

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF CEDAR HILLS  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.  
Community Recreation Center  
10640 N. Clubhouse Drive, Cedar Hills, Utah**

**Present:** Mayor Denise Andersen, Presiding  
Council Member Laura Ellison  
Council Member Mike Geddes  
Council Member Brian Miller

**Absent/Excused:** Council Member Alexandra McEwen  
Council Member Kelly Smith

**Staff:** Chandler Goodwin, City Manager  
Charl Louw, Finance Director  
Kevin Anderson, Public Works Director  
Jeff Maag, Building Official  
Hyrum Bosserman, City Attorney  
Gretchen Gordon, Deputy City Recorder

**Others:** Lieutenant Josh Christensen  
Jesse Mecham

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. Call to Order, Pledge, and Invocation.**

The City Council Meeting of the City of Cedar Hills, having been properly noticed, was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Andersen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Geddes.

The Invocation was offered by Council Member Miller.

**2. Approval of Meeting Agenda.**

**MOTION: Council Member Ellison moved to APPROVE the meeting agenda. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Public Comment: Time has been set aside for the public to express their ideas, concerns, and comments.**

*Joseph Badger* gave his address as 4118 West Eucalyptus Court and identified himself as a Youth City Council (“YCC”) Representative. Last week was Cedar Hills Family Festival and the YCC was in charge of the Parade and the Ducky Derby. The winners were contacted and received their awards. Everything went well.

There were no further public comments. The public comment period was closed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **Approval of the Minutes from the May 3, 2022, Work Session, and City Council Meetings.**
5. **Appointment of Chandler Goodwin to the Timpanogos Special Service District Board.**

**MOTION: Council Member Ellison moved to APPROVE the Consent Agenda and the appointment of Chandler Goodwin to the Timpanogos Special Service District Board. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **CITY REPORTS AND BUSINESS**

6. **City Manager Report.**

City Manager, Chandler Goodwin reported that the putting green improvements were moving forward and will be open and ready for use in the next few weeks. The Short Course has been struggling. The tee boxes and greens were reseeded the previous Sunday and staff is hopeful that they will be ready soon.

The Tee-ball and Coach Pitch Programs kicked off this week, as well as the Bowling League, which was full. The Slugger Tournament has also filled up.

Fireworks restrictions were in place and the City was ready to put out the information. The response from residents has been good so far.

The Family Festival Staff and volunteers did a great job and Mr. Goodwin expressed appreciation for all their hard work.

7. **Mayor and Council.**

Council Member Ellison reported that they did as well or better on the Ducky Derby than ever before, which is nice as it provides money toward the YCC budget. The year has come to an end and there will be a party for the YCC, after which applications will be accepted in July for the next year. It is for 9-12 graders and is a wonderful opportunity for them to participate in City functions.

Mayor Andersen expressed appreciation to the YCC and the Family Festival Committee for their hard work and commitment to the City. She has received a lot of positive feedback on the event. She reported that Senator Romney's Office asked if the City was doing a Memorial Day Celebration, and she told them that they have never done anything in the past. She expressed interest in putting together a flag-raising ceremony and asked the Council to consider it and look at possibly doing something in the future where they can utilize existing flagpoles throughout the parks and the City. The question was raised as to whether there are any veteran groups in the City to help with it. Mayor Andersen envisioned having residents participate.

Council Member Miller thanked everyone for their involvement in the Family Festival. It was very hot, but the community participation was excellent, despite many other cities in the area having things going on.

Council Member Geddes commented that the Family Festival was a fantastic event and the 5K was a success. He also enjoyed the baking contest.

### **SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **8. Review/Action on a Public Hearing on Preliminary and Final Plan for Lakeshore II Subdivision Plat C in the H-1 Hillside Residential Zone.**

Mr. Goodwin reminded the Council that the previous proposal had Lakeshore Trails wrapping around to the south and then coming back onto Canyon Road across from Cedar Hills Drive. There were 12 homes proposed. The developer has withdrawn the proposal and is now proposing to just put one home on the site. The entire site will remain private property. From the current termination of Lakeshore Trails to the home will be considered a private drive but it will need to meet fire apparatus access standards. As a result, there will be a hammerhead turn at the end of the street.

