

AMERICAN FORK CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2023
WORK SESSION MINUTES

Members Present:

Bradley J. Frost	Mayor
Kevin Barnes	Council Member
Staci Carroll	Council Member
Ryan Hunter*	Council Member
Rob Shelton	Council Member
Clark Taylor	Council Member

Staff Present:

David Bunker	City Administrator
Camden Bird	Assistant City Administrator
Derric Rykert	Community Service Director
Stephanie Finau	Deputy Recorder
Cherylyn Egner	Legal Counsel
Cameron Paul	Police Chief
George Schade	IT Director
Jason Thompson	Parks Superintendent

Also present: John Woffinden, John Miller (Wasatch Musical Alliance), Brian Thompson (PARC Board), Scott Oakelberry (PARC Board), Reggie Walker (Timpanogos Art Foundation TAF), Spencer and Summerisa Stevens, Reggie Walker, John Miller, Casandria Crane, Kathleen & Assistant (Library).

The American Fork City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at City Administration Conference Room, located at 51 E. Main Street, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION

The purpose of City Work Sessions is to prepare the City Council for upcoming agenda items on future City Council Meetings. The Work Session is not an action item meeting. No one attending the meeting should rely on any discussion or any perceived consensus as action or authorization. These come only from the City Council Meeting.

1. Report by the PARC Tax recipients.

Mayor Frost welcomed everyone to the work session. He turned the time over to the various PARC Tax recipients for their reports.

Harrington Center for the Arts: Spencer Stevens reported on the 2021-2022 PARC cycle and mid-year report for 2023. He stated that the program promotes creativity and learning by

supporting the arts, education, performance, opportunities that uplift families, individuals and communities, and inspire meaningful human connections. It also provides mentorship across all creative disciplines and engages the community through high quality festivals, performance, and art exhibits. He went over the PARC supported programs in detail.

- Fork Fest
- Concerts in the Park
- Chalk It Up
- Explorations of New Works (2 times a year)
- Sculpture Exhibit (4 bronze sculptures a year)
- Empowering Women in the Arts (CTE with ASD)
- The Walls
- Timpanogos Chorale

**Council Member Hunter arrived at 4:08 p.m.*

He mentioned the unveiling of Eric Dowdle painting of American Fork and discussed how the painting came about and the celebration that went along with it.

Timpanogos Art Foundation (TAF): Reggie Walker reported on the year with the programs and the events they put on.

- American Fork Symphony will be celebrating their 30th anniversary at their winter concert in February
- Vivace (youth orchestra) held a summer camp and fall concert
- Timpanogos Singers Youth Choir performed at festival and Christmas concert
- American Fork Community Theater put on “Oliver” and “Little Shop of Horrors”; working on a theater reading project and on “Legends of Sleepy Hollow” for next year
- American Fork Youth Theater currently working on “Descendants”
- American Fork Visual Arts – Steel Days Art Show and a few gallery shows at their building
- Arts & Musical Festival in their 4th season; will work with the chamber of commerce for the 5th festival
- Mary Kawakami Youth Speech Contest

He stated they continue to develop and expand their arts programs and projects and on rebranding for consistency. They are working on being a better partner with the community and are participating in three Steel Days events. The Symphony partnered with Highland Chorale Arts and the Community Theater offered ASL nights with interpreters for the deaf community.

Council Member Shelton asked to have participation numbers with the report. Brian Thompson commented on how he appreciated that TAF summary on how he showed what he spent per

project and also that he is not just covering administrative salary but also using it to go to other expenses.

Wasatch Musical Alliance: John Miller stated they are up to 80 plus members. He reported on the Christmas concert combined with the Timpanogos Chorale and concerts that were held where some famous people and local people performed. He mentioned plans for the future and applying for the state Music Educator Convention in St. George that will be in 2024. They have plans to put together a youth concert band and not compete with the high school bands. Mr. Miller spoke of the Wasatch Show Band and how well they've been doing. He invited everyone to an event on Valentine's Day Concert Dinner/Dance at the North Hampton House.

American Fork Community Services: Derric Rykert reported on the projects they have been working on and will be completed this year.

- Hunter Playground (adding swings) installed in the Spring 2023. When asked about installing physically impaired swings, Mr. Rykert explained they have considered it but they would not be installed at this park.
- Shade Structures at the pool installed in 2023 on the east side
- Hindley Pickleball Courts - 6 lighted courts coming Spring/Summer 2023. Council discussed options that can be done with the courts regarding electricity, sound barriers, and access to courts.
- Teen Zone in the library – Casandria Crane reported on how useful it has been since that has been completed for teenagers to do homework, games, and activities.
- Learning Center in the library - renovation on the classroom and storage are complete. It is also used for English classes. Ms. Crane stated that they'll have signage in English and Spanish so people know they can use these areas. She invited everyone to the Library Open House to see all PARC funded projects that have been done. She stated it will be a celebration for the 100th year anniversary for the library.

2. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.



Stephanie Finau
Deputy Recorder