

A Work Session Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 29th day of May 2018.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Kuntz, Lundvall, Montgomery, Neary, and Mayor Carter-King; Administrator Davidson; Attorney Reyes; Directors Cole, Henderson, VonEye, and Wilde; Lt. Deaton; Managers Palazzari and Toscana; and Deputy City Clerk Staskiewicz.

Warm Up Items

Councilman Neary reported receipt of complimentary comments regarding the Energy Capital Sports Complex. Councilman Kuntz commented on the beauty of the cemetery over the Memorial Day weekend. He requested a letter of commendation be sent to the Cemetery Board.

Mayor Carter King reported receipt of citizen comments regarding the excessive scoria left on the roads after the last snow season. Public Works Director Wilde reported that two street sweepers were operating 12 hours per day, but progress was impeded by mechanical issues on the remaining two sweepers. The Streets Department plans to sweep all City streets curb-to-curb, with the hope of having the first pass through the City completed by mid-July; sweeping maintenance will continue through the summer months. Director Wilde informed Council of the street sweeping map, located on the City's website under the Public Works Department, which indicates the streets that have been swept and a schedule of upcoming street sweeping. Citizens can view the map to determine when to have their vehicles removed from the street for curb-to-curb sweeping. Councilman Neary reported a citizen concern regarding the scoria in the West 4-J/Enzi Road area. Director Wilde assured Council that the concerns would be addressed by Staff.

Drive & Drop Debrief

City Administrator Davidson reported that the Drive & Drop Program was very successful. He reminded Council that the program was funded through the beautification category of the 1% funding program. Director Wilde reported on statistics and details of this year's program and asked for direction from Council regarding a request to the County requesting that tipping fees be waived. Council discussed the history of previous years' tipping fees. Mayor Carter King requested to be added to the County Commissioner's June 5th agenda to discuss the possibility of waiving tipping fees for this year's program.

Little League Building Update

Chris Leisy, President of the Gillette Little League Board, gave Council an update on their request of erecting an indoor hitting facility on City property at the Dalbey Park Little League fields. The Little League Board requested discussion on three main items: 1) the indoor hitting facility be located at the current little league fields at Dalbey Park; 2) the land be leased to Gillette Little League for the facility – the City would take ownership of the completed building; 3) the City would assume the maintenance and operation of the facility. Discussion ensued regarding the location of the building, the lease, maintenance and operating costs, ownership, parking issues, sprinkler system requirements, occupancy loads, and details of the building. The Little League Board requested to locate the facility at the Dalbey Park fields for current utilization, with the possibility of a future indoor facility at the Energy Capital Sports Complex, when Little League relocates. The Gillette Little League agreed to fund all costs for the construction of the current building, and requested that the City take ownership of the completed building. He explained the building would be used for team warm ups during the baseball season, and stated that 85% of the building usage would be in the winter months. Councilman Barks expressed concerns about the City assuming the costs of maintenance and operation. President Leisy stated that Gillette Little League currently carries insurance on their buildings and stated they would be willing to pay the insurance and O & M costs on the indoor facility, if necessary; they would like to know in advance so more funding would be raised to cover the operating costs for accurate budgeting. The Mayor stated that Council could not proceed with a location decision until engineered plans were submitted. President Leisy stated that the Board did not want to pay for engineered plans unless they were assured that the Council would consider their location preference; he asked if Council would be willing to pay \$1,000 for half of the cost of the engineered plans. Councilman Neary stated he was okay with paying half of the engineered plans; the remaining Council Members dismissed the request, due to concerns of setting an unwanted precedent. City Administrator Davidson reminded Council of imminent plans to install a 3" irrigation system in the location requested for the building at Dalbey Park. He stated that the irrigation system could be installed now, and altered later, at a cost. Gillette Little League President Leisy stated that it would be fair for the Little League Board to pay the costs of re-routing the irrigation system for construction of the building at that location. Councilman Neary asked if there were additional sports groups that could buy into the facility and share the costs. President Leisy stated that they have plans to

rent the facility to other sports groups to generate additional income. Mayor Carter King requested a group tour of the Dalbey fields and the Energy Capital Sports Complex, which has proposed little league fields included in the original plans, to further discuss and understand the best site for the building. City Administrator Davidson stated the tour would be planned for July.

Review June 5th Council Agenda

The upcoming agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

Executive Session

Councilman Barks made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel; seconded by Councilman Kuntz. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7: 40 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Cindy Staskiewicz, Deputy City Clerk

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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