The Planning Commission made a positive recommendation in April. It had been verified that utilities can be connected to the home. It is quite simple compared to what was originally proposed. There will be curb and gutter along Canyon Road and a continuation of the existing wall. Across from Cedar Hills Drive, a makeshift trailhead has been used over the years. It is not a designated trailhead, in fact, property owners have tried to block it off in the past to discourage people from using it.

The biggest concern with the property is the existing utility easements. There is a City aqueduct and water line easement that runs through the middle of the property and access to the easement needs to remain open. Staff had no other concerns with the application.

It was noted that the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Easement runs through the property, so the placement of the home will need to take that into account. A question was raised regarding the water company's access to the easement. Mr. Goodwin showed the easement on the map displayed.

Mayor Andersen opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed.

**MOTION: Council Member Geddes moved to APPROVE Lakeshore II Subdivision, located in the H-1 Hillside Zone, and subject to compliance with the provisions of the City Code 10-4D and the following conditions:**

1. Subject to final zoning review.
2. Subject to the installation of curb and gutter along Canyon Road.
3. Subject to compliance with the City Engineer's review.

**Council Member Ellison seconded the motion Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**9. Review/Action and Public Hearing on a Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendments.**

Finance Director, Charl Louw reviewed the budget amendments and presented documentation showing changes to each line item. He reported that currently, the recreational programs are trending about \$20,000 higher than what was originally budgeted. Overall, the major changes were; sales tax, building increases, passports, recreation events, and the sale of capital assets.

Other adjustments were described. It was reported that the State Auditors look at if the City is spending less than what it is collected. In the past, the Engineering Plan review has been in Public Works, but Mr. Louw moved it to Building because that is what it is, which is why there is \$40,000 for Engineering Plan Review because that was what was spent on Shiny Shell and other plan reviews. There was a transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to help with those projects in the amount of \$400,000. The American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funding of \$600,000 was also in the Capital Projects Fund.

Mayor Andersen asked about the ARPA grant and if the \$600,000 is the total amount allotted. Mr. Louw stated that there will be a total of \$1.2 million, so an additional \$600,000 will be received the beginning of July. Initially, it was in the Water and Sewer Fund, but the government came out with a new ruling in April stating that the City can claim up to \$10 million in a category called Revenue Loss regardless of whether there is actually lost revenue. The money can go into almost any category, but the City will put it into the category that is the easiest to document and then move it around as needed.

Mayor Andersen opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed.

**MOTION: Council Member Ellison moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 06-14-2022A, adopting the July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, Fiscal Year Budget Amendments for the City of Cedar Hills, Utah. Council Member Geddes seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council**

**Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10. Review/Action and Public Hearing on a Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).**

Mr. Louw reported that the budget is based on the Certified Property Tax which increased by nearly \$7,000. A median household property tax in Cedar Hills was assessed at \$596,000. The established formula allocates about \$335 of the assessment to the City. He noted that there are a lot of extremes in play currently. Gas prices have increased the cost of everything. The City is still showing very low unemployment and he referenced home values in the City compared to the State and the nation.

Mr. Louw stated that revenues in the City are quite volatile. Property taxes, garbage, and Franchise Taxes are fairly stable, which equates to about 39% of the revenue. The remaining revenues are influenced by the economy, so the City stays conservative with the numbers. Building revenues have peaked and there has not been much new construction since the completion of the David Weekley Subdivision. Sales taxes have increased significantly while other general revenue categories have remained flat. Golf revenues have increased substantially with an additional \$120,000 increase projected for June.

Mr. Louw displayed a chart with the proposed allocations for the budget. He also stated that the City has made an effort to maintain good employees and is trying to be competitive in the market. The Fire/Paramedic monthly fee of \$6.95 was eliminated, which equates to approximately \$225,000 in General Fund revenue.

