

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 4:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT:

**Mayor Pro Tem Jimmie Hughes
Councilmember Bryan Smethurst
Councilmember Gregg McArthur
Councilmember Dannielle Larkin
Councilmember Vardell Curtis
City Manager Adam Lenhard
Deputy City Attorney Paula Houston
City Recorder Christina Fernandez**

EXCUSED:

Mayor Michele Randall

OPENING:

Mayor Pro Tem Hughes called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The invocation was offered by Father David Bittmenn with the St. George Catholic Church and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Larkin.

Mayor Pro Tem Hughes advised item 2: Discussion regarding Title 10-7-6, 10-7F-1 and 10-17A of the City code as it pertains to minimum house sizes in the PD-R zone has been removed from the agenda.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY'S ENERGY RESOURCE PORTFOLIO:

Energy Services Director Laurie Mangum provided a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: Type of energy – currently and 10 years from now; Spreadsheet outlining types of power received every hour; Reductions in hydro; Current reservoir status; Update on climate change legislation; Average total price MWH; Photo of power pole; Drone image of heat spot; and Aerial maps showing growth. After being asked by Councilmember McArthur, Ms. Mangum explained the City has transmission lines that connect to Dixie Power because of the customers that live within the city limits. If there is a blackout, the City will provide power as they are residents. Staff has looked at areas for possible solar farms. Ms. Mangum spoke about why the City is choosing coal over nuclear power. When asked about solar, she explained staff is not discouraging customers from getting solar; however, the City can obtain solar for less money than it would cost for customers to install solar on their home.

City Manager Adam Lenhard noted sales people are often overstating the capacity and efficiency of solar. Staff provides a more realistic assessment. The entire industry is changing as there is better battery technology.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SOFTBALL/BASEBALL RATES DURING PEAK SEASON:

Deputy Director – Parks Ben Neumann provided a handout after which Parks Manager Todd Steed spoke about the fees the Council approved as of July 1. Staff proposes to implement a resident rate at a 50% discount. Mr. Neumann outlined the handout. After being asked by City Manager Adam Lenhard, Mr. Neumann explained the resident/non resident rate will be determined by host entity.

Mr. Steed commented that SU Baseball hosting tournament soon. Being a local organization, they noted they did not have the out of state teams to cover the costs.

Councilmember Hughes stated that spoke with Nate Andrus with SU Baseball who stated they feel like they are an economic generation like the marathon or Ironman. Their interest is to promote baseball but do want to bring in teams from out of the area to keep the competition high. Mr. Andrus would like to be treated similar to the Huntsman Senior Games.

Mr. Steed noted that St. George is the only city that staffs the entire tournament; keeping the rates at \$300 would not cover the costs.

Mr. Neumann and Mr. Steed provided an update on the proposed upgrades at the City baseball and softball fields.

Councilmember Curtis commented if the City is going to provide an experience, the experience needs to be better. If by charging more that can happen, he is okay with an increase in fees.

DISCUSSION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2 EAST MAIN STREET (ZIONS SQUARE) AND 82 SOUTH 100 WEST (WEST OF THE ST. GEORGE BRANCH LIBRARY):

Economic Vitality and Housing Director Shirlayne Quayle provided a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: Library Café; Photos of the property; Zions Square; and Photos of the property. The agreement states the Zions Square can be used for public gatherings.

Community Development Director John Willis noted staff has been getting a lot of feedback that things are needed to bring people into the downtown area.

Assistant City Manager Marc Mortensen commented Town Square brings people to the downtown area; but that is really all that does.

City Manager Adam Lenhard provided a history of the Zions Square property.

Ms. Quayle provided renderings and photos of possible developments.

After discussion, the consensus of the Council is to move forward with a Request for Proposals with ground lease options, with local preference, keeping in mind that the property to the west of the Library will be located by the Gold Star Memorial.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Smethurst mentioned Police Department promotions. He then reported on the Gold Star Memorial meeting he recently attended.

Councilmember McArthur spoke to SITLA, the SGPD has worked well with them if there were any issues.

City Manager Adam Lenhard reports on a public safety incident that has been on social media; some kids blew up a mailbox.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Smethurst to adjourn.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larkin.

VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Hughes called for a vote, as follows:

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Christina Fernandez, City Recorder