

AMERICAN FORK CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 11 AND 12, 2021  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

Members Present:

Bradley J. Frost	Mayor
Kevin Barnes	Council Member
Staci Carroll	Council Member
Barbara Christiansen	Council Member
Rob Shelton	Council Member
Clark Taylor	Council Member

Staff Present:

David Bunker	City Administrator
Camden Bird	Community Services Director
Terilyn Lurker	City Recorder
Karen Kester	City Treasurer
Anna Montoya	Finance Director
Aaron Brems	Fire Chief
George Schade	IT Director
Cherylyn Egner	Legal Counsel
Adam Olsen	Senior Planner
Darren Falslev	Police Chief
Derric Rykert	Parks and Recreation Director
Scott Sensanbaugher	Public Works Director

The American Fork City Council met in a budget workshop with key staff on Thursday, February 11, 2021 beginning at 4:35 p.m. and Friday, February 12, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Fox Hollow Golf Course, 1400 North 200 East.

**February 11, 2021 at 4:35 p.m.**

Mayor Frost welcomed everyone to the workshop at 4:35 p.m. and offered an invocation. He turned the time over to David Bunker.

Mr. Bunker explained the budget process is critical and this is one of the most important meetings of the year. He stated as they review FY2021, they need to focus on the goals they would like to set, which may be the same goals as last year. He stated there were many people who worked together to get this workshop together and he expressed his appreciation for their hard work.

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

Camden Bird walked the council through the community survey. He noted there was a higher response rate this year. The questions were mostly the same in order to compare with last year, but there were two additional questions to find out the citizen's opinion on roads and fiber.

Mr. Bird explained that 91% of residents were happy with their quality of life in American Fork, with 1/3 feeling their quality of life was excellent. There are positive outlooks tied to improved health, life span, and resistance to depression and distress. Mr. Bird went over the ages of those answering the survey and the locations within the community they lived. He noted the paper responses were generally older people. The top issues to the respondents were ensuring a safe community, managing growth, and roads; this was the first year that roads were not the top issue. It was noted there was a list of issues and the respondents chose their top three.

Mr. Bird stated that a new question was concerning fiber internet. Of the responders, 57% were in favor, 38% were against, 3% indicated it would depend, and 2% were undecided. The second question concerned road funding and whether they were in support of the city pursuing a road fee or property tax to fund roads. There were 53% not in favor, 41% in favor, and 6% indicated it would depend. Mr. Bird pointed out that two years ago, 64% said they were willing to pay a little more if it meant additional and/or better quality services.

Mr. Bird went over the quality of city services and noted they were similar to last year's responses.

## FY 2021 STRATEGIC GOALS UPDATE

Mr. Bird explained the council went over the strategic goals update recently in a work session. It was noted they would go over the goals again and highlight what they needed to continue with.

### *Fiscal Responsibility*

Property Tax. They needed to evaluate the current and future expenses and determine if a property tax was needed. Once that was decided, they could then decide if they wanted a one-time or an ongoing (pegged rate) increase and then develop a plan to communicate to the public.

### *Infrastructure Improvements*

Infrastructure plan. Staff had created a one-year infrastructure plan in June of 2020 with a five-year plan completed in December of 2020. The next step was to determine viable funding opportunities.

Fiber. The community survey included a question on fiber where respondents were asked their interest in this. They will continue to work on this in the next couple of months.

200 South Construction. They needed to meet with Alpine School District with a proposal on a CRA within the next 45 days so the board could then decide.

### *Communication*

Opt-in event/Issue Notification System. The city has worked on the notification system with Everbridge and will be training appropriate staff members to use this system correctly.

### *Water Preservation*

Water/Sewer lines. There were three goals: look at current operations including fees, develop a metering plan, and looking into a water re-use program to utilize Timpanogos Special Service District's water.

