

**COUNCIL WORK MINUTES**  
**MAY 12, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Maile Wilson Edwards; Councilmembers: Ron Adams; Terri Hartley; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Craig Isom.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; City Recorder Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; City Planner Don Boudreau.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Erin Myers, Garth Green, Laura Henderson, Tom Jett, Dan Kidder, Pace Clark, Carter Wilkey, Teri Kenney, Brett Taylor, Pace Clarke, Tim West, Karen West, Alice Souza, Manuel Souza, Peggy Green, Scott Catuccio, Kristen Mitchell, Brigham Nielsen, Anthony Pearson, Troy Thalheimer, Jason Clark, Susan Baker, Bob Platt, Nicholas Willis, Jared Hatch, Dallas Buckner.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pastor Thalheimer of Cedar City First Baptist Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Melling.

**AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL:** Mayor asked that item #7 be moved to action. Councilmember Melling moved to approve the agenda order moving item #7 to the action agenda; second by Councilmember Hartley; vote unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF**

**COMMENTS:** ■Melling – I had a resident reach out about the status on the fishing dock at the Lake at the Hills, I indicated that even though we planned on doing that with ice melting, I told them that it was probably a supply issue. Ken Nielson – for those not privy to the email, we are all in on our end, we are waiting for the material to arrive so they can do it at one time. Their prices have gone up \$14,000 on our dock, but they will honor our price. They are doing a project in Idaho. We bug them every week. Phillips – do they not have time or was it supplies? Ken – early spring it was supplies. They called last week and said they have supplies and are waiting on scheduling. ■Phillips – I would like to make everyone aware that we have had 4 hours of budget meetings the past two days. It was a long process. Mr. Green was here the entire time and Mr. Wilkey was here. It is a very long open process. I want to thank staff for all their work. ■Ken Nielson – Anthony Pearson has been hired as the new Parks Division Head. I wanted to introduce him and let him introduce his family. Anthony Pearson, it is a pleasure. My wife Rebecca and my son Gabe are here. I will do what I can to beautify the City.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** ■Utah Summer Games update – Pace Clarke and Brigham Nielsen – we wanted to address you and let you know we will run the 2021 USG to the most glory we can bring to Cedar City. So far, we have zero limitations. Registration is open, there are people hesitating, they all like to wait until the last few days and then they hit the books. We

already did two events, Wrestling at Canyon View High School on March 20<sup>th</sup>, and in April we did water polo with 38 teams, a record number. Opening ceremonies are June 18<sup>th</sup> will be to full capacity. The time is at 8:00 p.m. we will contact you with more information when we have a formal program. Brigham – when I came on 4 years ago, we were asked to think outside the box and see an economic impact outside the month of June. We moved wrestling and water polo. We started the Iron Games, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, we had 120 participants the first year, 220 the second year, and 279 this year, things are going really well. We are continually having conversations with people, we talked about high school soccer moving to the fall. It is not just a June operation anymore. We appreciate your support. Phillips – on the soccer side of things, have you talked with tourism and are they ok with this. Brigham – yes, Pace works closely with Maria and everyone seems to be on board. Pace – in trying to expand the season we are being sensitive to other events taking place. We do not want to take over facilities, we want to be good partners and create good events for years to come. We want to express appreciation to you for the support to the community over the past year. We have had concerned leadership and we have recognized that as an organization. Phillips – how is fund raising. Pace – donors were hesitant at first, but as soon as we were able to commit to them the committed to us. ■Carter Wilkey – President of Iron County Children’s Justice Center, fun run is Saturday, starts at 8:00 a.m. and registration at 7:00 a.m. We have 150 registered, normally we have 300. We serve breakfast, we have gift baskets donated by the community. Phillips – how is it advertised; I haven’t heard much about it. Carter – we were a little behind, we have posters out and today it is in the Iron County Today, it is also on Facebook. Come out and bring your family and have a good time. ■Kristen Mitchell, Youth Futures, Executive Director and Co-Founder, thank you for your help working with our organization. We are nonprofit, have a facility in Ogden and St. George with residential support for emergency shelter beds for minors and we are under contract to bring the same to the Cedar City area. We were invited by service providers concerned about the 312 homeless youth, they are sleeping in cars, camping in the mountains and couch surfing in unsafe situations. We would like to come in and provide services. We are under some tight deadlines to close on the property and awaiting city approval. I wanted to introduce our organization and field questions. We are looking forward to being here. Phillips – what are the age ranges? Kristen 12-18, and in housing portion 16-22. Hartley – how do the two facilities work together. Kristen – in Ogden & St. George we only have the residential areas and we have found it is a gap, they cannot afford regular housing situation so that is more of a long term supportive helping them to be stable and to be sustainable in the community and not need any other services. We are also addressing and involved with intergenerational poverty and we are looking to wrap this into those aging into adulthood. We want to address the poverty and solve it through interventions. Phillips – how are you funded and purchase homes? Kristen – these two facilities, we have \$680,000 from the Olene Walker Housing Fund, it is a loan at 0 percent deferred product to help these programs with the youth. We also applied for federal funding through FISBY for Runaway Homeless Youth Act, Street Outreach programs, Basic Center Programs, Transitional Living and a Group Home, we will apply for those. Phillips – what limits, do you cut off when beds are full? Kristen – yes, go to capacity, we separate by male and female, if parenting teen they are separate from other youth. Sometimes our capacity is lower for the separation. We play tetris on how to fit the youth. Mayor – how many beds? It depends on the ordinance, we have 16 beds in the other two locations, licensing and ordinance with determine, probably 8 beds in each. We also have 11