

AMERICAN FORK CITY COUNCIL
MAY 19, 2020
WORK SESSION MINUTES

This meeting was held electronically.

Members Present:

Bradley J. Frost	Mayor
Kevin Barnes	Council Member
Staci Carroll	Council Member
Barbara Christiansen	Council Member
Rob Shelton	Council Member
Clark Taylor	Council Member

Staff Present:

David Bunker	City Administrator
Camden Bird	Community Services Director
Wendelin Knobloch	Associate Planner
Terilyn Lurker	City Recorder
Anna Montoya	Finance Officer
Aaron Brems	Fire Chief
George Schade	IT Director
Cherylyn Egner	Legal Counsel
Adam Olsen	Senior Planner
Darren Falslev	Police Chief
Scott Sensanbaugher	Public Works Director

Also present: Brian Thompson and Reggie Walker

The American Fork City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, electronically, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION

The purpose of City Work Sessions is to prepare the City Council for upcoming agenda items on future City Council Meetings. The Work Session is not an action item meeting. No one attending the meeting should rely on any discussion or any perceived consensus as action or authorization. These come only from the City Council Meeting.

1. A Quarter 3 update for 2019 PARC Tax projects.

Mr. Bird stated that the intent was not to have any lengthy presentations but rather to submit all the information up front for the Council to look over before the meeting started and then ask any questions they had. He stated that Reggie Walker had a short presentation prepared if Council wanted it delivered or it could be sent to them later. He said that he could run through the City's projects and commented that a lot of them were nearing completion. He described the Art Dye projects and stated that there was fencing being worked on and that there was a sod shortage so the original completion date that had been set as May 15th had been pushed back to the end of June. They were hoping for a July 1st opening date. He commented that the project looked incredible so far.

Mr. Bird then described the Hindley Park project progress. The parking lot had been paved and would be getting striped soon thereafter and then they would be doing some fill and landscaping work to make the spot where the grass met the sidewalk more level.

Mr. Bird discussed the Quail Cove Entrance. He stated that they had put in a curb and gutter along the edges of the road to the entrance that it looked really nice. They were just working on the fill there for the same reason as at the Hindley Park project.

Council Member Carroll stated that she had looked at the pictures and noticed the rock wall at the entrance was still broken. She stated that they did not have the funds for it, but she was wondering if there were plans to get it fixed. Mr. Bird replied that yes, the pictures that she was looking at were older and that some work had already been done and it would be completed soon. He stated that the funding was being paid for through insurance because it was a car accident that had damaged it. There had been a couple of delays and it had taken longer than expected. They were hoping it would be completed before the rest of the park project was finished. He stated they were going to try to come up with a good sign that showcased the entrance. Extending the curb and gutter all the way to the entrance had cost a bit more but they had enough in savings to cover it. They had done a shade structure, which was a generic park upgrade, and a playground had been put in at Robinson that had the PARC logo stamped into it. He commented that all of the projects were coming along well.

Mayor Frost observed that the vision of buying the Goodsell property and where it was located had been helpful for the COVID-19 crisis. It added open space and he was glad they had gotten it in the previous year because it could not have been timelier. He commented on the sod for the baseball fields and said that at that time there was a challenge getting sod in a timely manner for anyone doing landscaping projects. The contributing factors to this were the high demand and sod farmers not being ready for it. In addition, the sod still was not mature enough to harvest. The sod farmers thought they needed another two months before the sod would be ready for harvest, but Mayor Frost hoped they could get the fields done soon.

Council Member Shelton asked if they were only sodding the new fields and leaving the existing fields the way they were. Mr. Bird replied that he would have to check. Council Member Shelton stated that he had been up to the fields the week before and the older fields looked like they had been neglected and that there had been some damage to them. He did not want to have two really nice fields and then have three that were of a lesser quality.

Mayor Frost did not think the others were on the schedule, but he could be wrong. He had watched the construction of it and would have tackled it differently if they did not have to worry about sod. He stated that they had gone in with trenchers and were very strategic and surgical with the way they had put the sprinkler system in. To him, this seemed as if they were trying to save time on repair work. Council Member Taylor did not think that they were doing the three other fields. The square footage on the bid did not seem to include the three existing fields. Mr. Bird stated they would double check.

