

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Community Recreation Center
10640 N Clubhouse Drive, Cedar Hills, Utah

Present: Jenney Rees, Mayor, Presiding
 Councilmembers: Denise Andersen, Ben Ellsworth, Mike Geddes, Brian Miller
 Absent/Excused: Kelly Smith
 Chandler Goodwin, City Manager
 Jeff Maag, Public Works Director
 Greg Gordon, Recreation Director
 Craig Hall, City Attorney
 Colleen Mulvey, City Recorder
 Others: Lt. Josh Christensen

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, having been properly noticed, was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Rees. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by C. Ellsworth and the invocation was given by Mayor Rees.

2. Approval of Meeting's Agenda.

MOTION: C. Andersen—To approve the agenda. Seconded by C. Miller.

Yes	-	C. Andersen	
		C. Ellsworth	
		C. Geddes	
		C. Miller	Motion passes.

3. Public Comment: Time has been set aside for the public to express their ideas, concerns, and comments. Comments are limited to three minutes per person with a total of 30 minutes for this item.

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of the Minutes from the September 1 and September 15, 2020 Work Session and City Council Meetings

MOTION: C. Andersen—To approve the consent agenda. Seconded by C. Miller.

Yes	-	C. Andersen	
		C. Ellsworth	
		C. Geddes	
		C. Miller	Motion passes.

CITY REPORTS AND BUSINESS

5. City Manager

Chandler Goodwin reported they had had successful flag football and soccer programs. He also noted that all precautions were taken with regards to the pandemic. Golf continued to stay busy and they projected by the end of the month they would be to 85% of the annual projected budget. He said this was unprecedented so they would be looking at some budget amendments. Jr. Jazz was open and filling up fast because they had limited participation due to limited gym space. The ski bus program was setup for February. There had been vandalism in Harvey Park and the bathroom had been closed to repair some of the fixtures that had been broken. They would look into measures to prevent future vandalism.

6. Mayor and Council

C. Andersen reported having attended the Utah Lake Commission meeting and they were going to be putting in wetlands on the north end of the lake. Utah County applied for two different trail projects that had been funded. One of the trails went all the way around Utah Lake and they were looking at a 2023/2024 end date for that project. At the Central Utah 911 meeting they discussed that they were on track to take 100,000 911 calls this year, and September had had the highest volume of 911 calls ever. Even though they had recently taken on Pleasant Grove's calls, she thought this would affect their budget based on call volumes.

7. Review/Action on issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Citywide Fiber Project

Mr. Goodwin stated they had prepared an RFQ. There was a demand in the community for better connectivity. The proposal was for an FTTP network that allowed open access to multiple internet service providers. It would be owned by the City after construction. He asked Council to look over the RFP to see if there needed to be any changes on how to personalize it for their City, which was why he is asking that this item be tabled. He met with a company called Strata to look into public/private partnerships. There were other models out there that he thought the City should explore. Utopia was not their only option and he thought they should investigate what else was out there because this was a big decision for the City.

C. Ellsworth stated that he did not have any real issues with the RFP and asked if Mr. Goodwin wanted them to reweigh the RFP to better match their vision as a City. Mr. Goodwin answered affirmatively, explaining they needed to determine what was most important to them and where their preferences lay. He stated whether or not they went with UTOPIA they needed to evaluate aspects like customer service because if it were a City network, they would call the city with any issues. Mayor Rees asked about the RFP and if they had created a scoring system for all the different entities. Mr. Goodwin answered affirmatively.

Mr. Goodwin stated they had another group that would be presenting a public/private fiber project to the City Council meeting on November 17. His concern was they would have an RFP that catered to one company and he wanted the City to keep its options open.

MOTION: C. Ellsworth—To table the proposed RFQ for future consideration. Seconded by C. Geddes.

Yes - C. Andersen
C. Ellsworth
C. Geddes
C. Miller

Motion passes.

8. Review/Action on a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with American Fork City, Highland City and Pleasant Grove City to facilitate the construction of the Mill Ditch Pipeline Project

Mr. Goodwin referred to a diagram and explained where the Mill Ditch would go. He showed the current configuration on the diagram. American Fork had been working on a project in the canyon restoring its culinary water line which came down the fairway and into the center of all the lines which they did not like. This agreement helped the City because it would abandon this line permanently. C. Geddes asked if this line existed before the golf course and if they had just worked around it to which Mr. Goodwin replied yes.

