

CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

1. The workshop began at 6:00 in the Mesa Verde Room, City Hall. Attendance at the workshop included Mayor Karen Sheek, Mayor Pro-Tem Orly Lucero, Sue Betts, Ty Keel, and Mike Lavey. Councilmember Gary Noyes was absent. Staff members present were Interim Chief of Police Andy Brock, General Services Director Rick Smith, Associate Planner Neva Connolly, City Clerk Linda Smith, City Manager John Dougherty, and City Attorney Mike Green. There were 14 people present in the audience.
2. Director of Parks and Recreation Palmquist spoke about the contract with the local swim team (Cortez Water Dragons) and the amount that is charged for their practice time and swim meets held at the outdoor pool. Candi Duran, resident of Cortez, representing the Durango Swim Team, stated that the team would like to use the Cortez municipal outdoor swimming pool on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for two hour periods so the team could practice swimming in the 50 meter portion of the pool. She explained that the Durango pool does not have a long distance pool and the swimmers are needing to practice in a longer distance pool to allow them to be better prepared for swim meets. She stated that currently the swimmers practice eight times per week. She stated that the Durango Swim Team has 78 active year-round members and the club is a non-profit 501(c)(3) offering scholarships to those swimmers that cannot afford to pay the dues. She explained that the team has talked to Farmington about using their pool but she would rather have the team come to Cortez. Ms. Duran stated that the pool would be used by approximately 10 swimmers each practice. Discussion was held on the options of using the outdoor pool by the group, noting that the pool is not open on Tuesday and Thursdays for open swim. It was agreed that the team could use the pool for \$50 for each of the 14 times through the summer (\$700 total). It was noted that agreement would be completed with the Durango Swim Team for the use, noting that no staff members would be required to facilitate the use.
3. Bob Waggoner spoke about the opportunity of placing a band shell in Centennial Park and the options to fundraise money so the band shell could be built between the Library and the Police Department. The location suggested for the band shell was reviewed and Mr. Waggoner spoke about the type of building that would be built. Mr. Waggoner spoke about the estimate that has been received and that there are many groups that would be interested in playing in the band shell should it be built (could accommodate a 70 person band/orchestra). It was discussed that the concerts would only be held in the summer and would end by 10:00 p.m., out of respect for the neighbors and it was noted that there is a berm in the area that would help with sound issues. Discussion was held on an agreement (including a possible fee for usage) that would need to be completed and how the band shell could be named due to City policy. Council agreed to move forward on the next steps which would include permission from Council to use the site at Centennial Park. Director of Parks and Recreation Palmquist also suggested that a donation policy be reviewed by Council as there is not a donation policy in place.

4. Director of Parks and Recreation Palmquist spoke about the suggestion to name the park located on the south side of Cortez. He spoke about the top five names that were received and that Panther Park was the top choice. Discussion was held about the other suggested names and that there is already a Panther Field in the community and there may be confusion should the park have a similar name. Council agreed that they would like more outreach to the citizens on the other names for the park to see if there could be another choice.
5. Council adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to Executive Session for a Conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and also to discuss a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.

No decisions were made in Executive Session and Council adjourned the worksession at 7:20 p.m.