

**SANTA CLARA CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021
MINUTES**

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH, met for a Work Meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 2603 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara, Utah.

Notice of the time, place and agenda of the meeting was provided to the Spectrum and to each member of the governing body by emailing a copy of the Notice and Agenda to the Spectrum and also, along with any packet information, to the mayor and each council member, at least two days before the meeting. **The Meeting will be available to view live stream on the YouTube link: <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLBLm30-XLqM1AEmhpcMA>.** Council Chambers will be available to residents, but we will have limited availability and follow Covid-19 guidelines.

Present: Mayor Rick Rosenberg
Council Members: Jarett Waite, Wendell Gubler, Ben Shakespeare, Denny Drake and Leina Mathis
City Manager: Brock Jacobsen
City Recorder: Chris Shelley

Others Present: Jack Taylor, Public Works Director; Brad Hays, Parks & Trails Director; Corey Bundy, Building Official; Randy Hancey, Fire Chief; Bob Flowers, Police Chief; Matt Ence, City Attorney; Kristelle Hill, Staff; Debbie Bannon, City Financials; Megan Webber; Ann Evans; Dyle Bond; Brad Ferguson; Rhonda Ferguson

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. He introduced the Council and thanked the audience for being at the meeting.

2. **Working Agenda:**

A. General Business:

1. Quarterly Financials. Presented by Debbie Bannon, Finance.

- Debbie Bannon talked about the General Fund and showed Council a graph that compared 2020's 2nd Quarter to this year's 2nd Quarter. She said she changed the budget on there to show 3 months' worth rather than the whole year. That gives a little better comparison. She said the City is doing pretty well in our tax collections. The difference on the amount is because last year the City received the money for the Chapel Street corridor from the COG. She stated that that was \$547,000 and then there was Arrowhead Trail for \$13,000 plus the bankcard rebate last year for \$10,000. This year there was a negative amount because there was a re-class on the UAMPS bail payments. They were supposed to be classified in the Miscellaneous Power Fund.
- Brock Jacobsen, City Manager, explained that the amount was from the agreement we have with UAMPS to do work at the Veyo Plant. We have a contract with them

that they pay us to do maintenance and we bill them. It should have been receipted under the Power Fund instead of the General Fund.

- Debbie Bannon said that on the Administration Fund there was a bond payment last year so that is why it was different last year compared to this year. Parks and Trails had the sports court expense of \$100,000 last year. That was the variance there. She said that the Fire and EMS funds were up a little bit. She stated that concerning taxes right now the City is over 138% of what we budgeted. We are 10% lower on expenditures than we were last year due to budget cuts. We are under budget on expenditures by 12%.

- Ben Shakespeare asked that with the changes the Council just approved will the expenditures get back to where they were previously.

- Brock Jacobsen said that this report is just through December 31, 2020 and the budget amendment wasn't done until the 1st Quarter of the calendar year, so this doesn't take into account that budget amendment and the additional expenditures that Council approved.

- Debbie Bannon said that on the revenue on the Impact Fees we have 135% collected and are 64% under budget. She said we are 147% above what we have budgeted for taxes collected. We are only at 83% of expenses so we are under what we have budgeted. We are up on revenue in the Water Fund and are doing very well on expenditures. She said the Water Fund is doing well. It is much higher in revenue. In the Sewer Fund we are at 109% revenue compared to budget. We are higher in the expenditure in the Sewer Fund. The Electric Fund is doing quite well. It is 136% compared to budget. The expenses are up a little bit in that fund. She stated that the Storm Water Fund is 112% above budget on revenue and below budget on expenditures. The total funds are 123% above budget. That is great. We are 89% on our expenditures.

- Denny Drake asked what caused the increase in the sales tax.

- Debbie Bannon said she would imagine COVID and people shopping. Harmon's is one of our biggest sales tax contributors.

- Denny Drake asked about the taxes on the vacation rentals.

