

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Community Recreation Center
10640 N Clubhouse Drive, Cedar Hills, Utah

Present: Jenney Rees, Mayor, Presiding
Councilmembers: Denise Andersen, Ben Bailey, Ben Ellsworth, Mike Geddes,
Brian Miller
Chandler Goodwin, City Manager
Charl Louw, Finance Director
Jeff Maag, Public Works Director
Greg Gordon, Recreation Director
Joel Wright, City Attorney
Colleen Mulvey, City Recorder
Others: Lt. Gregg Ludlow, Nicole Allen, Jordon Long

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 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Rees. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Noah Bunker, and the invocation was given by C. Geddes.

2. Approval of Meeting's Agenda.

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

Yes	-	C. Andersen	
		C. Bailey	
		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.

No comments.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

4. Report from Lone Peak High School Principal, Scott Sumner

Principal Sumner introduced Assistant Principal Christian and expressed gratitude for the City Council and Staff for their work on Highland Glen Park. He said that Lone Peak had excelled in test scores, sports and graduation and reported there would be some changes in the school's administration staff.

Mayor Rees thanked Principal Sumner for their willingness to work with the Council. Mr. Wright asked why the City's students did not all go to Lone Peak. Mr. Sumner said the original boundaries were arranged to evenly distribute the students. C. Geddes asked what the current

enrollment was and Mr. Sumner said the enrollment was 2,600. Enrollment had never exceeded 3,000 and the population was not growing dramatically.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)

No comments.

CITY REPORTS AND BUSINESS

6. City Manager

Mr. Goodwin reported the following:

- Junior Jazz finished and this was the largest attended season to date. They partnered with Lone Peak High's Girls Basketball team who refereed the games and helped out the program.
- This Friday night was the Dinner Dance. He said they needed couples and invited anyone to attend.
- Several recreation programs were beginning this month. He also noted other community classes that were offered.
- Ernie's Deli would open April 1st.
- The City's bond rating increased to AA.
- An Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for the upcoming Saturday. It would be held at Heritage Park for the children and at the driving range for the teens.
- There would be spring cleanup soon and he encouraged everyone to check the website for dumpster locations. He explained how the process had happened last year.
- Work on Canyon Road had begun and he asked the residents to be careful.

7. Mayor and Council

C. Miller said the Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Trails Committee had a pruning workshop and noted that it was well attended.

C. Andersen commended Staff for their help with the recent caucus meeting. She said it was successful and thanked everyone for their help.

Mayor Rees thanked the finance team for their efforts to help raise the bond rating. She noted they had the Emergency Management meeting and over 1,000 people attended. She said she listened to the Utah Developmental Center board meeting. She stated that the State Legislature passed a bill that would allow the State to lease or sell the land south of Lone Peak for the construction of the Murdock Connector road. Their board was working on an RFQ and stated they wanted the community to provide feedback.

C. Geddes asked if the road would go first. Mayor Rees explained if the road was classified as a connector road MAG would fund the construction. She said the board wanted it to be a two lane, 25 mile per hour road; if that did not meet the requirements of a connector road MAG would not fund the project. She noted she met with a group of mayors once a month and the Forest Service and National Park Service. They discussed the future of American Fork Canyon and the issues they had seen.

Mayor Rees recommend they move Items 10 & 14 above Item 8.

MOTION: C. Andersen—To modify the agenda as outlined. Seconded by C. Geddes.

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

10. Discussion on the Cultural Arts Citizens Advisory Committee Budget

Jordon Long introduced himself as the Artistic Director of the Creekside Theater. He stated there were two projects they were currently working on. The youth theater program had grown to the largest of its kind in the State. He said the main reason he wanted to address the Council was to discuss the Creekside Theater Festival. They wanted to use the amphitheater in Heritage Park so they came up with this event. He noted that the festival was successful, and they wanted to make it financially sustainable; the cost to produce three shows would be less than \$10,000. However, this was difficult due to several factors, so he was requesting assistance with the budget.

Mr. Goodwin stated their request was for \$9,040. He said the current budget increase was for \$6,000 to go towards arts programs in the City. C. Ellsworth asked if there were any other sources of funding. Mr. Goodwin said ticket sales were a source of revenue, in addition to potential grant money. Mayor Rees said the arts provided opportunities for kids to participate in activities other than sports. Greg Gordon recognized Mr. Long and Nicole Allen for the success of their programs. C. Geddes suggested the City spend an additional \$500 for advertising so as to bring in larger crowds.

Nicole Allen said working with the City's youth theater program was an awesome opportunity. She noted upcoming audition dates and invited people to come. C. Geddes requested that these dates be posted on the City's website.

14. Discussion on the Use of Timpanogos Cove Park as a Dog Park

Catherine Frantz, resident, stated she had two dogs and thought the Timpanogos Cove Park was an ideal setting for a dog park. She asked the Council to consider making this area a dog park for certain hours of the day.

