

CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021, 5:45 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting/in-person and Virtual Contact by ZOOM

1. The workshop was called to order at 5:45 p.m., with a Hybrid Meeting/In-person and Virtual Contact by ZOOM format. Councilmembers present in the Council Chambers included Mayor Mike Lavey, Robert Dobry, Mayor Pro-tem Rachel Medina, David Rainey, and Arlina Yazzie. Councilmember Orly Lucero was absent. Director of Finance Kelly Koskie, Director of General Services Rick Smith, Airport Manager Jeremy Patton, Director of Public Works Phil Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation Dean Palmquist, Chief of Police Vernon Knuckles, City Clerk Linda Smith, City Manager Drew Sanders, City Attorney Mike Green, IT Support Technician Kyle Kuhn, IT Support Technician Jason Gray, and System Analyst Shay Allred were present in the Council Chambers. There were six people signed up as participants on ZOOM.

2. Director of Public Works Johnson reviewed the chart on the difference in cost with accepting the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Multimodel Options Fund Grant or completing the project without the funding. He spoke about the matching grant that was received for improvement of safety issues at street crossings/intersections and pedestrian walking access to Main Street. He noted that if the City accepts the grant (\$146,000) the City would have to comply with CDOT requirements and stipulations. He spoke about the comparable costs using pricing from 2020 for the 2021 project. He stated that it is his and the City Engineer's recommendation that the City reject the grant and complete the project of improving mobility from the south side of Main Street via Madison Street under the currently adopted budget funding and review the ADA ramp project in 2022. After discussion on the cost differences, Director of Public Works Johnson stated that he would bring a resolution forward in June to reject the grant funding. Director of Public Works Johnson also spoke about the water supply status report that was given to Council at the April 27, 2021, worksession. He recommended that Council support the voluntary water restrictions becoming effective as soon as possible so the public is encouraged to change their behavior with the use of water. He stated that more discussion could be held with Council on full implement of the restrictions for 2022 with more education for the public on the regulations. Council stated that they would like to amend the agenda to adopt the voluntary water restrictions during the regular meeting.

3. Discussion was held on the Local Vendor Preference Policy regarding new changes that would be recommended. Director of General Services Smith noted that after the discussion by Council at the May 11, 2021 worksession, the new policy was created for Council's review. He noted that an established business located with the City of Cortez limits would be eligible for a 2.5% preference and an established business located within the boundaries of Montezuma County would be eligible for a 2% preference. He stated that the local vendor language is the same as the previous language regarding grant funding and/or Federal or State funding received. Council asked that the policy move forward for Council action at the next meeting.

4. Airport Manager Patton gave a business update on the Airport which included information on the general upkeep and repair, security camera RFP, airline issues, and the current FBO

Business Plan. He spoke about working with the Montezuma-Cortez High School on an aviation program and access to flight training. He spoke about passenger boardings and commented on the existing security cameras which are functional and noted that he is working with Visionary Broadband on increasing service for the cameras. He stated that the cameras are required to be approved by the National Defense Authorization Act and he will be acquiring new cameras through a commodity bid. He noted that fuel sales are up for Cortez Flying Services (FBO) as private/charter travel is increasing. He spoke about future plans for the airport including the allowance of jets in the future and noted that the Master Plan is being currently reviewed for update. He stated that the handicapped accessible doors at the airport are operational and the updates in the bathrooms (fixtures, faucets, flooring) have been completed.

5. Discussion was held on the outdoor pool re-opening. Director of Parks and Recreation Palmquist stated that the rules for re-opening the outdoor pool continue to change and staff requests that the reservation system originally requested be dropped as it is no longer needed. He noted that there are rumors regarding the pool being opened and he want to clarify that there are no leaks in the pool and the City has chlorine for the pool to allow it to be opened. He stated that the park maintenance crew is cleaning the bottom of the pool and are working to bring the splash pad and slide into operation. He noted that the pool is at temperature and the plan is to open the pool on Monday, June 7, 2021. He stated that staffing is still a concern and spoke about the number of employees needed to staff the outdoor pool each day. He stated that the pool would be open Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m., to 5:00 p.m. and possibly on Saturday and Sunday if there is enough staff. He spoke about the swim team beginning use of the pool on June 7, 2021, as well. He stated that it is not clear if there will be a swim meet this year or if there will be any swim lessons. He noted that a press release would be completed for the public on the opening of the pool.

5. General Council Discussion. Councilmember Dobry thanked Finance Director Koskie for reporting the information in regard to the payments made to Montezuma County for the Paths to Mesa Verde. Councilmember Yazzie asked if training on TABOR could be scheduled for Council sometime in June. City Manager Sanders stated that he would work on scheduling training. City Clerk Smith spoke about the process for interviewing the candidates interested in filling the open seat on City Council. Council requested that the questions they asked during the last interview process (September 2020) be shared so they could decide what questions they would like to ask each of the candidates. City Clerk Smith noted that the candidates will be scheduled for interviews on June 8, 2021, during the worksession and Council may make an appointment during the regular Council meeting on June 8, 2021, or on June 22, 2021.

The worksession meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.