### *Quality of Life*

Art Dye. It was noted that phases 1-3 of the Art Dye Park project have been completed. The Streets Department will be doing some work to level out the land on the north side of the property. The city will work with Fox Hollow on a lease agreement for the property north of the baseball fields for a driveway around the fields. They will be starting soon on the roundabout and looking at a possible dog park.

Council Member Shelton commented he would love to see if they could get some funding for Art Dye from the county. He also had some concerns with a dog park as they already had a problem with dogs at the park; he felt other locations would be better. Council Member Taylor agreed with the location not being ideal. Mr. Bird stated they did need more opportunities for dogs and thought they could place the dog park area along the north part of the park that would be large and out of the way.

### FY 2021 CIP STATUS UPDATE

Anna Montoya explained they have a spreadsheet of all FY2021 projects and equipment budgeted. She pointed out that significant projects are the water line and the fire station. The bonds issued in May 2020 for Fire Station 52 were for \$8.5 million and the negotiations for the parcel were underway. The city secured \$25.9 million in funding with the Board of Water Resources for the construction of the water line projects; currently the improvements on 600 East were underway. Ms. Montoya stated there were several road projects which have been substantially completed. There were also several traffic signals that were in process.

Ms. Montoya explained the city received CARE funding and noted they have documentation on the CARES Act funding received and spent, with some funds that have been earmarked.

Council Member Carroll asked where the traffic signal was at 620 South and 600 East. Mr. Bunker explained where the light would be and that it would be paid for through impact fees as it was a very busy intersection.

Council Member Shelton asked if they would be buying the meters for the pressurized irrigation system this year. Mr. Bunker answered that they have 2 years and will start next year with the installation. Scott Sensenbaugher explained they were still working with an agreement with the Bureau of Land Reclamation.

## TAX UPDATE

Mr. Bunker stated several council members had stated they have received comments and questions regarding property tax and utility costs. He noted staff researched the cities in the county and their property tax rates and put together tables showing the findings. Mr. Bunker went over the tables of property tax rates, median home values, and annual taxes paid. Each table showed the median as well as where the cities were in comparison. Mr. Bunker explained how the taxes were calculated and how much American Fork city residents pay for the median value home.

Mr. Bunker then went over utility bills for the cities within the county. He noted that cities also have different charges such as EMS, street light fees, road fees, and open space fees. There was a comparison of the month utility costs with a note that some cities may have other charges. If they looked at the combined annual cost American Fork comes out in the middle of the pack. Mr. Bunker noted there were four cities that subsidize the general fund by power and/or fiber revenues and some cities do not have as many services and therefore do not have to pay as much.

Council Member Shelton thought it would be nice to get the simplified graphs out to the citizens. The Utah taxpayers give out reports every year, but they calculate it in such a way that it makes it appear the city is paying more.

Council Member Barnes asked what the status was of the road fund with Pleasant Grove City. It was noted the case is under review and appeal, but that there were twelve other cities that charge road fees that have not been challenged.

The budget workshop adjourned at 5:40 p.m. until the following day.

### **Friday, February 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.**

Mayor Frost welcomed everyone back to the workshop.

## 5-10-20 YEAR RESOURCE OUTLOOK

Mr. Bunker commented it is necessary to determine the population and how fast the city will grow in order to carefully start planning for what they need in 5, 10 and 20 years down the road. The city may have missed the boat on things years ago, things they should have prepared for today. He went over the population outlook, indicating in five years the population was estimated to be approximately 42,700 residents and 54,000 residents in ten years with 64,500 residents in twenty years. The city is headed into the greatest decade of growth in our city's history. It also meant that the resources affected by growth were employees, space, equipment, technology, infrastructure, fleet, and physical assets. The issue was they were not ready for 20,000 additional residents with many of the departments are maxed out right now.