Council Member Shelton stated that the field that faced southeast looked the worst. Council Member Taylor agreed with him and stated that unfortunately he did not think they had planned to re-sod that particular field.

Mr. Bird stated that he had received a text from Aaron, project manager on the project, and he had said that the three existing fields were not slated for additional sod just an over-seed. Council Member Taylor stated that an over-seed on the southeast field would be helpful and do a lot to soften it up. Mayor Frost stated that in order to get the field to where it was comparable to the others would take quite a bit of work. Mr. Bird stated that they were doing the best they could at that time and that maybe it could be added into Phase 4 for the park.

Council Member Christiansen had a question about the financial side of the project. She commented that on page 4 of the packet it mentioned the Utah County Recreation Grant. Mr. Bird explained that Utah County had large sum grants. Additionally, there were also smaller grants, of which American Fork had received \$14,000 almost every year.

Mayor Frost asked for a brief summary of the Timpanogos Art Foundation from Reggie Walker and mentioned they had the information in front of them and could ask questions along the way if they needed to.

Reggie Walker stated that they were working to get started back up after the COVID-19 crisis and that with mass gatherings banned they had been shut down completely. They had been down for all of March and April and were looking to get started back up soon. He stated that the Valentine Theater had lost revenue due to cancellations, however, they had not been charged rent for April or May and that as far as programming had gone. He noted that seven out of nine programs were cancelled as a result of COVID-19. Fundraising had been reduced and they had been ramping up grant writing since November but grant requests from everyone had increased because of the virus. There had been a decrease in Valentine booking and lessees seemed hesitant to reschedule because of the uncertainty of a flare-up of the virus in the fall. They were anticipating lower attendance at the first events due to social distancing and were still planning on holding the arts festival in August, but the County was not allowing mass gathering permits yet so they would have to wait to see how that went.

Mr. Walker commented that the administrative budget was pretty standard as per the last couple years. His full-time salary had started in July and they were having to cover that from other revenue.

He stated that he had prepared some further documentation but had realized it did not make much sense for people outside of TAF. Therefore, they were going to re-vamp the data and resend it to everyone so they could see what TAF was up to and what changes were made.

Mr. Walker stated that the community theater had to cancel two nights of their Freaky Friday production and the State had shut them down because the Valentine was a state facility. He then explained what was going on with the Symphony. He stated that they had had a great year and that the last event they had put on was the Winter Concert which had a sellout crowd at the junior high school. He sent the City the budgets on what they anticipated left over and the estimated losses.

Mr. Walker moved onto Visual Arts and stated that they had been ramping up with a lot of different classes and referenced a slide from the presentation. He stated that they had been doing well expanding that program with a lot of different art classes and that an art show that had been planned in conjunction with the library's 20th anniversary celebration had been cancelled due to COVID-19 along with five different art class projects. Up until the COVID-19 crisis there had been 10

visual arts class project which amounted to 42 total class days with over 120 students. The goal was to start back up May 29th with a paint night following the State guidelines of social distancing.

Mr. Walker discussed the Youth Choirs and stated that they were basically classes for the different groups. They had the Concert Choir and the Ukulele Choir and both of those had been able to continue. In February, at the start of the COVID-19 crisis, both instructors had switched to virtual classes and had kept on going. However, the Handbells and the Brass Choir went through February and stopped, and the Flute Choir had to stop in January because they had lost the teacher, not because of COVID-19. They had held their Christmas in the Rotunda and Christmas Concert at the junior high school with all the youth choirs combined but they had to cancel the Easter and Spring Concerts and remaining classes.

Mr. Walker moved onto the Youth Theater and stated that they had had a great year up until COVID-19. The summer production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, the winter production of the Little Mermaid, and the spring production of 101 Dalmatians were getting ramped up and ready to go before they had to shut it down. The goal for them to get started again was a dance camp and mini musical in June and virtual auditions and callbacks were to be held online for rehearsals for Frozen which began on June 29th.

Mr. Walker then discussed the Timpanogos Chorale. They had done a kickoff concert last July with the Symphony, had joined the Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra, which was not part of TAF, in a concert called *In A Galaxy Far Away* last fall and had also done some other performances. They had to cancel five concerts that were scheduled for April and May.

Mr. Walker then discussed the Wasatch Show Band. They had done three concerts in the park the previous summer, a fall dance, a fall concert with Wasatch Winds, a singles dance in Alpine, a Christmas concert with the Symphony and Wasatch Winds, and a winter concert with the Wasatch winds. However, they had to cancel their spring concert and the Orem concerts in the park. Their plan was to start rehearsing June 2nd for a concert on June 30th.

Mr. Walker then discussed the Wasatch Winds. They had had their fall, winter, and Christmas concerts, and had been guests at the Salt Lake Symphony but their spring concert was cancelled. They planned on starting rehearsals again on August 1st.

Mr. Walker then discussed the Youth Speech contest. He stated that it had gone well the previous fall with the Mayor's help and had a great turnout. He mentioned that last meeting there was a question about scholarships. He stated that they had known they could not use parks money for scholarships and referred to the income section under donations on the presentation slide where it said \$2,300 was the budgeted goal for the scholarships. Otherwise, they would take it out of their own non-restricted fund if they were unable to raise the donations which they were still working on but had never had to use other funds for the scholarships.

Mr. Walker moved onto the History and Heritage Pageant which was scheduled to go on at Robinson Park with the DUP and the 20th anniversary celebration of the library. This event was also cancelled due to COVID-19.

Mr. Walker gave a report on TAF overall and stated that they were continuing to move forward with their organizational redesign and their plan for long-term success and viability. One of the major moves was to get Mr. Walker to full-time starting in July. They had most of the management

positions covered, who were all volunteer managers except for the bookkeeper who was 15-20 hours per month. They were also working on their plan to streamline and consolidate operations and there would be a major transition in 2020-2021. They would also be focused on fundraising as a part of their diversified revenue strategy and were working on board development, better recruiting and training, and an emphasis on fundraising and networking. They had a full-time development director who worked with a grant writer and researcher, and they also had fundraising consultants that were helping them with training.

Council Member Carroll thanked Mr. Walker for preparing a thorough and easily understandable presentation. Mr. Bird stated that he had forwarded the presentation on to Council for review.

Mayor Frost asked if they were hitting the mark and getting the right information to Council. He asked if they wanted to change the format. Council Member Carroll stated it was enough for her. Council Member Taylor stated that he appreciated the report they were presented as it included the expenses and the income for each discussion item. Council Member Shelton stated that in the future if they received the data sooner, then Council could submit questions ahead of time so that Staff could be prepared to answer them. Council Member Christiansen stated that she liked this format better than ones they had before that were too detailed. Council Member Barnes said he was glad to be there and that his thoughts had been expressed. Council Member Shelton stated that he thought it was backwards to see expenses before income and that that did not follow what they did with other financial documents. He would like to see the two flipped.

2. Discussion on the proposed PARC Tax funding allocations.

Brian Thompson stated that they were being shown a memo by Camden Bird, Community Service Director, that was put together by the PARC Tax advisory board the week before. They had gotten together to redistribute the \$150,000 that was initially earmarked for the Boat Harbor which was the topic of the memo. They had fully funded the American Fork Library Book Fairy Project. The Friends Quilting Circle had respectfully declined their partial funding of their equipment request, they wanted a large quilting machine and ten sewing machines. The Advisory Board was going to give them funding for maybe two or three sewing machines, but the Friends told the board they did not want that so that money was reallocated.

Mr. Thompson stated that to initially fund the Boat Harbor they had taken some funding from TAF groups and so had restored some of that funding. The Youth Choir was at \$15,000 and was then at \$20,000, the Wasatch Winds were at \$20,000 and then were up to \$23,000, and the Symphony, Community Theater, and Visual Arts all received the funding planned from before the Boat Harbor project. He stated that they had also put the Quail Cove restroom back on track and restored the funding lost to the Boat Harbor project in order to complete Quail Cove. He stated that it was important to get into the habit of completing started projects and that they had also allocated funds to repair the scoreboards at Quail Cove.

Brian Thompson stated that one of the board members had a concern about the Library Programming Room for which they had allocated \$60,000 the previous year. They would allocate \$110,000 that year but the Board was questioning whether or not they should fund it. Council Member Carrol asked if those funds were allocated from the PARC funds to which Mr. Thompson replied yes. Council Member Carroll stated that that she had heard a bit of the conversation they had had on the issue and she was going to suggest saving the money and building it for the next year.

Council Member Christianson stated that she had received an email that afternoon from the Friends Quilting Group that stated that they would really like to have ten sewing machines for \$6,400. She stated that she would highly recommend it and that the group did a lot of good things for the community. She said the group could teach lessons and have other new people learn the skill which she thought could be helpful. Mayor Frost stated that he thought that they would have this on a Council action item and that if the Council felt that this was something that was important, they could make suggestions and a motion. He stated that decisions could not be made at the time because it was a work session meeting.

Cherylyn Egner, Legal Counsel, stated that they could not make decisions but if anyone had any thoughts or input or if it were something everyone seemed to be in favor of then it would be helpful in drafting a motion. Mayor Frost asked how the Council felt about Council Member Christiansen's comments. Council Member Barnes stated that he had seen the email not too long before the start of the meeting and thought that the amount of money they were asking for was fairly small.

Mr. Thompson reviewed funding for the Friends Quilting Group. He said that the year before the board had funded other things for the quilting club like tables but that year the board felt that the money was better spent elsewhere. Council Member Barnes stated that if there was money left over that year, because the amount the quilting group was requesting was not high, they should evaluate if what the group did benefited the community. He believed it did because of the way they distributed their blankets.

Council Member Carroll agreed and said that she did not have strong feelings either way with this request. She had deferred it to the PARC Tax Committee who had the opportunity, if they had felt that it was warranted, to fully fund that request and, as Mr. Thompson had said, there was a stronger need for funding in other places; however, he was not opposed to it.

Council Member Christiansen stated that they had originally asked for the amount for the ten machines and Council had suggested a smaller amount. The group responded with a new request based on a discounted bulk price.

Council Member Taylor asked Brian Thompson that if the committee had known about the discount would they have funded the request and taken from somewhere else. Mr. Thompson replied that he thought there would have been some healthy discussion within the group and that it could be easy to find \$6,400 in a couple of areas if they had decided to grant the group's request. However, he could not speak for the committee as a whole.

Council Member Christiansen stated that she wanted to bring it up so that all the Council Members could be thinking about it before it was brought to a vote.

In response to a question from Council Member Shelton, David Bunker, City Administrator, stated that the numbers presented were a projection for next year and that it was the same formula that they used for their revenues. Council Member Shelton asked if their anticipation was that if everyone came into the City now and wanted to spend their dollars on July 1st if they would have to come up with \$920,000 knowing that they would have accrued that throughout the year. Anna Montoya, Finance Officer, replied yes.

Brian Thompson asked if they had committed to naming the new soccer fields “Goodsell Field.” Mayor Frost replied that he did not recall that being anything on paper or in negotiation. The Council could not remember if it were or not.

Council Member Shelton asked if Council wanted to bring up anything about the Boat Harbor at that time or if they wanted to wait for the time of the Council action. Mayor Frost asked for clarification, noting there was no Boat Harbor money in that memo. Council Member Shelton asked if Council wanted to discuss it at that time and have more of a clear path or wait until the night of the Boat Harbor discussion. Mayor Frost replied that he would be happy to have a work session on the Boat Harbor to discuss the needs but that it was not on the agenda for that evening so it wasn’t really a talking point for the meeting they were having.

