

## PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 16, 2021  
City Hall Council Chambers  
5:30 pm

Public Services Committee Members Present; Ceri Otero, Juan Topete, James Harrison  
Members Absent; Mike Daugherty

Staff Present; Tom Short, Mark Peterson, and Kailey Williams

Non-Members Present: Chanti Beckham, Jonathan Roberts

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

### **Old Business:**

1. Consider and approve minutes from the previous meeting.  
**Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting.**  
**Motion carried.**

**Citizen Participation-** Farmers Market Chanti Beckham HERE4CARTHAGE  
Chanti Beckham has been working on putting together changes for the Farmers Market. Plans for the farmers market are to move the location from the Square to Central Park. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Lyon are targeted to be the places for the vendors to set up with the roads being closed off during that time. Mrs. Beckham has done a lot of work putting together everything; in the future, the Parks and Recreation will take over the event and handle activities.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Consider and Discuss 2021 Firework Contract Options.**  
Mr. Peterson presented the contract and explained the different shows for Independence Day. Last year's show, the larger display, was well received and provided a good show for those in attendance. Our contract allows us to decide if we want to go with the larger show as in 2020 or a smaller show this year. The larger show cost \$14,950.00, with the smaller show costing \$11,975.00. Mr. Harrison pointed out that the larger show created a good turnout for the city, and people enjoyed it.  
**Mrs. Otero made a motion to accept the larger show at \$14,950.00 for the Independence Day firework contract option.**  
**Motion Passed.**
2. **Consider and Discuss the 2021 Pool Management Contract with the YMCA.**  
Jonathan Roberts presented the pool contract with the changes that he made. Mr.

Roberts is requesting an additional \$5,000 for a total request of \$60,000. This would cover the minimum wage increase for staffing. Mr. Peterson noted there are no additional changes to the contract from recent years. The arrangement has worked well to provide a safe aquatics environment for the city.

**Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the 2021 YMCA Pool Management Contract.**

**Motion Passed.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**Farmers Market-** Great work is being done with Chanti Beckham, HERE4CARTHAGE, moving to Central Park from the square.

**Focus Groups-** Mr. Peterson, Dick Horton and Chad Weinand, Parks & Recreation Master Plan consultants' hosted 4 focus group meetings discussing concept designs for Central, Kellogg Lake and Municipal Parks last Friday. Concept designs have been created for four parks so far. More meetings will be taking place with concepts presented. Statistically valid survey results will be back soon. Many actions are now coming together to be in position for public engagement meetings in roughly 4-6 weeks.

**Baseball/Softball-** Mr. Peterson met with the Baseball and Softball groups to discuss the 2021 season with COVID regulations. Tryouts will be happening soon, with the season around the corner.

**Communications-** Mark Peterson, Kailey Williams, Tyler Markham, and Melanie Blizzard met with Callie Myers and Alex Hodkin from the CVB discussing the communication goals and objectives for the Parks & Recreation Department. Great discussion from everyone. Park web pages have been submitted for Callie and Alex to work with and publish. This is the beginning step to create more valuable information for the public from our Parks & Recreation department.

**Golf Course-** Rounds and revenue are down due to the poor weather pattern in January and February. This is the portion of the year that is completely weather dependent. We are still in positive numbers for rounds and revenue due to a fantastic late summer and fall.

### **Other Business-**

Mr. Short added information regarding the American Rescue Plan Act. Department Heads have been presented information on the potential this will have for the city and departments.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.**