

**CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
July 1, 2025**

ATTENDEES: Council members Green, Smith, Arsanto, Burbank, Anderson and Bergerson.

Also, in attendance were: Mayor Burkett, City Administrator Brunell and Deputy Clerk Clark.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Pump Track:

City Administrator Brunell introduced Jalen Johansen to speak and reminded the Council that the pump track concept was last discussed at the Council Study Session on Dec. 3, 2024. The pump track would be located between Jefferson Ave. and the Veteran's Memorial. Mr. Johansen has started a new non-profit Pedals for the People, along with the City they have all come up with a draft agreement for Council to consider. Ms. Brunell spoke on the donation and construction agreement, Pedals for the People responsibilities and the City's commitments.

Mr. Johansen updated Council on the current fundraising for the pump track, and the first event will be November 22, 2025, at the Buckley Eagles and hoping to raise enough money from this event to get started on design and engineering.

Council member Burbank asked about the maintenance commitment from the City, and Ms. Brunell confirmed it will come out of the Parks Department budget which is based out of the general fund. Ms. Burbank also asked if there would be lighting and Mr. Johansen answered that this is something that will be figured out during permitting but would assume they would need lighting.

Council member Green asked what the estimated maintenance cost annually would be and Mr. Johansen stated that the costs wouldn't be anymore than they currently are and could possibly be less because most of it will be asphalt and it would just be mowing around the asphalt.

Council member Bergerson asked questions about location, and she would prefer to see other options for the location. Ms. Brunell and Mr. Johansen shared their opinions on why this location works the best.

This will be brought forward at a later Council meeting for vote.

Food Bank Agreement Review:

City Administrator Brunell shared with Council the proposed agreement for Buckley Foodbank that has been located in Buckley Hall for nearly 40 years without a formal agreement for occupying the Buckley Hall. This has created challenges in managing building operations, maintenance, and long-term planning. Right now, the City's General Fund, which also supports police, planning, parks and administrative services, is currently used to fully subsidize the Food Bank's facility use. Staff has presented Council with an estimated monthly cost to operate Buckley Hall and a percentage for Council's consideration for Foodbank to pitch in. The draft included in the packet includes different options the Council could consider moving forward with the agreement.

Mel and Donna Garland from the Buckley Foodbank addressed Council and their concerns with being charged for the space in Buckley Hall. The Buckley Foodbank is run all volunteers and has been worried about applying for grants as the Foodbank is not able to apply for a grant writer and the amount of donations received is not enough to pay for the space in Buckley Hall. Mr. Garland broke down the costs

of running the Foodbank. Mr. and Mrs. Garland raised concerns about the maintenance at Buckley Hall and gave an example that the flooring is coming up.

Council gave their opinions on what they thought would be fair and fully stand behind the City continuing to subsidize the Foodbank.

Logo Review:

City Administrator Brunell shared the memo to Council regarding the logo redesign that was under the direction of Mayor Burkett with a simplified and more modern logo that reflects Buckley today.

Staff and Council discussed the logo options and the implementation options for the rollout of the new logo and the costs associated with that. Ms. Brunell explained that the cost will come from the utility department and general funds.

Council all agreed with a moderate rollout and that option C was the best option for the new logo design. Council will consider formal adoption of the new logo at an upcoming Council meeting.

City Council Comments:

Council member Smith spoke about the Buckley Log Show and what a great attendance there was, and it seemed like a bigger turnout than in past years.

City Administrator Brunell spoke about the delay of the ribbon cutting at the updated Buckley City Hall and the ribbon cutting next week is to be decided depending on when the handrails get delivered and installed.

With nothing further, the Study Session was adjourned at 7:22 PM.



City Administrator



Mayor

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