

**CLEARWATER PARK COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2025**

**1. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. at City Hall**

- Chair Petty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present included Petty, Schindele, and Dufour. Member Senn arrived at 6:06 p.m. Also present was Deputy Clerk Hill.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- **MOTION** by Schindele to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Dufour, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**3. Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2025 Meeting**

- **MOTION** by Schindele to approve minutes from July 14, 2025 meeting as presented, seconded by Dufour, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**4. Public Forum**

- None.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Depot Park Benches**

- Member Schindele reported that the bench pricing is about the same as 2023.
- Schindele questioned the need for two benches and suggested that a single bench honoring Vern Scott is sufficient.
- Chair Petty questioned what the plan is for Depot Park. Hill explained that staff are working on a design plan that is not yet completed. The honorary benches were brought up by Park Commissioners. Signage and a temporary bench are in place.
- *Member Senn arrived and joined the discussion in progress.*
- Petty suggested considering a different plan that honors multiple community members. He suggested adding a Vern Scott honorarium to the existing city bench on Ash Street near Mr. Scott's home and doing something different at Depot Park once a full design is determined.

**b. Ball Team Canvas Update**

- Hill provided an update on the status of the torn pitcher-mound canvas, which is being replaced by the ball team using donated funds from the Lions Club. This was in response to a question from Commissioner Senn at the last meeting.

**c. Ball Team Shed Payment Update**

- Hill explained that the ball team had been invoiced but had not yet paid for their share of the new storage shed. They were given twelve months to pay, so it is not yet due. This update was in response to questions from Commissioners at the last meeting.

**d. Splash Pad Update**

- Hill updated that the splash pad equipment is still expected this fall, with initial install happening in the fall and the main installation planned to be completed in the spring. It is expected to be open for the 2026 summer season.

**6. New Business**

**a. Schedule LOST Open House**

- Members would like a date in October for the Open House.

**b. Other Business**

- None.

**7. Reports**

**a. Local Option Sales Tax Financial Report**

- Petty asked about status of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). Hill reiterated that a referendum would be necessary to extend it. Petty also noted that the parks budget needs to be expanded to cover replacement costs if the LOST is not extended.

**b. Project Status Report**

- Hill explained that the city had obtained a quote for striping El Dorado parking lot at request of rugby team. They had previously offered to share the costs.
- **MOTION** by Petty to authorize parking lot striping, seconded by Schindele, all voted aye.  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**8. Next Meeting Date**

**a. September 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.**

- Next meeting date confirmed for September 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
- *Side discussion added about pavilion proposed by rugby team.*
  - Petty asked if team could clarify who would build the project and how it would be funded. He wants to know what is being asked of the city. Dufour will circle back with team.

**9. Adjournment**

- **MOTION** to adjourn by Senn, seconded by Schindele, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**  
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST



Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator