

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 2020 4:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

Mayor Jon Pike
Councilmember Jimmie Hughes - arrived late 4:14 pm
Councilmember Bryan Smethurst
Councilmember Gregg McArthur
Councilmember Dannielle Larkin
City Manager Adam Lenhard
City Attorney Shawn Guzman
Deputy City Recorder Rene Fleming

EXCUSED:

Councilmember Michele Randall

OPENING:

Mayor Pike called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The invocation was offered by Father David Bittmenn and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Smethurst. Mayor Pike outlined the instructions for participation in tonight's meeting.

The group discussed the planned bike ride scheduled for Friday June 12, 2020 starting at 8:00 am.

Mayor Pike suggested rescheduling July meetings due to the two holidays. It was decided to hold two regular meetings, 9 and July 16 both starting at 4:00 pm.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. **Consider approval of an agreement for Transfer of Entitlements with the FAA.**
- b. **Consider approval of a Cooperative Agency Agreement for AIP 32 Grant with Aeronautical Operations Division of the State of Utah.**
- c. **Consider approval of a Cooperative Agency Agreement for AIP 33 Grant with Aeronautical Operations Division of the State of Utah.**
- d. **Consider approval of a Cooperative Agency Agreement for AIP 35 Grant with Aeronautical Operations Division of the State of Utah.**

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember McArthur to approve the consent calendar as presented.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smethurst.

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

Councilmember Smethurst – aye
Councilmember McArthur – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER:

Consider approval of a fee waiver for the Recovery Life - Sober Living Softball League.

City Manager Lenhard outlined the request for a fee waiver from the Recovery Life softball league to use the Little Valley ball fields from June through September for 19 teams to play. The fee would normally be about \$3,100. He commented that staff recommends splitting the location of the tournament, using two fields at Little Valley which don't back up to any houses and two fields at Bloomington. Staff recommends a minimal fee to cover expenses. He recommended that if the council chooses to waive any fees, the motion should state why the waiver is being approved in this case and why future requests for fee waivers would be denied. He requested the applicant's help to keep teams from warming up on fields not approved for use in this request, especially at the Little Valley fields.

There was discussion among the council acknowledging the accomplishments of those that are in recovery and staying sober. The stipulations discussed by City Manager Lenhard were discussed.

The Applicant, Ty Empey, acknowledged the helpfulness of the Leisure Services staff. He explained this is a co-ed league with all participants in recovery; they'd like all teams playing at the Little Valley fields. He indicated they've raised about \$1,800 which they'd like to use for trophies and equipment. He recognizes the \$3,100 fee assumes the park staff will not chalk the fields and no lights are provided.

There was discussion regarding teams playing on Little Valley fields 1 and 4, restricting home run hits on those fields. The discussion included Recovery Life to provide some hours in service for city projects in exchange for a fee waiver.

City Manager Lenhard explained that staff has visited with home owners adjacent to those two fields. Staff has promised the city will restrict use of those fields due to the concerns of the homeowners with respect to damage and the possibility of someone in a back yard being injured by a home run hit.

There was discussion regarding restricting the group from hitting home runs on fields 1 and 4. The group discussed options such as having the tournament run for three hours longer and only using fields 2 and 3; however, with the number of teams the estimate was that it would take about eight hours to complete play.

Shane More, Deputy Director for Parks, commented that the rule of no home runs on fields 2 and 3 was set because of past problems. He indicated the whole complex has been restricted to girls' softball because of a history of damage to adjacent homeowner's properties.

Mayor Pike explained the issue is liability for the city because we're on notice officially. He commented that the liability could be significant.

City Attorney Guzman commented that it's not just the potential dollar amount; it's also about the potential for someone to be hurt in their back yard.

MOTION: A motion was made by to Council Member Hughes to allow play on Little Valley fields with no home runs on fields 1 and 4 and no fees and that the Recovery Life group will do some work with service projects to benefit the City.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larkin.

There was discussion about improvements that could be made to prevent balls from being hit into private yards. The estimate from Parks was about \$30,000 - \$50,000. City Manager Lenhard remarked that replacing the netting damaged at South Gate Golf Course was going to be about \$80,000.

Councilmember Larkin suggested an amendment to the motion to indicate if there are any issues, the plan can be changed.

AMENDED

MOTION: Councilmember Hughes amended his motion to add if there is a problem the City will not allow the use of the fields 1 and 4.

SECOND: Councilmember Larkin seconded the amended motion.

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

Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Smethurst – aye
Councilmember McArthur – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mayor Pike asked Mr. Empey to work with Shane Moore to get the work done at the Temple Springs Park in exchange for the fee waiver.

DISCUSSION REGARDING DENSITY IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS:

City Manager Lenhard indicated this is a discussion the council has requested. Staff is looking for direction and council's thoughts on density and land use.

Several topics were discussed including large acreage such as the 160 acres zoned for medium density around Exit 2 off of I15. Zoning of areas where development has been discontinued such as the interchange on highway 7. The number of parking spaces required per unit in areas of high density, with the consensus that there aren't enough parking spaces provided with development.

The availability of public transportation was briefly discussed with the consensus that if there were more public transportation, perhaps there would be a need for fewer parking spaces.

Other issues discussed were development in flood plains and other less desirable locations. The need for infrastructure to support development was discussed as was the financial cost of bringing infrastructure to those areas.

The need for affordable housing and mixed density in the downtown area to keep it vibrant was discussed. The group discussed how to attract retail and professional occupancy downtown so that people come downtown.

The role of the general plan versus a master plan as well as the difference between the two terms was discussed. The general plan is not fixed; the master plan is an approved plan for exactly what will be done. There was consensus that it may be time to update the general plan.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER:

City Attorney Guzman briefly discussed the draft EIS for the northern corridor.

Mayor Pike briefly discussed the status of the Lake Powell Pipeline process and that it is moving forward.

TOUR OF THE NEW 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER:

Cindy Flowers reviewed the progress made on the new 911 Communications Center and reviewed the reasons behind the need for additional space. She explained that from 2017 - 2019 the number calls has grown by about 12% a year.

Mayor Pike thanked Acting Police Chief Whitehead and department for amazing work they've over the last two weeks.

The Council toured the new 911 Communications Center at the City Commons Building.

SITE VISIT TO SAND HOLLOW AQUATICS CENTER:

The Council met at the Sand Hollow Aquatics Center to review the progress of the roof remodel project.

ADJOURN TO A CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION: A motion was made 2e 06.11by Councilmember Larkin to adjourn to a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smethurst.

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

Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Smethurst – aye
Councilmember McArthur – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Larkin to adjourn from the City Council meeting.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smethurst.

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

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Councilmember Hughes – aye
Councilmember Smethurst – aye
Councilmember McArthur – aye
Councilmember Larkin – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Rene Fleming, Deputy City Recorder