The Class C Road Fund has about \$750,000 set aside for road maintenance once the fiber project is complete. \$100,000 was set aside for golf wages and benefits with \$57,000 of that for part-time staff. Fertilizer costs have increased and there is a plan to purchase a new mower for the golf course. The golf property tax levy is flat and goes toward a debt service of \$358,000.

The Capital Projects include the roundabout and median improvements. It will cost approximately \$40,000 for the roundabout and \$15,000 for the median to get all the plants, rocks, edging, and grading to complete the project. Heritage Park improvements will cost approximately \$2.4 million. The City has set aside \$100,000 for improvements around the golf course and \$100,000 for improvements around the Vista Room.

Mr. Goodwin reported that the Landscaping Plan is geared more toward weddings than golf. He stated that there has been a lot of interest in the Vista Room since the improvements were made there. Weddings take place regularly and they would like to create a venue for the building exterior to have as much draw as the inside with improvements to attract more businesses and revenue.

Council Member Geddes stated that it would be nice to see a deck wrapped around the building. Mr. Goodwin indicated that it has been discussed and they are trying to work out the details. He stated that the deck could be a nice amenity to the golf course and provide options for

accommodating golf tournaments along with other activities, like weddings. Staff was working on that alternative.

Mr. Louw presented concepts for the Stage Area at Heritage Park and reviewed the costs and remaining details for its completion. Work on the parking lot was expected to begin soon. There was discussion regarding what to do with the west side of the park area and if a Pickleball court would be the answer. It was determined that Pickleball was not the answer. Mayor Andersen stated that it would be nice to have a quiet place for families to have picnics and enjoy time there.

Council Member Ellison asked about the cost of the median and the roundabout. Mr. Louw reported that it will be about \$41,000 plus an additional \$17,000 for the median.

Mr. Louw reported on the Water and Sewer Fund and stated that they will not hear until August whether the City will receive the 70% grant on the secondary meters. The total price with engineering for the meters is approximately \$840,000. Chlorination should cost less but will be discussed later in the meeting.

The Motor Pool Fund was dependent on the availability of new vehicles. Higher gas costs were anticipated than in previous years. Mr. Louw showed a list of projects the City is planning to work on for the upcoming year and invited questions from the Council.

Council Member Geddes asked about the groundbreaking for the fiber optics. Mr. Goodwin stated that the system requires two hut locations. The hut locations house the equipment and generator for the fiber system. The locations were identified as Sunset Park away from play areas and across the street from Heritage Park in the Forest Creek area. Mr. Goodwin stated that he would reach out to UTOPIA and find out when the groundbreaking will be.

A question was raised regarding the rocks for the median. The purpose of the rocks is to eliminate the need for water and maintenance. So while the type of rock used can be discussed, they do not want to deviate from the plan of using rock. The boulders will be reused for the site.

Mayor Andersen opened the public hearing.

*Kent Rust* gave his address as 3751 West Box Elder Drive and stated that a playground idea for Heritage Park he had seen would include a climbing wall. He also asked that when the information for UTOPIA is available that it be published in the newsletter so residents know when they can expect to be able to begin using it.

Mr. Goodwin stated that the City is still several months out from actual sign-ups for UTOPIA. There is a lag time between installation and sign-up. By contract, they are required to be complete within two years and have stated that they will be complete in just one year. He hoped that by the fall the residents will have the ability to sign up. Also, UTOPIA has crews set up to fix potential irrigation problems caused by the installation of the lines.

There were no further public comments. Mayor Andersen closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: Council Member Geddes moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 06-14-2022B, a Resolution adopting the July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Cedar Hills, Utah. Council Member Ellison seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Andersen reopened the public hearing.

*Mark Nelson* gave his address as 40075 West Eucalyptus Court and stated how wonderful the Family Festival was and wanted to express her appreciation.

There were no further public comments. Mayor Andersen closed the public hearing.

**11. Review/Action on a Resolution Certifying the Calculated 2022-2023 Real and Personal Property Tax Levy.**

Mr. Louw reported that the Certified Property Tax Rate gives the City the amount they had the prior year plus any new growth. The projected new growth is \$6,900. Property tax does not grow with inflation like sales tax, which is why there may eventually need to be some adjustments made.

