

CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021

1. The workshop was called to order at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers. Councilmembers present included Mayor Mike Lavey, Robert Dobry, Matthew Keefauver, Orly Lucero, Mayor Pro-tem Rachel Medina, and David Rainey. Councilmember Arlina Yazzie was absent. Staff members present included Director of Parks and Recreation Dean Palmquist, Chief of Police Vernon Knuckles, Director of Public Works Phil Johnson, Executive Assistant/City Manager Tamira Osborne, Library Director Isabella Sharpsteen, Manager of Marketing and Events Jon Brooks, Associate Planner Neva Connolly, City Planner Tracie Hughes, City Clerk Linda Smith, City Manager Drew Sanders, and City Attorney Mike Green. There were eleven people present in the audience.

2. A presentation was made on the Veteran's Park Memorial. John Davis, representing the Veterans Park Memorial Committee, spoke about better access being provided to the existing memorials located on the west side of the Welcome Center. He presented a proposal which included placing a couple park benches, similar to the benches located throughout the parks, near the memorials as well as a 360 degree pad of concrete to allow for ADA access, a wall to help decrease the noise from the highway, and new LED lighting. Mr. Davis spoke about paying for the improvements and/or working with the City for funding of the project. Discussion was held on the various memorials that are located in Veteran's Park and Mayor Lavey commented that it is important to continue to honor the veterans. Discussion was held on possible signage on the new wall. In answer to a question from Councilmember Lucero, Mr. Davis stated that he did not have cost estimates yet as some of the work will be done voluntarily. Council agreed to move the project forward and staff will work with the committee on the next phase.

3. City Planner Hughes spoke about the food truck (mobile vending) ordinance which was originally adopted in 2015 and updated in 2017. She reviewed the current regulations noting that mobile vending is allowed in every zoning district but the Central Business District. She stated that the Planning staff has explored other mobile vending regulations across the State and it is felt that Cortez's mobile vending regulations have few restrictions compared to other programs. She spoke about the pros and cons of allowing mobile vendors in the Central Business District as well as the regulations for special events. City Attorney Green reviewed the background of the current ordinance and commented that changes could be made through resolution should Council wish to change anything. He stated that discussion would need to be held regarding sidewalks/parking issues as well as the need for bathrooms for the mobile vendors. Mayor Pro-tem Medina stated that she is in support of allowing a food truck for the Farmer's Market event. Councilmember Lucero stated that he feels more information should be received from the restaurants before Council decides how to proceed. Julie Periman, Manager of the Farmer's Market, spoke about their vision of having a food truck located on Elm Street with the street blocked off from Main Street to the alley for the Saturday morning event. Discussion was held on the fee that is charged for a booth at the Farmer's Market. City Manager Sanders read a comment received from Councilmember Yazzie noting that she encourages the mobile vendors to be allowed to operate throughout the community as it allows for a business to test the waters

before moving to a brick and mortar building and encourages free enterprise. It was noted that the current regulations allow for Colorado grown fruit and vegetables to be sold in Cortez without any restrictions. More discussion will continue on the matter at a later date.

4. Lance McDaniel, 615 West Third Street, was interviewed for the opening on the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. He spoke about his service as a member of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the Water Wise Committee. It was noted that Council will consider the appointment during the regular meeting.

5. General Council Discussion. Councilmember Keefauver stated that he attended the opening of the Historic Museum noting that the displays are phenomenal and that when the museum opens it will be pretty amazing and encouraged everyone to go by and check it out.

The worksession meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.