

CEDAR HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Cedar Hills, Utah

NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

This meeting will be held electronically pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-207(4), and Mayor Rees' November 10, 2020 written determination that conducting an electronic meeting with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location.

Participants: Jenney Rees, Mayor, Presiding
Councilmembers: Denise Andersen, Ben Ellsworth, Brian Miller, Kelly Smith
Absent/Excused: Mike Geddes
Chandler Goodwin, City Manager
Greg Gordon, Recreation Director
Jeff Maag, Public Works Director
Kevin Anderson, Assistant Public Works Director
Craig Hall, City Attorney
Colleen Mulvey, City Recorder
Others: Lt. Josh Christensen

This meeting of the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, having been properly noticed, was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Rees.

1. Approval of Meeting's Agenda.

MOTION: C. Ellsworth—To approve the agenda. Seconded by C. Andersen.

Yes	-	C. Andersen	
		C. Ellsworth	
		C. Miller	
		C. Smith	Motion passes.

2. Public Comment: Time has been set aside for the public to express their ideas, concerns, and comments. Comments are limited to three minutes per person with a total of 30 minutes for this item.

There were no comments.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

3. Presentation by Utah Department of Human Services – Free Help for COVID-19 Related Stress

Cindy Wilmschurst, Counselor for the Utah and Wasatch County teams, gave a presentation on the Utah Strong Recovery Project which served the state of Utah. This program was happening in

every state across the country. It was a FEMA funded project facilitated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration in Virginia on the federal level and operated by the Utah State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services on the State level. The purpose was to assist people in finding ways to cope with the stresses of COVID-19 and to reduce mental health problems down the road. Research had shown that typically when there was a disaster, about 80% of the population found a way to cope whereas 20% struggled.

Ms. Wilmshurst stated that COVID-19 was a new experience in our century. The counselors had been trained in natural disaster relief which was different from COVID-19 because natural disasters occurred in specific, isolated locations. They were recognizable occurrences whereas the COVID-19 pandemic was everywhere. She referred to a diagram of the phases of disaster and discussed Cedar Hills's location. The positive case count was over 60,000 in Utah and they had had 890 deaths to date, and it was the 3rd leading cause of death in Utah.

Ms. Wilmshurst stated that 40% of adults had responded to a Harvard study indicating the virus had impacted their mental health. The Kaiser Family foundation had done a poll in California and in March, 45% of adults had said that by July, it had risen to 53%. Young adults, racial ethnic minorities, essential workers, and unpaid adult caregivers were disproportionately experiencing mental health outcomes, increased substance abuse, and suicidal ideation. The Utah State Department of Health said the suicide rate had not gone up but over 25% of young adults between 18-25 had experienced thoughts of suicide. Calls to the suicide hotline had increased. Despite consisting of only 24% of the workforce of affected industries, Hispanic and non-white workers accounted for 73% of workplace outbreaks. The Utah Department of Health said that 14% of the population was Hispanic but 40% of the positive cases in Utah were Hispanic persons.

Ms. Wilmshurst stated Utah Strong was there to serve all Utahans. They provided free and confidential counseling, both in-person and virtually. They did public education and provided emotional support. They were also helping with rent and utilities in some cases. They offered support groups online and had a state hotline that was funded by FEMA with English and Spanish speaking counselors. The project was funded through June of 2021 and information was provided through various city newsletters. She provided her contact information and thanked the Council.

Mayor Rees stated they could share the information on Facebook and the City's website. C. Andersen commented that she appreciated the information.

CITY REPORTS AND BUSINESS

4. City Manager

Mr. Goodwin reported on recreation programs and stated the Jr. Jazz program was in full swing, but they had limited the signups. Normally they had 1,100 to 1,200 kids but at the time they had 876 which was intentional due to COVID-19 restrictions. Events were gearing up to be busier for the new normal in December and plans were in place to make sure they went off without a hitch. Social distancing and masks were being enforced well by the event hosts. Golf had closed for the year and they anticipated the Pleasant Grove Irrigation Project through the tenth hole would begin at any time. Due to COVID-19, many community activities had been cancelled, including Santa

night, but they looked forward to continuing these traditions in the future. He announced with sadness an employee of the golf course and a Cedar Hills resident Nick Gonzales had passed away and would be missed. He extended sympathies to Mr. Gonzales's family.

5. Mayor and Council

C. Andersen commented that she had had someone reach out to her and ask if they could publish contact information for county commissioners to express their opposition for the rehab center on Bridal Veil Falls. Mayor Rees replied that their contact information was available on their website. Mr. Goodwin stated that if they reached out to him, he would share the information with them.

C. Miller suggested they have contact information on the City page of leadership: Congressman John Curtis, the senators, and county commissioners. Mayor Rees commented that she thought that it was already on the website but they could make it more prominent.

C. Smith said she would be meeting with the Youth City Council that week via zoom to see if the members had alternative ideas and to make plans for the new year.

6. Review/Action on an Ordinance amending City Code Title 5-2-5 related to Parking Regulations

Mayor Rees commented they had a delay getting the agenda packet out and suggested a discussion be had that night but to table voting until the next meeting in January, so residents had more of an opportunity to weigh in.

Mr. Goodwin stated the biggest issues they had with parking enforcement was about recreational vehicles being stored in public rights-of-way. Currently the code allowed for vehicles in general to be stored for up to 48 hours in the public right-of-way and they were suggesting adopting language which addressed specifically the storage of recreational vehicles in public rights-of-way. Excluding winter parking issues, which was a separate issue already, recreational vehicles were their biggest problem. Most of these complaints were received from neighbors rather than staff going out and looking for them.

