

SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 11 February 2020

TIME COMMENCED: 6:01 p.m.

LOCATION: South Weber City Office at 1600 East South Weber Drive, South Weber, UT

PRESENT: MAYOR:

Jo Sjoblom

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Hayley Alberts
Blair Halverson
Angie Petty
Quin Soderquist
Wayne Winsor

CITY RECORDER:

Lisa Smith

CITY ENGINEER:

Brandon Jones

FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Mark McRae

CITY MANAGER:

David Larson

Transcriber: Minutes transcribed by Michelle Clark

ATTENDEES: Paul Sturm, Kathy DeVino, Stacey Eddings, Jeff Judkins, Jan Keim, Lynda Burns, Michael Grant, Lacey Westbroek, Lynn Poll, Darin Sjoblom, Donna Russell, Jarom Allred, Clark Allred, Debbie Cowdin, Dave Cowdin, Scott Phillips, Terry George, Joanne Terrando, McKay Winkel, Amy Mitchell, Paul Clark, Sandra Layland, Kelly Keyes, and Mike Poll.

Mayor Sjoblom called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Halverson

PRAYER: Mayor Sjoblom

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Please respectfully follow these guidelines:

- a. Individuals may speak once for 3 minutes or less
- b. Do not make remark from the audience
- c. State your name and address
- d. Direct comments to the entire Council
- e. Note: City council will not respond during the public comment period

Terry George, 7825 S 2000 E., referred to his email that was recently sent to the City Council for public record. He believed the vast majority of city wants to keep this city small with single family homes. He proposed any road connecting to Layton City either be permanently killed by the City Council or put on the next election ballot. He would like to see the city boundaries resolved between Uintah and South Weber. He was in favor of stopping the RV Park development. He supported the tax increase, however; he didn't want taxpayer money spent on new parks or new amenities. He averred the city has plenty of parks which need to be improved. He asked for a root cause analysis as to how the Lofts, RV Park, and boundary issues came to be. He would then ask the Council to let the people know the results of the findings. He understood the City Attorney advised the Council not to read letters and emails in the public meetings, but he was unable to find reference by listening to the retreat audio. (See Citizen Input #1 George)

Julie Losee, 2541 E 8200 S, sent comments read by Lacey Westbrook. She portrayed that children are peeing in public parks because there are no restrooms. She urged restrooms become top priority. She opposed Cottonwood water line replacement and wondered about the boundary issue.

Michael Grant, 2622 Dee Run Drive, discussed his frustration with trying to keep his comments to three minutes when there are meetings that have lengthy agendas. (i.e. Planning Commission 13 February 2020 has 16 major items). He mentioned several concerns with the upcoming development on the frontage road. He recommended the City Council charge the Planning Commission to allow three minutes for each agenda item.

Paul Sturm, 2527 Deer Run Drive, asked what the results from the meeting with Weber and Davis County Commissioners were regarding the boundary issue. He presented a copy of the Planning Commission agenda for 13 February 2020 along with an amended agenda. He considered the agenda to be too large for adequate public comments. (See Citizen Input #2 Sturm)

Corinne Johnson, 8020 S 2500 E, sent a letter with Paul Sturm to read. She presented her concerns with how money should be spent for parks. She proclaimed the master plans for Central Park and Canyon Meadows Park are impractical and irresponsible dreams and money should be spent to upgrade existing parks. She conveyed the parks have no restrooms and outdated playground equipment. She suggested turning the civic center building into restrooms. She recommended any park without a restroom have a portable restroom during recreation. (See Citizen Input #3 Johnson)

Stacy Eddings, 2645 E. 7800 S., disfavored development across the street from her home and didn't think she was notified in a legal amount of time. She echoed three minutes for public comment is not enough time. She voiced there are too many items put on the agenda for this development. She was apprehensive about traffic pollution, light pollution, and safety at the bus stop. She recommended the widening of 2700 East. She petitioned the property is too small for everything the developer is proposing.

Scott Phillips, 497 Peterson Parkway, revealed he listened to the retreat audio and many good things happened in the city in the last 12 months. He said parks are a big reason why he moved to South Weber City. He chose his house location expecting Canyon Meadows park expansion

would take place. He favored the recommended park priorities. He wanted more amenities including a new baseball diamond.

Jan Keim, 2385 Deer Run Drive, expressed those on the Council are honest and honorable people. She agreed with Mr. Phillips regarding the parks. She stated pickleball is a great activity for all ages and all abilities. She advised donations may be available to help build the courts. She would like to see pickleball tournaments which would bring in funds. She appreciated the service of the Council and Mayor and declared many citizens are aware of their efforts and are grateful.

Lynn Poll, 826 E. South Weber Drive, explained the danger of pathways around parks. He lamented many problems in the city are due to excessive authority given to the Planning Commission. He communicated displeasure with the unknowns for the RV Park. He wondered who will clean up after those using a trail along the river. He vocalized the issue of parking for trail access. He thanked the Council and Mayor as well as the citizen who spend time researching the issues.

Nolan Birt, 6925 S. 475 E., voiced he is against the RV Park. He cautioned against any agreement for the waterline with Uintah until the boundary lines are defined. His impact fees for his home went to Central Park. He announced the city is doing a poor job of maintaining the current parks, and recommended quality of parks be the emphasis.

Debbie Cowden, 7815 S. 2000 E., supported an addition to the parks with pickleball courts. She and her husband have sent emails to the city. She believed if people were introduced to the sport, they would use the courts.

Donna Russell, 1918 Cedar Loop Drive, had worked for parks and recreation in Clearfield City. She had seen programs change people's lives by enhancing the quality of life. She listened to the audio of the last meeting and uttered Councilwoman Petty had done a lot of research and had listened to the citizens. She expressed Clearfield City introduced pickleball courts and it is a wonderful way to build participation in a city. She hated to see the division in the city. She would love to see pickleball courts. She enjoined having older responsible adults in the parks in the evening would be a positive. She related restrooms are important, but programs build memories and communities. She explained Parks and Recreation youth programs don't make money for a city, but pickleball tournaments can bring in money.

Dave Cowdin, 7815 S. 2000 E., agreed with Donna regarding the parks. He contended pickleball is a program for youth and mature alike. He voiced there is strong interest for pickleball in this city. He relayed the City can't create or support a golf course, but pickleball can serve the citizens looking for activity.

Amy Mitchell, 1923 Deer Run Drive, uttered money used this year should be to restore the wetlands in Canyon Meadows Park. She referenced the online survey for recreation prioritized trails and playground equipment. She canvassed why the train club needs to take up so much space in the park. She recalled some unhappy experiences with the train club. She noted there is no full-size basketball court and pickleball is readily available including at the Rec Center. She suggested putting the train tracks around the pickleball courts. She requested Resolution 2020-04 be tabled until the boundary lines have been decided. She listened to the audio of the city retreat and was shocked by the condescending attitude expressed about the citizens of this community.

