

AMERICAN FORK CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 2, 2021  
WORK SESSION MINUTES

Members Present:

Kevin Barnes	Council Member
Staci Carroll	Council Member
Rob Shelton	Council Member
Clark Taylor	Council Member

Members Absent:

Barbara Christiansen	Council Member
Anna Montoya	Finance Officer
Aaron Brems	Fire Chief

Staff Present:

Bradley J. Frost	Mayor
David Bunker	City Administrator
Camden Bird	Community Services Director
Wendelin Knobloch	Associate Planner
Stephanie Finau	Deputy Recorder
George Schade	IT Director
Cherylyn Egner	Legal Counsel
Adam Olsen	Senior Planner
Darren Falslev	Police Chief
Derric Rykert	Parks and Recreation Director
Scott Sensanbauger	Public Works Director

Also present: Reggie Walker and Jason Thomson

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.*

The American Fork City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. The mayor read an official statement indicating that if the meeting were to take place in an anchor location, social distancing would not be possible. He read some of the health risks, and then moved on to the first agenda item.

1. A Mid-Year report by American Fork City and Timpanogos Arts Foundation (TAF) of the 2020-2021 PARC Tax funding. (Requested by Terilyn Lurker, Recorder)

Mayor Frost stated that the City Council had one item on the agenda tonight, which was the midterm year report by American Fork City and Timpanogos Art Foundation of the 2020-2021 and PARC Tax funding. He asked if there were any questions concerning the reports, noting that the packet was sent out last week.

Council Member Taylor asked Mr. Reggie Walker how many of the City Council Members he had been able to meet with.

Council Member Shelton pointed out the improvements from a physical nature, noting several that had been made throughout the City. He also appreciated that the website showed the allocation of funding in an accessible way to the public. He asked about Art Dye Park and wondered where the City was at with regards to the bond process. David Bunker, City Administrator, said he did not get the bond reconciliation in time to submit it, but staff could provide that information.

Council Member Shelton stated that as they discussed matching funds for other organizations out there, the City was trying to lead out with that as well. He said it as important to point out that they were trying to see what this would look like for 2021 or 2022 budgets. He noted this would be an important topic during a budget retreat.

Council Member Shelton commented on funding and stated he would appreciate seeing an amortization schedule. David Bunker, City Administrator, stated that staff would provide this information in a report. He noted that the bond was not paid off. Council Member Shelton said it would be helpful to see the payment source on the schedule as well. He loved seeing the bathrooms being completed at Quail Cove. In speaking with the Parks and Trails Committee Members, they indicated they would like to see what the City submits to the PARC Tax Committee regarding projects. He stated that it would be interesting to see if these payments aligned with the five-year-plan.

Camden Bird, Community Services Director, stated that staff had quite a few conversations every year with the Committee leading up to the PARC Tax application time period. Staff would like to understand the interest of the Parks & Trails Committee, as well as how this aligned with City staffing resources.

Council Member Barnes commented on the terms “restroom” versus “bathroom” stating his preference that the word “restroom” be used.

Council Member Taylor stated that he had received feedback regarding the PARC fund. He commended Mr. Bird for the new signs with the new logos. He briefly commented on the Art Dye Park project.

Council Member Barnes agreed that the signs looked wonderful and echoed Council Member Taylor’s remarks. In response to Council Member Shelton’s comments, he stated that when he worked with the Parks and Recreation Department, the types of conversations he noted took place frequently.

Mayor Frost excused Council Member Christiansen from the meeting, noting he hoped she could return next week for the retreat. He turned the time over to Reggie Walker, Executive Director of the Timpanogos Arts Foundation.

In response to Council Member Taylor’s earlier question, Mr. Walker stated he had been able to meet with all five Council Members.

Council Member Barnes noted a line item of \$47,000 and asked what that indicated. Reggie Walker stated that this was the number that the grant or group was awarded from the PARC tax. Council Member Barnes asked if this was the total amount awarded and not how much has been spent. Reggie Walker said no, it was the total amount awarded; in other words, what they had to work with.

Council Member Shelton stated that he was a big fan of how the money was split out for specific purposes instead of a big sum given out. He hoped that they could keep that same format moving forward. As they looked back at other organizations' funds (whether it is the library, the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, or the quilting people) the City had always been specific for what the grant funds were for. He complimented TAF for their work.

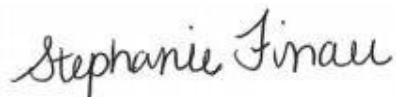
Council Member Shelton asked that as far as programming goes, how had the impact of COVID affected the roll over funds. He asked how TAF anticipated the rest of the year would go. Reggie Walker said he was unsure, though they were optimistic that the status of the world would improve with vaccines. In general, TAF had some groups that had actually done well, such as its community theatre group. They were one of the only theatres open, and they were strict with COVID requirements because the State asked them to. TAF also added some days to the theater runs. Some of our bands and choirs had some trouble with enough to perform, because they sit closely together with their full numbers. They had significant amounts of their groups that were not comfortable, and still a few going into the new year and the rest of our season through June, who were still uncomfortable. However, they were able to pull off some concerts. Mr. Walker stated that the visual arts were hit pretty hard. TAF had lost one of its staff members, Heidi, with COVID because she had to go back to work and they had not found a replacement for her. In general, TAF was doing its best. Council Member Shelton commended TAF for all of the good work it had continued to do amid difficult times.

Council Member Carroll asked how successful TAF had been in forming a functioning governing board. Mr. Walker answered affirmatively, noting that the board needed to grow, however. Ideally, the board needed 10 to 12 members, and they were working on this. Currently the group consisted of six members. Council Member Clark Taylor agreed that expanding the board would be valuable. He again commended TAF for its hard work.

Mayor Frost asked for any additional comments or questions. There being none, he closed the work session.

2. Adjourn.

The work session ended at 4:35 pm



Stephanie Finau, Deputy Recorder