- Brock Jacobsen said that the vacation rentals are supposed to be submitting the sales tax and the transient room tax. They have to be licensed with the State and have a business license to do that. Some pay monthly, some pay annually, and some pay quarterly. He said that sometimes the numbers look a little bit odd and if they do, we can go to the State Tax Commission and tell them that something doesn't look right, and they can look into it. They will be the ones to go and audit. We retain 50% of sales tax that is remitted. He said the sales tax for short-term rentals is climbing but the room tax has dipped a little bit. The number in January should have been higher. That is a little bit of cause for concern. But with that the room tax is still trending in a positive direction.

- Debbie Bannon said with the sales tax we are already at \$1 million with 4 months left to go so we are trending very well there. The Highway Tax is \$1,400 under what we were last year with 4 more months. The Local Option Tax is barely higher.

- Mayor Rosenberg said that Council went through the budget last week at the Budget Retreat.

2. Gubler West Parking Lot discussion. Presented by Brad Hays, Parks & Trails

Director.

- Brad Hays said the reason we are discussing this is this parking lot was put in as a one-way and enters from Jacob Drive and the residents in this neighborhood have concerns because people are not going one way, they are going both ways through the parking lot. He said Council has discussed this in a Work Meeting previously and Council had asked Staff to come back with a couple of suggestions on what could be done. He showed Council a drawing of the parking lot with two speed tables that would be 15 ft wide with the tabletop being 8 ft wide. This would help slow the traffic down. This was designed by Jared at Rosenberg Associates. He said what this would do would be to take out 4 parking stalls and that would reduce the length of the tables and we would put the speed table in the center. We would also put curb and landscape on the sides. That would break it up and slow it down a little bit. The bid to have this done includes asphalt removal, the landscape, the table, and engineering. It would be \$27,000 for this project. He said the other option that Council asked him to bring forward was the idea of a gate to make traffic go one-way through there. He has a bid for a gate. This gate is a barrier gate operator. It would be installed at the stop sign at the north end of the one-way where Tuscany Drive and the parking lot come together. He stated that they have placed "Do Not Enter" signs and other signs there but some people continue to go the wrong way. He explained that the gate would only work one way. It has an electronic eye on it and LED lights so it would be displayed at night. The cost on it is \$3,500 but does not include shipping. It is battery operated so if we had a power failure it would continue to open and close. He said that if we ran power to that it would have to run from Tuscany.

- Mayor Rosenberg asked Brad what he thought the installation cost would be on the gate.

- Brad Hays said the expense would be to get power from the closest area to the gate.

- Jack Taylor, Public Works Director, said that for a transformer it would cost about \$3,500 and for wire it would be about \$15 a ft. It is probably 150-200 ft.

- Mayor Rosenberg said that by the time we pay for the gate and for the transformer and for power it would probably be about \$10,000 plus installation time and getting it all put in.

- Jack Taylor said that one of his questions would be how reliable are the gates? and how long would they last. He said that there are issues with the gate down at the City yard. He asked how much maintenance there would be and how long would it take to get parts when they are needed.

- Brad Hays said he doesn't know the reliability of the gate itself. He said he would include an extra gate because someone may try to drive through it after it is installed.

- Jarett Waite said it has a two-year warranty.

- Ben Shakespeare said he will say from experience that we will be working on that gate every week. That won't fall under warranty because it will be from people running into it and kids hanging on it.

- Mayor Rosenberg said we originally discussed just putting one tabletop in the parking lot. He said that if the tabletop was located too close to the handicap parking that parking could be messed up so one tabletop was put to the south closer to the entrance of the parking lot and added another one. We could cut the cost in half by just taking out one tabletop.

