multi use fields to Peck Peck. He said that they have learned from experience that soccer and multi-purpose fields have a longer season when they are used but their traffic impact is minimal. They've learned that baseball is a need in the community and some communities have offered to meet that need and others have not. Baseball has a shorter season and the fields cannot be multi-use. If the community is willing to invest millions of dollars in baseball then it needs to be in the right location. He stated that Mellor Rhodes is ideal if the City wants to draw in large regional tournaments because of the proximity to the Saratoga Springs fields and the Sports Park fields. Mellor Rhodes is also the preferred site for a baseball complex because of its size, location, and better traffic conditions. He stated that Peck Park was generally supported for multi-purpose field play and unprogrammed park use and those conditions appear to remain the same today.

Mayor Johnson noted that Saratoga Springs changed the location of their baseball complex to better facilitate tournament play that would include the Mellor Rhodes complex.

Ryan Hales conducted a traffic study on the two park locations. He looked at traffic flows and the distribution of traffic. He stated that having the baseball complex near the Saratoga Springs complex would decrease the travel between baseball fields.

Mayor Johnson stated that he needs to know what direction the Council would like to go. If they are going to build a baseball complex then attracting large scale tournaments are needed to sustain the maintenance. He also stated that they are looking at various ways of funding such as naming rights, advertising and bonds.

There was discussion about the field size needs. Mayor Johnson stated that other facilities are attracting tournaments with field size being less than 400 ft.

Councilor Southwick stated that we need to do something especially as the city continues to grow. Councilor Southwick and Condie agreed with moving forward on the baseball complex. Councilor Hancock stated that he would like more research on field sizes at other tournament locations. There was further discussion about funding options including a blended property tax rate and bonding.

Mr. Walker stated that they could look at funding options to propose to the Council.

Mayor Johnson stated that he would like to move forward on the park design and engineering. Councilor Hancock would like to explore the option of having pickleball facilities to host tournaments. Mayor Johnson is open to working with baseball leagues in building and using the facilities.

2.d. Presentation by UTA- Trustee Kent Millington

1. Kent Millington introduces himself as the Broad Trustee that represents Utah County. He wanted to report on some of the success they are having in Utah County and also inform them of future plans. He said that they are averaging 14,000 riders on the UVX bus system this year, which is reducing traffic and reducing the need for parking permits. He also stated that the BRT has been very successful. Another success is that they've been getting some circulator buses at Thanksgiving Point that run between offices, restaurants, and the frontrunner station. He stated that they will need to expand the transit capability in Lehi and will need the city's cooperation and input with this. UTA wants to work with Lehi City to provide the proper transit in and out of Lehi.

Motion: Councilor Revill moved to adjourn into a closed executive session for the purpose of holding a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Councilor Albrecht seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Condie, Yes; Councilor Albrecht, Yes; Councilor Southwick, Yes; Councilor Hancock, Yes; and Councilor Revill, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the City Council at this time the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Johnson, Mayor

Teisha Wilson, Deputy Recorder