**MOTION: Council Member Ellison moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 06-14-2022C, a Resolution setting the total Property Tax Levy assessed upon the real and personal property for general governmental purposes for the 2022-2023 Tax Year for the City of Cedar Hills, Utah. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**12. Review/Action on a Resolution Adding, Amending, or Deleting Certain Fees to the Official Fees, Bonds, and Fines Schedule for the City of Cedar Hills.**

Mr. Goodwin reported that as part of the budget, the Fee Schedule needs to be amended to reflect the budget changes. He reviewed the changes, most of which had been discussed by Mr. Louw. He also discussed the Certificate of Insurance required for special events.

Council Member Geddes asked for clarification on the insurance requirements. Mr. Goodwin stated that it is for special events that include more than 100 people.

The Vista Room Rental rates will increase and keep the City in line with similar rates for venues in other cities. Other changes included a hydrant meter rental.

Mayor Andersen noted that even with the rate increases, the rates are very competitive.

**MOTION: Council Member Miller moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 06-14-2022D, a resolution adding, amending, or deleting certain fees to the official fees, bonds, and fines schedule for the City of Cedar Hills, Utah. Council Member Geddes seconded the motion.**

**Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**13. Review/Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Utah County Regarding Election Ballot Drop Boxes.**

Mr. Goodwin reported that this agreement includes a requirement to have a surveillance camera monitor the site for the drop box. The ballots have been sent out and the camera has been installed and is functioning. There is a sign stating that there is video surveillance at the site. This is an Interlocal Agreement with Utah County that runs for 50 years. The county will reimburse the City for the cost of the camera once the agreement is signed.

**MOTION: Council Member Ellison moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 06-14-2022E, a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Utah County and the City of Cedar Hills, Utah regarding Election Ballot Drop Boxes. Council Member Ellison seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**14. Review/Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with the North Utah County Aquifer Council.**

Mr. Goodwin reported that this matter involves the organization of cities in North Utah County who get together and share their well data to preserve and regenerate the aquifer and work together on projects to ensure that they are being good stewards of this resource. Cedar Hills is one of few cities that has not participated in the past. Staff felt that now was the time to do their part and participate on the Council. The annual participation fee is \$6,000 and has been budgeted. Staff recommended that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement and join the Northern Utah County Aquifer Council (“NUCAC”). At an upcoming meeting, a point of contact would be chosen.

Council Member Geddes asked how long NUCAC has been an entity. Mr. Goodwin said that it has been around for approximately 10 years. It is not a lobby group. Council Member Geddes asked Public Works Director, Kevin Anderson if it was worth doing and he confirmed that it was. Mr. Goodwin reported that every city from Orem to Lehi is participating or will be participating after this month. He noted that the public good outweighs the cost of joining. There was further discussion and clarification that there a separate entity takes care of the debris basin. Information gathered from monitoring the surrounding wells would be good for the City to have.

**MOTION: Council Member Geddes moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 06-14-2022F, a Resolution authorizing the City of Cedar Hills to join the North Utah County Aquifer Council and Authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal NUCAC agreement. Council Member Ellison seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**15. Review/Action on Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Bird Electric Scooters.**

Mr. Goodwin reported that Bird Electric Scooters made a presentation to the City Council last fall in an effort to locate 50 scooters in the community. There is a red-lined agreement that they have been working on for the last several months. He liked the idea of scooters in major metropolitan areas but had issues with them in Cedar Hills. Bird says their model is profitable for them in small cities like this, which is not the real issue. The bigger issue is having scooters strewn about and not taken care of. When residents have an issue with a scooter that has been abandoned in their yard, they will likely call the City – not Bird – to get it resolved. He wanted to make sure that it would not be adding any work for the City.

Council Member Miller was reluctant and shared some of the same concerns. He did not feel that they would be used, and if they were, it would typically be by people under the age of 18. He stated that at first, they could come in on a trial basis, but he felt that there would be more problems than benefits. There would also be no revenue to the City. Mr. Goodwin stated that they have amended the contract to allot \$.10/ride to the City.