- Ben Shakespeare said that as it comes closer to the residential community that is really where we are trying to deter and slow down drivers.
- Mayor Rosenberg said we could try doing one tabletop and see how it works before we come in and do the second one. It could deter them from coming in there, but he isn't sure one is going to be enough especially if it is in an area that they are going relatively slow in. He talked about locating one in the straightaway portion where they are making the time up. We could eliminate one of the tabletops and locate it and see how it works and that would be about the same cost of the gate without the additional maintenance of the gate.
- Brad Hays said that if we had to come back and do a second one the cost would be a lot more because of the mobilization and the removal. He said our City crew could do the work.
- Mayor Rosenberg said he is confident our crews could do that. It would probably cut that cost.
- Brad Hays said that asphalt and landscape can be done in-house.
- Leina Mathis said she doesn't recall that speed was an issue with the residents. They are concerned that people are going the wrong way. She likes the tabletop idea and the landscape because it will keep people from going around it. The tabletop might be enough with even just the first one as a deterrent.
- Brad Hays said the tabletop is 8" tall so it is not a small tabletop.
- Jarett Waite said he agrees and if our crews can do the work, he loves the design. He thinks it breaks it up and would achieve a lot of the goals. It is not going to stop someone that really, really wants to go backward but it will make it way less convenient.
- Ben Shakespeare said he worries a little bit about losing 4 stalls. He would be interested in putting the tabletop in closest to the community and then if we need to go back and add it, we could. There is not a lot of parking there as it is.
- Brad Hays said there are 192 stalls there so we would be at 188 stalls.
- Ben Shakespeare said he likes the design, and he thinks it will look good and it will help.
- Brad Hays said that if we did one in-house, we wouldn't have to worry about the cost of the double mobilization and all of those expenses. We could just do one and see what happens and do one later if we need to.
- Ben Shakespeare asked if we would be cutting out some of that asphalt and pouring concrete flush to it.
- Mayor Rosenberg said there will be a full thickness of concrete all the way through.
- Jarett Waite said he is in favor of one or two tabletops. He would prefer one closer to Jacob Drive.
- Leina Mathis said she thinks they perform different functions. The tabletop closest to Tuscany will be a greater deterrent for the one-way because it is right as you come into there and where that is the resident's biggest issue, she likes the idea of doing that one first.
- Jarett Waite said he agrees with that.
- Ben Shakespeare said he is not opposed to doing both tabletops. He said that when there are tournaments it gets really busy up there.
- Mayor Rosenberg said he is hearing from Council that Brad should go ahead and have City crews put the one tabletop in on the north side up there.

3. Discussion regarding Fiber Internet to the home. Presented by Jarett Waite, Council Member.

- Jarett Waite said that roughly one year ago we had discussions with St. George, Ivins, and Utopia about bringing fiber to our residents. At the budget retreat we discussed this item a little and decided to discuss it further at the Work Meeting. We did a survey in the fall of 2019 to gauge the interest of our residents. The results showed support to provide fiber to their homes. He said he spoke with Sherlane Quail of St. George yesterday and she said that we are pretty opportune in bringing this up. They just restarted their discussions with Utopia, and she is curious if we want to continue in this pursuit or not. Right now, an Internet service pays to put wire in the road or pays for a tower in the City to provide Internet to the homes. If they want to get service to someone, they have to get wire to them. There are a lot of areas that don't get great service because there are not enough end connections at the end of that wire to make it worth it for the company to put it in. Another option that is starting to happen in the U.S. is the LID's for Internet service. A whole neighborhood can sign up and get their 20-year loan to put in the infrastructure for the fiber. It is about \$3,000 a connection to run the wire. He said they are doing this in Idaho. He said even at that cost they have had a lot of people sign up. There is also the model that Utopia is proposing for cities like us. Because Utopia has all the know-how and equipment, they have offered to provide fiber service to cities. The main idea is that they put in the infrastructure and whatever the cost is, is bonded and the city has to back that bond but as long as you have at least 35% of your households using the service that is enough to cover the bond payment. The City can tack on a little extra to make sure there is enough to cover and maybe build up a little reserve. The idea would be that the City puts in the fiber and we can allow the Internet service provider to jump on that. This would allow all the local Internet service providers to put their services on that fiber. It would even the playing field. It is more of a competition for all those service providers. The citizens could choose the provider they want. He stated he has gotten lots of comments on the Internet in our City and that it is subpar. He has some data to back that up and he showed that to Council. He said there was a survey done a year ago. He went over the survey with the Council. He said that 214 households responded. He said that 57% of the responders wouldn't recommend their Internet provider to others. He talked about how if you had fiber you wouldn't have to share connection with any of your neighbors. He said that 85% of the responders would be interested in pursuing other options for their Internet. He also said that 78% of the responders would be interested in pursuing the Internet to home option. He said people would get a lot faster Internet for about the same price they are paying now. 68% of the responders said they would sign up for the higher prices. He said one concern of the citizens is the cost of more money to them. He said one of his main goals as a Council member was to pursue this. He wanted to get the Council's feel on if we should pursue this. We would have to do an RFP on it. St. George City said they would be happy to share their RFP with us because they are working on theirs right now. We could model ours after theirs.
- Mayor Rosenberg asked if the system would be owned by the City.
- Jarett Waite said we would own the system.
- Denny Drake asked if we would be the ones charging for the hookup.