Mr. Bunker stated that comments from the citizens stated that American Fork was not the same city they grew up in, however, that could be said about all cities along the Wasatch front. He

explained the state legislature was looking at requiring every city to allow accessory apartments; there was a housing shortage as there were more people moving into Utah than out of Utah. Adam Olsen explained the city already allowed accessory apartments and has stayed ahead of the curve by allowing them.

There was a discussion on housing prices and the housing crunch. Housing was getting expensive and homes were selling fast. In some communities, there were waiting lists of two years and in American Fork subdivisions were selling out quickly.

Mr. Bunker continued that this was one of the most critical discussions the council will have. They need to get a handle on what was coming toward them and need to make some good decisions. There is a tipping point for employees, noting the increased population increased the number of full-time employees needed. Today, the city employed 258 full-time employees with a population of 34,153 which was 7.55 FTEs per 1000 residents. In 20 years, they would need 474 employees for 64,047 residents for 6.96 FTEs per 1000 residents. Along with the additional employees comes an increase in facilities and equipment. Currently, there is no excess space to expand with the inevitable growth.

Mr. Bunker pointed out there may be things they can do to reduce the need for space for employee by adding efficiencies in space such as not needing as much lobby area. Additionally, they may not need as many employees per 1000 as right now.

Mr. Bunker turned time over to the department directors.

### *Fire*

Chief Brems stated they were the busiest fire station in the state, doubling and tripling some of the neighboring stations. American Fork has 12 personnel per shift while others have 16 per shift. As they expand the service area, it changed their operations and tactics. Currently, two of the four ambulances are in service too much of the time to be counted as an asset. Chief Brems commented that American Fork was busier due to inter-facility transports, but that was a revenue builder but did use personnel, time, and equipment. They need to increase the manpower now, with six more employees needed for the Cedar Hills station. With many organizations hiring personnel, the city needed to stay competitive; some cities were offering sign on bonuses and higher retirement benefits. Chief Brems also reminded the council they needed to keep on the radar Station 53 as well as keeping up with keeping up with equipment needs. It was anticipated that Station 53 would need to be larger at it would have two companies in the same building serving a larger area. Chief Brems commented that they need to make sure there is adequate parking and training areas. The department has tours and PR programs, and they need to make sure they have the parking for that.

Council Member Shelton asked when they looked at fees last. Chief Brems answered that the state sets the amount the city can charge.

Chief Brems noted they ran over 1800 concurrent calls last year.

Council Member Shelton asked if they were waiting for Station 52 to be built before they start to purchase the land for Station 53. Chief Brems answered they wanted to focus on getting the land secured for Station 52 and then would work on the next land..

### *Police*

Chief Falslev started off by noting the Police Department was better now than they were several years ago, but they do need more employees. They were driven by the commercial district and high-density housing. In the past, they could take calls with one officer but now they need two or three officers due to the combative nature of people. They are receiving more calls but now must dedicate more officers per call. In 20 years, they will need 110 officers. They pride themselves on a higher level of service; their cases are prepared, and they do it right the first time. In addition to more personnel, they needed office space and evidence storage space. American Fork had the lowest ratio of detectives to population in the county. Their officers tell him they stay here because they like it. Chief Falslev commented that mental health was becoming an issue and he felt a mental health advocate would be mandated in the next few years. He pointed out his department had over 100 GRAMA requests a week and that Adam Ellison spent most of the week on one request. He reported that Russ Anderson, the code enforcement officer, has written more reports up than any other person. Chief Falslev stated the city was obligated to provide 74 parking spaces for the courts according to the contract; they were relying on the parking lot by the Apollo to help provide that and they were also using parking spaces at the Fire Station.

Council Member Shelton brought up electronic finger printing. Chief Falslev stated a citizen donated funds to pay for the electronics for the system.

Chief Falslev stated they were not asking for toys but for the bare minimum.