Mr. Goodwin said this request came from a resident to C. Andersen. He said they needed to do some research on the matter. He displayed an aerial image of the park and explained there would be some issues they would need to address. He noted that when a dog parks are created they can become a destination park. This would not be ideal because they did not have sufficient parking. He said that cleanliness and maintenance would be a high priority. They were also concerned with the proximity to the playgrounds. There were liability issues for dogs being off leash. He noted there was an area that could be fenced off to accommodate a dog park. This area would be ideal to install a water fountain and other amenities. The residents request was to make the area

a dog park for a certain time frame; however, a better solution would be to create a long term dog park to accommodate residents any time of the day.

C. Miller said there was a dog park at Bicentennial Park in South Provo. He said it was a fenced off area and mostly an open area with benches. He said there were two concerns: safety and sanitation. He wanted solutions for dog owners but these were concerns that the City had to mitigate. Mr. Goodwin said the biggest liability was having dogs off their leashes. He said their goal was to address maintenance but they needed to figure out the best method to keep the park in good condition. C. Ellsworth said he was in favor of a fenced area and having dogs on a leash for certain hours. He said there may be some issues with owners not cleaning up after their dogs. Mr. Goodwin said they had not received any complaints about this area but there were complaints in other areas. C. Ellsworth said they should have signs with the rules of the park clearly posted.

Charl Louw, Finance Director, said that some cities with dog parks required a pass. This pass would ensure the dogs were vaccinated. This would also help with the parking issue by limiting only the people with a pass. C. Miller said because there was a lack of dog parks this could turn into regional destination. He said he would prefer the dog park be located in Harvey Park. Mr. Goodwin said when Harvey Park was finished they should consider the north end of Mesquite Park. The area was flat, it had water, and there was ample parking. He noted there were rules that dog parks required which were difficult to enforce.

C. Andersen said Harvey Park was not ready and asked if there would be problems having two dog parks in the City. She said the park in Timpanogos Cove Park could be an experiment. They could then see what issues would arise. She suggested they limit the amount of passes they issued for the dog park. Mayor Rees said they would have to limit the passes to residents of Cedar Hills. She said they could not exclude anyone. Mr. Goodwin said enforcement would be an issue.

Mayor Rees asked if the City was liable if a child was hurt in the open area. Mr. Wright said they should not be liable but they were a target. He said the law was clear that the owner was liable for their dog. C. Andersen said people could be bit by dogs inside the fencing closure. Mr. Louw said they would need signs that stated the risks and responsibilities. C. Geddes said if someone was using the facility they were accepting the liability. He noted in Arizona there was a dog park that was exceptional. He said he wanted something similar and proposed to allow one on a temporary basis.

Jeff Maag, Public Works Director, said they should consider that most dog parks were flat. They would also have to consider providing ADA access.

Mayor Rees said this was a discussion only and asked the Council to give suggestions to Staff. C. Andersen said she wanted to see a resolution for a temporary park. Mr. Goodwin said a temporary park would help them learn the expectations. He said they would return to the Council with a plan on the standards, rules, and the expenditures. C. Andersen asked if dog waste was disposed at the park and she was informed in the affirmative. C. Andersen said they could implement a policy that the owners dispose of pet waste at home.

8. Review/Action on Entering into an Agreement with Qualtrics

Mr. Goodwin said the City had conducted surveys through Qualtrics in the past to understand the community's priorities. He said the agreement was over and they were given an offer for another year's contract. He said it was a fair offer and they should take the opportunity. Qualtrics had experience with local governments and other entities. He said this was important to find out the City's performance levels. He noted the funding for this could be paid out of the current year's budget.

Mayor Rees said the highest responded survey from the City in the past received 600 responses. She said this was a great tool because they were receiving 5,000 responses through Qualtrics. She noted that Harvey Park was a result of one of these surveys. She said this was a good deal and the service benefited the City. Mr. Goodwin said Qualtrics was staffed by highly qualified experts with doctoral degrees.

MOTION: C. Ellsworth—To authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Qualtrics.

Seconded by C. Andersen.

Mr. Goodwin stated the contract would begin on March 29th.

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

9. Review/action on a Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Amendments

Mr. Louw explained they were creating a new fund for Class C Roads. It would limit how they use the funds which he subsequently explained. This would allow them to save the money for another fiscal year if they could not spend it in the current fiscal year. He noted the building permits, plan check fees, and the related contracted labor would exceed the budget. He explained where the money allocated for Harvey Park came from. He said the City was committed to the Youth City Council and Arts Committee's unexpended revenues for future program expenditures. He explained that the PARC Tax would start April 1st and they expected to take in \$11,000. He said the golf maintenance building was delayed to this year.

Mayor Rees asked if the \$450,000 transferred to Harvey Park from the general fund would lower their percentage. Mr. Louw said they should be at least 17% to 18%. Mayor Rees said their goal was to be 17% to 18%. Mr. Louw said they would at least be 17%.