- Jarett Waite said Utopia services everything, they do all the customer service, and they do all the Internet providers hooking up of the system. He is not sure who charges who and how we get our cuts.
- Denny Drake asked about power. Would this cause a resident to use more power?
- Jarett Waite said no it would be just like what a resident has now for the Internet. It is just a more efficient way to get Internet to your house.
- Mayor Rosenberg said the cost would be retiring the bond. The City would be responsible for that bond payment and have to collect it from the residents in the form of an annual assessment or a monthly fee, a user fee. The next step is to answer the questions of what it would cost. He asked if we knew what the service fee would be from Utopia.
- Jarett Waite said he thinks it would be about \$65. It was something like \$30 that would go to Utopia to cover the infrastructure, like the bond payment and then about \$5 went to the City and then the rest went to them. \$30 would pay the bond and \$30 would go to Utopia.
- Brock Jacobsen said they would pay the bond and the City would just guarantee it. They have the bond, and we guarantee that that payment would be made. The bond may not be in our name. It is probably Utopia that is doing the bonding on it.
- Mayor Rosenberg said it will show up as if we are the bonder probably because we are guaranteeing it. These are questions we can ask.
- Wendell Gubler said that Jarett mentioned that they did this up north and they had some problems meeting their projections that they planned on and that just recently they got some more funding. Where did they get that funding so that they could finish up what they started?
- Jarett Waite said he just saw that on their website that they got \$50 million in funding. He is not sure where the money came from. We would need 35% of the residents to participate to cover the bond payment but we had 65% say they would be willing to participate. He said we may need to wait a year to mobilize and do this and wait for prices to come back down.
- Mayor Rosenberg asked if new construction has to put empty conduit in.
- Jack Taylor said that conduit right now is so expensive that they don't have to do it right now. We were putting money out and putting it in and it wasn't being used.
- Ben Shakespeare asked about the \$65 cost and asked where the Internet providers come in on that picture.
- Jarett Waite said that the \$30 probably isn't to Utopia it is probably to the service provider.
- Ben Shakespeare said he likes the idea, but he is not sure as a City we should compete with companies, but it sounds like they have that figured out. He would pay a little more to get faster speeds.
- Denny Drake suggested giving Brock the assignment to talk to other cities that have done this and find out if this is beneficial or not.
- Mayor Rosenberg stated that we can do a little more research and look at the cost and find a little bit more how it works. There has been quite a bit of discussion at the State level about expanding Internet into rural communities and there is some money out there. He said he doesn't know if we would qualify for it but if we could maybe that could save the residents some money on installation costs. The State had a Broadband committee that was working to get broadband into some of the rural areas a few years

ago. This is something we should look into.

- Jarett Waite said that St. George City right now at the Staff level are working on the RFP and then they were going to present to their Council in about a month with where they are at and then they are going to have Utopia come in and present. They wanted feedback from us as to if we were going to continue down this road. He said he would love to have Utopia come and give us a presentation. Do we want to keep looking into it? He would love to keep looking into it.

- Jack Taylor said that St. George wanted us to be in it with them because the feed that they need for the fiber is on the west side. They were really interested in us doing it on this side to get the feed to them. We do have 3" conduit all the way down Santa Clara Drive that is not being used right now. It is empty right now.

- Jarett Waite said that Utopia said it is minimal on how much it affects the roads and shutting things down. They wouldn't have to disturb a lot.

- Brock Jacobsen gave Council a list of the cities up north that Utopia is in. There are 15 of them.

