

**BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
MAY 24, 2011, 10:30 AM**

PRESENT:	Dennis Fife	Mayor
	Bob Marabella	Mayor Pro Tem
	Bruce Christensen	Councilmember
	Scott Ericson	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Tyler Vincent	Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Blake Fannesbeck	Public Works Director
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Jason Roberts	Finance Director

Parks

Mr. Fannesbeck reviewed future needs for the parks.

John Adams

The bowery at John Adams is not in a location that is very accessible. It is a wetter area of the park which causes issues. There are also no bathrooms by the bowery.

Mr. Fannesbeck proposed that a new bowery and restroom be constructed on the north part of the south parking lot. It would be large enough to hold 14 tables. There would be a walking trail from the new bowery to the tennis courts. In the future, it would be nice to bring the trail to the playground and up to 600 East.

Councilmember Ericson expressed concern with the bowery being so far away from the playground area. Mr. Fannesbeck said the engineer also estimated the cost to have two pavilions near the playground equipment. This would be an additional \$32,000.

The Council agreed to leave the money in the budget to improve John Adams Park. If bids come in lower than the engineer's estimate, the two pavilions should also be constructed.

Discovery Grove

Mr. Fannesbeck explained that the nearest park to Discovery Grove Park is Snow Park, which is a small neighborhood park of 2.09 acres. Discovery Grove Park is three acres. The City has tried to have 3.83 acres of park space per thousand residents. From 600 North to the north there is the new North 40 development, 600 North development, and 950 North. From 600 North to the north and Main Street there are approximately 1,555 residents with approximately 285 children age nine and under. Discovery School serves a larger area down to Forest Street and a little above Main Street to 400 North. They have about 500 students age nine and under. Based on the larger area, there are approximately 4,430 students with 810 children.

It was proposed that a combined bowery restroom also be constructed at Discovery Grove Park. It would be a little smaller and would hold eight tables. The Boys & Girls Club donated playground equipment that could be used. The company would have to put it back together, which would cost about \$10,000, and a foundation would have to be built to hold the wood chips.

There is room for two junior soccer fields sometime in the future. There is also room for a future basketball court.

The Council agreed to leave \$150,000 in the budget to upgrade this park.

New Position for Part-Time IT Technician

Mr. Roberts reported that the going rate for a part-time IT Technician is between \$12.00-\$15.00 per hour. He would like to offer \$14.00 per hour. For 20 hours a week it would cost \$15,672; 24 weeks, \$18,809; 28

weeks, \$21,943. Mayor Fife recommended this be taken out of the General Fund. **The Council supported approximately \$20,000 from Fund Balance to pay for a part-time IT technician.**

Auditors

Mr. Roberts explained that the City auditor has been Wiggins & Company for the last seven years. He recently sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) and received proposals from five auditing firms. The Audit Committee narrowed it down to two companies, one local company and one in Ogden. The Council discussed the pros and cons of each audit firm.

MOTION: Councilmember Ericson made a motion to contract with Davis & Bott to perform the audit for the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Christensen, Councilmember Ericson, Councilmember Jensen and Councilmember Vincent voted aye. Councilmember Marabella voted nay. The motion carried 4-1.

A motion to adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual was made by Councilmember Christensen, seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 11:32 AM.