I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commission President Jon Ruzicka called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE:

A. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jon Ruzicka, Scott Raeber and Angela Johnson. Councilmembers Jimmy Hallyburton and Lisa Sánchez were present.

Commissioners Absent: Susan McIlroy and Erik Stidham

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Beer/Wine Sales and Serving Permits – Boise Veg Fest

MOTION: Boise Parks and Recreation Commission approved Beer/Wine Sales and Serving Permits for the Boise Veg Fest special event submitted.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: A. Johnson
SECONDER: S. Raeber
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: S. McIlroy and E. Stidham

IV. IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

A. Minutes – February 20, 2020

MOTION: Boise Parks and Recreation Commission moved to recommend the approval of the February 20, 2020 Boise Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes to Boise City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: S. Raeber
SECONDER: A. Johnson
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: S. McIlroy and E. Stidham
B. Boise Parks and Recreation FY21 Fees & Charges – Public Hearing

Summary: Superintendent Bledsoe presented on the department’s proposed FY21 fees and charges. The department expected to bring in $9.8 million in FY20. In February 2020, the department was on-course to match that expectation, then due to coronavirus (COVID-19) cancellations and refunds in spring, the department fell about $2 million short of the budgeted revenue. Most of the revenue in May was generated from the golf courses, which were able to open in Stage 3 of Idaho’s reopening framework. Cemetery lot sales also exponentially increased during the coronavirus shutdowns.

The recovery percentages for recreation programming was 100% for adult programs and 50% for youth programs. Due to changes in fee requirements, a one-percent increase was set for programming. Recreation managers evaluated their programs and costs to compile the proposed FY21 Fees and Charges.

Superintendent Bledsoe detailed the new and changed fees proposed for FY21.

Director Holloway stated that the department prioritizes affordable programming when setting fees and charges. Councilmember Sánchez discussed donation and scholarship opportunities to further improve access to programming.

President Ruzicka opened the public hearing at 11:25 a.m. and upon hearing none, closed it.

Commissioner Raeber questioned what outcome was projected for the FY20 year-end, to which Director Holloway answered that it would be down, but the city-wide budget would end balanced.

MOTION: Boise Parks and Recreation Commission moved to recommend the approval of the Boise Parks and Recreation FY21 Fees & Charges to Boise City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: A. Johnson
SECONDER: S. Raeber
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: S. McIlroy and E. Stidham

C. Boise Parks and Recreation COVID-19 Update

Summary: Director Holloway provided an overview of the department’s response to COVID-19 and the reopening plans for the coming weeks. The weekend before the meeting, the city entered Stage 4 of Idaho’s reopening framework. This allowed for the Boise Depot (which was considered a large venue) to open, and gatherings under 250 people were allowed at all reservable park facilities and sites.

The department would open the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, Fort Boise Community Center and Zoo Boise on June 22. Tickets for the zoo were purchased in advance online. Registration for a truncated softball season was open, with a four-game season also scheduled to start June 22. Youth leagues had
been allowed to start practicing in Stage 3, and tournaments would be available after July 10. Idaho IceWorld would reopen for private ice reservations on July 10. The remainder of programming was scheduled to start throughout July and August.

Due to its vulnerable population, the Dick Eardley Senior Center did not have a reopening date set. Throughout the facility closure, curbside meals and library services were offered for pick up and staff continued to keep in touch with customers. Lifetime & Leisure programming was set to resume in July with health and safety stipulations in place. Councilmember Sánchez discussed ways to be involved with the senior community members.

President Ruzicka questioned how the department’s reopening plans would be affected, should the state not move out of Stage 4 at the end of June. Director Holloway stated there were no plans to reopen city pools, but the city’s three splash pads opened in Stage 3. The department continued its partnership with Idaho River Sports to donate lifejackets and teach water safety to community members.

Vice President Johnson asked the status of the city’s Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration, to which Director Holloway answered city leaders were still discussing plans on the ability to hold the event.

Councilmember Hallyburton discussed the department’s practical reopening plans for Stages 3 and 4 and expressed gratitude for the open spaces in Boise during these interesting times. President Ruzicka and Councilmember Sánchez echoed their appreciation for the department’s dedication to community and safety.

Director Holloway specified that all reopening dates and plans were subject to change.

There was no motion, as this was an informational item only.

V. IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission at the time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: A. Johnson
SECONDER: S. Raeber
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: S. McIlroy and E. Stidham

Jon Ruzicka, President