

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 181 NORTH 9TH STREET, SHOW LOW, NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Daryl Seymore, Vice Mayor Mike Allsop, and Council members Brandt Clark, Brent Hatch, John Leech, Jr., Connie Kakavas, and Gene Kelley.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Muder, City Manager; F. Morgan Brown, City Attorney; Justin Johnson, Deputy City Manager; Bill Kopp, Public Works Director; Jay Brimhall, Community Services Director; Rachael Hall, Deputy City Clerk; and Tamra Reidhead, City Clerk.

GUESTS: Jon Adams, Sharon Stone, and Dawn Wilson.

3. Discussion of BMX Track at Nikolaus Homestead Park.

Mr. Kopp said the BMX Track at Nikolaus Homestead Park was constructed in 2010 and had a major improvement in 2015. The track was considered an economic development tool for the City and hosted weekly races during 2013. During the following years, use of the track dropped and after 2017 no races were scheduled.

Mr. Kopp said the track stopped being used because the track was never changed, so riders grew tired of the same layout. Also, the track could no longer hold sanctioned races due to new standards for tracks that came out in 2017 by USA BMX. New standards required three 180-degree paved banked turns, had new starting block specifications, needed additional width, and other requirements.

Mr. Kopp said City staff was approached by a local family wanting to help bring events back to the track. The family had contacts with USA BMX and would be willing to form a partnership with the City. They would contribute funds and offer their experience and time to help operate the track.

Mr. Kopp said staff could prepare a request for proposals to form a partnership and negotiate operational and financial responsibilities if the Council wished to pursue opening the track once again.

Vice Mayor Allsop discussed the need for the City's maintenance crews to keep up on the maintenance work at the track. He believed the track could be successful once again if there was a good partnership in place and said there were many staff members that could provide helpful information for operation. Mr. Kopp said maintenance work and responsibilities for the track would be included in the contract.

Councilman Leech suggested having locations for food-truck vendors to come in and be available for visitors and spectators. Mr. Kopp said yes, staff could find areas for vendors to drive through and setup for spectators. Mr. Muder said there was also a concession stand that could be used during racing events.

Vice Mayor Allsop suggested that staff look into shading structures for spectators while viewing the races. He said some spectators would use shade canopies on the soccer fields but were unable to view the races from there.

Councilman Kelley asked what the initial investment was for this project and how much it would cost to update the track to the new standards. Mr. Kopp said he did not know the initial investment and as of yet did not have an amount for the cost to update the track.

Councilman Leech asked what the time frame would be for a contract. Mr. Kopp believed it would take about six weeks until a contract was brought before the Council.

Mayor Seymore asked staff to continue to work on the proposal and bring back to the Council for consideration.

4. Adjournment.

There being no further discussion, **MAYOR SEYMORE ADJOURNED THE STUDY SESSION OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AT 6:52 P.M.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tamra Reidhead, City Clerk

Daryl Seymore, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the **STUDY SESSION** of the City Council of Show Low held on September 1, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

Tamra Reidhead, City Clerk