Jolyn Judkins, 7473 S. 1160 E., sent information expressed by Amy Mitchell. She voiced concern about the parks' priorities. She identified some of the retention basins considered parks have stickers and can't be used. She referenced rundown restrooms and unkept fields. She recommended fixing and updating structures before building anything new. She announced she and her children were accosted by those who run the train and lamented denying children rides if they don't have a \$1 donation. She conveyed the city should not take anyone's property for a trail against their will. She opposed the connection to Layton City, and warned there will be extreme ramifications if it is built. (See Citizen Input #4 Mitchell)

Kelly Keyes, 7483 S. 1390 E., desired pickleball courts for several reasons that have already been stated. He remarked the courts can self-sustain through tournaments. He had coached at Canyon Meadows Park and recalled the restrooms were a maintenance nightmare with vandalism problems. He reiterated pickleball is for everyone and will be a great thing for the city.

Mike Poll, 1076 E Skyhaven Cove, stated he is a big fan of bathrooms and a big fan of pickleball, but he doesn't want to spend time with his friends in the restroom. He would highly suggest expanding the city's recreation options to include pickleball. He also acknowledged most restrooms can't be opened all the time, but pickleball courts can.

Sandra Layland, 7294 S. 1950 E., admonished the Council and community need to come together and suggested creating a citizens' committee who could help with getting donations for some of these items. The issue isn't really pickleball, but a funding limitation issue. She suggested making sure the lawns are accessible.

Kathy Devino, 2480 E. 8300 S., opined the citizens aren't being heard. She was concerned with the RV Park having only one ingress/egress.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. 2020-01-21 Minutes**
- b. 2020-01-28 Minutes**

Mayor Sjoblom amended the 21 January 2020 minutes and wanted her comments to read:
Although the City is able to determine the height of a building, we must consider that reducing the height (from 4 stories to 3) will likely result in a lower quality interior and exterior building.
Councilman Soderquist suggested a minor change to the minutes as well.

Councilman Soderquist moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Councilman Halverson seconded. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

Resolution 2020-03: Development Agreement with Riverside RV Park Estates (Tabled at the request of the developer)

Conditional Use Permit 2020-01, Site and Improvement Plans: Riverside RV Park Estates (Tabled at the request of the developer)

Resolution 2020-04: Cost Share Agreement with Uintah City for Cottonwood Drive Waterline: Mayor Sjoblom asked if there are any comments. Councilwoman Petty questioned

why the city is contemplating this agreement with the boundary issue. City Manager, David Larson conveyed this has been something the city has been working on to get resolved and is a continuation. The packet explained the various considerations. He reported the Davis and Weber County Commissioners met with South Weber City and Uintah. All six commissioners agreed changing the county boundary from a moving target (the Weber River) to a fixed line would be preferable. They directed their staff to research options. They did state, as an idea, the north side of I-84 could be a possibility. David explained the commissioners told South Weber City and Uintah City officials that they will need to work out their own boundary as city boundaries do not depend upon the county lines. He advocated the need for the waterline regardless of which city takes ownership. If the waterline remains South Weber City's, it is a great deal for the city. If it becomes Uintah City's, it is probably still a good deal. Uintah would have to be willing to take that area and would be unlikely to accept it in poor condition. Either way there is potential that the city would be involved in some degree to make sure it is in working order. He commented there are people willing to participate financially in this project that may or may not do so later.

Councilman Winsor explained the waterline wasn't a priority until a developer came along and was willing to participate as well as another city. He didn't understand why the city should invest into something just to be handed over to another city. He pointed out city staff has reported there is enough fire flow if the regulator were changed.

Councilwoman Petty agreed with Councilman Winsor and didn't think money should be spent at this time. David identified city's working together to figure out boundaries is generally quicker than the counties negotiation. Councilman Halverson expressed this item should be tabled. He emphasized if there is anyone on Cottonwood Drive who wants to stay in South Weber City, the city should work towards that end. He opined it is a good agreement and related it may have to be re-negotiated.

David discussed Weber Basin's involvement with the project. He pointed out City Engineer, Brandon Jones, met with Weber Basin to clarify some aspects of the project and requested their participation. They agreed to move the meter vault, currently located by the transmission line, up to the road and take complete ownership responsibility of approximately 1,400 feet of the line. They also agreed to contribute \$50,000 toward the Project.

Councilwoman Alberts queried the reason behind the city having full ownership. David explained joint ownership between cities is difficult. Councilman Winsor agreed with Councilman Halverson concerning those citizens who live on Cottonwood Drive and working with anyone who wants to remain in South Weber City.

Brandon Jones, City Engineer's, memo of 6 February 2020 is as follows:

Background: The 2016 Culinary Water Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) identifies the existing waterline in Cottonwood Drive as needing to be replaced, due to the fact that it is a 6" line, and needs to be replaced with an 8" line, as that is the minimum size for a line servicing fire hydrants. In the 2018 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) the replacement of this line is shown to take place in the year 2026 (not a high priority project). However, recent fire flow tests have revealed that this line also struggles to provide sufficient fire flow. The City budgeted \$300,000 this year to go towards waterline replacement projects addressing fire flow deficiencies. In a

memo to the City Council, dated December 5, 2019, we recommended adjusting the priority of the Cottonwood Drive Waterline Replacement; and do the project now, as a joint-use project with Uintah City. The reasons for making this priority adjustment included, 1) significantly increased water system service to the area (fire flow, redundancy, and storage), and 2) cost savings to both cities (construction of the project and on-going maintenance and replacement). A draft of an Interlocal Agreement with Uintah City was presented along with the memo. The Council had some concerns about a few different elements of the Project and the Agreement, and the item was tabled.

Update: Since that meeting, the City Staff from both South Weber and Uintah, along with feedback from both Mayors and some Councilmembers, have prepared an updated draft of the Interlocal Agreement. We have also met with Weber Basin to clarify some aspects of the Project and request their participation. They have agreed to move the meter vault, currently located by the transmission line, up to the road and take complete ownership responsibility of approximately 1,400 feet of the line. They have also agreed to contribute \$50,000 towards the Project.