Council Member Carroll commented she liked the idea of a mental health advocate; that one person could help take off pressure from our other officers. She also noted that last year there was a planned philosophy for community policing through planning design. Chief Falslev commented that by designing proper lighting, fencing, landscaping you could help prevent some concerns. There was a discussion on cameras in strategic places within the city; the placement of cameras was a huge deterrent.

Chief Falslev finished up by noting that the connection you can make with young kids can affect them for the rest of their lives.

### *Public Works*

Mr. Bunker stated that Public Works Director Scott Sensenbaugher has no extra room for employees at Public Works. With expansion of infrastructure, they needed additional employees and additional shop/storage facilities. The original, blue public works building was 50 years old.

They needed to evaluate the structures and layout of Public Works. Mr. Bunker reported that Mr. Sensanbaugher felt they needed to stay centrally located to be a benefit to the city, and one option was to purchase the homes adjacent to the property. They do need more resources for Public Works. They just purchased a new VAC truck that has been a huge asset in water leaks. There was a discussion on expansion at Public Works and some possibilities such as boxing in the river and purchasing homes adjacent to the land.

### *Fitness and Recreation*

Derric Rykert went over the major issues they were facing - they have outgrown current space and existing facility needs to be upgraded, some programs were expanding and others were shrinking, the expansion layout and parking needs. He reported they have made a connection with the senior citizens and that has been a huge benefit. They are working on providing what people need and are focused on engaging people. Their needs are submitted through their capital improvements needs.

Mr. Rykert stated they wanted to be good neighbors but they need to take care of American Fork citizens first. He noted that 48% of the fitness center membership was coming from surrounding communities, and the same percentages have with sports programs. It was reported that non-residents do pay more to balance out what the citizens pay in taxes.

Council Member Shelton noted that it was important for kids to have something to do and others come to American Fork because they cannot get into their own recreation centers. He questioned whether staff had thought about a pass of all passes. Mr. Rykert responded that had been discussed in the past but was not currently in the works, however, he would investigate that further.

Mr. Rykert commented that pickleball courts are big. The school district was interested in converting the tennis courts at the Junior High into pickleball courts and were looking at a partnership to convert those five tennis courts into 16-18 pickleball courts. When asked if they would keep some tennis courts, Mr. Ryker stated that it hasn't been successful in other areas since the pickleball courts were full and tennis courts empty.

Mr. Bunker stated they need to keep on the radar what an expansion of the fitness center would look like, and they needed to decide soon. The pony field was slated for cemetery expansion, but they also needed to expand the fitness center. They need to drill down on the details so they know which direction they will go forward on. This would be something they need to discuss at a work session.

### *Community Services*

Mr. Bird stated this covered Communications, Library, Parks, and Cemetery. He noted they were working on a master plan for park spaces. Currently, the goal was 6.25 acres per 1000 residents but there they were at 4.4 acres and were losing ground. It would be a huge capital upfront cost to provide services, but with the density they are seeing on the south side that area needed to be a

focus. Mr. Bird noted they have already done a study on library needs and knew they needed community and programming space. While they understand the need for essential services, he and Mr. Rykert deal with the social part of the city that pays a big part of quality of life.

Mayor Frost commented that the days of knowing everyone is slipping, but people could still have a relationship with the community as a whole..

Mr. Bird noted that the cemetery was another issue. It was foresight in getting the ground for ball fields to be used as a cemetery, but they only have about 20 years of cemetery spaces left.

### *Finance*

Ms. Montoya stated the finance department staff supported all other departments with payroll, accounts payment, utilities, and processing payments. Technology is key for transparency and automation; that helps with how we can give information out. Ms. Montoya noted that with additional employees, more space would be needed.

### *Planning*

Mr. Olsen explained within the last ten years they are the only department that went down in size. They have done a great job in keeping on top of what has come and noted that the number and complexity of projects was rapidly growing. They have been able to take the case load and keep the projects moving. They would like to have a dedicated administrative assistant, someone to help filter out all the calls and answer basic questions.