Mr. Goodwin stated the new water line constructed would be parallel to the course. This project was concerning to them because they only got about 10% of their shareholders in the Pleasant Grove Irrigation Company water shares and this would be the only place, they could take water from the Pleasant Grove Irrigation Company. They had secured funding for the project that piped at the mouth of the canyon to the water tank. Pleasant Grove was set to reap many of the benefits from doing the work on this because they would have guaranteed access. He had met with the Pleasant Grove attorney and engineers to discuss their concerns with the project so as to not create new water shares. This agreement would allow the City to take water through this ditch. This was phase one and was already adopted by other cities, he wanted to move forward with this because it needed to be done during the winter irrigation season. They had assured the City they would try to minimize the disruption to the golf season as much as they could. A drawback was that the water feature would stay intact but would very rarely have water in it. There was an option for the City to spend a lot of money to divert the pipe to the feature and back into the pipe. However, they had decided to not do that but if they wanted to go back and do it, they could.

C. Geddes said he would hate to see that and suggested they get creative and find an alternative that cost a lot less. Mr. Goodwin did not want to change the dynamics of the hole. C. Geddes commented there had been concern among the golfers about trees dying if the water was eliminated. Mr. Goodwin replied he thought a lot of the trees would die and did not know a way around that. As a golf course they could start a vegetation plan to replace the trees.

C. Geddes stated they owned all the water in the pond on the tee-boxes and they could run a two-inch line through there to circulate water. Mr. Goodwin replied there were cheaper options out there and it was something they could look at.

Craig Hall commented there was a provision in the agreement that the Pleasant Grove Irrigation Company was committed to work with the City to resolve issues regarding the number of shares owned.

Mr. Goodwin stated there were multiple sources for Pleasant Grove to draw from but only one for Cedar Hills. They should be able to get all 10% of their shares out of that one source which had to be balanced with demand down the line. Reason being, they might not be the only ones who can only get their water from that source.

MOTION: C. Ellsworth—To approve Resolution No. 10-20-2020A, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Cedar Hills, American Fork City, Highland City and Pleasant Grove City regarding the Mill Ditch Pipeline Project. Seconded by C. Andersen.

Yes - C. Andersen
C. Ellsworth
C. Geddes
C. Miller

Motion passes.

9. Discussion on State Restrictions related to the Coronavirus

Mr. Goodwin stated that the Governor had announced statewide changes to the health guidelines. They were moving away from the color-coded guide and into high-low risk assessment. Expectations on private and public gatherings were being set and that as a City they were well-situated to comply. For recreation programs if a six-foot social distancing could not be maintained a mask was required. At events they had already required masks and the only thing that would change was that they would be required to fill out an event management template which required people to check into events. People who had events scheduled had been notified of the mandate and if they did not have masks, they could purchase them from the City. If people were not wearing masks at any event, then the event would be shut down.

Mayor Rees stated she anticipated Utah County being in the high-risk category for some time. She said the only thing that would change was the event management update and they would have to enforce it. Part of the requirements were that there could not be groups larger than ten without any organizational oversight which put the requirement on the City. Enforcement was not a kind of law enforcement policy but rather on the event organizer to uphold the mandates.

Mr. Goodwin stated he did not think they paid their referees or head hostesses enough to have them be the enforcers and shut down events. If it got to that point, there would probably need to be a City official to enforce. They were not going to take a draconian approach to this and would work with people at the events about masks.

Mayor Rees stated it was important to know people would know this before the event happened so it should not be a surprise to them.

Greg Gordon stated for the most part people have been good about it. He did not think they were going to have any problems on a wedding scale because people have been receptive. He stated they had created a QR code for tracking purposes so people would be able to scan in quickly.

Mayor Rees stated another thing that could be considered was Council Meetings and they could consider going back to Zoom meetings because if they were indoors, they were required to wear masks.

C. Ellsworth thought the City was doing the right thing but thought that there was mask fatigue and hoped they did not have any issues with that.

Mr. Goodwin stated he would be hesitant to shut down a wedding because one person refused to wear a mask. Communicating the consequences to people having events was important and he suggested sending emails.

Mayor Rees stated it seemed people were being understanding. She said one of the things they tried to explain is as a City they were a political subdivision of the State. She pointed out they did not have the authority to tell the state they would not comply with anything the state said. The State was putting more responsibility on the City to make sure these mandates were being followed so they needed to comply as best they could.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned 6:48 p.m. on a motion by C. Ellsworth, seconded by C. Miller, and unanimously approved.

Approved by Council:
November 17, 2020

/s/ Colleen A. Mulvey, MMC
City Recorder