- Mayor Rosenberg said he thinks we should stay in the conversation with St. George City at least to learn a little bit more and in the meantime have Staff make a few phone calls to other cities to see how they feel. He thinks this is worth exploring and Council all agreed.

- Brock Jacobsen showed a chart of prices that customers pay in other cities. They are competitive prices.

- Jarett Waite said he will continue to stay in contact with Sherlane at St. George City.

- Mayor Rosenberg told Jarett that if we need to go to meetings to let him and Council know.

- Mayor Rosenberg said that there is a dog park exhibit tonight but there is no agenda item.

- Brad Hays said this is not on the agenda and he didn't do a Staff Item on this, but he asked if Council wanted to discuss this tonight. He said that Jarett had asked about a dog park at the last Work Meeting.

- Mayor Rosenberg asked Brad if these are the areas that he is thinking about having a dog park. One of the areas is the future Hamblin Parkway area.

- Brad Hays said that is the ideal location but it is only temporary until the parkway comes in. He said he has three areas in there and they would be cycled out. This would allow rotation to the areas. This would be a high maintenance area for the City, and he has some concerns about that and the manpower it would take to take care of it.

- Leina Mathis said the residents that live in the townhomes are asking for a dog park. They are the residents that are going over to Gubler Park and wanting to walk their dogs.

- Mayor Rosenberg suggested leasing them a space inside Hamblin Parkway for their own dog park and let them take care of it.

- Brad Hays said that if the Council wants to bring this back for discussion he can.

- Ben Shakespeare said he is not interested in a dog park.

- Leina Mathis said she is okay not having a dog park unless there becomes a really big demand.

- Jarett Waite said he would like to see alternative sites.

- Denny Drake said he thinks the cost becomes prohibitive and he would just as soon not see it.

- Wendell Gubler said not to do a dog park.

3. Staff Reports:

Police Chief Bob Flowers:

- He said it has become an issue and they have an action plan in dealing with trailers parked on our streets. They have noticed an increase in trailers that are parking on the streets, so they came up with a plan that they are going to start tagging the vehicles. If they don't get immediate response, they will knock on doors. He said if vehicles have expired registrations they will cite and if they are not removed, they will remove them. He said he will give the reports to the Council. He said they act when they get a complaint, but it is becoming enough of an issue now that they need to tag them and do some following up on them and if citizens complain they are happy to respond to that. They now have a logbook of vehicles checked and officers will go out and check on them. They have knocked on a few doors. This is not an overwhelming problem, but it is something that we need to pay attention to.
- Mayor Rosenberg asked what the ordinance says, what is the requirement.
- Chief Flowers said that if a trailer is 750 lbs. or greater it needs to be registered. If it is not registered, you can't put it on the street at all. If you park a trailer on the street it has to be hooked to the power unit. You can't unhook it and leave it. He said if it is a temporary thing, they haven't worried too much about it. He said they will be a little more aggressive. A refrigeration unit can't be brought in and leave it with the refrigeration unit running. They do tag those trailers. He also said that a resident can't park a vehicle in the street that doesn't run. They have been dealing with that also. He said that we need to do something about the fruit market and the traffic situation. We need to be thinking about that. Getting out of there on the weekend is dicey. He said there were a couple of times an officer had to be there for traffic control.
- Mayor Rosenberg said in regard to the trailer issue and the plan that the department has is Council okay with the plan Chief Flowers has presented.
- Jarett Waite said he didn't know you couldn't leave a trailer unhooked in the street. We should probably put something about that in our newsletter and on Facebook.
- Chief Flowers said he thought about putting an article together. He also said that when people complain officers respond right away.
- Ben Shakespeare said it is a problem. We need to get out in front of it. It is for public safety.
- Denny Drake asked about traffic studies and are we looking at traffic lights to break up the traffic as it is coming through town somewhere.
- Chief Flowers said he is not a big fan of traffic lights, but we need to look at the coming into town the volumes of traffic and the times. He also talked about the bikes on the roads in town. It is becoming an issue. There may come a point where we might have to consider some of those things for some of the areas.
- Mayor Rosenberg said to get with Kristelle and get information out on social media and get it in the newsletter. The department has support of the Council as far as enforcement of the existing ordinance.
- Brad Ferguson, 1685 Stucki Drive, said he and his wife, Rhonda, are one of those homeowners that have the cable hub in their backyard, and he appreciates Council looking at better service because they have rock bottom customer satisfaction with their Internet

