

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE WORK SESSION**  
**March 21, 2022**  
**City Council Chambers**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor King. Council Members Paul Fischer, Rebecca Waller, Michael Postma, Jason Baskin, Oballa Oballa, Joyce Poshusta and Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert and Police Chief David McKichan

STAFF APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Public Works Director Steven Lang, Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann Park, Supervisor Randy Hofner, Nature Center Director Luke Reese, Greg Bell and City Clerk Ann Kasel

APPEARING IN PERSON: Austin Daily Herald

Mayor King opened the meeting at 7:21p.m.

**Item No. 2 – Farmer’s Market Request**

Mary Ann Duren provided an update from the 2021 Cedar River Farmer’s Market. She stated the market has an average of 18 weekly vendors with approximately 300 weekly customers.

She stated for 2022 they have received a \$10,000 SEMCAC grant to fund larger bands coming to the market once a month and have applied for a \$50,000 grant for improvements to the market. She stated she will apply for a \$250,000 grant once the cycle opens.

There will also be changes to the market. It will be on Thursdays and will begin at 4 pm with more vendors and entertainment.

She also asked for the City to be their fiscal agent for the 2022 season until the Market’s non-profit status is approved. The Council affirmed the City would continue to do that.

Moved by Council Member Baskin, seconded by Council Member Postma, to approve the City being the Farmer’s Market fiscal host for 2022.

The item will be on the April 4, 2022 Council Agenda.

**Item No. 1 – Velocity Group Update**

Mary Ann Duren provided an update to the Council in regards to the Velocity Group Report. She reviewed the summary report and provided suggestions for the future.

No Council action needed at this time.

**Item No. 3 - Administrative Report**

None.

**Item No. 4 – Open Discussion**

None.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Baskin, adjourning the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ann M. Kasel  
City Clerk