Minutes of the Centerville City Council work session held Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor
Clark Wilkinson

Council Members
Tamilyn Fillmore
William Ince
Stephanie Ivie
George McEwan
Robyn Mecham

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Leah Romero, City Recorder
Randy Randall, Public Works Director
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Kevin Campbell, City Engineer
Marc Marchant, Streets Supervisor
Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

VISITORS

Cody Pedersen, ESI Engineering
Rex Harris, UDOT
Randy Jeffries, UDOT
Brett Slater, UDOT

UDOT – I-15 FUTURE WIDENING DISCUSSION

Rex Harris and Randy Jeffries with UDOT explained potential impacts of the West Davis Corridor Project on Centerville. The West Davis Corridor Project will accommodate space needed for a future I-15 widening project in addition to space needed for the Corridor Project, creating a greater impact on the Frontage Road and Centerville properties just east of the Frontage Road than originally anticipated and communicated to the City. UDOT anticipates the West Davis Corridor Project will be completed by the end of 2023. There is not currently a timeline for the future I-15 widening project. All interchanges along the length of the I-15 widening project, including the Parrish Lane interchange, will be evaluated with the environmental study for the project. Brett Slater with UDOT said the environmental study for the widening project will most likely begin in the next few years.

The group discussed land that may potentially be required for the widening project, and Mr. Slater assured the Council that UDOT fairly compensates for any property needed for a project. Councilmember McEwan asked if UDOT has communicated with property owners that will be impacted by the I-15 widening project. Mr. Harris responded that the public involvement process will begin after the environmental study is completed. UDOT will work hard to reduce the impacts as much as possible, and will do everything in their power to mitigate sound impacts. The UDOT representatives emphasized that UDOT will make sure the community is informed of the plan when the study is completed. Council members requested that UDOT evaluate sound levels directly west of Community Park for a possible sound wall. Mr. Jeffries suggested the City write a letter to Lisa Wilson, Region One Director, regarding sound wall west of Community Park.
COMPLETE STREETS PRESENTATION OF 400 EAST RECONSTRUCTION

Kevin Campbell, City Engineer, presented five design options (A-E) for the upcoming 400 East Reconstruction Project discussed by the Complete Streets Committee. Depending on funds available, the project may involve the length of road from Parrish Lane to Center Street in the first year. Mr. Campbell said Options A and B would keep the road the same width; Option C would keep the same width but add a beautified median down the middle; and Options D and E would narrow the road and widen the park strips for a multi-use path or landscaping. He said Options C, D, and E are cost prohibitive with the limited funds available. The Complete Streets Committee preferred Option B because bike lanes are included in the master plan for 400 East.

Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, expressed concerns about the safety and maintenance requirements of a beautified center median, and the possibility that residents would not maintain widened, landscaped park strips. Councilmember Fillmore said she believes complete streets/active transportation grant funding is available, and said she would want the City to fully explore grant opportunities. Mr. Campbell reported the Police Chief is adamantly about keeping on-street parking since residents do not like to get ticketed for parking in front of their own homes. Councilmember Mecham suggested inviting input from neighbors along 400 East. The Council and Staff discussed the possibility of burying powerlines along 400 East. The discussion will continue at a future meeting.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR CONTINUED DISCUSSION

Marc Marchant, Streets Supervisor, recently reassessed residential properties throughout the City with sidewalk faults caused by trees. He reported there are 42 residential properties with vertical sidewalk faults greater than one inch caused by trees, both healthy and unhealthy (86 trees total). He presented a letter prepared by Staff to send to the 42 home owners giving them the opportunity to volunteer to have the trees removed and sidewalk replaced. Mr. Marchant said some of the property owners already requested the City to perform this service. Lisa Romney, City Attorney, suggested adding language to the letter to clarify that limited funding is available for this purpose in the current fiscal period.

Councilmember Fillmore said to her the letter sounds like the City is encouraging home owners to have trees removed, and suggested revising the language. She said she believes there are other ways to deal with the issue the City has not yet explored. Councilmember Fillmore suggested the City first remove the trees from properties where the owner has already requested the service, and then send the letters to property owners with trees identified by Staff as dead or dying, and evaluate the funding available along the way. Staff estimated it would cost approximately $40,000 of the $100,000 budgeted to remove the trees and repair sidewalk on properties where the property owners have requested participation. The Council discussed liability, and the fact that they do not yet have a policy in place for this issue. Randy Randall, Public Works Director, emphasized that a policy needs to be implemented.

Councilmember Mecham agreed with Councilmember Fillmore that the letter needs to be reworded to be gentler. Mr. Hanson recommended the City mail the 42 letters and let home owners decide if they want the trees removed. Councilmembers Mecham, Ivie, and McEwan indicated approval for sending the letter to all 42 property owners. The Council discussed proceeding on a first-come-first-served basis with funding available, giving priority to trees that are dead or dying. Staff agreed to redraft the letter, receive Council input via email, and send the revised letter to the 42 property owners before the next Council meeting.
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember McEwan made a motion to adjourn the work session at 7:02 p.m. Councilmember Ivie seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Leah Romero, City Recorder

Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

October 15, 2019

Date Approved