Interlocal Agreement (Updated): A redlined copy of the updated Interlocal Agreement with Uintah City is attached to this memo, along with an updated version of Exhibit A. These show the changes from the original version presented to the Council back in December. While the Agreement itself spells out the details, the following is a summary of the changes:

1. The Project will build the entire length of waterline (approx. 3,450 feet). Following construction, Weber Basin will take responsibility for approx. 1,400 feet of the waterline, leaving approx. 2,050 feet as the responsibility of both cities.
2. The Scope of the Agreement was updated to more clearly define the purpose of the Project and the ongoing responsibilities of both cities for Ownership, Operation, Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement.
3. South Weber will bid the Project, but the selection of the Contractor must be mutually agreed upon before the contract can be awarded.
4. Section 4, which addresses the ongoing responsibilities of the cities after construction, was completely rewritten to address Ownership, Operation, Maintenance, Repair and Replacement as individual items. This was done to identify the responsibility of each city as it relates to each item of the ongoing care of the Project elements.
5. A Responsibility Table was added to Exhibit A that outlines the entity or entities responsible for specifically identified elements of the Project. The entities included are South Weber, Uintah City and Weber Basin.
6. The ongoing responsibility for Maintenance, Repair and Replacement of the joint-use portion of the line will be shared 50/50 by both cities.
7. After bids are received and the Project cost is known, both cities must agree on the price before awarding the contract for the Project.
8. Any contribution to the Project from Weber Basin will be shared equally by the cities.
9. Other minor adjustments to format and organization of the Agreement were made.

Considerations:

- We cannot complete the design or bid out the Project until the Interlocal Agreement is approved by both cities.

- It is our experience that the best bid prices are likely to be given early in the calendar year. Delay in bidding of the project may result in higher bid prices.
- There have been recent discussions about the county boundary potentially being moved in this area. However, no matter what comes of a potential boundary change, the Project is still be needed to serve the Cottonwood Drive area.
- There is value in completing the Project now, even though there are some unknowns relating to the boundary. Doing the Project now could facilitate a less complicated boundary discussion in the future.
- Weber Basin has committed to owning additional line and contributing \$50,000 towards the Project. This offer may or may not remain for a future project.

Councilman Winsor moved to table Resolution 2020-04: Cost Share Agreement with Uintah City for Cottonwood Drive Waterline until clarification of the city boundary line. Councilwoman Petty seconded. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

Councilman Halverson moved to open the public hearing to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget. Councilman Soderquist seconded. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

******* PUBLIC HEARING *******

Public Hearing: Open and Amend the Fiscal Year 2019- 2020 Budget

Mayor Sjoblom explained the current city budget for 2019-2020 was adopted on August 20, 2019. During the fiscal year unanticipated changes and expenses have occurred. This year's budget needed to be opened and amended to reflect those changes. To amend an adopted budget, a public hearing is required to afford citizens an opportunity to address the proposed changes which include the following:

General Fund Revenues			
10-36-100	Interest Earnings	+	\$40,000
General Fund Expenditures			
10-57-120	Fire - Part time Wages	+	\$40,000
Recreation Revenues			
20-34-760	Wrestling	+	\$ 2,000
Recreation Expenditures			
20-71-492	Wrestling	+	\$ 2,000
Water Revenues			
51-39-900	Fund Balance to be Appropriated	+	\$75,000
Water Expenditures			
51-40-730	Improvements other than Buildings	+	\$75,000

Finance Director, Mark McRae, specified the proposed changes to the budget. He referenced information he received from the Fire Department concerning the need for more paramedics because of increased calls. He explained the city has instigated a wrestling program with the junior high and high school. Since it is a new program it needed delineation within the budget. He then discussed the rehab of the water tank on the west end.

Mayor Sjoblom asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Councilman Winsor moved to close the public hearing to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget. Councilman Halverson seconded. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

***** PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED*****

Resolution 2020-05: Amend FY 2020 Budget

Councilman Winsor moved to approve Resolution 2020-05: Amend FY 2020 Budget. Councilman Soderquist seconded. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

Priority Parks Projects

Mayor Sjoblom explained on January 28 City Council discussed a recommendation by the Parks, Trails, & Beautification Committee that considered a list of potential parks projects and identified 5 as priority projects that would become the next parks improvements the City would undertake. This item was to officially decide on which projects will receive the City's attention at this time.

Project	Budgetary Cost Estimate	Impact Fee Eligible	Committee Priority	Notes
Cherry Farms				
• New ball field	\$190,000	✓	✓	
• Replace Playground Equipment and Surface	\$300,000	✓		
• Freshen up restrooms (paint, lights, drinking fountain)	\$8,000			
Canyon Meadows				
• Small ball field	\$350,000	✓		
• Fencing around park area	\$140,000	✓		
• Parking lot (west)	\$400,000	✓	✓	Gravel \$50K
• Install pickleball courts (4 courts w/ lights)	\$150,000	✓	✓	
• Add covers & shade to dugouts	\$35,000	✓		
• Add topsoil to outfield, improve grass (0.5"/yr - 8 yrs)	\$112,000			
• Wetlands - complete Restoration Plan	\$75,000		✓	
Cedar Cove				
• Replace asphalt walking path with concrete	\$32,000			
• Add disc golf	\$20,000	✓		
Posse Grounds				
• Replace fencing (next to grass, road, parking)	\$15,000			
• Regrade parking lot	\$18,000			
• Add signage for trail route access	\$1,500			
Central				
• Replace bowery (20' x 40')	\$60,000			
• New restroom (14' x 22')	\$100,000	✓		
Cedar Loop				
• New playground	\$110,000	✓		
• New bowery (20' x 40')	\$60,000	✓		

Trails

Project	Budgetary Cost Estimate	Impact Fee Eligible	Committee Priority	Notes
Petersen Trailhead				
• Potential for Sale				
Pea Vinery Trailhead				
• Install fencing (separate from landfill)	\$85,000	✓		
• Install nature trail & road base parking lot	\$90,000	✓		
• Add signage for trail route access	\$1,500			
Canyon Drive Trailhead				
• Feasibility study for pedestrian overpass / underpass	\$40,000	✓		
View Drive Trail				
• Property/Easement acquisition	\$10,000	✓	✓	
• Trail Construction	\$350,000	✓		

TOTAL Priority Projects \$475,000

Impact Fee Eligible \$400,000

Impact Fees Budgeted FY2020 \$145,000

Available Park Impact Fees as of 1.23.2020 \$562,000

Councilwoman Petty explained she was asked to serve as the chairperson for the Parks and Recreation Committee two years ago. The committee consisted of Councilman Soderquist, Commissioner Johnson, former Commissioner Pitts, Curtis Brown (Recreation Director), Mark Larsen (Public Works Director), Brandon Jones (City Engineer), Mayor Sjoblom and David Larson (City Manager).

Councilwoman Petty described the various parks throughout the city. She indicated there is soccer at two parks and baseball at one park. She explained the cost to install and maintain splash pads was not reasonable financially nor fiscally responsible to use culinary water. She pointed out the committee reviewed information from the park survey, and it wasn't just about restrooms or pickleball. She stated there are grants that can be obtained to improve the restrooms and that is why they weren't identified as a priority. She noted at one time restrooms were proposed for Veteran's Memorial, but the Council denied them. Councilwoman Petty explained the added difficulty in maintaining unfinished parks for the Public Works Department.

