

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 14, 2021 1:00 p.m.
City Office Building
10246 N Canyon Road, Cedar Hills, Utah

Participants: Ben Ellsworth, Mayor Pro Tempore, Presiding
Councilmembers: Mike Geddes, Kelly Smith, Laura Ellison (1:20 p.m.)
Absent/Excused: Denise Andersen, Brian Miller
Chandler Goodwin, City Manager
Jeff Maag, Building Official
Hyrum Bosserman, City Attorney
Colleen Mulvey, City Recorder
Others: Lt. Cameron Paul, Fire Marshal Matt Sacco
The Mayor Pro Tempore and Councilmembers participated electronically via Zoom

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, having been properly noticed, was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tempore Ellsworth.

2. Approval of Meeting's Agenda.

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

Yes	-	C. Ellsworth	
		C. Geddes	
		C. Smith	Motion passes.

3. Review/Action on a Resolution adopting specified restrictions on Fireworks and Open Fires in the City

Chandler Goodwin explained as the fire season approaches there is concern about the conditions on the hillside and native areas throughout the city which have worsened due to higher-than-normal temperatures and drought conditions. After discussions with the Fire Chief and Fire Marshal we are recommending that additional restrictions be put into place to further restrict the use of both ground and aerial fireworks. The proposed map shows an outright ban on fireworks in all orange areas, and a yellow area has been created where aerial fireworks are prohibited but the use of ground fireworks may be appropriate.

C. Ellsworth asked what the difference was between the areas east and west of Canyon Road. Mr. Goodwin said the difference is that everything east of Canyon Road falls in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) which is the zone of transition between unoccupied land and human development and does carry more restrictions related to fireworks.

C. Ellsworth then inquired about the area further south on the map which is next to the white area where fireworks are allowed. Mr. Goodwin replied those are areas of open space and native areas that surround the golf course, Cottonwood Drive, Bayhill Drive, and the Oak Road parcel.

C. Ellsworth commented that we are going to have push back from residents in The Cedars because it is far from the native area. Mr. Goodwin said he recognizes that but even the city at the annual fireworks show held at the driving range had fires resulting because of the wind that blows through there.

Fire Marshal, Matt Sacco stated the drought conditions, the topography, and the water supply this year have created issues and concerns. They did not want to rule out all fireworks, just in certain areas where there would be significant risks.

C. Smith asked to clarify that no aerals are allowed anywhere. Mr. Goodwin replied there are no aerals allowed in the yellow and orange areas, the white areas have no restrictions. The yellow area can do ground fireworks in the orange areas ground and aerial fireworks are not permitted.

C. Smith commented this is going to fill arbitrary, and would it be better to say no aerals this year because of the conditions. Mr. Goodwin replied that would be up to the Council, we were not trying to be arbitrary in the way we drew the map, and we wanted to do it in a way that limited risk and is easily enforceable by the police. C. Geddes commented he is not in favor of banning all aerals.

C. Smith then asked if we allow fireworks to be lit in the parks. Mr. Goodwin replied we do not allow fireworks in the parks, or in the church and school parking lots

C. Ellsworth stated he does like this map and if we do need to adjust it down the road, we can do that. Mr. Goodwin said each year we adopt a map, this is not a permanent map it is for this year's fire season and these unique circumstances. C. Ellsworth stated there will be some pushback but given the circumstances with the drought it will be easy to explain the rationale. Mr. Goodwin stated that staff is ready to field those calls and answer concerns as needed.

MOTION: C. Smith—To adopt Resolution No. 06-14-2021A, a resolution of the City Council of Cedar Hills, Utah, adopting specified restrictions of fireworks and open fires in portions of the city. Seconded by C. Geddes.

Yes	-	C. Ellison	
		C. Ellsworth	
		C. Geddes	
		C. Smith	Motion passes.

This meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m. on a motion by C. Geddes, seconded by C. Ellison, and unanimously approved.

Approved by Council:
June 29, 2021

/s/ Colleen A. Mulvey, MMC
City Recorder