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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION Minutes – May 15, 2020

The meeting opened at 4:00 via a Zoom video conference call. Council present was Mayor Derek Clevenger and Councilors Gus Bedwell, Nico Casarez, Larry Purdy, and Della Seney. Council absent was: Councilors Angelica Ceja and Jim Case. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding) and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Clerk) were also present.

CA Harding started the session by giving an overview of the state COVID-19 re-opening plan and how it will affect summer events and park activities over the next few months. There was discussion about when we could start to open park facilities; basketball courts, playground, splash park, etc. Consensus was to wait until Marion County enters phase 3. CA Harding stated that Superhero Carnival and Camping in the Park are both cancelled. These events would be very difficult to ensure social distancing and to control numbers of attendees.

## **Corn Festival Discussion:**

CA Harding asked Council for input about ideas for alternatives to having an actual festival. Changing it rather than a complete cancellation of the event. Council discussed going forward with purchasing the corn as scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> and how we could set up a drive-up event.

Getting the community involved was another point of discussion. Suggestions like hosting a virtual "Aumsville Corn Challenge" where people could submit a video of themselves cooking their favorite corn recipe; cash prize for the winners. A parade of sorts was also discussed.

Consensus was for this year to cancel the festival in the park and pursue alternate ways to celebrate as discussed. There was a brief discussion that followed regarding the 2021 festival.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 5:35 PM

Derek Clevenger, Mayor

Ron Harding, City Administrator