Council Members Geddes and Ellison expressed disapproval of the scooters. Mayor Andersen commented that she initially thought it would be a fun idea but as she has driven in other cities and seen the mess they make, she was not in favor of them either. Cedar Hills is not laid out in such a way that the scooters would be beneficial. All agreed that they did not want to see them on the trails or sidewalks.

**MOTION: Council Member Miller moved to NOT APPROVE authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with Bird Electric Scooters. Council Member Geddes seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**16. Review/Action on Awarding the Bid for Harvey Well.**

Mr. Goodwin reported that the water levels at Harvey Well were of concern. The splash pad that is supplied by Harvey Well is currently only being used on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays because the City is trying to conserve the ability of Harvey Well to produce water. As the draw on the well is consistent, the static water level will drop, and the need for culinary water is primary. The proposed project is intended to deepen Harvey Well by 300 feet. The City has been working with Hansen, Allen, & Luce on the engineering and bid documents. The project went out to bid over the last month and bids were due yesterday by 2:00 p.m. The City received a bid that fits within the budget from Water Well Services in the amount of \$773,400. That, combined with Hansen, Allen, & Luce's fees of \$66,700, comes to \$840,100, which is under the \$850,000 originally budgeted. As only one bid was submitted it was suggested that it be accepted.

The City was proposing that the project begin by mid-July so that the well is up and running by next year's watering season. This year, so far the weather has been cooler, and rainstorms have allowed the City to not use any of the 710-acre feet of water from the Central Utah Water Project.

That reserve can get the City through July, August, and September. Mr. Goodwin commended Mr. Anderson and his crew for how they managed the water system.

The proximity of Harvey Well to the adjacent residents was an issue. They can install temporary sound walls at a cost of \$200,000. Mr. Goodwin reported that there are some sound barriers with the trees and vegetation in the area. Also, the company doing the project will only be working during daylight hours. It will be a nuisance for the residents, but he suggested that the City hold a meeting with the neighborhood to get their input. He suggested they invite the engineers and drilling companies to help answer questions.

Mr. Goodwin reported that the other part of the project involves chlorination. A few years ago, the City had Total Chloroform (“TC”) hits when they did the water sampling. They need to identify the source of the bacteria. He stressed that it is not E-coli. Because there were a few hits in a short period of time the State conducted a Level 1 and a Level 2 assessment to ensure that the City is following State protocols. Since then, there has not been another TC hit and the City believes that the reason was due to construction and possible cross-contamination. It could also have been an issue with the sampling. The State required the City to chlorinate the water permanently. There is a very steep penalty for not complying with the mandate. The City was working with the State to come up with a plan and timeline. Mr. Louw reported that the cost for the Cottonwood Well would be \$15,000. The cost of the chemicals and regular testing will be ongoing. There would be additional conversations on the matter in the future. Mr. Anderson added that the amount of chlorination will be very low.

**MOTION: Council Member Miller moved to APPROVE awarding the bid for the refurbishment of Harvey Well to Well Water Services in the amount of \$773,400 and authorize the Mayor and Staff to negotiate and execute an agreement. Council Member Geddes seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**17. Review/Action on Acceptance of the Internal Audit Reports.**

Mr. Goodwin reported that to comply with the State Fraud Risk Assessment put out by the State Auditor’s Office, the City must conduct internal audits. It was noted that the City Council is the Audit Committee. The Building Inspection Log was evaluated as well as plan submissions and it was discovered that the Building Department has done a great job of staying in compliance with the State requirements on both items. Another audit was to look at the Work Orders for Public Works and determine how to turn them over. That was more of a general information audit. Mr. Goodwin said next year they would evaluate the Purchase Order process and the separation of duties in terms of cash reconciliation.