Councilman Soderquist explained he reviewed the city survey. He said we have the funding to take care of restrooms and pickleball. He mentioned pickleball wasn't a high priority online but when asked which amenity was important for the household, it ranked #1. Councilman Halverson voiced the completion of Canyon Meadows Park has been discussed for the last six years, and it wasn't just about pickleball courts. He explained the need to finish the ball diamond so that competition leagues can help pay for its upkeep. He pointed out Canyon Meadows Park is not a done design. He received countless emails on requests for pickleball courts. He reminded everyone the restrooms will get done.

Councilwoman Alberts asked if tournaments could take place with four pickleball courts. Mayor Sjoblom stated you can do local tournaments, but regional tournaments require eight courts. Councilwoman Petty announced the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet later this week to discuss what takes place from the direction given. They will look at Requests for Proposals (RFP) then. David reminded Council there can be budget amendments to allow the city to work on projects in the current fiscal year if they can be completed by June 30, 2020. Councilwoman Alberts stated committee meetings are in depth and there is a lot of time and effort that goes into each item. She commended the Parks and Recreation Committee for their hard work.

Councilman Winsor thanked the committee for their efforts to bring forward a priority list. He identified two issues. First, maintenance of existing facilities. Second, priority spending for new impact fee eligible amenities. He was remiss with the changes to the landscape master plan for Canyon Meadows Park. He questioned how some of these improvements will affect existing neighbors. He clarified the restroom was previously denied for Veterans Park because it is a retention pond. He worried about installing pickleball courts and then wind complaints creating additional needs. Councilwoman Petty conveyed eight pickleball courts is not fiscally responsible right now. Councilman Halverson indicated the parking lot will not be \$400,000 as first estimated but graveled at \$50,000. Brandon Jones related all these projects will be bid out and brought before the council before the money is spent. Mayor Sjoblom reviewed the last major improvement to parks was three years ago with installation of a new playground at Central Park and Keith Christensen was a large part of that completion. As far as trails go, the Mayor expressed she has been working diligently on developing them. Councilman Soderquist verified including the restrooms to Central Park is manageable. David explained a plan will need to be discussed with the committee for implementation of whichever projects are approved.

Councilman Halverson thought it would be easy to add to the priority list because there is a certain amount of funds that will be expiring. David reviewed the funds that will expire as follows:

Expires July 2020 - \$26,534
Expires July 2021 - \$19,991
Expires July 2022 - \$132,450
Expires July 2023 - \$217,930

Councilwoman Petty moved to approve the priority parks list as follows:

<u>Project:</u>	<u>Cost Estimate:</u>
Cherry Farms New Ball Field	\$190,000
Canyon Meadows Farm (West) Parking Lot	\$ 50,000
Canyon Meadows Park Install (4) Pickleball Courts w/lights	\$150,000
Canyon Meadows Park Complete Wetland Restoration Plan	\$ 75,000
View Drive Trail Property Easement Acquisition	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total Priority Projects	\$475,000

Councilman Halverson seconded. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, and Soderquist voted aye. Councilman Winsor voted nay. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Snow & Ice Removal Policy

Councilman Halverson petitioned the need for a motion regarding the snow and ice removal policy. David replied there is some discretion on application of policies, and it is appropriate for the Council to adopt it. Historically the council has adopted this policy. Councilman Soderquist requested any major change to the policy be brought to the Council.

Councilman Halverson moved that the Snow & Ice Removal Policy be managed by city staff and they amend as needed and advise the Council of the changes. Councilwoman Petty seconded. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

2020 Legislative Review:

Mayor Sjoblom discussed the 2020 Legislative Review. She pointed out House Bill 273 regarding Property Rights Ombudsman (PRO). The Office is in the Department of Commerce and provides free mediation/arbitration for property owners and land use regulators. The bill allows a land use applicant, in a dispute, to recover compensatory damages, in addition to reasonable attorney fees if a city disregards an advisory opinion by the PRO, and a court subsequently agrees with the PRO opinion. It waives governmental immunity in those decisions against a government entity.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Sjoblom relayed she contacted City Attorney, Doug Ahlstrom, following the recently held city retreat to discuss reading citizen's emails during public comments. He recommended not proceeding that way because it can create confusion for listening residents who come in late and

assume the Council Member is stating his/her own opinion. He recommended individuals submit a letter or email or ask another citizen to read it.

Councilwoman Petty noted it will save time. She recognized it can be uncomfortable for the person reading if the content is negative towards the city. Mayor Sjoblom identified when she reads someone else's comments, that are not her own, a citizen can take it to the public and deceitfully misconstrue it. Councilman Winsor suggested having a member of city staff read emails during public comment. Councilman Soderquist forwarded if someone really wants something read, and can't be in attendance, they can request another citizen read it. Councilwoman Petty disagreed with having a staff member read them. Mayor Sjoblom clarified only emails requested to be part of public record will be submitted as part of the record.

**Amendment 04-14-2020 Councilwoman Alberts agreed complete emails should be included as part of the public record.*

REPORTS: *Not all citizens may be able to find someone to read on their behalf so having another option is appropriate.*

Mayor Sjoblom: She attended Weber Pathway's meetings. They have rebranded their organization and are now called the "Trails Foundation of Northern Utah." They are also meeting Meagan Townsend from the WFRM to work on the planning of the trail through South Weber. Mayor Sjoblom and David Larson met a week ago with Meagan and Eric Manning (the Executive Director of Pathways that will be taking Mark Benigni's place) and unanimously chose to award the project to Horrock's Engineering. They far outshined the other applicants, and it is a bonus that they are the ones working on the box culvert under US-89, so they already know a lot about the project.

Concerning Wasatch Integrated Waste (WIWMD), Mayor Sjoblom reported the transfer station was completed in October 2019. The Materials Recovery Facility is estimated to be completed and operational in mid-April. It will operate one shift per day for a period of 6 to 9 months to until running smoothly as they hire and train staff. They process approximately 40,000 tons per year. During a full operation of 2 shifts per day, they should process approximately 120,000 tons per year. They recommended not to discontinue home recycle service for the first year.


Councilwoman Alberts: She reported the Mixed-Use Committee met today.

