



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, July 30, 2018, 5:00 PM

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

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Shawn Barigar, Vice Mayor Nikki Boyd, Council Members Suzanne Hawkins, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Ruth Pierce.

Absent: Council Member Chris Talkington

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Deputy City Attorney Shane Nope, Chief Financial Officer Lorie Race, Budget Coordinator Mat Farnes, Public Information Officer Joshua Palmer, Grants & Community Relations Mandi Thompson, Chief Craig Kingsbury, Lt. Terry Thueson, Captain Matt Hicks, Captain Anthony Barnhart, Sgt Justin Dimond, Detective Jon Wilson, Police Officer Gassert & James, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, Building Official Jarrod Bordi, Parks & Rec Director Wendy Davis, Parks Superintendent Kevin Skelton, Aquatics Director John Pauley, Economic Development Director Nathan Murray, Human Resource Director Gretchen Scott, Information Technology Mike Plane, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna

Mayor Barigar called the meeting to order at 05:01 PM

A quorum was present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3) PROCLAMATIONS: None

4) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Discussion ensued on the following:

Support for resolution expressing the concern of the City of Twin Falls on the forced separation of immigrant families at the Southern Border.

Citizen Paul Sturman: Expressed support
Citizen Susie Kapeleris: Expressed expectations
Citizen Lucy Wills: Spoke in support of the Council
Citizen Scott Record: Against resolution
Citizen Karla Enriquez: Expressed support
Citizen Richard Aldama: Expressed support
Citizen Liyah Babayan: Expressed support
Citizen Peter Rickards: Expressed support
Citizen Linda Sturman: Expressed support
Citizen Catherine Clark: Expressed support
Citizen Sadie Bartlett: Expressed support

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Barigar asked that item 5-c of the consent calendar be voted on separate from the other items.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar minus 5-C. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

- a) Request to approve the Accounts Payable for July 24 thru July 30, 2018.
- b) Request to approve the July 23, 2018 City Council Minutes.
- c) *Request to hold the Twin Falls Chamber Mini Masters event.*

MOTION: *Council Member Boyd moved to allow the Twin Falls Chamber to hold its Mini Masters event. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. One abstained vote and 5 to 0 in favor.*

- d) Request to hold the Merge NOW event.
- e) Request to approve the annual End of Summer Jam.
- f) Request to hold the 2nd Annual Lighthouse Church at the Park.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Request to confirm the appointment of Alan Horner to serve on the Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee.
Mayor Barigar read a request to confirm the appointment of Alan Horner to serve on the Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to confirm the appointment of Alan Horner to serve on the Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

- b) Request from the Twin Falls Highway District to waive the building permit fees for two new structures.
Twin Falls Highway District Director Brian Lancaster presented a request from the Twin Falls Highway District to waive the building permit fees for two new structures.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Hawkins: Question for Travis - Request is asking Council to waive impact fees, thought that we are unable to waive impact fees.

City Manager Rothweiler: That is correct

Building Official Jarrod Bordi: Explained that these are not impact fees but actually area of impact building permit fees.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Where are we currently keeping the sand? Is this so that we don't lose as much of the sand? We are using less of this now as we have our own solution maker and we can pre-treat intersections. Is this a totally separate thing from the City?

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to waive the building permit fees for two new structures for the Twin Falls Highway District, totaling approximately \$3,940.00. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

- c) Presentation and possible adoption of the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Master Plan. P&Z Director Spendlove presented the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Master Plan and asked for adoption of plan.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Barigar: This plan is more of a guideline for City Staff and Commission on efforts moving forward in their function and not a replacement of the design guidelines. More of a vision and objectives of goals to shoot for. This has gone through Historic Preservation Committee, is that correct?

Chair of the City Historic Preservation Committee Nancy Taylor: Presented further information.

Council Member Lanting: Thanked the Historic Preservation Commission for their efforts and talked about the "*Driving & Walking Tour.*"

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to adopt the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Master Plan. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

Mayor Barigar called for a recess from 6:00 pm to 6:08 pm

- d) A presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2019 followed by citizen input.

Deputy City Manager Humble made a presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2018 for areas 1 & 6, followed by citizen input.

Deputy City Manager Humble pointed out that there have been some minor changes made to the information that has been presented over the past two weeks.

Council Member Lanting: How many more years do we have on the arsenic assessment to pay that bond off?

CFO Race: Explained that it was a 15 years assessment and that they hope to pay it off early, so it may be around 2023.

Mayor Barigar: Commented that the change is about a \$.02 per \$1000.

Focus Area 1: Healthy Community

Capital Highlights (Parks)

Parking Lot Repair/Maintenance - \$250,000

Council Member Hawkins: Is this just for Parks or are other parking lots included?