Council Member Shelton commented that they went from four to two employees and he would like to see them get back up to four. Also, as they look at planning for the city, they need to look at the code and see if they can zero in on the numbers.

Council Member Carroll was concerned staff was being forced to hurry because of the number of applicants and wanted to be told if that was an issue. Mr. Olsen expressed his appreciation for the support of Mr. Bunker and the Mayor, who have supported staff when complaints have come in that the review process has taken longer than the developer wants.

Mr. Olsen commented it was an exciting time to be here. Ten years ago, there was talk about the frontrunner station but no idea where it would go. Today, they have created the TOD. When they allow the higher densities, the development community pushes for more. He also noted they were working on software which would allow developers know exactly where they were in the process.

### *IT/Broadband*

George Schade commented that it has been helpful to see the needs of the departments so they know how to plan for technology. The number of full-time employees could change based on what they do. The more growth they get, in terms of employees, they may need to bring things inhouse. He noted that Ogden City has 22 FTE IT employees inhouse and while American Fork



outsources IT services right now, he felt bringing that inhouse may be a good idea. Mr. Schade stated they need to move the NOC out of the basement in the next ten years or so; IT people do not like to see NOCs in basements as water and sewer are potential problems. They would like to expand connections to other departments/locations such as Art Dye Park. Once they get fiber up to Art Dye, they will be able to put in cameras. They want to make sure all buildings are connected to fiber and have already worked that out for the new fire station.

Council Member Taylor asked if there was a backup center if the NOC flooded. Mr. Schade stated they do have some redundancy, but they do need to look at that.

### *Administration*

Mr. Bunker reported there were not a lot of employees in Administration, but they would need to add people to handle information. Some of the major issues for Administration are Management Analyst, PR, Events and Promotions, Economic Development, Fleet Maintenance/Mechanic, Risk Management, Legal/Policy analyst, and legislative analyst. Currently, the city contracts with the Chamber of Commerce for economic development. When looking at vehicle maintenance, they may be able to do things a bit better and cheaper if they bring that inhouse. There is a committee for risk management but there is a big potential for things to go wrong. A lot of cities have internal attorneys that help manage the legal team. With regards to the legislative session, it would be helpful to have someone to watch what is taking place to keep the city informed on what potential legislative actions are being approved.

Mr. Bunker stated they need to figure out the roadmap for city assets and resources. Do they do this internally or do they hire a consultant? There was no time for delay, but a plan could only go so far; execution was critical. He noted there was lead time required in bringing about solutions.

Mayor Frost stated city staff was amazing. They want the employees to have a good balance and not overload them. For example, he pointed out that Mr. Bunker and Mr. Sensanbaugher work all hours, but they need to be cognizant of what staff is doing and what their workload is. He pointed out that council has effective meetings because of all the work staff puts into preparation.

### FY 2021 BUDGET STATUS UPDATE

Ms. Montoya went over the current year budget. She noted that sales tax was up where they expected a decrease and property tax was up. Overall taxes were flat and building permits were down. Overall, they were up 14% in revenue but they have not seen December numbers yet. Ms. Montoya went over the types of revenue, noting that online sales tax was not separated from in-store sales tax. Ms. Montoya went over the property tax and growth, explaining the last time they increased property taxes was in 2009. She pointed out that if they had increased taxes in 2015, they would have another \$1.5 million in property tax this year.

There was a discussion on pegging property tax. Cities will peg the property tax so it goes up, but not down.

Ms. Montoya went over the general fund expenditures for the year; while 50% of the budget year has passed, the overall expenditures were at 44% of the budget. She noted that 68% of budget is personnel with 22% being operational expenses. She also went over the general fund expenditures by department. The Fitness Center was affected by COVID, with both revenue and expenditures were down. The general fund did have to subsidize the Fitness Center at 33% of the budget, where in years past it has been 25%. The PARC Tax fund was up 19% up from last year, giving the city \$829,431 for the May 2021 awards.

