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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN ELECTRONIC STUDY SESSION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 AT 4:30 P.M. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND CONDUCTED BY MAYOR BIGELOW.

THE MEETING WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

Ron Bigelow, Mayor
Lars Nordfelt, Councilmember At-Large
Don Christensen, Councilmember At-Large
Tom Huynh, Councilmember District 1 (*arrived as noted*)
Steve Buhler, Councilmember District 2
Karen Lang, Councilmember District 3
Jake Fitisemanu, Councilmember District 4

STAFF PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

Wayne T Pyle, City Manager
Nichole Camac, City Recorder
Nicole Cottle, Assistant City Manager/General Counsel
Eric Bunderson, City Attorney
Robert Hamilton, Acting Police Chief
John Evans, Fire Chief
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Steve Pastorik, CED Director
Layne Morris, CPD Director
Russ Willardson, Public Works Director
Nancy Day, Parks and Recreation Director
John Flores, HR Director
Sam Johnson, Strategic Communications Director
Coby Wilson, Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2021

The Council considered the Minutes of the Study Meeting held March 16, 2021. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

Councilmember Buhler moved to approve the Minutes of the Study Meeting held March 16, 2021. Councilmember Fitisemanu seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and all members voted in favor of the motion.

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REVIEW AGENDA FOR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2021

Upon inquiry by Mayor Bigelow, members of the Council had no further questions or concerns regarding items listed on the Agenda for the Regular City Council meeting scheduled later this night.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 6, 2021

A. A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Mayor Bigelow informed a Proclamation Recognizing the Month of April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month would be read at the Regular Meeting Scheduled April 6, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 6, 2021

A. ACCEPT PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING RE-OPENING THE FY 2020-2021 BUDGET

Mayor Bigelow informed a public hearing had been advertised for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled April 6, 2021, in order for the City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding re-opening the FY 2020-2021 Budget.

Proposed Ordinance 21-11 related to the proposal to be considered by the City Council subsequent to the public hearing, was discussed as follows:

ACTION: ORDINANCE NO. 21-11, AMEND THE BUDGET OF WEST VALLEY CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE BUDGET FROM INCREASED REVENUES AND AUTHORIZE THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Jim Welch, Finance Director, discussed proposed Ordinance 21-11 that would amend the budget of West Valley City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 to reflect changes in the budget from increased revenues and authorize the disbursement of funds.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

State Statute Title 10, Chapter 6, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, allows the City of West Valley to amend its budget during the year. The West Valley City holds public hearings on budget amendments on a quarterly basis each fiscal year.

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A Public Notice was posted March 18, 2021 in (the Salt Lake Tribune and the Deseret Morning News) general circulation to the general public. Notice was given that a public hearing is to be held April 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., West Valley City Hall, 3600 Constitution Blvd., West Valley City, Utah.

Mayor Bigelow requested clarification on City Hall repair and replacement. Wayne replied that this is a budget opening requested yearly from Facilities and includes projects that are in need of the greatest repair.

The City Council will consider Ordinance 21-11 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled April 6, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

ORDINANCE 21-12: AMEND TITLE 22 OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXCLUDE THE PARKING OF VEHICLES WITHIN FIVE FEET OF A DRIVEWAY

Wayne T Pyle, City Manager, presented proposed Ordinance 21-12 that would amend Title 22 of the West Valley City Municipal Code to exclude the parking of vehicles within five feet of a driveway.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

If approved, this ordinance will amend Subsection 22-2-117(2)(a) to include a prohibition on parking within five feet of a public or private driveway.

(2) *Standing or Parking Prohibited.* No vehicle shall be standing or parked, whether occupied or not, except to temporarily pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers, provided the driver remains in the vehicle and the engine remains running:

- a. In front of or within five feet of a public or private driveway;

The City Council will consider Ordinance 21-12 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled April 6, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

RESOLUTION 21-44: AWARD A CONTRACT TO DIG IT EXCAVATION LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TECUMSEH STREET STORM DRAIN PROJECT

Coby Wilson, City Engineer, presented proposed Resolution 21-44 that would award a Contract to Dig It Excavation LLC for the construction of Tecumseh Street Storm Drain Project.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as

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follows:

Bids for the project were opened on March 9, 2021, a total of six (6) bids were received. The lowest responsible bidder was Dig It Excavation LLC.

This project will install drainage improvements to collect and convey storm water from the Westward Terrace subdivision into the existing storm drain system in 4800 West. Tecumseh Street (4840 West) is located within the Westward Terrace subdivision near 3700 South. Several areas within the subdivision drain to Tecumseh Street which is currently a dead-end road with no drainage inlets.

