



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2022, 5:00 PM

Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

AMENDED

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Ruth Pierce; Vice Mayor Christopher Reid; Council Members Spencer Cutler, Craig Hawkins, Shawn Bariger, Nikki Boyd, and Jason Brown.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Travis Rothweiler, City Manager; Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Gretchen Scott, Deputy City Manager; Shayne Nope, City Attorney; Erin Parrish, Executive Assistant; Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Lou Coronado, Sergeant, Twin Falls, Police Department; Jesse Schuerman, Staff Engineer; Josh Baird, Public Works Director; Troy Vitek, City Engineer; Josh Palmer, Public Information Coordinator; Brent Hyatt, Financial Assistant Director; Dee Henderson, Network Administrator; Brent Wright, Captain, Twin Falls Police Department; Jonathan Spendlove, Planning and Zoning Director; Matthew Long, Building Official; Ian Zollinger, City Planner; Les Kenworthy, Chief of Twin Falls Fire Department; Rachel Long, Service Representative; Kristi Fehringer, Lead Engineering Technician; Kristen Kohntopp, Recruitment Coordinator; Erin Steel, Public Works Assistant Director; Nathan Erickson, Environmental Engineer.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 05:00 PM.
A quorum was present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3) PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Arbor Day - Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director.
Mayor Pierce read the proclamation declaring April 28, 2022, as Arbor Day. **Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director**, accepted the proclamation.
- b) National Victims' Rights Week - Kimberly Burkhalter, Victim-Witness Coordinator, Twin Falls Police Department.
Mayor Pierce read the proclamation declaring April 24-28, 2022, as National Victims' Rights Week. **Kimberley Burkhalter, Victim Services Coordinator, Twin Fall Police Department**, accepted the proclamation.

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as published. **Council Member Cutler** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0, 1 abstain. **Council Member Hawkins** abstained.

- a) City Council April 18, 2022, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for April 14-20, 2022.
- c) Twin Falls Public Art Commission request to correct resolution number of Public Art Resolution No. R-2022-009 to Resolution No. R-2022-010.
- d) Consideration of a request to approve the Sippin' at Sunset event.
- e) Request to approve the annual Twin Falls Tonight Concert Series.
- f) Request to approve Alcohol License for Smokey Bone BBQ 210 Ave S.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Request to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Joshua Baird to the position of Public Works Director for the City of Twin Falls.

Travis Rothweiler, City Manager, presented the request.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to confirm the appointment of **Joshua Baird** to the position of Public Works Director for the City of Twin Falls. **Council Member Barigar** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

Mayor Pierce administered the Oath of Office to **Joshua Baird, Public Works Director**.

- b) Request to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Troy Vitek to the position of City Engineer for the City of Twin Falls.

Travis Rothweiler, City Manager, presented the request.

MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to confirm Troy Vitek to the position of City Engineer for the City of Twin Falls. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

Mayor Pierce administered the Oath of Office to **Troy Vitek, City Engineer**.

- c) A presentation by the Idaho Transportation Department about an upcoming mill and inlay project on Blue Lakes Blvd North.

Jesse Schuerman, Staff Engineer, introduced **Steve Hunter, ITD Engineer**, who gave the presentation.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Reid asked what the construction project looks like from 9pm to 7am for someone who needs to go out of town? Asked to specify the Fillmore intersection project.

Council Member Boyd asked what the plan is to get the word out on the actual work being done on the intersection.

- d) A presentation by the Idaho Transportation Department regarding another potential bridge crossing of the Snake River Canyon.
Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager, introduced **Jesse Barrus, District 4 District Engineer**.
Travis Rothweiler, City Manager, clarified why the agenda item was listed as an action item.

Jesse Barrus, District 4 District Engineer, introduced **Dan McElhinney, Chief Operations Officer ITD**, who co-presented the presentation regarding another potential bridge crossing of the Snake River Canyon.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Barigar asked for clarification on the Origin Destination study, and if the goal was to divert the traffic that didn't need to come to the City of Twin Falls.

Vice Mayor Reid clarified information on the intersection of Blue Lakes and Poleline and commented on the need for a third bridge as transportation to the south part of Twin Falls without having to go through the main part of Twin Falls.

Council Member Brown asked what problem ITD is trying to solve.

Council Member Brown wondered if we are possibly creating other issues that haven't been anticipated down the road.

Mayor Pierce asked for clarification on what would be learned from an upcoming summer study.

Council Member Barigar asked if the goal was to get traffic out of Twin Falls, or just across the canyon. Commented about the two crossings near Eastland or Hankins have come out of the blue to a certain extent.

Council Member Cutler offered feedback to be sure to consider actual specific behavior that may not be in the computer model.

Council Member Brown asked how long the scoping study was going to take.

Vice Mayor Reid asked where people could go to get this information.

Mayor Pierce asked if it was possible to get the Cause-and-Effect Slide that was referred to.

Council Member Hawkins thanked ITD for the presentation and the work they have done.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

None.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Hawkins mentioned the Tree Board is part of the Parks and Recreation Commission and if trees are on easements or right-of-way, owners need to contact the City before they prune or remove trees. There are special circumstances and possible ramifications if the City is not contacted.

Vice Mayor Reid reminded everyone that the Chamber of Commerce is having their Trade Show this Thursday. Breakfast in the morning with our governor speaking, and 4pm - 8pm the trade show will occur at the Field House/Soccer Time. Purchase tickets at the Chamber.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **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: Vice Mayor Reid moved to go into **Executive Session 74-206 (1)(f)**. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

Council Members convened into session at 6:40 PM.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 07:45 PM.

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Erin Parrish, Executive Assistant

For a full account of this meeting please visit tfid.org for the recording of this meeting