Councilman Soderquist: He related during tonight's public comments several citizens brought up their concerns with public comment being limited to 3 minutes, especially with the upcoming large Planning Commission agenda. David explained agenda was amended with the intent to make comment easier for the public. He pointed out the goal was never to make it three minutes to state everything. Councilman Halverson explained by segregating the comments by subjects, individuals would need to stick to the specific topic and be unable to address concerns across all projects. David clarified public hearing is different from public comment. He explained the Planning Commission will be reviewing the Preliminary Plat for South Weber Transition Development for the first time on Thursday and it may or may not be recommended for approval. He conveyed there is city staff review prior to coming before Planning Commission. He assured everyone the city is not trying to push this development through quickly. It is important for the public to see the entire concept and how it interconnects and relates to the general plan. He explained this preliminary plat is the developer's idea as to how it fits with the city's general plan.

Councilwoman Petty: She offered she will be out of town next meeting. She wanted to be clear she doesn't want to tie the restrooms to Central Park but will discuss it with the Parks & Recreation Committee.

ADJOURNED: Councilman Halverson moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:37 p.m. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

APPROVED:




Mayor Jo Sjoblom

Date Mar 10, 2020




Transcriber: Michelle Clark

Attest:



City Recorder: Lia Smith

Amended April 14, 2020 to include public comments and add Councilwoman Alberts' comment to new business.



Mayor Jo Sjoblom

April 14, 2020



Transcriber Michelle Clark

Attest, Recorder Lisa Smith

CC 2020-02-11 #1 George



Jo Sjoblom
Mayor, South Weber City
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From: Terry George <tggeorge13@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Jo Sjoblom <JSjoblom@southwebercity.com>; Wayne Winsor <wwinsor@southwebercity.com>; Angie Petty <apetty@southwebercity.com>; Blair Halverson <bhalverson@southwebercity.com>; Hayley Alberts <hAlberts@southwebercity.com>; Quin Soderquist <qSoderquist@southwebercity.com>
Subject: Lofts/Layton Connection/Boarders/RV parks/City Parks

Honorable Representative:

I'm up to my eyeballs in remodeling our home so I am unable to attend meetings of late. I ask this email be read at the next city council meeting and submitted for public record.

This is Terry (TG) George, 7825 S. 2000 E. South Weber Utah.

This is just a friendly reminder that while I've been physically absent from many of the city meetings I still keep track and informed. It's also a reminder to you, our elected, that you represent us, the people and not your own interest or the desires of those you have hired and appointed into city positions. I believe most of you humbly understand this. But its my duty as a citizen to remind you all until I believe all of you understand this.

It is my belief that the vast majority of South Weber citizens want to keep our little city as small as possible and as secluded as possible. We want single dwelling housing and neighborhoods. My belief is based on the fact that what was once truly a "Silent Majority" was awakened by an abomination of a development that was proposed and approved by many of you called the "LOFTS." This single event awoke the "Silent Majority" and called us into action. The accomplishments of this now "Vocal and engaged Majority" have brought back the grass roots America that I love. This "Active Majority" has united citizens, built friendships, offered solutions, and has defied the odds and made history by electing a Write-In candidate. The fact she was elected is odd defying on its own. The fact she received more votes than any other candidate; and possibly of any elected official in the history of South Weber, is truly awe inspiring! The Silent Majority has awakened and they want things to stay small, charming and secluded.

The Road to Nowhere; AKA any road proposed to connect South Weber to Layton in any shape, size, format or by any name still seems to be whispered, and that all elusive other "Silent Majority" is still being considered. I therefore propose that the matter of any road connecting us to Layton or that jeopardizes our unique seclusion from the rest of Davis County and Weber County either be permanently killed by city council vote, or put on the next election ballot for the people to kill.

I was shocked and embarrassed at last City Council meeting when we were informed that we don't even know where our North Boarder truly lays. Really? I respectfully request that we get an answer to this soonest.

The proposed RV park: IF it's in our boarders, it is another version of the LOFTS. It is something we don't want, and yet, here we are again.... Please STOP this development at all cost. Hopefully we find out this is all in Unitah's boundaries and it becomes their problem. Barring that, you owe it to us to not

allow another LOFTS to happen in our city. You Assured us nothing like the LOFTS would happen again, and here we are...

City Parks and Pickle-ball courts: I supported the tax increase last year. I was promised it would go to keeping things running and taking care of things we needed. We already have plenty of parks. Most of them are in desperate need of upgrades and repairs. Until we can take care of the parks we already have and get the amenities those parks already have in good working order, we have no business at all spending one dime of our money on new parks or new amenities. Regarding Pickle-Ball: if we get to a point we can get our current parks up to standard, I don't care what amenities go into the park as long as they are amenities and equipment that the citizens want; truly want. Not what you want. Based on the surveys referenced at last city council meeting Pickle-Ball courts were pretty far down the list. Before we go down that path we need to ensure it's what we really need and what we really want. However, this should be moot because we shouldn't be considering any type of new parks or courts until we can fix what we already have and make them presentable, usable and enjoyable.

In closing I ask you, our elected, to look into some of our failures this last 12 months; specifically the LOFTS, The RV park, and the Boundary issue. I ask that you do a Root Cause analysis to determine how this things came to be, how they got past you and what we will do to ensure these types of things stop occurring in our city. I would like an official statement on the results of those Root Cause Analysis. We the people have a right to know how The Lofts happened. Same with the RV park; how did we get here? How is it that the length of stay and the rules keep changing? How is it we don't know where our own boarder truly is located? Once you complete the analysis I ask you let us, your people, know the root cause that led to this, along with a Corrective Action Plan that will ensure these failures are never repeated.

Thank you for your time. Thank you for your selfless service. And, as always, God Bless America!

Cheers,
TG

GEORGE, TERRY G CTR USAF AFMC AFLCMC/WWM

From: Terry George <tggeorge13@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 9:22 AM
To: GEORGE, TERRY G CTR USAF AFMC AFLCMC/WWM
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Lofts/Layton Connection/Boarders/RV parks/City Parks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jo Sjoblom <JSjoblom@southwebercity.com>
Date: February 10, 2020 at 14:39:57 MST
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Subject: Re: Lofts/Layton Connection/Boarders/RV parks/City Parks

Hi Terry,

Thanks for reaching out and expressing your concerns. Council and Staff had our annual retreat last weekend, and public comment was discussed with our city attorney. Councils may or may not read public comment in their meetings, but the practice was discouraged by our attorney. There are a couple of reasons for this. First, the public might misconstrue the opinions of the writer as the opinions of the Council, as they are being read by the Council. Secondly, it might become common practice for residents to just mail their comments and may set a precedent of becoming common practice with the public, requiring the Council to read pages and pages of public comment without the public in attendance.

I have spoken to other Council members individually and it seems that the majority think that acknowledging the email of a citizen, citing the date and time of the email, as well as the general content, and then submitting it for public record in that Council meeting would be the appropriate action for our Council to take. This is what I intend to do with your message.

