



PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RESULTS

September 10, 2018

A meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee of Council was scheduled to take place on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Chairperson Hurt called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Those in attendance included Councilmember Barbara McGuinness, Ward 1; Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward 2; Council Member Chairperson Dan Hurt, Ward 3 and Councilmember Michelle Ohley, Ward 4. Also in attendance were Mike Whelan; Mayor Bob Nation; Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts, Tom McCarthy; and Executive Assistant, Parks, Recreation and Arts, Ann-Marie Stagoski.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember McGuinness and seconded by Councilmember Ohley to accept the August 27, 2018 minutes as presented.

A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously (4-0).

Agenda Item #2: Amphitheater Budget Timing

Director McCarthy discussed the need to approve the budget of \$120,000 for Jason Baucom, Superintendent of Arts & Entertainment, so that he may enter into contracts with performers in fall of 2018 for the 2019 season. It was stated that this is not additional funding, it is just being appropriated earlier so that Mr. Baucom has the funds necessary to sign contracts and pay deposits on performers in a manner that puts the amphitheater in the best position to attract the top talent before they are already committed to other venues. Mr. Baucom has been given the authority to enter into contracts without coming back to council for approval of each contract. This practice is done in other cities with similar venues.

Councilmember McGuinness moved that the \$120,000 budget for Mr. Baucom be approved and move the issue on to the full council. Councilmember Ohley seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

Agenda Item #3: Pool Management and Maintenance Contract

Mr. McCarthy gave an overview of our pool contract. The city is in its 2nd year of a 3 year contract with LifeGuards Unlimited. Throughout the first year they were short of staffing the required amount of lifeguards and had maintenance issues at the pool. They were informed that there needed to be improvement. At the beginning of this season Lifeguards Unlimited made assurances that they would do better. However, the results were determined to be worse. Safety, staffing, cleanliness, maintenance and management issues increased. At times there was only one guard present. Councilmember McGuinness asked if they were in breach of contract to which Director McCarthy stated that they were. There is no termination charge if the contract is cancelled due to a breach.

Director McCarthy recommended that the administration of the pool be brought in house requiring the hiring of one full time Recreation Manager and one part time, seasonal employee to help with the overall maintenance. The pool budget is anticipated to remain the same.

Points of discussion were:

- Lack of safety
- Lack of cleanliness
- Pool bodies of water being shut down by county after failing inspections at times
- How are pool bills reviewed and paid
- On only one day, for the entire summer, was the pool fully staffed
- About 50 guards would need to be hired for the 2019 season
- Timing of pool renovations

Additional suggestions for overall pool improvement were:

- Reduce the times fountains and splash area were not working
- Splash area needs more shade
- Two person inner tubes are desired by residents for the Lazy River with a baby seat
- Residents would like more ladders and ½ ledges at the kids pool

A motion was made by Councilmember Mastorakos and seconded by Councilmember Ohley to move the pool operations in house with the hiring of one full time and one part-time, seasonal person, staying within the current budgeted amount and moving this proposal to the full council. A voice vote was taken and approved 4 to 0.

This item will be forwarded to City Council for consideration at the September 17, 2018 meeting.

Agenda Item #4: Master Plan Update

Director McCarthy stated that there will be a presentation regarding the Master Plan in Council Chambers on Nov 27th at 6:30 p.m. and will last 45 min to 1 hour. The consultants will present survey results, comparisons and recommendations. Committees and the general public will be invited to attend.

Agenda Item #5: New Business

Director McCarthy stated that there were composting kits available for sale to city residents.

Mike Whelan recapped the Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting where they discussed the pavilion proposal and the composting bins.

Agenda Item #6: Old Business

Director McCarthy distributed a rough rendering of the proposed pavilion in Central Park. Councilmembers voiced their concerns over the location, design and shape of the pavilion. Consensus was that we needed more pavilions in the city. Director McCarthy is going to look into whether the location can be changed and still receive possible grant funds. If the proposed location is moved, there is the potential that additional grading would be necessary and come out of Park funds. Director McCarthy will ask for additional renderings that show the pavilion placed in different spots. If the grant will not be pursued, then the grant would need to be pulled by

September 29, in order to save points for future use on grants. If moving the pavilion is not allowed by the grant committee then a future meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council would be required.

A senior programming event at the Veterans Honor Park will be held September 11, 2018 at 10:00. All are encouraged to attend.

Agenda Item #7: Adjournment

Meeting ended at 6:38 p.m. on September 10, 2018.