Resurface Harmon East Tennis Courts - \$28,000 (Presented by Parks Director Kevin Skelton)

Vehicles - \$89,500

Dump Truck - \$50,000 Pickup Truck - \$27,000

Utility Vehicle - \$12,500

Sunway Soccer Complex Enhancement - \$10,000

Capital Highlights (Recreation):

Program Equipment - \$25,000

Mayor Barigar: How does this money compare to previous years?

Capital Highlights (Golf):

Storage Building-\$120,000

Utility Vehicle - \$12,500

Council Member Lanting: Commented that the storage building that is being used was built as a slaughter house back in the 1920's. Building has served its time well but it needs to be replaced. City has donated numerous vehicles to the golf course for further use.

Capital Highlights (Dierkes Lake):

Replace Swim Docks - \$60,000

Retaining Wall - \$50,000

Capital Highlights (Pool):

Facility Maintenance - \$10,000

New Float Valve

Depth Marker replacement

Front Door

Facility Enhancement - \$10,000

Suit Spinners

Slide replacement

Float Cart Replacement

Personnel Highlights (Pool): (Presented by Deputy City Manager Humble)

Full time lifeguard - \$33,612

Aquatics Assistant - \$41,546

Focus Area 6 - Prosperous Community: (Presented by Economic Director Murray)

Highlights:

No Capital Requests

No New Personnel

Increase to Maintenance & Operations - \$20,850

Advertising

Media Content

Design

Promotional Materials

Etc.

Foregone Amount Discussion:

Deputy City Manager Humble explained that this chart has changed slightly.

Council Member Lanting: Has \$1M in his mind to use of the forgone funds.

Mayor Barigar: Looking at approx. \$1.3M if we do the road overlays, sidewalks & 1/2 M for the Shoshone Falls Road projects.

Council Member Pierce: Looking at the smaller projects would be \$855,400. Is it possible to allocate \$500,000 for just planning of the Shoshone Falls road? How would the 1.3M impact the tax rate?

Council Member Hawkins: Going to be a little more conservative than everyone else, and propose taking care of the Canyon Springs grade before we start on Shoshone Falls grade. Suggested doing \$500,000 and putting these funds toward the sidewalk projects first.

City Manager Rothweiler: Please allow the staff to perfect the amounts for these projects with the recognition that this is ongoing funds. We can discuss this in more detail and make a final decision at a later date.

Mayor Barigar: We would have to choose the totality to be included in the maximum spending and then prior to the time of adopting the budget we would have more specific numbers that we could identify projects and set that at the end of the budget process?

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained what needs to happen should the Council decide to include foregone funds in this budget.

Mayor Barigar: Asked staff if there was a relative level of comfort that these figures (besides Shoshone Falls access road) are fairly accurate numbers?

Vice Mayor Boyd: Thought there were some other things that we need to talk about going with the budget before going forward. Would like to bring up MPOG's again. Would like to have further conversations on how to bring other things together.

Mayor Barigar: If we are going to have that discussion we need to ask ourselves if the blending of those organizations is appropriate for our City funds. We have projects within our strategic initiatives that need resources that outweigh having those funds available. Is the total amount, in this proposed budget of \$110,000 in different areas as opposed to one line item in the budget?

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained that there is \$85,000 to be given away.

Mayor Barigar: Discussed the relevance of allocating these funds.

Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of continuing allocation of these funds. Some of these organizations rely 100% on these funds.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Not sure that going one more year is necessary, but we need to figure out a way to address this. Just need to change the dynamic of the process rather than drop it.

Council Member Hawkins: Expressed her concern that this is really not what we were elected to do, not our job to fund the non-profits. Would feel better making a clean break away rather than trying to find another place within the budget for the funds.

Council Member Lanting: Asked what would happen if we took this money out of the budget? Could it be used for programs at the Police Department?

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained this process.

Mayor Barigar: Followed up with the question of what SHOULD we do as opposed to what COULD we do? Discussed funding our own areas of need rather than a non-profit.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Number one thing that is needed by a few entities is transportation. Would like to leave this amount in the budget and have a meeting to discuss the use of it at a later date.

Council Member Lanting: Let's leave the funds in there and then discuss at a later time to decide what exactly we want to do with these funds.

Council Member Pierce: We owe it to the non-profits to discuss this at a later time. But sooner rather than later.

City Manager Rothweiler: Committed to having this added to an agenda toward the end of August or the second meeting in September and will get with Council Member Talkington as well.

Further discussion commenced on the exact amount of the forgone balance that Council wants included in the upcoming budget.

Council Member Lanting: Talked about including the full 1.3M amount to give some wiggle room.

City Manager Rothweiler: Suggested getting the number whittled down as close as possible to what the Council really wants to use.

Council Member Reid: Agreed with Council Member Hawkins that the \$500,000 for sidewalks is much needed and would be in favor of this amount.

Council Member Pierce: Needs a clarification on phase I of the Shoshone Falls access road might be.

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained the complications of getting this number whittled down.