If you would like more, I recommend that you come and read your message or have someone from the community (not on Council) come and read your message during the public comment section of the meeting.

Thanks again,

Jo

cc 2020-02-11 #2 Sturm

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR THE SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL SUBMITTED BY PAUL STURM

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 11Feb20

County/City Boundary Status after 3Feb20 Meeting Between Davis County Commission and Weber County Commission Regarding in the Area near the Proposed RV Park and Planning Commission Agenda for 13Feb20

- 1) In an effort to provide transparency to the citizens of South Weber City, in light of the discussions held during the previous City Council Meeting of 28Jan20 regarding the RV Park and the SWC/Uintah and Weber/Davis County boundaries, what was the result of the 3Feb20 meeting between the **Davis County and Weber County Commissioners.**
- 2) I have a concern regarding the Planning Commission agenda for 13Feb20. The initial agenda, shown on the first page of your handout shows the standard format for Public Comments that has been used for all recent Planning Commission and City Council Meetings. Now please look at the second page of the handout that is the amended Planning Commission Agenda. I believe that this amended format presented suppresses public comment on each item because the public comment period only permits a three minute presentation to address the 7 line items concerning the Murray development project, and that is ridiculous.

This amended agenda also violates the newly accepted practice wherein new information being presented to either the Planning Commission or the City Council is not voted on at the initial presentation so as to permit careful consideration of potential impacts not readily observable during the initial presentation. The amended agenda not only wants the Murray parcel broken into three lots, but also wants the Zone changes to occur at the same Planning Commission Meeting!

Cc 2020-02-11 #3 Johnson

Public Comment Feb 11th 2020

Corinne Johnson

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I cannot attend tonight and would ask that you read my comments into the Public Record on my behalf. Thank You

My comments are regarding the proposed priority list. During the last city council meeting there were arguments presented that we "owe" one park amenities because they paid impact fees over another park and that "completing" the parks we have should be a priority. I disagree with both of these arguments. Spending for our parks should be based upon needs and to replace outdated amenities.

In regards to impact fees, houses are built all over the city not in just one location so to be truly fair you would have to look at every house built and see which park is closest and then divide up the impact fee money to go towards each park. That is completely impractical.

In regards to "completing" parks we have master plans for Canyon Meadows and Central Park that are nothing more than dreams. It would cost the city upwards of 2 million dollars to "complete" these parks. That is completely impractical and I feel irresponsible when there are other parks with functional needs and amenities that are in poor condition.

Disbursement of funds should be based first on needs and then focus on updates to provide nice amenities for every park. We have spent the most money to date and per acre at Canyon Meadows Park to make sure it has every needful thing and it by far has the nicest amenities out of every park in the city. To suggest we spend the bulk of our impact fees at that park is frustrating to say the least. We have parks with no bathrooms, outdated playground equipment and no trails.

It was stated that the priority list was based upon the 2018 survey. Yet when I reviewed the survey the top requests for park amenities were trails and playground equipment. Updating the playground equipment at Cherry Farms and providing a paved jogging trail around the field area fits the results of the survey much better.

Bathrooms was not even an option so I did a survey just for fun on the Facebook group. Pickle ball courts at Canyon Meadows vs. Bathrooms at Central Park (taking a cue from the discussion in the previous city council meeting) To date there are 80 votes for bathrooms and 29 for pickle ball courts. Needs over wants is something the citizens understand.

Rather than demolishing the building by the fire station why we can't turn those into restrooms? I understand I know nothing about the condition of that building but even if it is demolished there is already power and plumbing at that location so putting in restrooms may not be as difficult there.

We are not a sporty family, so we are not involved in our community sports, therefore I can't speak to this first hand but I was none the less shocked to learn that we have children who are peeing in the corners of our parks during sport practice because we have not provided restroom facilities. Even if you do not build bathrooms at this time every park where sports take place should have portable restrooms provided during the recreational season.

I understand that this impact fee money needs to be spent now and quickly and years of thought have gone in to the priority list but I hope before it is approved that the council takes into consideration the needs of the community and the outdated condition of many of our older smaller parks and makes adjustments accordingly.

I have attached the documents I reference in my comments.

Cost Per Acre: Acreage is from Davis Property Search.

	EXISTING CITY PARKS			
4				
5	Canyon Meadows	9	\$ 166,610	\$1,499,491
6	Cedar Cove	4	\$ 92,193	\$368,415
7	Cedar Loop	1	\$ 84,800	\$84,800
8	Central	4	\$ 116,800	\$467,200
9	Cherry Farms	6	\$ 112,437	\$674,624
10	Nathan Tyler Lock Memorial			\$0
11	Posse Grounds	3	\$ 63,816	\$191,450
12	Silverleaf			\$0
13	Veteran's Memorial	3	\$ 73,796	\$221,390
14	Historic Pioneer Cemetery	1	\$ 36,400	\$36,900
15	Wasatch Energy Systems	?		\$800,000
16	2020 E Holding Pond	1	\$ 64,800	\$69,800

CC 2020-02-11 #4 Mitchell

Mayor and City Council Members-

As stated in my email to each of you this last week, I would like to reaffirm my concern about the direction of our Parks and Recreation Project Priorities. In studying the numbers from both the online and the written surveys I still do not understand how your conclusion of where the money from impact fees needs to be spent. I get that the West end does not have a completed park and that the majority of the impact fees come from there. As it should since there isn't hardly any room left to build on the East end of town. Having all those people move in still impacts all of our parks and not just Canyon Meadows. I also see that the Canyon Meadows park is 4 times the size of all other parks. It should take quite some time to finish. The wetlands restoration is a priority, but so are all of the other parks. I think the only money that should be used this year is the money to restore the wetlands and then the amount of money that will expire this year.

I want to refer to my email for the numbers shown in the two surveys as well as the email response from the Mayor. In it I asked why so much money was being devoted to Pickleball courts when the top priority on both surveys after trails is playground equipment for our young citizens. As a mother of 3, I appreciate how big of an impact our parks played in our life when our children were young. We need to give them ample space to safely play in our parks! In the online survey it was given top priority of 85% between high and medium priority, trails came in at 78%.

I also noted that the SW Model Railroad was given a low or no priority of 62% on the online survey and 32% on the written survey. As given that it has such a low priority, why are we giving them so much space in our city park to run their hobby? The Mayor pointed out to me in her email that they want to make the train more a part of City events and see what happens. Even when most of the community doesn't want to see any more done with the train. I have had my own special experiences with the owners/operators of the train. Once my kids were told they couldn't ride because I didn't have a dollar to "donate". We were at the park for baseball and my purse was at home, and again when they were running the train for a family event on a Saturday and they wouldn't give other kids rides because it was just for their family. Both times, did they have room in their empty cars, YES! Would it have hurt them to just let them ride once around the park, NO! I have heard from several others with similar stories. I would like to know how do I get the city to provide a giant space for me to entertain my own hobby? I guarantee as a quilter I am much more welcoming to anyone than they were to my young daughter.

