

WORK SESSION  
Tuesday, December 03, 2013 6:00 p.m.  
Community Recreation Center  
10640 N Clubhouse Drive, Cedar Hills, Utah

Present: Mayor Gary Gygi, Presiding  
Council Members: Trent Augustus, Scott Jackman, Stephanie Martinez, Jenney Rees, Daniel Zappala  
David Bunker, City Manager  
Chandler Goodwin, Assistant City Manager  
Charl Louw, Finance Director  
Colleen Mulvey, City Recorder  
Jeff Maag, Public Works Director  
Greg Gordon, Recreation Director  
Others: Lt. Sam Liddiard, Mike Geddes

This work session of the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, having been properly noticed, was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Gygi.

Discussion on Special Service District Agreements

David Bunker explained that there are over 150 special service districts in the state of Utah and many are members of the Utah Association of Special Service Districts. The City of Cedar Hills is a member of the following: North Pointe Solid Waste Special Service District, Timpanogos Special Service District, Utah Valley Dispatch Special Service District, and North Utah Valley Animal Shelter Special Service District. In addition to those districts, we also have Interlocal Agreements with Lone Peak Public Safety District, and the community at large are members of the Alpine School District and Central Utah Water Conservancy District. Other associations are the Utah County Stormwater Coalition, Mountainland Association of Governments, City Council of Governments and the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

Mr. Bunker stated that special service districts are unique in that they can levy taxes, annex areas, issue bonds, impose rates and charges, discontinue a service, dissolve or reorganize the special service district as a local district. Special service districts are governed and regulated by Utah State Code, in Title 17. He explained that the way special service districts get initiated is the legislative body of a county or municipality proposes to create one declaring that there is a need based on public health, convenience and a necessity to create the special service district. They are governed by the legislative body that creates the district and have the option to create an administrative control board and can have certain powers delegated to them from the county.

Mayor Gygi stated that he would like to discuss the North Pointe Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement which is on the City Council agenda tonight. Mr. Bunker stated that this is a new Interlocal Agreement with the North Pointe Solid Waste Special Service District, and this proposed agreement would start immediately and they would like all of the cities to pass this in December. It would have an initial term of 6 years that would coincide with the contract that they are negotiating with Allied Waste. He explained that North Pointe is a transfer station; our garbage is taken there and then hauled to another landfill location. After the initial 6 year term it would be automatically renewing twelve 2 year terms. If an entity wanted to leave North Pointe they would need to give a 13 month notice, and upon withdraw the cities would have to forfeit

any interest in the district. He stated that that is a key issue because North Pointe is pretty solvent right now, so if a city leaves they walk away from everything that have put into the district.

Mr. Bunker said that Alpine City made the decision to leave North Pointe and they have saved about thirty five thousand dollars a year on tipping fees by going with a different carrier who hauls to the Cedar Fort landfill. He stated that if we sign this agreement with North Pointe it requires that when we negotiate with a carrier/hauler that we must put in the contract that our entire waste stream is to always go to North Pointe.

C. Rees asked as far as cost goes, do we know what we would lose if we decided to leave North Pointe. Mr. Bunker stated that we have not looked at that yet, and the key is with the tipping fees because Cedar Fort charges less per ton. C. Rees stated that she understands that they want us to pass this in December, but that she would like us to look into what all of the costs, options and savings are.

C. Augustus stated that one of the reasons they want this passed in December is that this agreement has been going around for years and what they are worried about is if it goes into the new year there will be a lot of new councilmembers and/or staff that will be appointed to North Pointe who will have to get up to speed with what is going on, so it will take even longer to have to go through this process.

Mayor Gygi asked if North Pointe is doing the job that we want them to do or is there a reason why we wouldn't want to be with them other than possible cost savings. C. Augustus stated that he thinks that they are actually doing a good job as far as what we have contracted them to do. He said that unless we do some research we do not know if there is a cost savings or not by going with someone else. C. Augustus pointed out that this is a sizable contract and part of the reasoning behind it is to be able to have the participating cities be responsible for the capital expenses of being a part of this special service district, and not have cities be able to come and go as they please. He said that he has told them that he doesn't think that this agreement is necessarily the right way to go about that because we are binding our residents and future councils by approving a contract with a substantial length. Mr. Bunker agreed and stated that it is difficult to look out that far down the road because the councils will change and we could have a different policy and outlook.

Mayor Gygi stated that we ought to identify what our concerns are and see if there are common concerns with our neighboring cities. He asked the council if they were okay with having staff do a little research to find out what a direct haul scenario would cost us, what company could do that for us, and get a feel for what neighboring cities see as their concerns. The general consensus of the council is that they were in favor of that. Mr. Bunker indicated that he would look into this and then follow up with the council.

This work session was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. by Mayor Gygi.

/s/ Colleen A. Mulvey  
Colleen A. Mulvey, CMC  
City Recorder