The City Council will consider Resolution 21-44 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled April 6, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 6, 2021

A. RESOLUTION 21-45: AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ACCEPT A WARRANTY DEED FROM TR WEST VALLEY, LLC

Mayor Bigelow discussed proposed Resolution 21-45 that would authorize the City to accept a Warranty Deed from TR West Valley, LLC.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

The TR WEST VALLEY LLC parcel located at 6862 W. SR-201 North Frontage Road (14-22-200-031) is the site of the West Valley Utah Industrial project. As a condition of approval for the project additional right-of-way and improvements were required along the north side of the SR-201 North Frontage Road (southerly portion of subject property).

Upon inquiry, there were no further questions or concerns expressed by members of the City Council.

The City Council will consider Resolution 21-45 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled April 6, 2021, at 6:30 P.M.

Councilmember Huynh arrived at 4:44 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. HEALTHY WEST VALLEY UPDATE

Kevin Nguyen, Health West Valley, presented a PowerPoint presentation summarized as follows:

- Health differences

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- o Your zip code can determine your health more than your genetic code- Director of CDC
 - Average life spans in Salt Lake County area
- West Valley City Health
- Utah Health Improvement Index: 9 indicators
 - o Infant mortality rate, life expectancy, no healthcare coverage, chronic disease, suicide rate, poor mental health
- When compared with overall Utah
 - o Poor Mental Health
 - o Drug Poisoning
 - o Healthcare coverage
 - o Adults reporting poor/fair general health
- What are health disparities? Health disparities are more than adverse health outcomes. Although all health disparities are adverse health outcomes, not all adverse health outcomes are health disparities. A “disparity” implies that the difference is avoidable, unfair, and unjust. Health disparities are differences in health outcomes closely linked to economic, socio-cultural, environmental, and geographic disadvantage.
- What is health equity? Health equity is the principle underlying the commitment to reduce and, ultimately, eliminate health disparities by addressing its determinants. Pursuing health equity means striving for the highest possible standard of health for all people and giving special attention to the needs of those communities at greatest risk for health disparities.
- Member Organizations within Coalition
- First Discussion
 - o August 21, 2018
 - Group of individuals from multiple agencies came together
 - Based off of other Healthy “City” groups
 - What were health priorities?
- Data gathering
 - o Focus group surveys
 - Physical activity
 - Infrastructure
 - Access to healthcare and mental health
 - Causes of mental health
- 2019 West Valley Community Health Assessment
 - o 208 Responses
 - Discussed results
- Efforts from the Healthy West Valley Coalition

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- Suicide Prevention Training
 - o QPR
- Events
 - o My Hometown Project
 - o Westfest
 - o Springfest and National Night out
- Information and Networking
 - o Sharing community information
- Shift to COVID
- COVID Response
 - o Healthy West Valley worked to disseminate and share information
 - Resources for community members and organizations
 - COVID-19 information and updates
 - Participation in community educational events
 - o Hosted two COVID-19 Vaccine Webinars
 - Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Rodriguez
 - Shared on over 40 different networks
 - o Assisted promotion of COVID-19 Vaccine clinics
 - WVC March 13-14
- Future Efforts
 - o Continuation of webinars
 - o Provide COVID-19 information dissemination
 - o Help support other events throughout West Valley
 - o Networking and growing as a coalition

Councilmember Christensen stated that a conversation has been had to come under the City's umbrella a bit more. Kevin stated that Health Coalitions can work with the City closer to get access to grants and other funding sources. Mayor Bigelow stated that the City can spend millions of dollars on mental health but make little progress and spend some money on parks and green space but make some progress. He asked how the City can help contribute to improvement in health. Kevin replied that the City can work on building sidewalks, improving lighting, etc. He noted that these are small things that encourage people to feel safe and to be more physically active. Councilmember Fitisemanu stated that City staff has been instrumental in the coalition and he is looking forward to the future of this initiative.

B. PARKS DEPARTMENT CURRENT AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

Nancy Day, Parks and Recreation Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation summarized as follows:

