

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2020

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards; Councilmembers: Ron Adams; Terri Hartley; Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Scott Phillips.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Engineer Kit Wareham; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; City Recorder Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Golf Superintendent Steve Carter; Director of Golf Jared Barnes; Parks and Leisure Services Director Wade Orme; Project Engineer Jonathan Stathis; City Planner Don Boudreau.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelsey Cooke, Ann Clark, Laura Henderson, Teri Kenney, Tom Jett, Carter Wilkey, Bob Platt, Brad Brian, Scott Harmon, Amy Thorton, Dennis Lyon, Laney Smith, Sangjun Park, Randall McUne, Jennifer McUne, Anthony McUne, Isa McUne, Zachary McUne, Anabelle McUne, Leshell Murray, Cardon Murray, Steve Nelson, Paige Marsh, Trinity Marsh, Brock Marsh, Ron Larsen, Brent Drew, Aharlisa McConnell Robertson, Joe Phillips, Derek Moreton, Terry Ogden, Dan Kidder, Addison, Gabriel Norse, Carly Hulet, Curtis Nelson, John Worton, Aleese Cardon, Jim Rushton.

CALL TO ORDER: Pastor Gerald Van Iwaarden of Westview Christian gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Tyler Romeril.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Isom moved to approve the agenda order for the special and work meetings; second by Councilmember Hartley; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■Isom – we are grateful for the new artwork. ■Melling – a gentleman came in with water issues up the canyon and he had talked with some present including Mr. Wilkey and he is getting it taken care of through other means. I appreciate community members getting involved. ■Paul – every year we budget for elections, we have \$30,000 the County runs the elections for us and have for a long time. The costs have been going up, we got the bill and it is \$42,000+ so with permission I will overspend and when we do the last budget revision, we will add that. Council was ok with that happening. ■Steve Decker, Library Director – the new art is the work of Nick Froyd, he is unable to be here, his shop is still open. He sent me the following: “I began my career as an artist at the age of two completing my first masterpiece on the back of my mother’s antique family heirloom chair with a stick of butter. After that I did the normal things people do growing up, and always

had some form of art in my life, either drawing, painting or sculpting at different intervals. After graduating from high school in 1988, I joined the Utah National Guard to help pay for college and attended classes at what was then SUSC, but did not finish my degree. I lived in Salt Lake City, UT for 15 years working at first as a draftsman then up the ladder into project management and then upper management for a large structural steel fabricator and erector. This lifestyle was however not very appealing and I missed the life and scenery around Southern Utah so I decided to return and pursue a business of my own that would allow me to paint every day, leading to me opening Color Country Art Supply in Cedar City. I feel fortunate that I can paint, draw and sculpt everyday and that it leads me to a place of peace in my life that no other form of activity has given me. I truly hope you enjoy my paintings and that you find them a pleasure to look at.”

Four of Nick’s paintings that are on display were generated in the Library’s art program called “Character Sketches.” The program dresses live models as characters from books, TV, movies, and video games and participants sketch or paint the models. The program is held every Wednesday evening at 6:30. The display will remain up through April. Melling – my wife attended those, and it is a great outlet. ■ Crime data evaluation partnership with SUU. Chief Adams – for the last year I have had Sgt. Pollock send you crime data from our Spillman System. Crime data is important to find trends. We are excited to partner with SUU. Dr. Sangjun Park and soon to be Laney Smith. Dr. Park will give a presentation on what he has done in other areas. Dr. Laney Smith, SUU Associate Chair of Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice. I am the facilitator, but excited to be working in this avenue and Dr. Park is new to us this year. Sanjun Park, from Fairfax, VA, got here last year, and excited to be here. I would like to show some of the crime information. I want to work in the community to identify crime and prevent crime. We met with Chief Adams to collect crime data and then we can implement recommendations from the analysis. This is our goal to prevent crime in Cedar City. See Exhibit “A”. Melling – I appreciate the work, and I like these two people, I have an office at SUU and I am down the Hall from Dr. Park and Master Smith, soon to be Dr. Smith. I appreciate that effort and look forward to further collaboration. Laney – this is brief data, the goal is we are showing you the intent, he will alter come back with better numbers, graphics and maps and they will put together propositions for the Police Department, they are limited and don’t have time to do some of this. They will do research data analysis to better target areas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■ Ann Clark – this is my second time to a City Council meeting. I came last May or June about the public areas around the city. I remember the Fire Dept saying they are having fireworks at the Aquatic Center. If you go around the Aquatic Center and it scared me, don’t they pull out dead plants, weeds, etc. With spring coming I am concerned. The weeds will start growing. Last year I said don’t we have a budget for weeds, the on and off ramps are the same. We have the Utah Summer Games (USG), Shakespeare Festival, we want our City to be a lovely place to be. I went to Discovery Park because swings were missing. I want to ask if there is a budget, how yards are kept, businesses, schools and cities are kept. Look at the school landscaping and then Discovery Park and you will see the difference. The District and University look beautiful, City not so much and then businesses, we should have no trash, weeds or dirt as a moto. I am concerned about the parks; soccer will start and last year at USG all of the fields were covered in dandelions. The weeds