



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2020, 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 (by Phone), Craig Hawkins, Greg Lanting (by Phone), Christopher Reid & Nikki Boyd.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble, City Attorney Shayne Nope, CFO Breanna Howard, Budget Coordinator Mat Farnes, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Captain Matt Hicks, City Engineer Mark Holtzen, Public Works Director Jon Caton, Fire Marshall Tim Lauda, Utility Billing Supervisor Bill Baxter, Parks & Rec Director Wendy Davis, Public Information Officer Joshua Palmer, Human Resource Director Gretchen Scott, Desktop Support Analyst Jeremiah Parent, 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. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0

a) Request to approve August 3, 2020, City Council Minutes.

b) Request to approve the Accounts Payable for July 30 - August 5, 2020.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) Presentation by Joshua W. Kern M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs, St. Luke's Health System

Mayor Hawkins introduced Dr. Kern, Vice President of Medical Affairs, St. Luke's Health System.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: What are some of the protocols for masks?

Mayor Hawkins: Regular laundry soap kills the virus?

Vice Mayor Pierce: Length of testing time, has this decreased?

Council Member Boyd: Asked for specific numbers. Asked about the drug hydroxychloroquine that has been being used, is anyone prescribing it locally?

Mayor Hawkins: Questioned the standards that are being used. Asked for advice related to the upcoming County Fair.

Council Member Lanting: What can the City do to help get more tests?

Mayor Hawkins thanked Dr. Kern for his information.

- b) Request to confirm Mayor Hawkins' recommendation to appoint Emily Huber and Corey King to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Hawkins & Council Member Lanting made a request to appoint Emily Huber and Corey King to serve on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Vice Mayor Pierce moved to approve the appointment of Emily Huber and Corey King to serve on the Parks & Recreation Commission. **Council Member Barigar** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

- c) Setting the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget for the City of Twin Falls of \$72,732,119 for FY 2021 and setting the public hearing for August 24, 2020, no sooner than 6:00 PM, followed by citizen input.

City Manager Rothweiler requested the setting of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget for the City of Twin Falls of \$72,732,119 and setting the public hearing for August 24, 2020, no sooner than 6:00 pm.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Hawkins: Asked about #2 on the Airport list. Gave thoughts on what she would like to see funded. Spoke against doing anything on the Floral Ave Project.

Council Member Reid: Questioned if the camera for Dierkes/Shoshone Falls can be purchased out of the admission fees.

Mayor Hawkins: Funds collected for vehicle/admission fees is being collected to work on the road, even though this is not a large purchase do we want to take it out of this fund?

Council Member Reid: Spoke about his favorite projects to be funded.

Council Member Barigar: Spoke about the projects that he is in favor of funding. Would like to focus on public safety and infrastructure improvements.

Vice Mayor Pierce: Asked about the CARES funds that the Airport received. Would like to focus on public safety and infrastructure improvements.

Council Member Boyd: Looked at things by what has been worked on hard. Asked Fire Chief Kenworthy about the bottles that they are requesting and how big a deal are they at this time.

Council Member Lanting: Spoke about the projects that he is in favor of funding.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke about the projects that he is in favor of funding.

Council Member Barigar: Would also like to see future planning for Park's development. Proposed using some Reserve Funds.

Mayor Hawkins: Asked for a spreadsheet to see where they are with what they agree on.

Council Member Reid: Listed off the items that all members have agreed on thus far.

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1 - MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to include the \$500,000 for Harmen Park Parking lot at Elizabeth and Madrona to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. **Council Member Barigar** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

2 - MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to include the \$173,000 for Police requests and \$19,405 for Fire Extrication Equipment to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. Vice Mayor Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

3 - MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to include Alternate #4 of the Floral Avenue Project to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. **Council Member Ried** seconded the motion.

Mayor Hawkins: Spoke against funding Floral Avenue at this time.

Council Member Barigar: Also spoke against funding Floral Avenue at this time.

