

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Steve Rogers
Todd Williams

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Deon Giles, Parks Director
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Wendy Thorpe, City Recorder
Drew Engemann, Fire Chief
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director
Kyler Brower, Assistant to the City Administrator
Britt Smith, Police Captain
Keldon Brown, Police Chief
Megan Zollinger, Recreation Director
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director
Neal Winterton, Public Works Director
David Packard, Human Resources Director

Excused: Denise Roy, Finance Director

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

4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

Mayor Fugal called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM and welcomed those present. It is noted that J.C. Darrington is present to job shadow his father, Scott Darrington, for a school assignment.

a. Utah Recreation and Parks Association (“URPA”) Presentation.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, introduced the Utah Recreation and Parks Association (URPA). Leann Powell, representing URPA, stated that it is a State organization with a membership of 1,800 park and recreational professionals. She asked the City Council to imagine Pleasant Grove without any recreational facilities or activities. That is impossible as “parks and recreation” are the heart and soul of the community and bring people together. This past March, at their annual Spring conference, elections were held for the incoming Board of Directors with three strong candidates on the ballot.

(The Board has 21 voting members.) She was pleased and excited to report that Recreation Director, Megan Zollinger has been elected as the incoming President. She met Director Zollinger when she interviewed her for Salt Lake County years ago. She still uses her interview as the gold star on how to interview for a job. She has followed Director Zollinger's progression in this field and finds her to be a true leader who is well-prepared in all that she does. Even before taking the role of President, she has been innovative and active in leading particularly in youth sports to make it more non-contentious. Her term of office will be three years (President-Elect; President; and Past President) which means she will be in an active leadership role during their 75th Anniversary celebration in 2026 and the National Recreation and Parks Association ("NRPA") meeting to be held in Salt Lake City in 2027. They are very excited to have Director Zollinger on board as she will do great things. Ms. Powell thanked the City Council for their support for recreation.

b. Review the Cook Family Park Financials.

Administrator Darrington reported that Public Works Director, Neal Winterton, will provide a budget update on the park, focusing on the traditional park (playground, splash pad, and the other amenities involved). That budget is approximately \$15 million. As a reminder, he noted that the park is one part of this development of the pipe plant property.

On the plan, Director Winterton identified the traditional park's location in the northwest corner. It is surrounded by a parking lot and cemetery to the east, soccer fields to the west, and reserved property for future use. The areas to be used at detention basins were identified. In general, the grading plan is complete, most of the work has been bid out, and construction has begun. Pipes have been installed throughout the site, which has required a lot of dirt to be moved from one place to another. The major features in the park are identified to include the basketball court, a pump track, a skate park, a splash pad, futsal courts, the playground, park shading and benches, an equipment building, a storage facility, parking lots, and landscaping. The only area remaining to be bid is the bottom landscaping park area. The budget for the landscaping site is \$2.6 million, of which \$750,000 has been spent related to the park area. Total numbers will be available shortly. Council is provided with each of the above feature's estimated price. During the presentation of that list of features, the following points were made:

- The pump track has been bid, and Horrocks Engineering will make a future presentation.
- The splash pad and playground total about \$4.6 million.
- The bathroom/equipment room is about \$1 million cost.
- Costs, in general, are spread out over the various features. For example, costs associated with building the splash pad are included in the pump room and equipment room (i.e., necessary pipes and filters). There are three family changing rooms, 8 female stalls, 3 male stalls, and 3 urinals which are all connected, cost-wise, with the pump room which has approximately 48 pipelines leading into it. Soccer equipment will be stored in the equipment room.
- When asked about costs associated with the house on the corner, Director Winterton stated that there will be some costs associated with grading and demolition. The house has already been moved, in preparation for placement of a future pump station, with a driveway and access area.
- The restroom area has been designed to be user-friendly. The restroom/equipment building is 28 feet wide and 92 feet long. All of the bathrooms have easy access, and there is adequate,

easy access to obtain equipment for use. He noted it was a privilege for him to work on the design with Megan, Deon, and the rest of the team, to get such a user-friendly building.

- The park will contain a lot of shade structures, including a large shade area for big groups. (30x60 feet cover, which is available to rent). This will be a well-shaded park.
- The skate park was discussed. Council Member Rogers stated that he had heard complaints about the design. Administrator Darrington did not know the design had been finalized to the extent that someone could have looked at it. The company designing the skate park are professionals with that specific type of experience. The City Council went on a field trip to see a pump track and skate park designed by them and were walked through the features. If Council Member Rogers was receiving that feedback, such has not been provided to them. He noted that the original design had to be scaled back because of costs. Council Member Andersen wondered how the public had seen the plans, as they have not yet been published. She also noted that the design was to be to Olympic and international standards. Council Member Rogers stated that he thought that the remarks possibly came from early viewings of the actual site. It looks different now. Director Winterton stated that the company doing the design is a national company that took a lot of time to get their feedback about what the park was to be. This skate park is not going to be an expert skateboard facility as the city did not want the liability. There will be no deep pits. It will, however, be a good place to brush up on skills. It was suggested that next time, they will have Horrocks Engineering come over and show renderings of the feature.
- The Pump track will have an asphalt track as was decided at a council meeting where all the surfaces, pros, and cons were discussed.
- The budget, which is 20 pages in length, addresses all the items, including trash cans, and toilet paper dispensers, which go into these amenities.
- Administrator Darrington stated that currently, they are looking at \$14,285,000 in costs. The budget is \$15 million. The skate park has an area that will need lights, at an additional cost of \$250,000. Once the landscaping bid is out, they will have the hard numbers, as all but the landscaping are hard numbers. It will be likely that the lights can be installed as there will be room in the budget. From his perspective, they are in a good space right now. They still need money for contingencies to cover change orders or unforeseen things, which change the scope. If they decide to have something changed, he thinks they are still okay.
- The splash pad will not be completed for use this summer, because of the past winter's wet weather. It will likely be completed in the fall but not opened until Spring of the following year. There will be an August opening.
- Mayor Fugal asked if they had many change orders when doing the sub-excavation. Director Winterton stated that they came upon a lot of unexpected, buried material which created some unexpected costs. The contingencies have covered what was discovered. He believes that they currently are on budget.