**MOTION: Council Member Geddes moved to ACCEPT the Internal Audit Reports. Council Member Ellison seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

**18. Discussion on Park and Pickleball Reservation Rules, and Review on Park Vandalism Policies.**

Mr. Goodwin reported that some park policies need to be established. The use of inflatables in the park that people bring in for events has become a problem because when they trailer them, they drive over the grass and break sprinkler heads, hit sprinkler lines with stakes, and cause extensive damage to the grass. Staff asked the Council to determine if they want to allow inflatables or not.

The next item pertained to park rental rates. Currently, the cost is \$8-\$16 per hour for residents and non-residents. Other cities require someone to rent for blocks of time, which may be easier to monitor. The rates range from \$25 to \$80. Mr. Goodwin invited input from the Council.

Council Member Miller asked what the benefit would be to rent out blocks of time. Mr. Goodwin explained that someone who may rent it for one hour, knowing that nobody has it rented afterward, may use it for five hours because it is difficult to monitor, and nobody will be there to tell them to leave. There have been several instances where people have actually fought over the pavilions, and they would like to try to mitigate that as much as possible.

Council Member Geddes was in favor of blocking out a two-hour minimum period of time for park rentals. He did not feel that people need to have inflatables at the park. It was noted that both the fields and the pavilions are rentable at the parks. It was determined that inflatables were not desirable.

Mr. Goodwin read a statement from Recreation Director Greg Gordon regarding what other cities are doing about Pickleball Court reservations. Most cities in the area do not allow court reservations and there are typically a lot of complaints when the courts are closed for tournaments. The City has installed a sign that says, "Please Share the Pickleball Courts." If reservations are allowed, it would only add another level of frustration to the players. Additionally, there is not adequate staff in place to manage the reservations.

Council Member Geddes agreed with keeping the courts open and not allowing reservations. He stated that Pickleball players arrange themselves into tribes and the tribes become very good at taking over a facility for hours at a time.

Council Member Miller stated that he was approached by someone who wanted to reserve the courts for an office Pickleball tournament. He wondered if there was a way to block out times for tournaments that are sponsored by an employer or organization. Mr. Goodwin stated that a similar question arose with renting out the Vista Room. He explained that someone could rent it out and use it for a for-profit venture. Tournaments would be a similar issue as they would generate revenue, which he was not in favor of.

Council Member Geddes liked the idea of allowing companies to rent out the court for their employees. He noted that private venues do that so there are other options for private organizations. Mr. Goodwin commented that when there are tournaments at a City facility, there needs to be a staff member present to monitor it.

The final issue Mr. Goodwin addressed was vandalism. He played a video showing vandalism that took place over the course of one night in the park. A couple of kids on motorbikes were riding through the storm basin and several people saw them. A car raced around the parking lot and nearly hit the curb. Finally, a couple of kids stole the xylophone from the playset at Harvey Park. The police were involved in the last incident, but it illustrates that vandalism is a problem. There are lights and cameras, and Mr. Goodwin was unsure what else to do. He would like to have the park monitored at night and citations issued to those out past curfew. With kids out of school now, the problem is at its peak. He also stated that he needs help from residents. The neighbors could put together a Neighborhood Watch, but it needs to be run efficiently by working with the Police Department to determine when the best times would be to monitor the park. Additionally, by organizing a group, people tend to watch out more for one another, get to know each other and are more likely to report something they see rather than ignore it. Mr. Goodwin suggested that the video be put out on social media with a plea for help in finding the perpetrators. He would like the park to have a reputation of being vandalism-free and a place where people are not welcome after hours.

Council Member Geddes stated that he often drives through the park and if it is after hours he tells people to leave. Mayor Andersen has done the same and was met with resistance. Mr. Goodwin added that he has also asked people not to light off fireworks at the golf course.

In the June newsletter, the Police Department discussed the park curfews in their article.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **19. Adjourn.**

**MOTION: Council Member Geddes moved to ADJOURN. Council Member Ellison seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Council Member Ellison-Yes, Council Member Geddes-Yes, Council Member Miller-Yes, Council Member McEwen – Absent, Council Member Smith - Absent. The motion passed unanimously.**

This meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved by Council:  
July 19, 2022

/s/ Colleen A. Mulvey, MMC  
City Recorder