

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
Tuesday, July 18, 2023
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Brent Bullock
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Todd Williams

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Deon Giles, Parks Director
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder
Denise Roy, Finance Director
Drew Engemann, Fire Chief
Neal Winterton, Public Works Director
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Keldon Brown, Police Chief
Megan Zollinger, Recreation Director
David Packard, Human Resources Manager
Kyler, Brower, Assistant to the City Manager

The City Council and staff met in the Community Room, 108 South 100 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

Mayor Guy Fugal called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those present.

a. Discuss the Naming of the New City Park.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, reported that the discussion is a continuation of the discussion the previous week about the pipe plant project and the naming of the park. The Cook Family was represented by Ann Brown, President and CEO of the Cook Center for Human Connection. She was joined by Mark Welling, Chief Marketing Officer. Ms. Brown stated that they have held many discussions about branding the park and the work the Cook Center does with the City. After the meeting last week, they held a branding exercise specific to the park looking at all the options on the table, including Cook Family Park, Kindness Park, and Connections Park. They also considered how the City's theme of being a "City of Trees" could be used. During those discussions, considering the various projects they have done over the past three years with help from the top creative firms in

Utah, they were drawn to the concept of connection. They thought about the geography of Pleasant Grove being at the center of Utah County, a center of business and education the closeness of the nearby mountains, including G Mountain. When people come into the County we want them to feel that connection. The Ruth, she noted, is the center of north and south of Utah County. She then shared a PowerPoint presentation on the concept of connection.

Mr. Welling reported that when they met earlier with community business leaders specifically about the park, they realized that the concept of connection did not appear to work because the focus had narrowed to a singular theme. As part of the branding exercise, they identified their key objectives for the park, which included bringing families together to enjoy the park, highlighting the benefits the park brings to the community, and being able to honor the donation of Greg and Julie Cook. That identification led to the core of their reason for coming to the City to support a park. Connection brings health benefits. This concept is supported by the latest Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) study about building cultures of connection and focusing on key values, such as kindness, service, respect, and commitment that fosters public health and the well-being of families in the community. It then became an issue of determining how best to get this done. They concluded that it is important to have a unifying partner with broad appeal to be able to showcase a variety of values, which is known as “umbrella” branding. Using that model, they recommended the name of the park be the Cook Family Park as one could showcase the dynamic nature of each area and emphasize the dynamic nature of the family. Using the Cook Family name also recognizes the benefit of the donation of the Cook Family who have invested in the community and acknowledges bringing families together as part of the community. Each of the park’s elements could address a different value, such as kindness. He thanked the Council for their time and the partnership and commented that the park will be a great investment for the citizens of Pleasant Grove.

The discussion by the Mayor and Council members that followed was positive in response to the umbrella concept and the use of highlighting different positive values for the park features. It was noted, however, that not all of the park features were included in the discussion. Questions were raised as to how that was to be done. It was noted that this is a Work Session and no action was to be taken. Following the discussion, Administrator Darrington stated that the proposal presented is to name the park the Cook Family Park. The various park components would each be given names reflecting values at a later point. After additional discussion, the presenters were thanked for the work done on the project. Administrator Darrington, with a consensus of the Council and Mayor, stated that the name of the overall park would be Cook Family Park and that the names of the park features would be discussed and determined later.

b. City Staff Mid-Year Review.

Administrator Darrington reported that at this Work Session, he would be presenting what the City Council discussed about goal setting in February 2023 and covering the priorities set. The department heads would then provide an update on each of the departments. Administrator Darrington identified the City Council priorities as follows:

Road Funding

- The priority for road funding was identified a few weeks prior to the Supreme Court ruling upholding the Transportation Utility Fee. Council reinstated the fee in May 2023 and decreased the fee by 20%. The Taxpayers' Association is currently active in taking action to oppose the ruling. Pleasant Grove was the only City sued. Other cities have varied in their approach. The City will work with the Utah League of Cities and Towns ("ULCT") and the Legislature to preserve the City's right to the fee, possibly codifying the fee.

