



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, May 23, 2022, 4:00 PM

203 Main Ave East
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Council Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING **AMENDED*****

The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 4:00 p.m., for the purpose of: **EXECUTIVE SESSION 74-206 (1)(a)** To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general.

The regular meeting will start at 5:00 p.m.

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Ruth Pierce, Vice Mayor Christopher Reid, Council Members Jason Brown, Spencer Cutler, Christopher Reid, Shawn Barigar, Nikki Boyd.

Absent: Council Member Craig Hawkins

Staff Present: Travis Rothweiler, City Manager; Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Gretchen Scott, Deputy City Manager; Craig Kingsbury, Chief, Twin Falls Police Department; Erin Parrish, Executive Assistant; Dee Davidson, Network Administrator; Lou Coronado, Sergeant, Twin Falls Police Department; Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Jonathan Spendlove, Planning and Zoning Director; Josh Baird, Public Works Director; Josh Palmer, Public Information Coordinator; Nicole Swafford, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; Kelli Ebersole, Planning and Zoning Technician; Lisa Strickland, City Planner; Ian Zollinger, City Planner; Erin Steel, Public Works Assistant Director; Les Kenworthy, Chief, Twin Falls Fire Department.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM.

A quorum was present.

2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS 74-206 (1)(a)** To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general.

MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to convene in to Executive Session 74-206 (1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general. **Vice Mayor Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0.

The regular City Council Meeting started at 5:00PM.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4) PROCLAMATIONS - None.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as published. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted.

Approved 6 to 0.

- a) Request to approve Accounts Payable for May 12-18, 2022.
- b) City Council May 16, 2022, Minutes.
- c) Request to approve the Wells Fargo Credit Commercial Card for March 2022.
- d) Request to approve the Wells Fargo Credit Commercial Card for April 2022.
- e) Consideration of a request to approve the Annual Kermes event.
- f) Consideration of a request to approve the Crazy Dayz event
- g) Request to approve the Lee Family Broadcasting, Perrona Music Festival.
- h) Request to approve an extension of the 2022 Shoshone Falls After Dark special event permit at Shoshone Falls Park to June 12, 2022.
- i) Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to accept a donation from Rita Johnson for a bench to be placed at Morning Sun Park.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) To confirm the appointment of Cortney Campbell to the Planning and Zoning Commission. **Jonathan Spendlove, Planning and Zoning Director**, presented the request.

MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to confirm the appointment of Cortney Campbell to the Planning and Zoning Commission. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0.

- b) Consideration of a request to approve the expenditure of \$3.6 million from Water Department funds to finance the Hankins Pressure Zone project and authorize the Public Works Director to enter into a professional services contract to design the project and produce construction documents.
Josh Baird, Public Works Director, presented the request.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Reid asked where the \$3.6 million was coming from.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the request for an expenditure of \$3.6 million from the Water Department fund to finance the Hankins Pressure Zone project and

authorize Public Works Direct to enter into a professional services contract to design the project and produce construction documents. **Vice Mayor Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0.

- c) Discussion and Action on pursuing the creation of a Historic District for the area proposed by the Friends of the Avenues neighborhood interest group.

Jonathan Spendlove, Planning and Zoning Director, presented the discussion and action.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Barigar asked for clarification on exterior changes and regulations.

Council Member Brown asked who do the evaluation and how much effort from staff would go into this.

Council Member Brown asked about standards for using federal dollars.

Council Member Boyd asked why Friends of the Avenues would want the federal government to regulate them.

Mayor Pierce asked about the commercial homes and if this would make them non-compliant, and if businesses running out of homes went through a process to get approved.

Mayor Pierce asked if approval of a home with a state statute for painting light fixtures would be included.

Council Member Barigar asked if remodels or changes would be requested by the property owner or imposed by the council.

Council Member Brown asked if this 67-46-14 would be a property owners' decision to make that choice.

Council Member Cutler asked for verification of regulations according to state statute and if a property owner could opt out of being in a district.

Mayor Pierce asked about having a public meeting.

Vice Mayor Reid expressed that his personal feelings are that this isn't something for this year's budget.

Council Member Barigar commented on whether residential historical preservation is a value of the community that we should fund in moving forward.

Council Member Brown commented on it being a very specific small area of our town and having someone to hire to help with it.

Council Member Cutler commented on how strict the state laws are when it's called a district and if there are other options.

Council Member Boyd likes Council Member Cutler's idea to learn about other things.

Vice Mayor Reid suggested a discussion with public input.

Council Member Barigar suggested broad publicity on this conversation.

7) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Patty Cameron, resident of Twin Falls, asked about making the homeowners accountable for the utilities for rental landlords.

Travis Rothweiler, City Manager, informed her there would be upcoming public input meetings she was welcome to attend.

8) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Reid had a question about the intersection of Pole Line and Blue Lakes and who oversees maintenance of the 4 small islands and crosswalks, and who would be the most important person to talk to about weed care.

Council Member Boyd reported on the Library Summer Reading program.

Mayor Pierce reports that the Back the Blue event is July 8th 4-8PM.

Travis Rothweiler, City Manager, reminded everyone that there would not be a City Council Meeting next week. The next one will be June 6.

9) PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

10) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **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.

Executive Session was completed at 4PM.

11) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 06:08 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