



**PARK CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
445 MARSAC AVENUE
PARK CITY, SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH 84060**

May 28, 2020

The Council of Park City, Summit County, Utah, met in open meeting on May 28, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was a remote, electronic meeting due to the declared public health emergency.

SPECIAL MEETING

I) ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Status
Mayor Andy Beerman Council Member Max Doilney Council Member Becca Gerber Council Member Tim Henney Council Member Steve Joyce Council Member Nann Worel Matt Dias, City Manager Margaret Plane, Special Counsel Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder	Present via technology
None	Excused

II) PUBLIC INPUT (ANY MATTER OF CITY BUSINESS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA)

Mayor Beerman opened the meeting for anyone who wished to submit written comments to the Council on items not included on the agenda.

Liza Simpson: "Re: Merit Pay cuts: I believe not giving merit pay to those of our employees who are on the front lines is wrong. Those who can't WFH and are putting themselves and their families at risk to serve our community should be treated better than this unless we no longer believe that they are our greatest resource. Because that is the message you are sending. Also, in these times, the character limit to submit comments should be removed. It stifles public input."

Mayor Beerman closed the public input portion of the meeting. Michelle Kellogg noted the character limit for public comments had been increased.

Council Questions and Comments

Council Member Henney indicated he was on Main Street on Memorial Day and saw more people than expected.

Council Member Worel was excited to see nonprofits using creative methods to operate and looked forward to their reopening.

Mayor Beerman thanked staff for putting the flag on the McPolin Barn for Memorial Day, as well as for shining the blue light on the barn to recognize frontline healthcare workers. He thanked the County and others for the work on COVID-19, and noted the County was on the yellow risk level. He promoted two upcoming roundtables. Council Member Doilney stated one roundtable would be with the Park City Police Chief, the head of the Park City Fire District, Beth Armstrong from the Peoples Health Clinic and the director of Park City IHC, who would share their perspectives during COVID -19. Mayor Beerman stated Senator Romney and Representative McAdams would be on the following roundtable event.

Matt Dias reviewed Municipal facilities were opening slowly and safely. He also noted the water bond approved by Council was issued and had an interest rate of 1.85%, which was one of the lowest the City had ever received.

III) NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Adopt Resolution 12-2020, a Resolution Acknowledging Linda Perkins' Retirement from the Park City Cooperative Preschool and Recognizing Her Many Contributions in Providing Service to Park City:

Jonathan Weidenhamer, Economic Development Manager, presented this item and indicated the City was honoring Linda Perkins as she retired from being a teacher at the preschool coop in the City library. He thanked her for all she did for the community.

Mayor Beerman opened the public hearing. No comments were submitted. Mayor Beerman closed the public hearing.

Council Member Gerber moved to approve Resolution 12-2020, a resolution acknowledging Linda Perkins' retirement from the Park City Cooperative Preschool and recognizing her many contributions in providing service to Park City. Council Member Worel seconded the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYES: Council Members Doilney, Gerber, Henney, Joyce and Worel

2. Consideration to Approve a Level 4 Special Event Permit for Temporary Activation of City-Owned Property within the Downtown Business Improvement District, Including Car-Free Use of Main Street on Sundays, to Facilitate a Phased Re-Opening of Business in Accordance with Utah Leads Guidelines and Social Distancing Requirements in an Amount Not to Exceed \$80,000 per Special Event Fee Reduction Process and Municipal Code Section 4A-2-9; AND Delegate Authority to the City Manager to Approve Reasonable Modifications to Operational and Logistical Plans Associated with the Permit:

Jenny Diersen, Special Events Manager, and Jonathan Weidenhamer, Economic Development Manager, presented this item with Alison Kuhlow, Historic Park City Alliance (HPCA) Executive Director. Diersen reviewed that HPCA approached the City with the request to temporarily activate Main Street for pedestrian only use. Other requests had come in from Snow Creek and Prospector business districts as well. She indicated the key to success was to maintain social distancing and this was a good solution. This would be car-free Main Street on Sundays from June 14 to September 6 and would be called Dine, Shop and Stroll events.

Diersen noted the concern from the Parking Department on the estimated \$250,000 in lost parking revenue for these Sundays, as well as the potential for parking in the neighboring residential zones. She stated these concerns would be monitored and adjustments could be made. In addition to approving the special event permit, she requested that Council approve the City Manager having the authority to approve modifications that were deemed necessary.

Alison Kuhlow, HPCA Executive Director, explained that HPCA reached out to proponents and opponents to this proposal and reached a consensus to close Main Street on Sundays. A survey was sent out and 75% of respondents were in favor of the proposal.

Council Member Joyce asked if the operating cost would increase if HPCA requested Saturday and Sunday. Diersen stated the cost could be a little more or less per Sunday, depending on the weekend, but the estimated cost per day would apply for each additional day that was scheduled.