With the Debt Service Fund, the final debt service payment for the 2011 GO refunding bonds for Station 51 construction will be paid in June 2021. The new bonds were issued in May 2020 with an annual debt service payment of \$580,000. Ms. Montoya went over the Art Dye bond and noted if the PARC Tax was not renewed, they would have to subsidize the payment of \$350,000 beginning in 2024.

Ms. Montoya went over the capital projects fund. The revenues consisted of \$500,000 in property tax, Class B/C Road funds in an estimated amount of \$1.2 million, Sales tax (transportation) estimated at \$900,000, and Grants for the 200 South bike/pedestrian path and 700 North connection. With expenditures, the largest projects are 90% of the budget.

The revenues for Culinary and Pressurized Irrigation funds were up 9%. The culinary rates adjusted in July 2020. The expenditures include the water line project, with the financing being secured in November 2020 for \$22 million. The PI meter project is estimated at \$10 million total cost with \$3 million budgeted this budget year.

In the Sewer and Storm Drain funds, the sewer revenues were up 3%, with the TSSD payments being less than anticipated through December. There were a couple of storm drain projects budgeted, the AF river rehabilitation and improvements associated with a water line projects. Mr. Bunker explained the TSSD charges and noted they were keeping an eye on the monthly bills. He also noted that Ashton Hardy & his crew are looking at areas with high water infiltration to correct those problems.

Mr. Bunker also explained that TSSD meets the phosphate requirements now, but if the requirements are lowed then they will have to modify the sewer plant to meet that limit at a price tag of \$12 million. If that does happen, they could see sewer rates increase.

Ms. Montoya stated that in summary, the sales tax was more than anticipated. In the next budget year, they will go back to operations service levels to 2020.

#### FY 2022 CAPITAL PROJECTS OUTLOOK

Ms. Montoya explained there were large future capital improvements needs that have been requested for the next budget year. They include: the annual road plan, 200 South improvements, pressurized irrigation meters throughout the city, vehicle replacement program, and facility needs due to growth. The question was how they paid for the requests, and whether they certify

or increase the tax rate. They were also looking at pursuing the CRA in the TOD zone, impact fees, reducing programming and services to reallocation the current resources, or to issue debt.

Ms. Montoya went over the debt incurring capacity, noting they have plenty of debt capacity, but they want to be conservative and not borrow.

Council Member Taylor asked how a CRA would affect the debt capacity. Mr. Bunker explained their goal was to make sure the debt service would be paid through the tax increment of the CRA, but if they were unsuccessful with a CRA it would be paid through impact fees.

#### FY 2022 STRATEGIC GOALS WORK PLAN

Mr. Bunker indicated he had sent out an email out to get input on the strategic goals work. He asked if the council wanted to switch directions based on the discussion held today.

Council Member Taylor didn't think it made sense to add more goals if they haven't been able to complete what was set last year. Mr. Bunker noted some of the goals were multi-year goals.

Mr. Bunker stated they need to evaluate what they need and when they need it and then project out how they pay for that; it was a complex goal. He did not know if they would get to a final decision in the next months or so but felt they needed to continue this discussion. The comments from the citizens were that a property tax increase was not a good time right now, however, they have put off property tax increases for the last four years. Council Member Shelton felt they were on the road to a 65% property tax increase; he felt they needed to have a serious discussion and if they do not decide on this then they cannot accomplish anything else they have talked about. Mayor Frost felt they should not raise taxes during a pandemic. Mr. Bunker thought they could look at pegging the rate as it is today so they don't go backwards. Council Member Shelton felt they needed to do small incremental increases.

Council Member Barnes stated they have kicked the can down the road far enough and they need to take responsibility for that. He questioned when it would be effective and the timeline if they wanted to implement a tax increase. Mr. Bunker explained they would have to hold a truth in taxation public hearing in the summer in order for it to go into effect in November; they would then receive the funds in the FY 2022 budget year.

