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.


**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. Sangjun 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 motto. I am concerned about the parks; soccer will start and last year at USG all of the fields were covered in dandelions. The weeds
did start to die but it didn’t look like it had been fertilized. I see some things happen, can we take a closer look at the city public areas, on ramps and see if there is more of a budget to spray weeks, sweep the streets, pull weeds. Is anyone concerned, I drive up there and I am concerned. Is there a budget? Paul – yes. Ann - I hate to complain but is something going to be done. There are trees in the planters around the Aquatic Center, but some have nothing but dirt and weeds. Paul – on the north side of parking lot the concrete was not finished because we didn’t know what was going there. There is a budget to finish that. I know last year our crews removed trees, bushes, etc. and I know all the wood at Park Discovery was painted, thanks to a lot of folks and volunteer hours, we bought the stain, brushes, etc. and volunteers painted. Ann – are they replacing the swings? Paul – we try and spray for weeds in the spring, we do the interchanges 3 or 4 times each year. Ann – I go to pick up grandkids from school every day and I get out and start weeding. That is why I was curious about the spraying. Thank you for listening I just want the city to look nice. ■Laura Henderson – I want to talk about the master plan, it is on the agenda, I am hopeful that a lot of time and thought is put into which group you pick and I hope townhall meetings are taken seriously and well publicized, it is a big opportunity to make a difference. It was last written in 2012, I hope you don’t use the cheapest and quickest group. ■Marilyn Wood – I am a concerned citizen and I am going to announce my candidacy for Iron County Commission, we have lived in Enoch and Cedar City and we have a small business in Cedar City. We ranch in western Iron County; we have dealt with public lands and those issues. We worked in the rodeo committees, etc. I am excited to run and there comes a time in your life that you want to give back because you love where you live. Iron County is a wonderful place and I do have concerns. I appreciate your support and vote. ■Tom Jett – on Monday evening I sat in on the Board of Adjustments (BOA) meeting, it is incredible to watch what happens there. BOA is to help situations that are not black and white. I watched Randall McUne and Drew Jackson fight on behalf of a small business owner and every concession was made for them to be successful, that is wonderful to see. Many of the public that come to the meetings are clueless on how it goes and works. When we have staff like Randall and Drew it makes people feel that they are not on an island drowning. We have good staff that represent the people of Cedar City.

**CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE. DON BOUDREAU/PAUL BITTMENN:** Mayor – we tabled this so Council could review the proposals.

Isom – thank you for sending us the proposals, we had the opportunity to read all three. The absent councilmember was concerned about the time frame and each proposer laid out a plan. UPI, Urban Planning International, their typical job would start now and be done by May. I have discussed with fellow council members and that was a concern. I am told that they have offered to take as long as 12 months if necessary, to get the feedback. Don Boudreau, City Engineering – I reached out to Mr. Clay and he said they can go as long as the City wants, but the scope of work will not change. If you want more public hearings and town halls there would be additional costs for traveling costs. Isom – there is pending a legislative funding for what would be new to SUU, a Utah Center for Community Planning and Dr. Clay doing on BYU campus would end up here. In that context I am enthusiastic about engaging him since he would have a strong vested interest for the area. As a city we have been favorably
benefitted by projects run by students on this campus, including the law enforcement project, one for the Fire Department and with Dr. Clay’s qualifications we would be well served. Captive audience makes it a great option for us.

Hartley – I was originally concerned on having them do it on a short time frame, I want community involvement. I was also concerned with no mention of the ASAP or Vision 2050, and Craig confirmed with him that they would use that. Not one mentioned they would use what we have spent many hours on. He does have a vested interest in doing a great job for Cedar City. I feel good using UPI.

Melling – Mr. Bittmenn was able to provide me with staff scoring data and I looked at factors and the cost and timeline, penalizing longer timelines. I looked at qualitative components, and it did look like Logan Simpson was staff preferred from quality perspective, followed by Rural Partners and UPI not being far behind, I think it was from the narrow scope. We could do it like we have in the past and we can passively let them do it and change it a few months later or we can come together, hold public meetings, assess things such as community facilities and increase the budget either by raising taxes or trimming the fat elsewhere, or are these not a priority. With that in mind I think UPI and Dr. Clay with those factors I don’t think we will get the same presentation as Logan Simpson but I think if we go with UPI and force us to take more initiative with community and staff and a plan we stick with for at least a few years then it may be the best option. We also have the option to put it on the shelf. I am comfortable to go with UPI; they will be compatible with what we want with grass roots involvement. Isom – we as a Planning Commission and City Council own this process, in the proposals we are the executive committee of this process so we have to be committed to our involvement and that will make it work. I think we can do that. Speaking for the Planning Commission, there is a frustration and they will all be involved and we as a Council will be involved.

Councilmember Isom made a motion to approve going with UPI for the General Plan update; second by Councilmember Hartley;

Paul – do you want us to extend that contract? Hartley – I don’t think we want to go a year, but I don’t want it in 2.5 months. We will get more costing for public input.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Isom moved to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. and go into the work meeting; second by Councilmember Adams; vote unanimous.

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**ASSESSMENT**
Did the response work?

**SCANNING**
What is the problem?

**RESPONSE**
What can we do to improve the problem?

**ANALYSIS**
What is contributing to the problem?
Crime Projections

- Crime Trends
- Crime Prediction
  (Crime data from 2010 to 2019)
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