c. Budget Discussion

Moved to April 23, 2024, in the absence of Finance Director, Denise Roy.

d. Staff Business.

Human Resources Manager, David Packard, reported on the following:

- April 30th is the Annual Employee Recognition Event from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Recreation Center. Ballots for the full-time and the part-time employee of the year awards will be sent to City Council Members, the Mayor, and the Executive Staff to vote and are to be returned in one week. For all of the awards, he received 125 nominations. It was rewarding for him to see all of those names.
- Open enrollment for the next fiscal year will be held between May 9th and the 23rd. There will be two informational meetings to review benefits options and answer questions on May 14, 2024, at 2:00 PM and May 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Community Room. The providers remain the same. There will be a small increase in the dental coverage.

Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas, reported on the following:

- They will be combining each of the four division maps into one map, which will become a one-stop map. Work on that will begin on Monday. They have all of the data ready to be incorporated. The RAP sheet will be incorporated into the map.

Public Works Director, Neal Winterton, reported on the following:

- Staff has been busy working on red curbing on Pleasant Grove Boulevard and fixing potholes. As the weather warms up, asphalt and paint are becoming available for patching and use.
- A temporary patch has been placed on 1100 North. It needed patching to get a smoother transition where the contractor was dealing with a trench. There will be several Pressurized Irrigation (“PI”) trenches that need patching throughout the City.
- Geneva Rock has begun road rehabilitation (crack sealing). Some roads will receive three different treatments at different times consisting of (1) a leveling course or skin patch; (2) scrub sealing; and (3) micro-surfacing. He noted that a lot of road work is being done and he was impressed to see how much is being invested to improve the infrastructure in the community.
- The Boulevard Well is progressing as are the chlorinators. They pulled a well and are rehabilitating it.
- There will be two items on tonight’s agenda to be awarded, including Nathaniel Drive (a \$2 million project). Adding these awards to what has already been awarded results in total funded infrastructure work of \$60 to \$70 million.
- There was an after-hours water main break on State Street in front of McDonald’s. The Public Works Team mobilized and traffic control was put in place. A contractor also hit a water line on Orchard and Locust, which had to be shut down and repaired.
- Staff is for the City Cleanup. As the entire site is no longer available for vegetation piles, they are building new routes. There will be a map showing where materials can be placed. They also will be checking driver’s licenses and charging non-residents \$15. They are working on the logistics. He also noted that the area is being used for construction staging, which saves costs.
- When asked for a Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) update, Director Winterton reported that he had no new information but agreed to pass relevant information along once received.

- When asked whether a citizen can use their own asphalt to repair a small storm drain that has sunk, Director Winterton reported that the citizen should take a picture of the issue and send it to him. He reminded the City Council that it is a resident's responsibility to install sidewalk, curb, and gutter. Sometimes the City has money to do that but balance is required.

Recreation Director, Megan Zollinger, reported on the following:

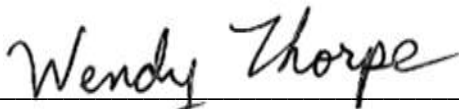
- The Recreation Program is going well. She was proud of the work the staff is doing with the community.
- A wide variety of sports activities are available and the equipment is really used, which creates scheduling issues at times.
- The survey results included concerns about parking and the need for more.
- With regard to the pool, Director Zollinger reported that what was done last year by Shawn to keep the pool open was phenomenal. There was discussion about contacting nearby communities about a possible Reciprocity Agreement to get general swim access. Council Member Williams asked about the possibility of getting resident rates from other cities. Administrator Darrington stated that they thought an offer of help from a nearby city might happen, but it has not. They may informally look into the matter for open swimming only.

Park Director, Deon Giles, reported on the following:

- The City experienced the first rash of vandalism this past week at a couple of parks in the restrooms (spray painting). The general restrooms will be opened on Friday for the season. A brief discussion of camera use was discussed to combat the issue.
- Staff has been working on the "Itty Bitty" trail, which may open this month. It is a loop trail for beginners.
- The first baseball game was last night. They are not happy with the quality of dirt used for the ballpark and will continue to work on that.
- The trails are getting a lot of use. Some service projects have been scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 5:32 p.m. Council Member Jensen moved to ADJOURN the Work Session. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting "Yes".



Wendy Thorpe, CMC
City Recorder

(Exhibits are in the Recorder's office.)