I also asked about a basketball court, because while we have a hoop in our yard, it is by no means large enough for a full court game! The mayor's answer to me on that is that we have basketball courts in all of the churches. Don't we have the same with pickle ball courts. They are painted on every church gym floor as well as in the Rec Center.

I think we can do better by our city, by listening to our residents. The survey was done and should be used even if there are some who don't agree with it. It is what we have to go by and if we can't stand by it, then do it over again!

My next point is to request that the Resolution 2020-04: Cost Share Agreement with Uintah City be tabled until the boundaries for our cities can be determined by the state. We should not be entering into a financially binding agreement to spend \$293,623.75 before that is finished.

I want to also touch on one more item. I started listening to the minutes from the retreat and I have to say how shocked I was about how the citizens were spoken of. It was condescending and insensitive. Maybe everyone should do a little internal check of how the citizens you were sworn in to represent are talked about, especially in a recorded meeting. Our city attorney made us sound like simpletons. Remember, that just because someone can't be to every meeting, doesn't mean that we don't care. We voted you in to represent all of us, the Mom getting her family dinner and little ones ready for bed, the adult leaders of church groups that are helping our kids become better, the parents supporting their kids at sporting events, the mom or dad trying to get a better job by going to night school... and the countless others that can't attend for their very own good reasons. Remember that you are here to serve, which I am so very grateful for, but you work for all of us. The silent as well as the vocal.

Again, thank you for all you do and please ask any one of us to pitch in if the burden is too heavy. We all want to see South Weber be the best little city in the State of Utah!

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CANYON MEADOWS PARK MASTER PLAN

MARCH 2019

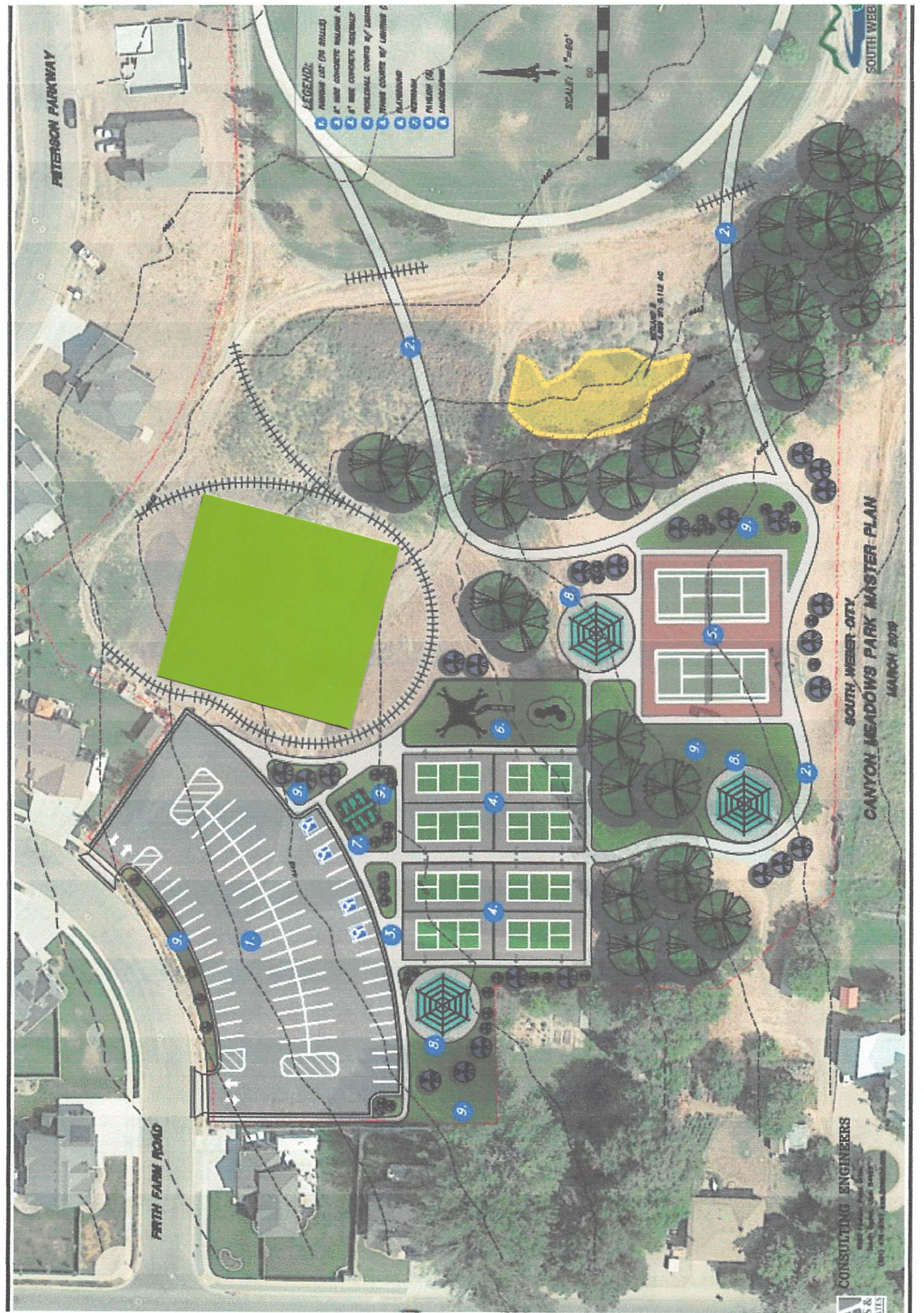
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SCALE: 1"=80'

- LEGEND:
- 1. PARKING LOT (ON RAILROAD)
 - 2. 4" AND CONCRETE MILLING & PATCH
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Parks and Recreation Survey/Projects

2 messages

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Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 8:19 PM

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Dear Mayor, City Council Members and Dave,

I write to you with a very concerned heart! I have spent some time looking over the online and mail-in survey numbers from 2018. While looking them over and reviewing the meeting from last week I am very concerned about the way the parks are being handled. When I look over where the money is to be spent, it does not match up at all with the survey. If you ask citizens for their opinion and they give it to you, why is it being ignored?