Council Member Barnes had understood it as an issue of whether they would do the Boat Harbor or if they did not do the Boat Harbor how they would allocate the money. In his mind there was going to be discussion on whether or not they wanted to do the Boat Harbor or the alternative plan. Council Member Christiansen agreed. Council Member Carroll commented that her understanding was that the way the funds were used to pay for it was with PARC tax, the grant and through PARC impact fees. They had not gotten the grant and if they did not use the PARC tax then it was up in the air what would happen with the Boat Harbor. Council Member Taylor stated that there was a certain amount of work that was going to be done, and there was less than \$100,000 they were going to use to put into that project which took all the air out of the Boat Harbor project. He said that it felt like the money came in as long as they did what the County wanted them to do.

Council Member Shelton asked if the Boat Harbor were postponed or what kind of discussion they would have about the status of the project. Council Member Taylor stated that his understanding was that no PARC funds would go towards the Boat Harbor but that was an option presented to the PARC committee. He stated that whether or not the Boat Harbor project went forward, if it was incumbent on PARC funds, he would vote against putting PARC money towards the Boat Harbor but that didn’t mean he was against the Boat Harbor project. He suggested going to the County and asking for a 3:1 match instead of a 50/50 match since it was their initiative.

Council Member Barnes asked Council Member Taylor if he was opposed to the current proposal because of the way the numbers were lined out. Council Member Taylor stated that he did not have a clear understanding and he had readily admitted that to the PARC fund group. As he found out that the project had been offered to Vineyard and Lindon, he thought that there were better ways to spend the money, like the Quail Cove restrooms. Mayor Frost said he thought that the consensus of the work session was whether or not they take the proposal they had or try to blend back money into matching the grant for the Boat Harbor. Council Member Carroll stated that if they chose the proposal then inherently that would be making the decision that the Boat Harbor was not feasible because they would be taking the funding source away. Mayor Frost stated that he believed, based on what had happened with the situation and based on the fact that budgets were unpredictable at the time, that the option would be available the following year and that at that point they would have to make a decision. He stated that it might upset a couple of commissioners and that there had been a lot of push towards the Harbor. The City had made a pitch for it a few years ago and then again that year and that year was the first time they had been listened to to the tune of \$1.4 million. They had gone for a \$500,000 match which was unsuccessful through the state and so if nothing else they would look to match the \$1.4 million the

following year. He could not say that it would be held there forever but felt that they had one more year to decide what they would do.

Council Member Taylor asked Mayor Frost if the \$1.5 million was American Fork's proposal to which Mayor Frost deferred to Camden Bird, Community Services Director. Mr. Bird stated that they had asked for \$2.9 million and had received half of that. Council Member Taylor asked how that worked with the other harbors in Vineyard and Lindon. Mayor Frost replied that they were basically awarded about the same as American Fork had been as a match grant. He stated that Vineyard had the best ability to match it because they had a lot of corporate sponsors, but he had not heard about Saratoga Springs. He stated that Saratoga's harbors were not as dilapidated as the others. Council Member Taylor stated that he was confused about the fact that it was a County initiative for Utah Lake and that it had gone to Vineyard, Lindon, American Fork, and possibly Saratoga Springs and asked how the level of participation was determined. Mayor Frost stated that they had gone for a home run and got maybe a double or single because they were hoping to get fully funded without a match but the County had come back with half of the ask as a match. Council Member Carroll interjected that she thought Council Member Taylor was asking whose idea it was to do the project to which Council Member Taylor responded that that was exactly what he was asking. Mayor Frost replied that it was recreation and parks and that it was a ready-made plan that they had had and that the County had expressed great interest in the Boat Harbor. There was already a shovel ready project that was engineered but just needed modified pricing. It was something they had previously submitted but needed to be resubmitted with new numbers.

Council Member Shelton stated that if they submitted grants like this in the future it would be helpful if it was brought to Council first for discussion on clarity and on the priority. He stated that they had 30 days to decide and he was trying to figure out what path everyone was on and where they were headed with it.