Mayor Barigar: Acknowledged that this money is ongoing rather than a one-time thing, so he would be ok with taking the Shoshone Falls access road off the table for another year.

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained that they can always use cash reserves to start the process at a later date.

Council Member Pierce: When adding up the smaller projects, got a total of \$855,400. So by not including Shoshone Falls at this time would be good with this number even if we round it up to \$900,000.

Mayor Barigar: Would support this number.

Council Member Lanting: Would be good with the \$900,000 amount as well.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Would also be in favor of this amount. Brought up the MPOG again. Can we include this with the budget process or would this muddy the waters?

Council Member Lanting: Let's come back.

Mayor Barigar: Let's come back.

Council Member Hawkins: Have a hard time taking more money than we have to, so would like to take the \$87,000 from the Federation Northside project which would drop the amount below \$800,000. Leaving the sidewalk projects that keep rising to the top of the list. This would leave the amount at \$768,388, which could be rounded up to \$770,000. Would really like to keep this number under \$800,000 if possible.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Would be in with \$770,000. This would increase the taxes by \$.17.

Agreed to discuss including the following projects - \$770,000 of forgone balance.

Locust Wilmore to Filer	\$152,730
Stadium, East of Eastland	\$162,655
3600 North & Harrison sidewalks	\$273,000
Grandview to Rock Creek Elem.	<u>\$180,000</u>
Totaling	\$768,388

Mayor Barigar: Stated that this would be about 1/3 of our current forgone balance.

Vice Mayor Boyd: If we have money in reserves, why don't we just use the reserves to fund these projects, rather than taking the foregone balance?

Council Member Lanting: The reserves have a purpose. Think of the winter that we had a year or so ago. Foregone balances money takes 12-18 months to get to us.

Mayor Barigar: We have the potential that the foregone funds could go away.

Deputy City Manager Humble: If you nickel & dime away the reserves then you don't have it for future opportunities such as fire stations & rec centers. We have a lot of need coming our way.

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained that we need to look at sidewalks as an ongoing and reoccurring expense. We do not have the cash reserves to fix all of these. and there may be new priorities. So by taking some of the foregone balance, we can have a conversation on an annual basis to decide how we can best spend those funds moving forward. This puts a pot of money that can be used for capital projects that are a direct benefit to the community.

Citizen Dave Moore: Concerned that the City is looking too hard at saving money instead of looking at our infrastructures. Need to look at the bigger picture, for the longer term. If we lose business, growth potential and lose the reputation of the City as being a provider by not looking at this bigger picture it's going to hurt the City of Twin Falls. Does not want to see this happen. Would like to see the City be proactive in improving and replacing our infrastructures ahead of the curve so that we are not doing it on a crisis basis. Let's put our money and time into improving our infrastructures.

Mayor Barigar: Thanked everyone for their presentations, discussion and input.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Lanting: Agreed with citizen Lucy Wills comment about moving the general input portion of the meeting to the end of the meeting so that the business portion can be taken care of in a timely manner.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Is in favor of this idea.

Mayor Barigar: Will discuss this matter with staff on how we construct the agenda and look at this as a potential modification for the future.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Discussed the progress of the Recreation Center Surveys. Citizens have until August 10 to go to twinfallsreccenter.org/open and this is linked on our web page.

Council Member Hawkins: Reminder of the "**National Night Out**" next Tuesday, August 7th from 5 pm to 8 pm at the City Park.

City Manager Rothweiler: Reminder that on Tuesday, August 7th at 11:30 am is the **Purple Heart Ceremony** also at the City Park.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Request for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to R-4 NCO ZDA for property located at 1122 Washington Street South. c/o Community Council of Idaho, Terrance A Blom (app. PZ 18-0018)

P&Z Director Spendlove requested a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to R-4 NCO ZDA for property located at 1122 Washington Street South. c/o Community Council of Idaho, Terrance A Blom (app. PZ 18-0018)

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Barigar: If in the future, once development is underway, there is an interest in a small market or eatery is there a process for that, where those are not listed as permitted uses, that this would come back to the Council?

Public Input:

Citizen Terry Edwards: Spoke against this project.

Development Team Member Ryan Hackett: Explained how this project came about and explained briefly how the project would function.

Mayor Barigar: Thanked Terrance Blom for the presentation.

Council Member Hawkins: 1. As a Council & a City we have been begging builders to help us meet the needs of low income housing for people who are moving to our community, starting jobs & just breaking into life. 2. We have struggled with this effort. 3. Praised the *Community Council of Idaho* for proposing this project.

Mayor Barigar: Commented on the length of time that this neighborhood has been a part of our community.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to adopt the zoning district change and zoning map amendment from R-4 to R-4 NCO ZDA for property located at 1122 Washington Street South. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion as presented. 6 to 0.

9) ADJOURNMENT

- a) Executive Session §74-206 (1)(c) To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; and, (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) (c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; and, (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 Lanting seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 08:17 PM



Finance Administrative Assistant