- * In looking over the numbers, This is what I found...
 Online survey question #3 gave a list of amenities. The top 4 are as follows:
1. Childrens playground (traditional) at a high of 57%
 2. Water play splash pad at a high of 53%
 3. Trail, walking/running/bike at a high of 44%
 4. Children's playground (nature, ect.) 40%

Now if I combine the high and medium priorities and they go in order:

1. Children's playground (traditional) 85%
2. Group Pavilion/Picnic area 79%
3. Trail, walking/running/bike 78%
4. Children's playground (nature) 69%
5. Lawn area, open un-programmed 69%
6. Water play splash pad 68%

Here are the results for the written survey for the same question #3. The top 3 are as follows:

1. Trail, walking/running/bike at a high of 70%
2. Children's playground traditional 53%
3. Water play splash pad 34%

And again... if I combine the high and medium these are the results:

1. Trail, walking/running/bike at a high of 94%
2. Children's playground (traditional) 90%
3. Group pavilion/picnic area 85%
4. Children's playground (nature) 77%
5. Natural areas/wildlife habitat 71%
6. Lawn area, open un-programmed 70%

Now I do understand that there was a section for "Other" and they did receive a high percentage, however those are between 17 and 54 items listed, so it's really hard to determine what amenities received the bulk of the votes.

- * The next section that I reviewed was for amenities that should be given **low or no priority** to the city. Again... I was shocked that as I looked through the numbers I found equally disturbing numbers.
 On the online survey the top amenity that it was stated should have no priority was as follows:
1. South Weber City Model Railroad at 62%
 2. Racquetball/squash courts at 37%
 3. Indoor small events space (parties, etc.) 30%

On the Written survey:

1. South Weber City Model Railroad at 32%
2. Skate Park 28%
3. Pickle ball Courts 19%

I can keep going, but I think the point is made clearly. After looking at these numbers and then reviewing what was put out for the items that we are projected to be spending money on, it seems that there is a definite disconnect as to what the residents want and what the parks and recreation committee sees necessary. Can you please explain to me how we have not only projected to put in not only one, but 2 more baseball diamonds as well as 8 pickle ball courts and more train tracks, when clearly those who filled out the survey were very vocal in the fact that they did not want them or submitted that they are to be given the lowest priority. As I look at the maps provided in the packet it looks like the new train tracks make a giant oval around the same size space as the 8 pickle ball courts. Is this the very best use of our space? Can we not plan walking paths that connect and wind through tall grasses, rocks, bridges and trees that do not need any grooming or mowing. I have been to a trail head in North Ogden where they have such a thing and we wandered around in there for hours taking pictures and discovering new paths. It makes way more sense than putting in a parking lot when we already have one there with ample parking as well as putting in 8 pickle ball courts and 2 tennis courts.

I don't understand why in a community with almost equal numbers of children's age groups, there isn't more of a focus on them and what they need. There is no talk of a basketball court anywhere in our city. The one we do have is not well maintained and it is in a park without good lighting or a bathroom. We have money set aside and planned for things in our parks. There is a need for playgrounds that our smallest residents can use without being run over by bigger kids. We can give them ample space to play as well as provide things for the next age groups to do.

My other concern as I look at our city is how few bathrooms are available. When we have had ball practice in several of the parks where there isn't a bathroom, then the kids are left to pee in the bushes or in the corner. These are kids and not animals, so they should have a place to use the bathroom before money gets spent on other things. My kids haven't been the only ones. We either have to leave practice or find other means.

These are my thoughts and I would love to talk to anyone about any of this that I have put together. Please take this in the manner in which it is given, to see our beautiful city to be used in the best possible way! If this survey is to be used to create the plan for our parks, then use it. If you feel it is out of date, then let's do another one. But please do not disregard the input that everyone was asked to give. I think the Parks and Rec Committee is the perfect place to have a group of citizens involved. We need to make sure that our voices are heard. I would like to offer my services in helping out. I know there are others who feel the same way. . Please let me know when the next committee meeting is going to be held. I don't see it on the calendar and I would like to attend.

Sincerely,
Amy Mitchell

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Parks and Recreation Survey/Projects

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Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 8:34 AM

Hi Amy,

Thanks so much for your input and for taking time to review the survey. I understand your concerns and want to explain a few things.

First of all, our most recent park improvements have been a face lift and new playground equipment at Central Park. This was a very large undertaking for our small City but needed to be done and it looks beautiful. I am very hesitant to put more money into that park at this point because the majority of our impact fees are coming from the west end of town and their park has remained only one quarter finished for years. This has been due, in part, to the train park and the Council's dilemma on what to do with it.

Whether it should have been installed in the first place is a matter of hot debate, but the fact is, it is there now and we have been working for years to find the right solutions for that facility. We have gone door to door with many of the residents in that area and asked their opinions. Almost all of them like the train. We also cannot discount the fact that the train events have drawn thousands of people, residents and non-residents alike, to our community despite little or no advertising from the City. The parks committee's desire is to make the train more a part of City events and see what happens.

Trails was by far the top priority of citizens. I began working on trails even before I became a city council member. The parks committee realizes the importance of trails to the community and we are doing everything in our power to make connections and provide more trails. There will be a 4 acre park going in by the new Nilson Homes and it will be open to the whole City. There will be a trail running around the perimeter of that park. There will also be a dog park in that facility. The City will not be putting any money into this park at this point and it has been up to the developer to provide the improvements. Connecting the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and the Weber River trail has been a huge task and is far from complete, but we have made huge progress in the past few years and will continue to push for it.

Splash pads are a major concern for public works and for City officials. They are a very popular item with communities but community officials from adjacent cities warn that they are a huge maintenance nightmare. With our limited services and finances, we are looking into them but are very hesitant to use funds toward them. We have had to weigh the pros and cons of the results of the survey with the resources of our City as well.

You're right. Pickleball was not a major priority in the results of the survey taken two years ago but has since exploded in our community and surrounding communities. We have multiple groups of citizens that meet and play on a weekly and daily basis. All of our churches have been painted with pickleball lines and they are used more than any other lines on the gym floors. The Church has also provided paddles and nets for these courts. The rec center is being used for pickleball at open times when the facility is not used for other sports. Many residents have reached out in support of outdoor courts and we need to consider that it is a sport that is growing quickly and the most popular new sport in every community. The bottom line is that it is an amenity that will provide enjoyment for every age and ability, and, in a small community like ours, that is a great use of limited funds.

Bathrooms are indeed a concern for our parks committee. We also understand that there are grants that will help with refurbishing and providing new bathrooms. That is why the committee is meeting to discuss these avenues specifically. Bathrooms are very expensive to provide and we need all the help we can get financially for these amenities. We are working on it.

Basketball courts are another priority we will look to in the future. We have not seriously considered them as many residents have hoops in their driveways as well as sport courts, and we also have indoor basketball courts in the churches. That does not mean that an outdoor court would not be a great amenity for this community, and we will continue to look into it.

I know this probably didn't answer all of your questions, but I want you to see some of the thought that has gone into this.

Thanks again for reaching out with your concerns.

Jo



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