Council Member Boyd: Spoke about the sidewalk projects on the list.

Council Member Reid: Agreed that sidewalks have been a priority for the Council and suggested doing just the design portion for this budget.

Mayor Hawkins: Spoke on an alternative to this motion.

Council Member Barigar: Does the design funding need to be tied to the potential funding for construction?

Mayor Hawkins: Outlined proposal for Sidewalk funding

Council Member Barigar: Proposed amending motion.

Council Member Reid: Discussed unknown costs on sidewalk projects.

Council Member Lanting: Requested a vote on the original motion.

Roll call vote showed all members present voted with all but **Council Members Lanting and Reid** voting for the motion. The motion failed 2 to 5.

4 - MOTION: Mayor Hawkins moved to include \$419,100 for Wendell St. Sidewalk, the \$55,000 for Eastland Dr. Sidewalk, and the \$48,100 design portion of the Elizabeth Blvd Sidewalk project to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion.

Council Member Reid: Asked if the entire Wendell St. project could be completed in one year.

5 - MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to amend the motion, to remove the \$55,000 Eastland Dr. Sidewalk project, and the \$48,100 design portion of the Elizabeth Blvd Sidewalk project and keep the entire \$419,100 for Wendell St. Sidewalk project in its entirety. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion.

Council Member Barigar: Expressed that this motion frees up funds for another project and gives the employees time to finish a project.

Council Member Boyd: Spoke about the park's development plans.

Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.
Amendment passed.

Roll call vote on the original motion, as amended, showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

6 - MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to include \$15,000 for the Three Park Development Plan, \$5,000 for Auger Falls Facility Maintenance, and the \$85,000 for Evel Knievel Parking, Access, and Drainage Design for a total of \$105,000 to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion.

Council Member Barigar: Expressed support for the park's funding.

Mayor Hawkins: Asked if the Airport could use some of their Reserves to fund their

projects. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

Mayor Hawkins: Listed some other options for the remaining funds.

Council Member Barigar: Spoke in favor of funding the projects at the Airport that are already in motion.

7 - MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to include \$35,000 for the Airport Electric Utility Extension and the \$130,000 for Wastewater Utility Extension, and to make up the difference of \$70,255 from the Airport Reserve funds, to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion.

Mayor Hawkins: Asked if the Airport could fund this entire project from their reserves.

Council Member Boyd: Asked for clarification on the proposed Airport projects.

Council Member Barigar: Further explained the difference in the priority of the Airport projects.

Council Member Reid: Would this increase the preliminary budget?

Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

8 - MOTION: Vice Mayor Pierce moved to accept the allocations as presented. **Council Member Barigar** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

9 - MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to set the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget for the City of Twin Falls of \$72,802,374 and setting the public hearing for August 24, 2020, no sooner than 6:00 pm, followed by Citizen input. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT: To provide public input to the City Council please email: Citizeninput@tfid.org.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Hawkins spoke on the Historic Preservation Committee member recommendations.

Mayor Hawkins asked for a short recess. The meeting resumed at 7:30.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS: To make written comment please email: lsanchez@tfid.org. Comments submitted after 12:00 PM, will not be included in the public hearing record. To call in to the meeting please telephone 1-208-939-6718, Conference ID: 869 186 813#. Calls must be received between 6:00 pm – 6:10 pm on August 10, 2020 and will be put into a queue to speak during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

a) A public hearing and adoption of a comprehensive fee resolution for the City of Twin Falls per Idaho Code.

CFO Howard requested the adoption of a Comprehensive Fee Resolution #2020-12 for the City of Twin Falls per Idaho Code.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Pierce: Asked about the Card Room License Fee.

Public Hearing Opened: 7:37 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:38 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to adopt the Comprehensive Fee Resolution #2020-12 for the City of Twin Falls per Idaho Code. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

9) ADJOURNMENT

a) **REQUEST TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

§ 74-206(1)(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206(1)(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 07:39 PM



Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Finance