- Centennial Bike Park

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- o \$1,105,658
 - o Funding: Community Development Block Grant
 - o Construction Start Date: June 2021
 - o Opening Date: September 2021
- West Ridge Estates (5200 S 5700 W)
 - o 1.44 acres
 - o \$490,000
 - o Funding: Impact Fees
 - o Begin Public Meetings & Design Process
 - o Construction to Begin End of 2021 to Early Spring 2022
- Grasmere Park (3900 S 1500 W)
 - o 1 Acre
 - o \$325,000
 - o Funding: Community Development Block Grant
 - o Construction to Begin June 2021
- Sunset Hills/Wood Hollow Park (7000 W 6300 S)
 - o 3.09 Acres
 - o \$1,050,600
 - o Funding: Impact Fees
 - o Soliciting Design Bids
 - o Public Meetings
 - o Construction to Begin Early Spring 2022
- Wetland/Stormwater Park (6400 W Parkway Blvd)
 - o 80 Acres
 - o \$6,700,000
 - o Potentially Phase Construction with Federal Funds
 - o School District Partnership
 - o USU Partnership
- Parkway Park Upgrade (3405 Parkway Blvd)
 - o NRPA Grant Funded
 - o Ribbon Cutting/Opening May 2021
 - o Parking Lot Slurry Sealed
 - o Basketball Court: Sealed, Artwork
 - o Game Zone Additions
 - o Pollinator Garden
 - o Educational Signage
 - o Pickleball Court Lines
 - o Tennis/Pickleball Backboard
 - o New Trees
 - o Wall Mural
- Additional Projects
 - o **PARKS:**

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- City Park Restroom Renovation – Completion Date April 2021
- Redwood Trailhead Park & Hillsdale Park Improvements
- 6200 South Streetscape – Completion Date Before End of 2021
- Woodledge Park Sign – Completion Date May 2021
- o **FAMILY FITNESS CENTER:**
 - Dino Dig/Edutainment Outdoor Play Area – Opening May 2021
 - Energy Efficiency Project – Completion Date June 2021
- o **GOLF COURSES:**
 - Stonebridge: Pump Station (completion Date March 2021), New Bathroom Partitions
 - The Ridge: Bathroom Remodel, New Storage Area
- o **HARMAN SENIOR RECREATION CENTER:**
 - Train Room Remodel (Council of Carpenters) – Completion Date April 2021
 - Computer Donation
- o **UCCC:**
 - Canal Option Review Underway

The Mayor and Council had no further questions or concerns.

C. **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS- ANCHOR/NO ANCHOR LOCATION**

Mayor Bigelow stated that he doesn't want anyone to feel they need to share health information. He indicated that there are three Councilmembers in the Council Chambers this evening to test out technology. Mayor Bigelow stated that some individuals in the community and maybe on the Council or staff may opt to not be vaccinated. He indicated he hopes everyone does but there is no requirement that everyone must. Councilmember Christensen stated that he is in favor of returning to the Council Chambers in person and having face to face conversations. He indicated that he does know social distancing must still be implemented but noted that regulations are becoming more relaxed. Councilmember Buhler stated that he feels the City should follow the State and County mandates and guidelines. Mayor Bigelow agreed and noted that it's important to make decisions on what is being directed from the health industry as well. He indicated that he has heard the term "herd immunity" where a percentage of the population is vaccinated and gathering as communities is deemed safe again. Wayne Pyle indicated that the City has reached a level of stabilization but there are still active COVID cases occurring every day. He indicated that we are about where we were in May of last year. Wayne stated that the City hasn't received guidance as of yet. He indicated that he would advise a good amount of vaccines be available for people, as lesser amount of active cases, and some guidance from the State level. He stated he would predict end of May. Wayne noted that the availability of the vaccine is not where it should be yet. Councilmember Buhler asked how the lifting of a mask mandate will affect

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the City. Wayne replied that the City can still control a mask mandate, but the challenge will be conflicting guidance and information from various entities. Councilmember Lang asked what the City's liability is. Wayne replied that liability is undefined at this time. Councilmember Buhler expressed concern about pushing to be first in opening up and having a liability issue versus waiting for the appropriate guidance and mandates and reducing that risk. Councilmember Christensen stated that people would need to wear masks and a member of staff could clean off the microphone between each speaker. Mayor Bigelow stated that he feels staff should be looked to for guidance. Councilmember Huynh agreed and noted that he doesn't see a rush. Councilmember Fitisemanu stated that West Valley City staff is very prepared and efficient and is one of the best he has seen. He indicated that herd immunity won't be achieved until at least June and he would agree it not be evaluated until that time.

D. COUNCIL CALENDAR

Mayor Bigelow referenced a Memorandum previously received from the City Manager that outlined upcoming meetings and events.

Members of the City Council had no further questions regarding the Council Update.

NEW BUSINESS

A. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Christensen stated that the Healthy West Valley Coalition has discussed a prescription take back program in April. He indicated that he would like to look into the Police Department assisting in this cause. He also stated that he would like to discuss Healthy West Valley as being incorporated into a City commission.

Councilmember Buhler stated that he would like to evaluate the Council's ability to approve or deny final subdivisions.

B. COUNCIL REPORTS

N/A

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Upon motion by Councilmember Christensen all voted in favor to adjourn.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY COUNCIL THE STUDY MEETING ON TUESDAY MARCH 23, 2021 WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:56 PM BY MAYOR BIGELOW.

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Study Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, March 23, 2021.



Nichole Camac, CMC
City Recorder