Council Member Worel asked about residential traffic management. Diersen stated the southern section of the Brew Pub lot would be a vehicle turn around so vehicles couldn't continue up to Hillside and the King Road area. The resort shuttles could come down via Hillside, but they wouldn't be allowed to go up through Hillside. She noted if a street was closed, it would need to be specified in the operational plan. Council Member Worel

asked if commercial vehicles would be limited on residential streets. Diersen stated it was difficult to know the extent of commercial traffic in that area, but they would be encouraging traffic flow into Old Town via the entrances off of Deer Valley Drive. Council Member Worel asked if some outcome measures could be put in place so they could be evaluated in the fall. Weidenhamer stated one measure for the merchants would be sales. There were other quality of life measures that could be evaluated as well. Kuhlow stated the goal of closing Main Street was to provide social distancing in order to provide comfort for people that were hesitant to be in crowds.

Council Member Henney asked how the word would get out about the Main Street closure. Kuhlow stated they had marketing money they could use for this purpose.

Council Member Gerber didn't know if comparing sales was the best metric to use in this scenario because it was not a consistent measurement for all businesses on Main Street. She was also concerned with safety measures and asked about Condition of Approval Eight, specifically inquiring if HPCA would coordinate which businesses were allowed to erect tents or hold sidewalk sales each week, or if individual businesses would submit their plans to the Special Events Department. Diersen didn't anticipate a lot of temporary structures, but stated she would meet with HPCA to discuss the process. The Building Department would be doing inspections to ensure safety. A list would be kept of businesses wanting sidewalk sales, etc., so there would not be overlap with a neighboring restaurant or other business. Council Member Gerber indicated there were many residents who were in favor of a pedestrian-only Main Street. She asked if Transit could be increased on Sundays to get people around town. Diersen indicated that was something that could be explored. There were plans for increased frequency in some areas, but not all. Mayor Beerman stated many things would be learned as this was rolled out, and services could be added if there was a need.

Council Member Doilney stated he participated in the HPCA meetings and the main point of this initiative was to try different things to increase business.

Mayor Beerman opened the public hearing. The following comments were submitted:

Peter Marth: "Regarding closing Main. Your staff report regarding this promotes and encourages that Hillside Ave, the narrowest residential street in Old Town be used as a short-cut for vehicles of all kinds to access the top of Main St. for commercial events. Do you agree this is a good idea, or should this Historic Residential street that was narrowed to 15 feet for resident use only 10 years ago be protected from further commercial traffic abuse that this plan advocates?"

Caroline Gleich: "I'm proud to call Park City home for many reasons, especially for the environmental leadership. I urge the council to test a car free Main Street and consider making it a permanent feature. A car free Main St. is a way for folks to support local

businesses during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We would feel more comfortable dining and shopping outdoors. It would also protect bikers and pedestrians from air pollution. It would further establish Park City as a leader in mountain towns in the US.”

Clive Bush: “While we all must support the revitalization of local business on Main Street; the plan presented today needlessly justifies the ongoing misuse of our residential streets in doing so. A car-free Main Street doesn’t need to put more cars on our residential streets if we follow simple rules to do otherwise. Traffic on Hillside Avenue can easily be directed away from the residential neighborhood with permanent signage on Marsac. So why not do it now? I really think it’s important for the city to rebuild Park City’s fortunes as a whole community. The 2020 visioning process would agree. This is a first step to rebalance a community with a bold change that is also sustainable.”

Ileana Anderson: “I believe that a car-free Main Street would not only improve our air quality, but also create a more walking-friendly environment that would attract more customers to Main Street businesses. Burlington, VT, Vail, and Boulder, CO, are a few examples of many car-free pedestrian zones that are constantly bustling with foot traffic. There is so little parking on Main Street as is that parking should not be a factor. The trolley, or something like it, could continue to run to provide access to Main Street business for people of all abilities. A car-free Main Street would only make it safer for all of us who love to call this town home.”

Tina Smith: “I think a carless Main St. is an excellent idea... safer social distancing, more room for restaurants to go al fresco, more room for street music, for stores to put their wares outside... I’m all in.”

Heather Currie: “Thank you for considering the possibilities surrounding a car-free Main Street. I hope with some trial runs we’ll learn that a car-free Main Street can provide a stronger community feel and healthy business for our local shops and restaurants. This would make for less air pollution - and in my opinion - a far more pleasant and enjoyable experience on Main Street. This is an opportunity to experiment with the bold change our community has asked for surrounding transportation innovation, environmental leadership and sustainable tourism. This is absolutely worth testing out! Sincerest thanks.”

Rob Lea: “I’m in support of a pedestrian, car free Main Street. I think testing this idea on Sundays is a good first step, but I’d encourage council to seriously consider Main Street being car free all the time. Of course I think it should be done with the input of fellow Parkites along with the business owners on Main Street. I’ve visited many mountain towns around the world with pedestrian streets and I’ve always wondered why we didn’t adopt the same vision here in Park City. My last trip to Chamonix, France I saw a folks milling around socializing and patronizing the local businesses in a way that I was quite

jealous of. It's great to have dinner outside on Main Street or browse the retail shops on... until a big diesel truck rolls by spewing exhaust. Can you imagine leisurely walking up and down Main Street browsing the stores, grabbing a bite or a drink and not having the noise or air pollution of cars driving by? I certainly can!"