provider. Any options would be appreciated. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for taking the time to look at their concerns about trailers and things parked on the street. His initial concern was one of annoyance and then when he saw children involved, he saw danger and now they are just trying to avoid tragedy. He said in addition there are people walking in the morning and they don't walk on the sidewalk but walk on the street and they walk around all those vehicles parked in the street and sometimes it is dark, and they are in traffic and it is another danger for people who are trying to use those nights and early mornings to walk. He suggested educating people through newsletters. He said he is concerned about the newsletter just being online because there are a lot of residents that don't go online and will not get that information.

- Mayor Rosenberg said that it is on the back of the bill. There is a link to the newsletter on the back of the bill from the City. The newsletter is a lot more pages now. It is a lot better newsletter. It is on Facebook and it is on the City's website and if a resident wants to sign up the City will email the resident a copy of the newsletter.

- Brad Ferguson said to do anything that the City can do to get more awareness about the parking ordinances. He said he is not sure that the people who are complacent about it will be actively pursuing a link to get more information about it.

- Mayor Rosenberg said that is something the Chief can make face-to-face contact about.

- Brad Ferguson said he appreciates that the Chief is willing to take the heat from homeowners and he said he appreciates him. He said that he appreciates that there are ordinances passed so we could collectively rely on enforcement to take care of those things before they became problems. He said they hope that continues to happen or start to happen. It seems like things are getting a little out of hand. He said he appreciates Council and the Mayor.

- Mayor Rosenberg thanked the Fergusons and he thanked Chief Flowers and asked him to let Council know how things go.

Fire Chief Randy Hancey

- The sprinkler installation has started at the Rachel Drive Station. Walls will be getting built there in the next day or two and electrical will happen shortly after that.

- Burn session is open for general burning such as for yard debris and clippings. Residents just need to go online or call the non-emergency number for dispatch. He said they put something in the newsletter to let residents know. The crews got rid of a burn pile over at the orchard. They will look at the other burn piles and take care of them. The arboretum project is coming up too.

- The new seasonal wild land fire fighter's application period will be starting up by the end of the month. The interviews and paperwork will be done through the month of April and they will be brought on at the beginning of May.

Brad Hays

- He asked what the name is of the new Church orchard that the City acquired. Is it the Tobler Family Farm?

- Mayor Rosenberg said that was just a name he had on his list. It doesn't have a name that has been formally voted on yet. He said he was told that the Tobler family had donated it to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, so we wanted to recognize the Tobler Family. He thought about calling it the Tobler Family Farm or Tobler Family Community Garden. He asked Council what they thought.

