

COUNCIL WORK MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2020

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Tyler Romeril; Executive Assistant Onjulee Pittser; Finance Director Jason Norris; Police Lieutenant Jimmy Roden; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall, Parks Superintendent Wade Orme;

OTHERS PRESENT: Stan Plewe, Barbara Plewe, Scott & Laura Henderson, Jessika Trego, Laura Driffil, Jonathan Pyne, Tom & Melody Jett, Brody Fausett, Lance Duffield, Kent Heideman, Greg Stradling, Jim Rushton, Maridon Nelsen, Ben Batty, Jason Hanson, Dallas Buckner, Kerry Fain, Teri Kenney, Kelsey Cooke, Lola Atwood,

CALL TO ORDER: Dir. Samha gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Jason Norris.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the agenda order; second by Councilmember Adams; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: There were no staff comments. **Craig Isom:** A reminder that grant funds are available for relief to small businesses in Iron County. Applications are coming in and we're spending some money to get help to relieve businesses affected by COVID-19. Go to the Iron County website and apply. **T Melling:** The skatepark by Bicentennial is still closed. It's been about 3 weeks now. What's the status? **Wade Orme:** The under panels are in and being replaced as quickly as we can. It's a slow process as each panel contains 60-80 self-tapping screws. They don't drill out. They shear off so we have to grind them off and redrill the hole. It's very labor intensive. It takes 2 guys about 4-6 hr. per panel and there are 15 panels ordered. We'll get more for next year. **Scott Phillips:** Can this be done at a different time of year? It's really a prime time with kids going back to school. **Wade:** It's really about the safety concerns. The panels were getting old, and the panels are made to order. It's about a 6-8-week process, so we're only about 2-3 weeks into it. There were big holes in the panels that went through the subpaneling. We really closed it for safety. I'll have 4-5 guys working on it until it gets too hot, but the harder ones have been done. **Scott P:** I want to congratulate the Police Department and Fire Department for their EVO (Emergency Vehicle Operations) training. We got a lot of interesting videos from the driving training. I love that each department wants to improve their skills for the safety of our citizens. **Mayor:** The action meeting that was going to be held next week will be cancelled because we won't have a quorum. The first meeting in September will be both an action and work meeting. Everything on this agenda will be voted on that first meeting in September. **Terri:** I can come if needed. **T Romeril:** That's up to the Council. **Scott P:** In the event of a tie, I know

the Mayor pro-tem votes, as the Mayor will be out of town. **T Romeril:** That's how it would work. **Mayor:** Would you like to have a meeting or not? **Scott P.:** I would prefer to wait. There's a lot of important stuff on the agenda and I think we need full deliberation.

Council voted to wait until Sept. 2nd and have the work and action meetings on the same night.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *The Mayor read the 2020 Better Days Proclamation. **Mayor:** We'd like to recognize this important anniversary for our country and state. *The Mayor opened up public comments. **Laura Henderson:** It was my understanding that we were going to talk about the SHD zone, but I understand that has been pulled. I talked to some council members who explained that some of the revisions had to go before the Builders Association before it went to the Planning Commission. I'm requesting on behalf of some residents who are concerned about the SHD revisions, after the revisions to go to the Builders Association they have a chance to hash it out, that they would be invited to the City Council to give statements in a public forum of what their recommendations are. If a citizen comes before the Council, we have to be of record, and I would ask that the Home Builders reps are invited to do that as well. **Ben Batty from HBA accepted the invitation. **Kerry Fain:** I represent Southern Utah Yeti, a local hockey-ice rink. I've been in contact with Councilman Isom and Councilman Phillips in working towards continuing an ice rink in Cedar City. We've put a lot of time and effort into this. Our efforts hinged on getting a contract with Staheli Rec. Organization to be able to use their equipment. Unfortunately, in the last 3 meetings, they don't think their equipment would hold up to multiple moves and they still plan to proceed with something within the next 2 years. We've looked at grants and used equipment. We're looking for a new system and the amenities to get it up and running, on low end, would be about \$600k. We've spoken to people who have offered to become donors. In the economy now, a lot of grants have been pulled from large names and people are hesitant to put money out there because they're worried. And because of that, a plan with Cedar City is not going to happen this year. We know that whoever may build a rink in the future and it falls flat now, it will be next to impossible to keep our organization and programs going. We came up with a few ideas. We are hoping for a natural freeze this year and freeze a rink-size area to be able to continue the programs, as well as fundraising, searching for grants and funding to continue to work with the City and Council if it's still open next season. Hopefully, everything will get better in our society so we can do that. It's hard to find a shaded place with parking in the valley that's large enough to do a natural freeze. The conditions aren't something with the base we have now that it can hold up. We're reaching out to the County and possibly Woods Ranch to use their facilities. They've got parking and bathrooms. It's a further drive. We've reached out to Duck Creek Village and the City of Brian Head about using their pond. We found a cheap Zamboni and we've had locals donate equipment for snow removal and we will be responsible for the upkeep, the set up and tear down and organizing. There's 150 kids that were in the hockey program and 180 in the Learn to Skate program. The rink is their home. They deserve somewhere to be. As things get together and we continue to build momentum, I hope that there will still be a home in Cedar City for future programs. We want to thank you for everything. It's sad we don't have it and what we have built, we know people are still supporting us to push forward, even though it's a seasonal rink temporarily. We're working together to make it happen. I'll****