Council Member Taylor stated he misrepresented them to the PARC committee again because from the work session he believed that this was a County initiative for the rescuing of Utah Lake and that it was going out to Vineyard, Lindon, Saratoga Springs, and American Fork. Council Member Carroll stated that she did not understand the concern about the fact that the idea came from the county. She thought that the funds were sent to the County so that they could choose the projects that they thought would be good for the whole County. She understood that a lot of it came from their sales tax and they should get some of it back. However, she thought that it was going to the County to disperse so they could choose projects that they thought would benefit the County as a whole. Council Member Taylor asked if the funds for the match were only coming from the tourism tax. Mayor Frost replied that this was correct. He said that they had come up with natural resources as a pot of money and they felt like the lake was a natural resource and as something they wanted to put money into perpetually every year. Council Member Taylor clarified that that was the impetus for them to submit to that fund for the Boat Harbor. Mayor Frost concurred.

Council Member Shelton stated that he had talked to the commissioners last week and the frustrating thing was that that fund had been all over the map as far as what it had been used for in the past. He asked the commissioners what they would do if they were in American Fork's shoes and both commissioners had different ideas on how to allocate the funds. He stated that it was collected by the County, but the problem was that the City had incentivized retail and other businesses to open in American Fork where other cities had been closed to that idea. He said that American Fork had done this at a cost to the taxpayer expense and that they had grown a lucrative

sales tax base. Now the tourism tax was being taken out by the County and being reallocated to increase tourism in other areas. He said he expressed this concern to the commissioners and that he hoped after a number of years the American Fork businesses would be represented and the tourism would be increased in American Fork. Mayor Frost stated that that was the argument that had been made since the whole thing started and that this was not new information but there were new commissioners and relationships that had formed.

Council Member Taylor stated that this was the second version of the plan brought forth by the PARC Council with the money that they had. He stated that this was a County initiative that they had chosen to be a part of, and the plan being discussed was the recommendation to American Fork and the Council had to decide how to move forward.

Council Member Barnes asked Council Member Taylor if he thought the committee was for the first recommendation or for the second. Council Member Taylor stated that he thought it was difficult to speak for the committee as a whole but that he had been very compelling in terms of talking about matching dollars and that the PARC board was looking for the best thing to do for the City.

Brian Thompson stated that the initial proposal would have been attractive if they had access to full matching. However, once they lost some of the ability to match and began discussing spreading it out over two years, the better use of the funds for that year was to allocate it somewhere else.

Council Member Shelton suggested that they move forward with the alternate proposal and that the Council work with numbers from the alternate and discuss the financing for the Boat Harbor at a different work session meeting. Mr. Bird stated that he had initially advocated for the Boat Harbor with the potential funding from outside sources but as that funding had dried up, they were more than willing to go in a different direction.

3. Discussion on the FY 2021 Strategic Vision.

David Bunker, City Administrator, started by saying that he wanted to take this time to go over the strategic goals workplan that was discussed at the February retreat. He wanted to make sure they were all heading in the same direction and that staff had understood the Council's desires and what they expected from Staff. He identified the strategic goals and then brought them to Council so that the definitions and the steps involved with the goals were what the Council had in mind.

Mr. Bird stated that he would go through each strategic goal.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Property Tax – Mr. Bird stated that they had discussed how they wanted to proceed, if they wanted to do it as a one-time based off of specific needs or as ongoing. He stated that they did not have any target dates or much context because this could be reconsidered based on other financial needs and bonds that were being worked on.

Mr. Bunker stated that when they had met it was pre-COVID-19 so much of the discussion had been centered around doing some evaluation. He stated that they could still do some of the evaluation depending on whether or not the City Council wanted to consider any sort of property

tax adjustment, whether that be one time or a pegged rate, which some other cities had done. It depended on what the Council's focus was.

Council Member Shelton stated that the situation they were currently in only showed the need to have a plan in place since the City was so reliant on sales tax. He said that they had the analysis done by Birmingham which showed that they were not keeping up with their expenses and where they were falling behind. The Council then briefly discussed a potential truth in taxation process to potentially take place the following year.

Council Member Carroll stated that she would like to look more seriously into ongoing increases in any form and wanted to look at what other cities had done. Council Member Shelton agreed and stated that when they developed a plan, they needed to address the long-term fiscal issue with their funding imbalance rather than how they taxed. Council Member Carroll stated that it also went a long way educating people to how the tax rate worked and how it was calculated for cities. Council Member Shelton stated that people could get behind a plan because they were able to see what was trying to be accomplished. Council Member Christiansen stated that the two concepts she saw and believed in were fiscal responsibly and communication. She stated that they had to be fiscally responsible and they should communicate with the public so that they felt like they were part of the community and that their thoughts and needs were being taken into consideration. Mr. Bird stated that he could update the information with that feedback.