Pipe Plant Development

- There are weekly meetings with City Staff, Horrocks Engineering, and Big D Construction on the park design, layout, engineering, various features, and location of facilities. The site work and demolition are to begin shortly. The ground-breaking ceremony will be held on August 2 at 10:00 a.m. Activities will include the dunk team from BYU, a mobile skate park demonstration, and the ceremony itself. The event will be heavily advertised and the newspaper will be doing an article on the park. There was discussion regarding the timing of the event. It can be changed if needed.

Code Enforcement

- The Code Enforcement Officer can now write citations. Active police participation in higher-profile Code Enforcement cases is greatly appreciated. Two of those cases are now resolved, with one remaining active.

Web Site Modification

- Assistant to the City Administrator, Kyler Brower, will report on the website modification progress and on what is being done to notify the public about road changes. The public will be provided with information regarding roadwork that has been done in the past, what is currently being worked on, and what is to come over the next few years.

Administrator Darrington further stated that the City is also working on the following:

- *Property Tax Proposal* – Notice regarding the property tax proposal will be given to residents by mail, and an information flyer was to be published the following morning on social media and the City's website. An informational open house meeting is set for Tuesday, July 25, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with written material to be handed out and staff present to answer questions. The City Council may get questions once that notice is published which can forward to him. The Truth in Taxation hearing is set for August 1, 2023.
- *Swimming Pool Decisions* – Recreation Director, Megan Zollinger, Shawn Whitaker, Finance Director, Denise Roy, and City Attorney, Tina Petersen are working to prepare long-term options regarding the pool, along with an engineering design company. The City Council will be provided with options, including costs, within the next two months.
- *Hale Center Theater* – Administrator Darrington and Mayor Fugal met with one County Commissioner the previous week to pursue \$5 million in County funds from the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention Facilities ("TRCC") Tax, which makes the

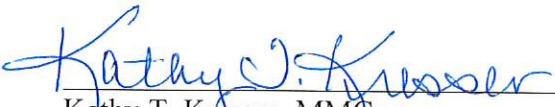
to be done. Such information can help identify when utility funding needs should be matched with road funding. Not all roadwork is shown but Director Winterton was pleased with the progress made. The information can further be put in a spreadsheet to coordinate with other departments involved.

- Photographs were provided showing the work required to keep the water sources clean during the winter and spring months and the impact of the snow volume on the workers.
- Projects discussed at the retreat were identified and the City Council was brought up to date on each of the project's completion status. The projects included the following:
 - Surfacing Projects;
 - Road Construction Projects at 300 East, 1300 East, 1300 West, 2600 North, and 100 East;
 - The Boulevard Well Project;
 - The Tamara Lake Project,
 - Bidding on the chlorinator buildings;
 - The Secondary Water Metering System;
 - Turbidity meter installation; and
 - Restroom Work.
- The engineering review and turn-around times were reduced by one-half, which is commendable.
- It was noted that the employees have gone beyond what the job requires. Notably, two off-duty employees went up to the Battle Creek channel on a hike and saw an obstruction from a natural occurrence in the channel and took action to clear it. In addition, employees are known to stay beyond work hours to complete necessary tasks. One employee responded to a leak on North County Boulevard at 4:00 p.m., stayed with the job, and did not check out until 14 hours later. Other employees have spent 19 hours responding to a leak. He was proud of the Department's customer service.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 5:35 p.m. Council Member Andersen moved to ADJOURN the Work Session. Council Member Bullock seconded the motion. City Council Member vote: Dianna Andersen, Yes; Brent Bullock, Yes; Eric Jensen, Yes; Cyd LeMone, Yes; and Todd Williams, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Council Work Session Minutes of July 18, 2023, were approved by the City Council on August 1, 2023.


Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder
(Exhibits are in the Recorder's office.)

