



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2021, 5:00 PM

City Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Suzanne Hawkins, Vice Mayor Ruth Pierce, Council Member Shawn Barigar, Craig Hawkins, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Nikki Boyd.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble, City Attorney Shayne Nope, City Planner Lisa Strickland, Airport Manager William Carberry, Network Administrator Mike Plane, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hawkins invited all present, who wished, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3) PROCLAMATIONS: None

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0

- a) Request to approve the Accounts Payable for January 14-20, 2021.
- b) Request to approve January 19, 2021, City Council Minutes.
- c) Request to approve the 2021 Oktoberfest event.
- d) Request to hold the Trick or Treat on Main Street event.
- e) Request to approve the 7th Annual Cycle Magic Valley event.
- f) Request to hold the annual Canyon Rim Classic Soccer Tournament.
- g) Request to hold the Twin Falls Municipal Band Concerts.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Request from the Historic Preservation Commission to amend Chapter 3.5 Signage in the Downtown/City Park Design Guidelines. (PZ20-0135)

City Planner Strickland requested from the Historic Preservation Commission to amend Chapter 3.5 Signage in the Downtown/City Park Design Guidelines. (PZ20-0135)

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Hawkins: Thanked Ms. Strickland for all the work that went into this.

Vice Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on the changes that were discussed.

Council Member Boyd: Asked for clarification on installing their signs.

Deputy City Manager Humble: Added needed information related to this request.

Council Member Reid: Have the property owners been consulted regarding this change? Would like to see this happen before the Council votes on it. Concerned that this is very subjective.

Mayor Hawkins: Spoke on not changing existing and using this only going forward.

Council Member Lanting: What would be the recourse if an application is turned down? Believes, if the sign companies understand it, then he would be in favor of it.

Council Member Hawkins: Talked about the process that the Historic Preservation Commission takes for applications.

No action is taken.

- b) Request to award a bid to Western Construction for the construction of an aircraft parking ramp at Joslin Field.

Airport Manager Carberry requested to award a bid to Western Construction for the construction of an aircraft parking ramp at Joslin Field for \$1,520,790.00.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Pierce: Asked about the bid price and date.

Council Member Lanting: Asked about using a local contractor as opposed to a company from out of the area.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to award a bid to Western Construction for the construction of an aircraft parking ramp at Joslin Field for \$1,520,790.00 contingent on FAA approval and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

- c) Request to approve an engineering agreement with J-U-B Engineers for FAA AIP 48 - N.E. Development project, phase 4 taxi lane construction.

Airport Manager Carberry requests to approve an engineering agreement with J-U-B Engineers for FAA AIP 48-N.E. Development project, phase 4 taxi lane construction.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Hawkins: Asked about a possible match on this project.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the request to approve an engineering agreement with J-U-B Engineers for FAA AIP 48-N.E. Development project, phase 4 taxi lane construction. **Council Member Lanting** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

Council Member Lanting: Aske Mr. Carberry how many flights are going in and out of Twin Falls and how the Denver flight option is progressing.

Airport Manager Cargerry: Presented answers to the above questions.

- d) Request to fund \$18,169 in safety-related capital improvements at the Twin Falls Golf Club.
Deputy City Manager Humble requested funds of \$18,169 for safety-related capital improvements at the Twin Falls Golf Club.

Items needing replacing: Safety Netting; Fire Alarm System.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Spoke about the needs at the Golf Course.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve the request for funds of \$18,169 for safety-related capital improvements at the Twin Falls Golf Club and use revenue share funds to pay the expenses. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

- e) A request to initiate the process to dispose of City-owned property located in Rock Creek Canyon immediately west of Blue Lakes Boulevard South.
Deputy City Manager Humble requested to initiate the process to dispose of City- owned property located in Rock Creek Canyon immediately west of Blue Lakes Boulevard South.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on the Public/Private operation option.

Deputy City Manager Humble: Explained the Public/Private agreement option.

Vice Mayor Pierce: Would there be an option for an Auditorium District?

Council Member Barigar: Explained the elections that would need to take place for an Auditorium District.

Council Member Lanting: Voiced concerns on the vendor option where the City is responsible for the capital items/improvements. Auditorium District option would be no less than a year out.

Deputy City Manager Humble: Spoke about the parking portion of the proposal. Discussed things that will need to happen in the future as this moves forward.

Council Member Reid: Asked about the disposal process, and language that could be used.

Mayor Hawkins: Spoke about declaring this excess property, the lease option of 99 years, and going forward.

Council Member Barigar: Agreed that they should maintain ownership of the asset by the City and would like to partner with a developer to go forward. Not comfortable with declaring this property excess property.

Council Member Boyd: Asked the applicant to give further detail on the project. Is the proposal the "only" way that the applicant would move forward?

Council Member Lanting: Spoke about having a public hearing and the fact that the City has not done anything with this property. Would like to see this move forward.

Council Member Barigar: Spoke about the motion on the floor but would like to have a further discussion before moving forward.

Council Member Reid: Agreed with Council Member Barigar and would like to know the alternatives before going forward.

Mayor Hawkins: Would also like to see an alternative to this motion.

City Manager Rothweiler: Clarified what the City Staff would be able to do moving forward. Would like to work with the applicant and Urban Renewal Agency for a 30 days to see how to proceed.

Council Member Lanting: Asked to change his motion by adding the transfer to the URA.

Vice Mayor Pierce: Is against this motion until all options are weighed.

Council Member Hawkins: Likes the idea but is unsure how we get there.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve the request to initiate the process to dispose of City-owned property, located in Rock Creek Canyon immediately west of Blue Lakes Boulevard South, to the URA. Council Member Boyd seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present and the motion failed. 3 to 4.

Mayor Hawkins asked City staff to investigate this request.

Council Member Barigar: Asked the applicant to keep this moving forward by bringing back options as it is not a dismissal of the project.

Mayor Hawkins: Discussed not being ready to declare this excess property.

City Manager Rothweiler proposed that the council make a motion to put a time frame on some action.

MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to request staff, to bring back within 45 days, various partnership proposals for the Rock Creek Canyon immediately west of Blue Lakes Boulevard South for development with Eric Smallwood as he has proposed. Vice Mayor Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted and the motion passed 7 to 0.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Ryker Herndon spoke about January 19, 2021, City Council Meeting.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hawkins shared Youth Council news.

8) **PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

- a) ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION §74-206 (1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student **and** Executive Session §74- 206(1)(c) To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to Adjourn to Executive Session 74206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agenda, or public school student and Executive Session 74206(1)(c) To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 06:49 PM



Amy Luna, Finance Administrative Assistant