Council Member Taylor stated that he agreed with everything that had been said but he did not know when it would get better to set something set up. He knew that that year had been tough but it seemed like they had talked about this and if they didn't get serious about it now and have that truth in taxation he wasn't sure if waiting a year would make it better or worse because there were needs right now.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Infrastructure Plan – Mr. Bird stated that they had talked about working with public works to develop a year one, fiscal year 2021 plan before July 1st and then spending the next year adding another four years to that to come up with a realistic five-year plan based off the funding that was before them.

Council Member Shelton stated that he would put all the time and attention of the staff into that project. They had a road plan and a water plan, but those needed to overlap to show residents that they knew exactly what needed to go into infrastructure. Raising property taxes at that point would build a lot of trust and confidence in the Council.

Fiber – Mr. Bird stated that they had stepped back and evaluated their needs, looked at what options there were for them as a community, developed a plan based off of the preferred methodology, and then looked at implementation. He suggested that maybe they perform a survey or hire someone from Y2 Analytics to do a statistically significant survey and gauge the perception of the community for that need and then move forward from there.

Council Member Taylor stated that he thought COVID-19 had done nothing but help them with fiber. He said that because of what happened he had succumbed and upgraded his router because of working from home and having two students in the house.

Council Member Carroll asked if the survey would be rolled into the general survey. Mr. Bunker stated that he thought it should be separate and not part of the community survey that went out on the November/December timeline. Mr. Bird stated that it would be more robust and statistically significant if they did it separately. He said it would be more convenient for residents if they just rolled it in but it would just be completed as people wanted to fill it out so there would be some bias.

Mayor Frost stated that he agreed with Council Member Taylor and that moving forward he knew people who had been working from home who were in no hurry to get back and felt that they had been just as productive from home as they were at work. He thought this was a paradigm shift of a new normal of people working from home.

200 South Construction – Mr. Bird stated that a lot of the discussion on this was to finish off the CRA and ensure that it happened and that they got the funding that they needed for the whole area, especially 200 South. The funding had been redirected so they needed to look at funding again, bonding, impact fees, etc. He stated that the tentative timeline was that by March of the following year they could hopefully begin construction once they got funding locked in and finished off the engineering.

Council Member Shelton had a question about Fiber. He asked if the survey and hiring of Y2 Analytics were in the budget. Mr. Bunker replied that there was a cost to do an evaluation in the budget and that they needed to find out from Y2 what that cost was going to be to make sure it was within the budget.

Council Member Shelton stated that they should know by August how they were going to fund 200 South. Mr. Bunker stated that 200 South as a whole included water, sewer, storm drain, the road, and the trail. Their intention was to push forward with the water because they had the restraint on supply down there. They hoped to know by August about the funding for the water system but the reason they were thinking November was because they may be able to approach the school district to reconsider the CRA down there and they wouldn't know until at least November. Council Member Shelton said he would like to see a plan B that was executable if the school district did not go through. He stated that if they were going to go the bonding route on their own then maybe they should roll that in there. They never had to go the full-fledged amount they could always do a lesser amount. He would like to have that figured out by August so that if they did need to pull the trigger in November it would be ready to go.

Council Member Taylor stated that they could benefit by educating some members of boards in the valley to gain a greater understanding of what they were trying to accomplish. He thought they needed to get some sort of educational lobbying group in place that could disseminate the truth about it and what was at stake.

COMMUNICATION

Opt-in Event/Issue Notification – Mr. Bird stated that this item specifically looked at Everbridge. There were reported concerns about bots that could interact with people on the website and updating the website itself but this was one component that they were definitely planning to update and utilize whether it be Everbridge, which was the most affordable one, or something else. They wanted to make sure they had a plan in place, that everything was working together, and that they were using it. It needed to be something the residents could trust for information. He said that he,

Travis Dalley, and the communication committee would spearhead it to evaluate all of those things.