Mr. Goodwin stated a resident had emailed the City with some proposals and one was a 12-hour limit on recreational vehicles. Another resident had suggested a 24-hour limit, which he did not see a problem with, but thought the limits should be less than a standard vehicle restriction. He addressed camping in parked RVs and stated he did not recommend staff to allow for this to happen in the public right-of-way.

C. Miller commented that when people went on trips in their RVs it took longer to pack up than a traditional vehicle, and he thought that 12 hours was too short of a limitation. An issue was people were parking for the 48 hours then driving around and parking a short distance from the original parking spot to restart the time frame.

Mr. Goodwin stated the problem they had seen was during summer months with long term storage of vehicles. They did not have code enforcement personnel over the weekend so there was an

extra two days of parking that was not being enforced. Mayor Rees referred to section B1 and stated with the new code it would make it unlawful to park for up to 12 hours on any City street. Mr. Goodwin commented that that was the intent. C. Miller replied he thought that language would be helpful and avoided tiptoeing around technicalities; however, he still thought 12 hours was too short. C. Ellsworth, C. Smith, and C. Miller preferred 24 hours. C. Andersen commented that 12 hours was hard but that 24 hours should be the longest time to be allowed. Mr. Goodwin commented they could start with 24 hours and revisit it if they found it ineffective. Mayor Rees commented that between shortening the time to 24 hours and the updated language the problem should get resolved.

C. Smith commented they lived in a City where not everyone could store RVs in their driveway because of the steepness of the driveways. Her other concern was the actual safety concern and that 24 hours was her limit. Mr. Goodwin's major concern was camping and wondered about the City's liability. C. Andersen asked if they passed the ordinance, could it be advertised and put in the newsletter. Mayor Rees replied she planned on putting it in the chatroom to let people weigh in on the matter.

MOTION: C. Andersen —To table this item. Seconded by C. Smith .

Yes	-	C. Andersen	
		C. Ellsworth	
		C. Miller	
		C. Smith	Motion passes.

7. Review/ Action on an Ordinance setting the Time and Place of the Regular City Council Meetings for 2021

Mr. Goodwin showed the proposed schedule and commented they were still proposing 7:00 pm City Council meetings with 6:00 pm Work Sessions. An item of note was the discussion of a presentation on January 5th but there was not a meeting scheduled for that day due to lack of staff the week before. Mayor Rees proposed having a meeting on January 5th and commented it could be small with just one item. There was a resident who had been working with legislature on a bill which would have an impact on 2021 municipal elections. Since they would be voting on this item on January 19th, she would like Council to have the opportunity to hear that presentation as it might affect their votes.

C. Smith asked who the presenter was. Mayor Rees replied that it was David Buck. C. Smith said that Wendy Hart had done a presentation for Highland about ranked choice voting that they might like to hear. Mayor Rees commented the bill being presented was to provide municipalities an opportunity to select from different options and not ranked choice voting specifically. C. Smith had some concerns about ranked choice voting and wondered if there was time between then and now to hear more about the process.

Mayor Rees proposed having a meeting on January 5th but not having a work session. Mayor Rees told C. Smith to reach out to Ms. Hart if she wanted to.

MOTION: C. Andersen—To approve Ordinance No. 12-01-2020A, an ordinance setting the time and place of the regular meetings of the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, adding January 5th to the calendar. Seconded by C. Ellsworth.

Yes - C. Andersen
C. Ellsworth
C. Miller
C. Smith Motion passes.

8. **Review/Action on a Resolution Supporting the Preservation of Bridal Veil Falls for Natural Scenic and Recreational Purposes**

Mayor Rees read the proposed resolution. She stated there was a proposal from a private developer to build a drug rehab facility at the top of Bridal Veil Falls. It had been purchased by the County from a private owner after the structures on the property were destroyed by an avalanche. The Utah County Commissioners were holding a public hearing on December 9th because a conservation easement had been proposed for the property to prevent any private development. Other cities had provided support for the conservation easement.

C. Andersen was in favor of this resolution. C. Miller thought this was a selfish endeavor to limit access to one of the greatest natural features in their immediate area. The politics of the developer having made financial contributions to a couple of the commissioners seemed sketchy. C. Smith agreed and was disheartened and frustrated about it even being an option. She did not think a lot of people knew that it was going on and encouraged residents to speak out about the issue.

MOTION: C. Smith —To approve Resolution No. 12-01-2020A, a resolution supporting the preservation of Bridal Veil Falls for natural scenic and recreational purposes through a conservation easement. Seconded by C. Miller.

Yes - C. Andersen
C. Ellsworth
C. Miller
C. Smith Motion passes.

Motion: C. Andersen - To go into Closed Session Pursuant to Utah State Code 52-4-205(1) (d) to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Seconded by C. Ellsworth.

Vote taken by roll call. (6:46 p.m.)

Yes - C. Andersen
C. Ellsworth
C. Miller
C. Smith Motion passes.

Motion: C. Smith - To adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the Council Meeting. Seconded by C. Andersen. (7:06 p.m.)

Yes - C. Andersen
C. Ellsworth
C. Miller
C. Smith Motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. on a motion by C. Andersen , seconded by C. Miller, and unanimously approved.

Approved by Council:
January 19, 2021

/s/ Colleen A. Mulvey, MMC
City Recorder