- Leina Mathis said she like Tobler Family Farm better than Tobler Community Garden.
- Mayor Rosenberg said three Council members agreed.
- Brad Hays said he was going to update the Capital Facilities Plan so we can use impact fees for that, so he was going to add that in there and he wanted to make sure he got the name right. He also asked about the name for the river park.
- Mayor Rosenberg asked what Council wanted to call the river park. We have called it the Graf Family Park just because it used to be owned by the Graf's. We could name it something different. It came to us from Cole West. It was purchased from the Graf's and donated to the City by Cole West Development Group.
- Brad Hays said we have about half of that trail cut through that park with the help of the DSU students. We are about 800 ft in from the bridge toward the beaver ponds. He said he needs another volunteer group to come in and work on it. He has noticed that mountain bikers are using it.
- Leina Mathis asked what the volunteer work entailed. What do they do?
- Brad Hays said they are grubbing and building trails. They are taking grass, trees, and stumps and whatever is in the way and clearing it out and making a 6 ft path and lining it with cut up logs.
- Leina Mathis asked if there is an age limitation. Can youth do it?
- Brad Hays said if they can handle a shovel, they can do it. He said there is a lot of wildlife in there. He said they have been working on Saturdays and Tuesday evenings.
- Brad Hays said that they have gotten electric locks on all the restrooms in the parks. They are being locked at 7 p.m. unless there are ballgames. They will extend that once the cameras are in. He talked with Kelly Nyberg at Info West today and she said they are ordering the materials to upgrade our Internet so it can handle the cameras. The Parks Crew got the conduit in at Canyon View Park, so we are ready to string the cables.
- Brad Hays said he talked with the engineer who is working on the BMX parking lot yesterday. He wanted to make Council aware that when we did the design for the parking lot by the pickle ball courts and the BMX track on the top there that we discussed taking out the old skate park in there and making that a parking area and moving the trail over to the top of Laub Pond and going around there with the intent of wanting to build a new skate park down in the Little League area off of Little League Drive. The old skate park is in really poor condition and when it rains it fills up like a pond and he said they have had to patch it a number of times. There has been vandalism there. Earlier this week they pulled the jump rails off. They are being welded back on.
- Jarett Waite said he sees a lot of kids there.
- Brad Hays said that he and Brock have discussed over the last couple of years, putting it down at Little League and making it level with Little League Drive and the sidewalk. It could be built with Rap Taxes.
- Ben Shakespeare said we could utilize that grade change from the sidewalk to the parking lot and it would create a natural ramp. It actually would work really well down there.
- Brad Hays said they would like to set it up high enough so when it rains it wouldn't fill it up with sediment.
- Ben Shakespeare said it does get a lot of use. If we are not going to have it there, we ought to look at where we are going to have it.
- Brad Hays said it will increase our parking capacity substantially to take that area from the substation over to the skate park. We will need that parking when the BMX is going, and the ball games are going. It will be really congested.

- Mayor Rosenberg asked if there is a plaque or a name on the skate park.
- Brad Hays said it is “CJ Rowley”. It is barely legible but there is a plaque there.
- Wendell Gubler asked if the park is moved will there still be a plaque there for CJ Rowley.
- Brad Hays said we could name the new skate park after that person if Council wanted.
- Wendell Gubler said he put a lot of effort into that skate park.
- Brad Hays said that it is separating, and they have had to go in and cut the concrete a number of times because it is on the hillside and moved a little bit. The concrete plates are shifting, and they have to go in and grind the bowl.
- Mayor Rosenberg said he thinks as long as we let the Rowley’s know what is going on with it and then we follow through and get it built we are probably going to be okay.

Jack Taylor

- He said the on Feb. 25 we had a PRV valve that failed. The ¼” cooper line broke and it cause high pressure down in the lower valley. We had a main break. The crews came down to the main to get started on it and then we had a few calls on secondary services to homes so Casey had the guys go up and look at the PRV and they found that the cooper tube on the PRV was broken. They went down and opened up the fire hydrants and fixed the PRV but there were some things that happened, so we have some residents whose homes have been flooded and have broken pipes. We are telling those residents to file a claim with the City, and we can turn them in to the insurance company. He said they have put together a report and sent it to the insurance company and then they will determine whether or not they will cover those claims.
- He met with Wheeler Machinery yesterday and discussed the air quality permit for the new generator. That is moving along. He talked with them about possibly ordering the unit. Steve at Wheeler Machinery said that if the Council approves the generator, they will order it. He said he will bring this back to Council and discuss it and get Council’s approval of the generator and then we will see what happens. He said what we are worried about on the air quality permit is that they might come back and say they will allow us to put the unit in but require us to cut back on the run hours or that we might have to have a test on it every three or five years. Those are some of the things that could possibly happen.
- Sun Rock is going to come in and fix the west side of the road on Rachel Drive. We have those pop outs right in front of the school and people are coming down Rachel Drive and are running into those. Sun Rock gave us a bid for \$36,000 to remove those. Most of that cost is concrete and also a storm water box. There is a lot of concrete there to be pulled out and redone. He said they have talked to the school and Sun Rock is going to do this during Spring Break.
- He talked about the shooting park. Council talked about this at the Budget Retreat, and it is in the budget for next year. He said we need to get moving on the environmental study. He got ahold of Jill and she can do the walk through on that project for \$14,000. We have her on board to move forward on that walk through. She only has a few weeks to do that or else we will have to wait another year. We have signed a contract with her and are moving forward.
- He said they have found a 100 ft bucket truck. It is used but is in really good shape. They found it at Alltech. They will deliver it here and it is under budget.

