Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2019, 4:00

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

****SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE****
The 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 to fill a particular vacancy or need, unless a vacancy in an elective office is being filled.

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.

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

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Barigar, Vice Mayor Nikki Boyd, Council Members Suzanne Hawkins, Chris Talkington, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Ruth Pierce (by Phone)

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Shayne Nope, ITC Manager Kathy Markus, Grant & Community Relations Manager Mandi Thompson, City Engineer Jackie Fields, City Planner Steve O'Connor, P&Z Director Jonathon Spendlove, Code Enforcement Coordinator Sean Standley, Public Information Officer Josh Palmer, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Environmental Engineer Jason Brown, Public Works Director Jon Caton, Help Desk Technician Kim Hafer, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Vice Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. A quorum was present.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to adjourn 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 to fill a particular vacancy or need, unless a vacancy in an elective office is being filled. 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. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3) PROCLAMATION:

a) VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

Mayor Barigar read the Vietnam Veterans' Day Proclamation.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT: None

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Lanting requested to vote on *Item c* separately.

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

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve Consent Calendar Item c as presented. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor with Council Member Hawkins and Lanting abstaining. Approved 5 to 0 with 2 abstentions.

a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Accounts Payable for March 7 thru March 13, 2019.

b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve Wells Fargo Commercial Card for January 2019.

c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the March 11, 2019, City Council Minutes.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request for approval to enter into contract with Teton Communications, Inc. for a Trunked Digital P25 UHF Communication System for a total cost of $670,720.00.

Information Technology Director Kathy Markus *made a request for approval to enter into contract with Teton Communications, Inc. for a Trunked Digital P25 UHF Communication System for a total cost of $670,720.00.*

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Talkington: Spoke in favor of this contract.

Council Member Hawkins: Thanked Ms. Markus for her efforts with this contract.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve the request to enter into contract with Teton Communications, Inc. for a trunked digital P25 UHF communication system for a total cost of $670,720.00. **Vice Mayor Boyd** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to consider the submission of a grant application for the purchase of a Quick Response Unit (QRU) for the fire department.

Grant & Community Relations Manager Mandi Thompson *made a request to consider the submission of a grant application for the purchase of a Quick Response Unit (QRU) for the fire department.*

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Barigar: Asked if we are approving all of the money tonight or if Ms. Thompson would come back to the Council if we are awarded the Grant.

Council Member Lanting: Asked about personnel for the QRU.

Council Member Reid: Asked about the $134, 000.00 coming out of reserves.

MOTION: Cou**ncil Member Hawkins** moved to approve the request to consider the submission of a grant application for the purchase of a Quick Response Unit (QRU) for the fire department. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to consider a modified roadway cross-section for Locust Street between North College Rd. E and Falls Ave. E

City Engineer Jackie Fields *made a request to consider a modified roadway cross-section for Locust Street between North College Rd. E and Falls Ave. E.*

Discussion ensued on the following:
C**ouncil Member Talkington**: What is the length of the proposed sidewalks?
Mayor Barigar: Spoke in favor of this sidewalk project.
Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of this sidewalk project.

MOTION: **Council Member Reid** moved to approve the request to consider a modified roadway cross-section for Locust Street between North College Rd. E. and Falls Ave. E. **Council Member Hawkins** 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

Council Member Talkington spoke about the Blue Lakes & Caswell intersection signage and asked if the signage could be looked at to make it clearer.

Council Member Hawkins spoke about the Meals on Wheels program in the City of Twin Falls and asked for those that can help with the program.

Council Member Reid spoke about the materials for the City Restrooms

Mayor Barigar acknowledged Council Member Hawkins for her recognition as Women of the Year.

City Manager Rothweiler reminded the Council that there will be no meeting on March 25, 2019 and that Deputy City Manager Pike will be acting City Manager while City Manager Rothweiler is out of the office.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to re-adjourn 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 to fill a particular vacancy or need, unless a vacancy in an elective office is being filled. 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. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of. 7 to 0.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 5:45 pm. Returned to Session at 6:00 pm.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to amend PUD #264 to allow "Hotel" as a permitted use and increase maximum building height to sixty feet (60') for property located at 2151 Fillmore Street c/o EHM Engineers on behalf of Geronimo, LLC. (PZ18-0099)

City Planner Steve O'Connor *made a request to amend PUD #264 to allow "Hotel" as a permitted use and increase maximum building height to sixty feet (60') for property located at 2151 Fillmore Street c/o EHM Engineers on behalf of Geronimo, LLC. (PZ18-0099)*

Mayor Barigar recused himself from these proceedings. **Vice Mayor Boyd** took over officiating of the meeting and gave a rundown of how the meeting will proceed.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Hawkins: Asked for clarification of the Council actions needed tonight.
Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification of the traffic impact.
P&Z Director Spendlove: Explained the traffic impact
Council Member Lanting: *Microphone not used unable to hear what was asked*

Council Member Reid: Adjustment from 60 ft to 49 ft clarification and encroachment clarification.
Council Member Pierce: 486 is 56 ft in height? What are the other buildings in the area? City Staff explained the different heights of the buildings in the area.

Public Discussion ensued on the following:
All those in favor of this project:
Citizen Gerald Martins: Tina Jasper: Brandon Byce: Richard Crowley: Lisa Mix: Andrew Mix: Jeff Stokes: Steve Di Lucca: Hillary Gadd: Jarod Vanderkovi: Nathan Welch: Greg Shieles: Lane Jacobson: Andrew Dipetri: Fran Florence.

All those against this project:
Citizen Kermit Leir: Steve Woods: Eleanore Burkhart: Shawn Willsey: Tami Billman: Keely Venglin :Theresa Hyndman: Kami Michelli: Bill Atkinson: Pablo Munoz: Richard Aldama: James Pendergrass: Donna Pendergrass: Kay Dardy: John Twiss: Cooper Brossy: Stanley Nebeker:

Public Hearing Closed.

City Atorney Nope: Explained the height definition.

Council Member Talkington: Thanked the citizens for their input on this project.
Council Member Lanting: What is the Canyon overlay height? Elevation 486 to get their permit they had to provide a public plaza, will this project provide this? How far away from the Canyon is Petco?
Council Member Talkington: Asked for clarification on what is needed tonight.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve the request to amend PUD #264 to allow "Hotel" as a permitted use and increase maximum building height to sixty feet (60') for property located at 2151 Fillmore Street c/o EHM Engineers on behalf of Geronimo, LLC. (PZ18-0099). **Council Member Hawkins** moved to amend the motion to allow 50' building height with the 7' decorative sections as shown on the proposal: **Council Member Lanting s**econded the motion.

Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of the project.
Council Member Hawkins: Spoke in favor of the project.
Council Member Talkington: Spoke against the additional height of the project.
Council Member Reid: Voiced his likes and dislikes about the project. Height is the main concern. Will be voting against because of the height.
Vice Mayor Boyd: Spoke about unfinished things in our community. Appreciates the look of the project. Will be voting for this project.
Council Member Pierce: Very pleased with the changes that have been made and will be voting for this project.

Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the amended motion with **Council Member Talkington** voting against. 5 to 1.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Boyd moved to approve the request to amend PUD #264 to allow "Hotel" as a permitted use and increase maximum building height to fifty feet (50'), with additional seven feet (7') height at the two locations, as amended, for property located at 2151 Fillmore Street c/o EHM Engineers on behalf of Geronimo, LLC. (PZ18-0099). **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted with Council Member Talkington and Reid voting against. Approved 4 to 2.

9) ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 08:09 PM

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Finance