Council Member Barnes asked what a 1% increase to the city would be. Ms. Montoya responded it would be about \$250,000. Council Member Barnes felt they needed to seriously consider it. Council Member Taylor thought that pegging the rate would be most palatable and a bare minimum. Council Member Shelton felt they needed to have a tax increase. There was a short discussion on the property tax and whether to peg the rate.

It was felt if they wanted to go this route, they needed to get a plan in place to inform the citizens.

The Council and staff went over the current strategic goals to determine which goals to continue for the next year.

### *Fiscal Responsibility*

Property Tax. It was felt this should remain on the goal list.

### *Infrastructure Improvements*

Infrastructure plan. Mr. Bunker felt they made great progress creating the plan. They did the one-year plan as well as the five-year plan, but they need to look for funding for those projects. Mr. Bunker explained they have the road funds and sidewalk funds. If they get more B&C road funds, that could go up. When asked were the additional property taxes received have been going, Ms. Montoya explained they were in a hold as the city worked toward increasing the reserve fund. It was felt they could remove this goal from Infrastructure Improvements.

Fiber. Mr. Bunker explained this was on the list last year, but they have not had a lot of progress. A question concerning fiber was included in the survey and citizens have commented there are parts of the city that do not have good access. Council Member Carroll did not feel like it was a top priority and would suggest taking it off the list; Council Member Christiansen agreed but Council Member Taylor felt it needed to stay on as a goal as the issue was not going away and they could not keep putting it off. Mr. Schade agreed that many citizens didn't have access to good, reliable internet or that the cost was getting higher; he felt they needed a fiber solution within the next five years. It was decided to keep this goal on the list.

200 South Construction. This was a top goal and was critical to the growth in the area as the development was coming. They need to determine the funding, whether it was with a CRA, bonding or using impact fees. Mayor Frost felt they were 45 days away from knowing how to fund the project. Mr. Bunker explained the road was 95% designed; they just had to find the funding. This would remain on the list as they were still working on funding the project.

### *Communication*

Opt-in event/issue notification. Mr. Bird stated they were continuing to market this. Council Member Carroll felt this was important to keep on the list as they needed to continue working on communication. It was noted this could be taken off the strategic goals, but it would remain a goal of the employees.

### *Water Preservation*

Water/Sewer lines. They needed to look at funding for metering the pressurized irrigation. They did receive the \$1.5 million grant to help with that, but State law mandates that by 2030 all PI systems must have meters. The city still needed to have the metering plan prepared. Council Member Shelton noted he wanted to have a discussion on smart metering, as well as a report on where they were at on the fund balance for pressurized irrigation. They were still looking at a water re-use component with TSSD. It was decided they would leave on developing a metering plan and the water re-use program as additional work needed to be done. They would also

analyze the fund balances in culinary water and secondary water and have a discussion on subsidizing the funds.

*Quality of Life*

Art Dye. It was noted this was a gem of a park and well-used, but the question was whether to keep this on as a goal to finish the parking and access around the park or to focus on the south side of town. It was felt that the Parks and Recreation Committee would be appreciative if they made some effort to get parks on the south side. Mr. Bunker felt they should keep this on the list and work on finding funding and noted the design and engineering for finishing this off will take place later in the year.

There was a discussion on the PARC Tax and the benefits to the community of having the funding coming from this.

*Additional goals*

Council Member Carroll wanted to make sure they included land for Station 53. Council Member Shelton felt they could look at a land preservation task force to look for land for Station 53 as well as evaluate needs for all departments. Some items they could look at were locations for Station 53, contracts for property owners adjacent to city property, and a committee and/or task force.

Mr. Bunker hoped this discussion had been helpful. He thanked them for their comments and input.

ADJOURNMENT

The budget workshop ended at 1:05 p.m.



Terilyn Lurker, City Recorder