Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, January 13, 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, Craig Hawkins, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Nikki Boyd.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Shayne Nope, CFO Lorie Race, Police Captain Matt Hicks, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Battalion Chief Ron Aguirre, City Engineer Mark Holtzen, Staff Engineer Lee Glaesemann, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, City Planner Steve O'Connor, City Planner Brock Cherry, Public Works Director Jon Caton, Waste Water Superintendent Doug Gonzales, Water Superintendent Rob Bohling, Economic Development Director Nathan Murray, Public Information Officer Josh Palmer, 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) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT: None

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Barigar 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) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the January 06, 2020, City Council Minutes.

b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Accounts Payable for January 2nd thru 8th, 2020.

c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve a Final Plat for the Cedarpark Subdivision No. 12, PUD, located at the southwest corner of Whispering Pine Dr. and Meadow View Ln. North.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) **PRESENTATION:** Southern Idaho Economic Development Update.

Connie Stopher, SIED presented the Southern Idaho Economic Development Update.

Mayor Hawkins thanked Ms. Stopher for her presentation.

b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve draft introduction letters for initial inquiry to form Sister City relationships with three international cities.

Economic Development Director Murray requested to approve draft introduction letters for initial inquiry to form Sister City relationships with three international cities.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Pierce: What happens if all three cities say yes? Are we equipped to have three sister cities at the same time? Are you aware of other cities that have multiple sister cities?
Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of the letter.
Mayor Hawkins: Would it be appropriate to change the format to be more personal?

MOTION: **Council Member Lanting** moved to approve the request to approve draft introduction letters for initial inquiry to form Sister City relationships with three international cities. **Council Member C. Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to replace the failing Sunway Soccer Pressurized Irrigation Station using reserve funds.

Staff Engineer Glaesemann requested to replace the failing Sunway Soccer Pressurized Irrigation Station using reserve funds.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid: Will this affect the station only or some of the lines? How long will the new station last?

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to replace the failing Sunway Soccer Pressurized Irrigation Station using reserve funds in the amount of $115,000.00. **Council Member Lanting** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

d) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to begin exploration of planning a 2020 Fire Station Initiative, and to re-establish the Fire Station Committee.

Fire Chief Kenworthy requested to begin exploration of planning a 2020 Fire Station Initiative, and to re-establish the Fire Station Committee.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on the requested new members.
Council Member Boyd: Asked about the number of members for a quorum.
Council Member Barigar: What kind of timeline do you see going forward? Spoke in favor of this request.
Council Member Reid: Spoke in favor of this request.
Council Member Lanting: Spoke about the property tax issues and in favor of this request.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to begin exploration of planning a 2020 Fire Station Initiative, and to re-establish the Fire Station Committee. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

e) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to review bids for the disposal of real property located at 303 4th Avenue East.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested to review bids for the disposal of real property located at 303 4th Avenue East. No bids received. Requesting authorization from the Council to move forward.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member C. Hawkins: Is the interested party the other half owner of the property? **Council Member Barigar**: Would like to have a conversation with the other half owner of the property.

MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to direct staff to negotiate with the other property owner, with an interest in the property, to negotiate a sales price and bring it back to Council for approval. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Rothweiler shared that the future agendas will be changed by removing the first "Public Input Session".

There will not be a Council Meeting on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The meeting will not be moved to Tuesday, January 21st due to the AIC Meeting.

Monday, January 27, 2020 will be the next scheduled City Council Meeting.

This is the last City Council Meeting for Deputy City Manager Pike. He will be retiring after 25 years of service.

Deputy City Manager Pike thanked the Council.

Mayor Hawkins spoke about the early morning radio rotation and asked for volunteers going forward.

Recess started at 5:52 and ended at 6:02

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

a) **<u>ACTION ITEM:</u>** A public hearing for new and increased fees in the Utility Rate Resolution.

CFO Race presented information for new and increased fees in the Utility Rate Resolution.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Boyd: Asked for clarification on the $200 fee. Would multiple citizens/developers have to pay this fee.
City Engineer Holtzen: Explained the $200 fee.
Vice Mayor Pierce: Have you projected what this would add to the City as additional revenue?

Public Hearing Opened: 6:10
Public Hearing Closed: 6:11

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve new and increased fees in the Utility Rate Resolution #2020-001. **Council Member C. Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to R-6 ZDA and to amend the Elizabeth Estates Zoning Development Agreement for property located on the south side of the 1800 block of Elizabeth Blvd. c/o Gerald Martens on behalf of Elizabeth Properties, LLC.(PZ19-0131)

City Planner O'Connor presented a request for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to R-6 ZDA and to amend the Elizabeth Estates Zoning Development Agreement for property located on the south side of the 1800 block of Elizabeth Blvd. c/0 Gerald Martens on behalf of Elizabeth Properties, LLC. (PZ19-0131)

Gerald Martens spoke on behalf of Elizabeth Properties, LLC.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

Public Hearing Opened: 6:18 pm
Citizen Steve Kiefer: Spoke against this project
Citizen Andy Arenz: Spoke against this project. Would like to see more green space
Public Hearing Closed: 6:21

Applicant Spokesman Martins: Addressed the Citizen comments.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid: Asked about the light issue that was brought up by a citizen.

MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to approve the request for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to R-6 ZDA and to amend the Elizabeth Estates Zoning Development Agreement for property located on the south side of the 1800 block of Elizabeth Blvd. c/0 Gerald Martens on behalf of Elizabeth Properties, LLC. (PZ19-0131). **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted with Council Members Boyd & C. Hawkins abstaining. 5-0-2.

c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve for an Annexation with a Zoning District Change from M1 to M2 for property located at 594 & 616 Washington Street South c/o Ben Bernier on behalf of Idaho Department of Corrections. (PZ19-0147).

City Planner Cherry presented a request for approval for an Annexation with a Zoning District Change from M1 to M2 for property located at 594 & 616 Washington Street South, c/o Ben Bernier on behalf of Idaho Department of Corrections. (PZ19-0147)

Applicant Spokesman Bernier presented their request.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Lanting: Asked if this was part of the $5M
Council Member Barigar: Asked for clarification on the M2 Zoning request.
Council Member Boyd: Asked for input from the Idaho Department of Corrections on what will happen at this facility.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:40
Citizen Frank Masconi: Spoke against this request
Public Hearing Closed: 6:41

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Barigar: Spoke about the benefit of the annexation. Suggested looking at the zoning code as we go through our re-write.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the request for an Annexation with a Zoning District Change from M1 to M2 for property located at 594 & 616 Washington Street South, c/o Ben Bernier on behalf of Idaho Department of Corrections. (PZ19-0147). **Council Member Barigar** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

9) ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 06:44 PM

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Finance