

**CITY OF SULTAN
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
May 6, 2021**

REMOTE ATTENDANCE ONLY

SEE PAGE 2 FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM

*IN PERSON LOCATION NOT ALLOWED - (PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION 20-28.14 DATED
12/8/2020 AND RUNNING CONCURRENT PER SCR8402 AS PROVIDED FOR IN RCW 43.06.220
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)*

7:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER - Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA (Requires a motion)

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Improving the Parks System for our Community.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Citizens are requested to keep comments to a 3 minute maximum to allow time for everyone to speak.

Adjournment - 10:00 PM or at the conclusion of Council business.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD BE EMAILED TO THE CITY CLERK, TAMI PEVEY
EMAIL: TAMI.PEVEY@CI.SULTAN.WA.US

REMINDER TO STAFF AND VISITORS TO SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE

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DIRECTIONS FOR ATTENDING THE COUNCIL MEETING AND INSTRUCTIONS ON PROVIDING REMOTE ORAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. At 7:00 p.m. (or shortly before or after) on Thursday, please join the meeting via computer or phone as shown below and enter the meeting ID to join the meeting. If using the website, the phone number given may be different, please follow prompts given:

- Via Computer:
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83735100397>
- Phone #: (253) 215-8782
- Meeting ID: 837 3510 0397
- After you enter the meeting ID, if it asks for a participant ID, just wait or press # and you will be added to the meeting.

Please note if you attend via computer, your computer may provide different options for connecting to audio to include different phone numbers. It is recommended to follow the zoom compute prompts to connect to the meeting

2. You will be muted upon entry to the meeting. When it is the portion of the meeting for Public Comment, your name will be called to speak, and the City Clerk will unmute you.
3. Please begin your comments by stating your name, city of residence, and any organization represented.
4. Please be advised that your comments are being recorded.

Each speaker is allotted 3 minutes and you will be notified when your time has expired.



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SUBJECT	Discussion on future park space			
DATE:	DEPT:	CONTACT:	PRESENTER:	ITEM:
5/6/2021	Admin, Planning, Public Works	Will Ibershof	PW Director, Planning Director, & City Administrator	Discussion #1

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

The City of Sultan grew by 8% last year and we expect that we will grow by 12% this year. The City has been investing time and money into this growth. This ranges from designing a new water plant to improvements to the sewer plant to improvements to water and sewer lines.

As Sultan grows there are other areas that we need to focus on. Areas that will require the City to make an investment in. These range from police services to parks. Later this year we will discuss police services as we enter negotiations with the County on a new agreement.

We started the discussion on parks in 2019, where we focused our efforts in a park plan. Throughout the second half of 2020, and then in November of 2020 we adopted the plan. The public outreach consisted of 182 survey responses from 17 stakeholder groups and four separate public meetings via Zoom. The plan outlined the current services and gaps. The next step in the process is to evaluate the gaps and determine the level of investments the City is willing to make. In this staff report, we will outline three key points that staff feels will help this discussion. The first is the gap in the areas of the community where we are growing. Secondly, the challenges with finding property in this market and finally bridging the gap with the resources we have. At the workshop, staff will share a presentation with council, that visually outlines these three items.

The gaps within the system. With all the growth off the basin, we are seeing an increased need to build a park to serve these residents. Many of these residents are leaving the basin to find park space for their families. The City has a few different parks off the basin that are being used as the weather improves. As the community grows, it places a strain on the existing parks. The parks plan outlined this well.

Knowing we have a gap; the next steps are to find property. That of course is easier said than done. In the presentation staff will share an example of the efforts the City placed on finding park space on the basin and what the outcome was. Property in Sultan is hard to come by. Parcels that are within the City limits are being sold for new homes. Property outside of the City limits and within our Urban Growth Boundary are limited. Property outside of our Urban Growth Boundary is not available to the City. That leaves a limited number of parcels. Staff will outline a few of them and their sale price. There maybe additional options to consider, yet they will be years in the making.

The third item that staff will share with council is utilizing the resources we have. The City has a couple of options. First, we can improve our current parks. Items like AstroTurf and lighting for Osprey, to a new field and better lighting to Reese, to replacing older playground equipment in a variety of pocket parks. The other option is to build a new park with property we already own. This option was explored a few weeks ago when staff brought forward a design task order for the Hammer property. This is still

a viable option, but not the only option.

Finally, staff has a few questions for council to consider prior to the workshop on May 6th.

These questions are as follows:

1. Does council wish to invest in a park on Basin?
2. What type of amenities do our parks need?
3. As the City looks for additional property, does council desire a large regional park or neighborhood parks?
4. Does council want to wait to find a large parcel over the next few years or build a neighborhood park now?

If council has any questions on the items addressed in this staff report or requests additional information on any one item, please feel free to reach out to staff.