

Wimber Considerations from City Council and Staff

City Council Comments – July 2, 2024

Further Discussion on Chaiya Wimber's Request to Use Heber Olson Park for a Fall Event:

Councilmember Milbank said he met with Recorder Lind and PWD Nelson to discuss the size of the event and determined that it was up to the council to make the decision, based on City Code 10-18-2. They were concerned about the number of vehicles and people the event would bring in. He asked Ms. Wimber how much she would be charging the vendors. She said it hadn't been decided yet and gave him a copy of the application she gives the vendors. She said the elementary school had given permission for them to use their parking lot. Mr. Milbank felt the number of vendors and people the event would bring in could disrupt the neighborhood.

PWD Nelson was also concerned with 400 vehicles in the city. Recorder Lind guessed Apple Days brought in 300-400 people with very few vendors and about three food trucks.

Councilmember Milbank asked Ms. Wimber her motivation. To put on a fun fall festival, was her reply. She came from a small city that had different events for families on the weekends.

PWD Nelson suggested the elementary school fields could be a better place for something like this.

Mayor Thompson was concerned with the number of people and vehicles.

Councilmember Milbank didn't want to set a precedence by allowing such a large event. He suggested limiting the number of vendors and food trucks.

Councilmember Pitcher asked how many parking spots would be available. They counted 100ish. PWD Nelson guessed there would be 75 cars, just in vendors.

Councilmember Wright asked if the event would be considered a 'farmers' market.' If so, it would go to the Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Permit. Councilmember Milbank reminded that elsewhere in the code it stated that events such as this would be approved by the council.

The council agreed to have the Planning Commission consider the application, hold a public hearing and hoped they would consider the comments and concerns of the Council.

Staff Concerns

- She and each vendor should abide by the park rules (no dogs allowed, etc.)
- How much to charge? Apple Days vendors are charged \$40/each.
- Cap the number of vendors.
- No electricity is available.
- Would this set a precedence and attract other similar events?
- Consider the need for additional restrooms.