Corey Bundy

- He said for FY 2021 we are at 69 homes. We have one in plan review. The permit for Harmon's pad C is ready to pick up. R&O is the general contractor. That is for Swig. Quench It, the Geovango Subdivision, Lot 1, has started their grading. Their soil report showed that they have clay on site so they will be doing a 17 ft over excavation on the buildable pad 5 ft outside the pad. Marv with Sunrise is going to go over and make sure that they don't need any earth stabilization going down that deep. The soil report said they can reconsolidate and put it back in there. He talked with Ryan Forsythe with O'Rileys and asked when he was going to build. He said it will probably be this summer. He asked him about his soil report, and he said his site where his building will be placed and 5 ft beyond is where it jumps up, so he doesn't have clay on his site.
- He said that because of Spring Break the Planning Commission had to cancel their meeting on March 11 because they couldn't get a quorum. They will have a Special Meeting on March 18. The Public Hearing for Kyle Hafen's assisted living development will be taking place and also the Sullivan Solace preliminary plat. They are training Staff and trying to keep up with inspections.

Brock Jacobsen

- He said that he and Debbie are working with Staff on their wish list items for the budget and trying to fit them in the revenue projections.
- The bond closing on the Electric Revenue refunding and the new money was today. At the closing today Mark Anderson at Zion's Bank said that this closing that we did and with the sales tax revenue bond it will be the last one that Zion's Bank is doing at a 15-year fixed rate. They will no longer do anything past a 10-year fixed rate.
- Chris Shelley is in training with City Recorders as well as Selena Nez who is the new Deputy Recorder. This is Selena's first training. That has been taking place this week.
- The League of Cities and Towns mid-year conference is April 21-23 here in St. George. The 21st is the check-in day. We can participate in person or online. He asked Council to let him know if they are interested and he will get them registered.
- Jarett Waite said that those who attend in person have to have a negative COVID test within 72 hours. He said he wants to go to the conference.
- LPC was on Monday. They talked about HB 433, which is the infrastructure funding. They cut a bunch off of that. There is a big chunk of that going for widening of I-15 here in Southern Utah. \$101 million is going to transit and \$140 million for outdoor recreation. There was a State Bill 221, which is on short-term rentals. If the home was owner occupied, we couldn't do anything with the short-term rental. They could run a short-term rental if it was owner occupied. The bill died in committee. Internal ADU House Bill 213 is probably not going anywhere because of HB 82. He said that HB 409, which was concerning conditional use permits, that conditional use permits must be objective and the appropriate use of development agreements. It also defines what substantial evidence is for appealing the land use decisions.
- Mayor Rosenberg asked if the Billboard bill went to a vote yet.
- Leina Mathis said not yet.
- Denny Drake said that on the money for the roads, Arizona is closing I-15 for bridgework that means we are going to have traffic flowing through Santa Clara. Is there any chance we can get money for Pioneer Parkway? It will be a Federal Highway for a period of time while they are fixing those bridges.

- Jarett Waite said he thinks they are just closing off access to the river and not to the road.
- Mayor Rosenberg said they wouldn't close it off for a period of time without telling us.
- Ben Shakespeare said he would imagine that there is still an opportunity to seek funding for our roads because any time there is an issue in the gorge, we get all of that traffic.
- Mayor Rosenberg said the problem is when we go seek that funding the additional environmental review and the fees that come along with the cost are more expensive than the City just taking care of the roads.
- Denny Drake said concerning Pioneer Parkway we are putting a lot of heavy traffic on a road that is not standard.
- Mayor Rosenberg said that in 2005 we had a Federal grant to upgrade that road. We may be able to get some additional maintenance money. He asked Jack to get ahold of Myron and ask him if he has heard anything about work being done by ADOT on I-15. Have him check to see if they are going to be having some closures. As far as potential maintenance funding Jack can ask the UDOT planning coordinator.

5. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Chris Shelley – City Recorder

Date Approved: _____