

AMERICAN FORK CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 25, 2023
WORK SESSION MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

David Bunker	City Administrator
Camden Bird	Assistant City Administrator
Derric Rykert	Community Services Director
Patrick O'Brien	Development Services Director
Stephanie Finau	Deputy Recorder
Aaron Brems	Fire Chief
George Schade	IT Director
Cherylyn Egner	Legal Counsel
Susan Goebel-Canning	Public Works Director
Anna Montoya	Finance Director

Also present: Casandria Crane (Library), Josh Walker (Chamber of Commerce), Kristina Wesemann (Chamber of Commerce), PARC Committee: Scott Okelberry (Chairman), Kimberly Poulson, Karen Schaack, Katy Sorenson, Brian Thompson, Spencer Stevens (Harrington), and Reese DeMille (Republic Services)

The American Fork City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, in City Hall, located at 31 N. Church Street, commencing at 6:04 p.m.

WORK SESSION

The purpose of the 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. **Discussion on PARC Tax fund distributions recommendations from the PARC Tax Advisory Board.**

Scott Okelberry, Chairman of PARC Committee presented recommendations to the council. He summarized each organization and the projects that would be done for each organization.

- American Fork Library \$40,652
- Friends of the American Fork Library \$58,964
- Harrington Center for the Arts \$193,160
- Live American Fork - Steel Days \$23,650

Mr. Okelberry was concerned about Steel Days funding, due to it being run by the Chamber of Commerce. He stated they did see value in helping to fund Steel Days and how it would help to enhance the programs associated with it but wanted to see if the council was okay with that.

Council Member Carroll commented that the contract the city has with the Chamber of Commerce to do Steel Days, is to administer it and not necessarily a cost for what they do. She stated that the Chamber partners with the city and has agreed to pay for all the events through donations, businesses and other things pertaining to Steel Days. She acknowledged she fully supports the PARC Committee Board and what they do and making decisions they see valuable and valid for the community but as far as the concept of giving money for Steel Days or to Live AF, she stated she did not have a problem with and that it's all tax money to see where it is best allocated to help the community.

Council Member Shelton voiced his concerns on some of the events for Steel Days and how it falls under the PARC board. He wanted to make sure that the applications (distributions of funds) fit within the policies and procedures.

Mr. Okelberry replied that Steel Days celebrates the history and culture of the city, and it is an American cultural activity. The council discussed with Mr. Okelberry the activities, performances and enhancements pertaining to Steel Days.

Mr. Okelberry continued presenting in detail each line-item distribution.

- Regalo Theater Company \$38,000
- Timpanogos Arts Foundation \$292,3000

Council Member Hunter voiced his concern about administration costs, noting it was concerning if organizations were held to different standards. He mentioned an event that was supposed to have happened last year that didn't and wanted to know what happened to the money that was supposed to fund that event. Mr. Okelberry replied that it should be returned as per the contract.

Mr. Okelberry added that the board has recommended that each receiving organization report back to the City Council periodically throughout the year on what they've done with the funds and contractually are to return any unused funds. He reported that they've pushed back on salaries for administrative expenses.

- Timpanogos Chamber Music \$6,011
 - Wasatch Contemporary Dance Company \$2,000
 - Wasatch Music Alliance \$39,286
 - AF Parks & Recreation \$1,052,757
- TOTAL \$1,745,780**

Mr. Okelberry reported in detail activities for the Park & Recreation that falls under the funding coverage.

Council Member Carroll commented on ADA swings for parks and wanted more information about that. Mr. Okelberry replied that in the future they are looking into that. He mentioned the cost of that swing would be and how kids without disabilities may abuse it. He was hoping there

may be private funding for it as it has happened in another city. He felt that the city can develop more of a strategy and a long-term vision for that.

Mayor Frost commented that in a couple of weeks they will have a work session to discuss these recommendations.

2. Discussion on the Republic Services solid waste contract.

Reese DeMille presented the council with a 5-year extension concurrent to the proposal agreement, noting he did his very best to keep the prices in line.

Council Member Shelton asked what the current rates are. Mr. DeMille responded that it is \$5.44/ 1st can, \$3.68/2nd can, and \$6.02/recycling can. Mr. Bunker stated that it is the price the city was being charged by Republic Services not the prices the city charges the public.

Mr. DeMille reported that in July it will go up another 2%, but they are asking for a 5% range increase. Another change will also be an annual escalator and suggest doing something different by doing a garbage/trash average for the prior calendar year, which in 2022 is 5.28%. Either take all 12 months and average them out or 4%, whatever is lower for the year.

Mr. Bunker commented that he appreciated working with Mr. DeMille and praised their services.

3. Adjourn.

The work session ended at 7:04 pm



Stephanie Finau
Deputy Recorder