MOTION: C. Geddes—To adopt Resolution No. 03-21-2018A, a resolution adopting the amended 2017-2018 fiscal year budget for the City of Cedar Hills.

Seconded by C. Ellsworth. Vote taken by roll call.

Yes - C. Andersen
C. Bailey
C. Ellsworth
C. Geddes

11. Discussion on Fiscal Year 2019 General Fund, Class C Roads, and Park Fund

Mr. Louw presented a PowerPoint presentation containing 23 slides wherein the following information was reviewed:

- Budget timeline
- Future City funding challenges
- Local and national economic trends
- 2018 – 2019 emphasized budget priorities
- General fund expenditures and significant budget changes
- Historical public safety expenditures
- Historical street maintenance expenditures
- Preliminary street maintenance plan
- Open space support trends
- New parks maintenance & arborist contracts
- Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Trails Committee requested vs. proposed expenditures
- Historical legal expenditures
- General revenues year-to-year comparison
- Sales tax revenue 2015 – 2018
- Franchise fee trends 2015 – 2018
- Construction related revenues year-to-year comparison
- Financial history of community events/recreation center
- Program revenues year-to-year comparison
- General fund revenue significant budget changes

Mr. Goodwin said the Public Safety budget number was up in the air. He said that Mayor Rees, C. Andresen, and C. Geddes planned on attending a budget open house work session. He suggested everyone attend the open house.

Mayor Rees asked about a \$300 line item labeled “session training new” under the Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Trails Committee budget. Mr. Louw explained there was a person from the City who was an expert and needed supplies for his class. Mayor Rees asked for clarification on \$400 line item labeled “garden tours new”. C. Ellsworth explained that the committee awarded gift cards to residents who maintained exceptional yards. Mr. Louw said he would take direction on items the Council was most interested in keeping or removing. Mayor Rees asked what the service day project was this year. Mr. Louw said they wanted to plant 25 trees throughout the City.

C. Geddes said the Spooktacular, Christmas lighting, and the Garden tours were not important. Mayor Rees agreed with C. Geddes. She said she would like to take the money for those particular awards and combine them with another event to bring the community together. C. Andersen said she liked the awards but it was the sign that mattered, not the prize.

Mayor Rees asked if they had an estimate cost of what the affordable housing bill would cost the City. Mr. Louw said they did not have a figure.

C. Geddes asked if the 50-plus residents from the Bridgestone community that do not pay property tax were reflected on this year or last year's budget. Mr. Louw said this information was reflected in last year's budget. He said the property tax settlement was this month.

12. Discussion on the 2018 Legislative Session

Mr. Goodwin noted there were a number of bills that Staff was tracking that would impact Cedar Hills. He said there was a map available showing locations throughout the City where residents could use fireworks. He explained there was a bill on moderate income housing and Staff was working on a plan to address the matter. He said they would need to establish a building official appeal board for building code violations. He noted that SB0158 would not affect the City's policies with business licenses. He stated the bill concerning homeless shelters would have an impact on sales taxes. The State would take 1.8% and they were already budgeting sales tax to adjust to the change.

Mayor Rees noted the State limited the number of days for fireworks to four.

13. Discussion on Water Conservation and Enforcement Efforts

Mr. Goodwin explained that before the next Council meeting the pressurized irrigation will be turned on. He said the City had watering restrictions for three years; however, the restrictions did not prevent water usage. He referenced a graphic depicting water usage over the summer months. He said in past years they hired officials to drive around the City to ensure compliance; however, this was time consuming and inefficient. He suggested the Council brainstorm alternative ideas for restricting water usage.

In response to a comment from C. Geddes, Mr. Goodwin said they could break water usage down by per capita but they did not know where it was all going. He said that SB 204 would require cities to install secondary meters, and he believed this bill would eventually pass. He noted with the dry summer last year and issues with the Cottonwood Well, it affected the golf course's attendance; they wanted to prevent this from happening, if possible.

C. Ellsworth said he liked the City leading the efforts to put in the meters. This would make it easier for residents. He said the best way to make changes was to educate the residents. Mayor Rees said as part of education efforts the City should emphasis smart controller rebate offers. She encouraged residents to take advantage of the rebates. C. Geddes said they did not do a good job of advertising the rebates.

Mr. Goodwin said people believe a wet winter means more available water. He noted this was not the case.

Mr. Maag said the smart controllers were a good tool but when the City invested in them they were of no use. This was due to the lack of precipitation. Mr. Goodwin said they received fewer complaints when it did rain. Mayor Rees said residents benefitted by the ability to set the system

and not worry when they were away. C. Ellsworth said they would not drastically affect the dry seasons but they could improve some of the overuse issues.

Mayor Rees said the Council requested a future agenda item to discuss St. Andrews.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. on a motion by C. Miller, seconded by C. Ellsworth, and unanimously approved.

Approved by Council:
April 17, 2018

/s/ Colleen A. Mulvey, MMC
City Recorder