Naomi Smith: "I tried to watch this meeting live but was unable to. My mother is from Switzerland and I travel there every summer and have noticed that almost every European city has adopted the concept of pedestrianization and the results have been very successful. Businesses have not lost customers, instead, they now sell their merchandise on the streets and there are outdoor restaurants that promote more tourists. Pedestrians spend 65% more money in businesses than drivers which would boost Main Street's local economy and drive tourism. In Park City, making Main Street pedestrian-only would increase the use of the free public buses and increase the home values in the surrounding old town areas. Pedestrianizing a street makes home values increase \$82 a square foot and \$300 in rent. This would also heavily reduce the harmful carbon emissions from vehicles and would help Park City reduce air pollution. If people drove one day less a week (in this case Sundays), it would reduce 3.8 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions a year, which is a HUGE amount. If we want to keep working at PC's sustainable goals and let it become the real mountain town that it was born to be, then we need to start now. Pedestrianizing Main Street is the perfect first step into an eco-friendly direction for the future of Park City."

Mayor Beerman closed the public hearing.

Council Member Joyce hoped to see more outdoor dining and shopping due to the closure of Main Street. He wanted to see something transformative because of businesses implementing new ideas.

Council Member Doilney thought this program might be a slow process to get going. He looked forward to trying something new. Mayor Beerman stated in order to make this successful, the City needed to be nimble, in allowing signage and other needs for this street. Diersen was confident those measures were in place. She stated the key was communication between the City departments and businesses.

Weidenhamer suggested amending Condition of Approval 13 in the operational plan to give authority to the City Manager to authorize changes. Margaret Plane, Special Counsel, recommended modifying the second sentence to end after "the City Manager or their designee," and deleting the remnant of that condition.

Council Member Henney felt the City would know success when they saw it. It would take being on Main Street to see what was happening and how many people were there. Kuhlowl agreed and stated she would talk with merchants each Monday, but that was anecdotal. Council Member Joyce indicated he and Council Member Doilney were

the liaisons for Park Silly Sunday Market, which was cancelled this summer, and they would volunteer to walk around on Sundays and observe the activity on Main Street. Council Member Gerber asked for a midsummer check-in. Mayor Beerman asked for reports the first Council meetings in July and August. Council Member Joyce asked if there could be car counts for the China Bridge parking. Diersen stated she would ask, and also thought there should be counts on Hillside and for the number of people taking transit.

Council Member Gerber moved to approve a Level 4 Special Event Permit for temporary activation of City-owned property within the Downtown Business Improvement District, including car-free use of Main Street on Sundays in a form approved by the City Attorney, to facilitate a phased re-opening of business in accordance with Utah Leads Guidelines and social distancing requirements in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 per Special Event fee reduction process and Municipal Code Section 4A-2-9; and delegate authority to the City Manager to approve reasonable modifications to operational and logistical plans associated with the permit. Council Member Doilney seconded the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYES: Council Members Doilney, Gerber, Henney, Joyce and Worel

Council Member Gerber moved to close the meeting to discuss property at 5:35 p.m. Council Member Joyce seconded the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYES: Council Members Doilney, Gerber, Henney, Joyce and Worel

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Doilney moved to adjourn from Closed Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Council Member Worel seconded the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYES: Council Members Doilney, Gerber, Henney, Joyce and Worel

V) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder

SPECIAL EVENT APPROVAL

Temporary activation of outdoor areas, including some public property, and pedestrian only street use to facilitate phased business re-openings

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DISCUSSION

- HPCA Board requests temporary activation of public spaces including a car-free Main Street.
 - ❑ Sundays 11 am – 10 pm
 - ❑ June 14 to Sept 6
- The City's Special Event process is the most flexible & nimble.
- As we carefully reopen businesses and the community, social distancing protocols will remain vital to continued success.

Map Key

- Pedestrian Area 11 am to 10 p.m.
- Curbside Pickup Area for Anyone / Must Stay in Vehicle
- Drop and Load for Anyone / Driver must stay in Vehicle
- Normal (Free) Parking & Traffic Pattern
- Residential Zone/Fire Lane (Protection Area)
- Transit Center
- Post Office Parking / Additional ADA



Final operations and logistics plan
will be approved by staff, draft
details are highlighted in the report.

RECOMMENDATION

Hold a public hearing and consider approving a Level 4 Special Event Permit for temporary activation of City-owned property including car-free use of Main Street on Sundays to facilitate a phased re-opening of business in accordance with Utah Leads Guidelines in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 per [Special Event Fee Reduction process and section 4A-2-9 of the code](#).

Further, delegate authority to the City Manager (CM) to approve reasonable modifications to operational and logistical plans associated with this Permit.