Council Member Shelton stated that other cities were using Everbridge and that it would not be a bad idea to check with them about it. Mr. Bird stated that Eagle Mountain, Lehi, and a few others were using it and they planned to check with them. Council Member Shelton stated that the key was to show residents that this would be a benefit to them. He said this was a need for the City right now because they were relying on social media and it would be great to have an opt-in option where they could push out information and know they were reaching their target users.

WATER PRESERVATION

Mr. Bird stated that this item pertained to the water line and sewer lines, updating any studies they had for rates and operations, looking into subsidies between PI and culinary, and having and implementing a plan for metering and looking into a water re-use program.

Council Member Shelton stated that he was comfortable with taking out “subsidies.” Mr. Bird stated that he would remove that language and add a definition.

ART DYE

Mr. Bird stated that they were finishing up phases 1 through 3 and were looking into having some control over the property to the north. This way, they would have the option to have parking all the way around the baseball fields.

Council Member Carroll asked for clarification on the land slated for phase 4. She asked if that land was owned by Fox Hollow to which Mr. Bird replied that yes, there was a section on the north side not the west side of the baseball fields that they would need to get from the unused Fox Hollow space so they would need to get a lease or some other agreement. There had already been discussion with Fox Hollow and there was some willingness to work with them on that property. Council Member Carroll asked if there was any opportunity to purchase the land or if it was for sure going to be a lease. Mr. Bird replied that that was part of the discussion and he was not sure. Mr. Bunker stated that Fox Hollow had received that land as part of a 601 agreement that would make it difficult for American Fork to purchase without replacing it with equal land in a recreational form. Ms. Egner stated that it was similar to what Fox Hollow had done with BYU for the storage on Fox Hollow’s golf course. It could only be leased because they had used federal money or land. The short answer was that it could not be sold without a lot of complications and potential repayment of funds, so a lease was really the only option. Council Member Shelton stated that it was worth looking at because Art Dye had been acquired under similar provisions and that he agreed with Council Member Carroll.

Mr. Bird stated that if they could lock in funding and the property, they could begin work on the design for parking and they could look into any additional work that needed to be done, such as sodding the baseball fields. He stated that they could also re-visit the undeveloped portion that was often used for disc golf and decide what they wanted to do with it. He stated that there were environmental concerns and developmental concerns.

Council Member Shelton stated that he had heard from a resident that when the City had built the salt dome they had made the commitment that they were going to move all of their public works

operations out of Art Dye and it hadn't happened since then. The neighbors had been patient with turning that area into a construction zone and he thought it would be better to stick to the original agreement they had made to move those down to the public works facility to make good on that commitment.

Mr. Bunker stated that there was some history there that he did not know about but that it would be difficult to move that out to the public works yard. He stated that they should consider finding another location for it and that maybe they add secure or find another location for those operations to it.

Council Member Shelton asked if they could move the burn facility down to the new property on the south side of town because smoke and dust would be similar in nature to the construction.

Mr. Bird asked if he had captured the top priorities for Council for the fiscal year 2020/2021.

Council Member Shelton said that they should look into adding more pickleball courts because the ones at Art Dye were always full. He wondered if there was any room to squeeze anymore into Art Dye and that it was something to take a look at. Mr. Bird said they would look into more pickleball courts.

Council Member Christiansen stated that in addition to Art Dye they should work on getting some park facilities on the south side. Council Member Shelton stated that he would love to leverage the parks and recreation committee to update their five-year park plan to include that.

Mr. Bunker stated that one thing they should consider was to spread out the pickleball courts. He said that he and Mr. Bird had found a location at Hindley Park that would be good for a pickleball court which would be nice for residents in that area of the City. Council Member Carroll and Council Member Taylor agreed. Council Member Barnes stated that everyone in the City paid the same amount of taxes and were entitled to a certain degree of community services in their neighborhood and it would be nice to have nice facilities in other parks throughout the City.

Mayor Frost stated that the City Council agenda would be out by the end of the week.

4. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Terilyn Lurker, City Recorder