



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, July 25, 2022, 4:00 PM

Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

**** Special Meeting ****

74-206. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS 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.

Regular Meeting will begin at 5:00PM.

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Travis Rothweiler, City Manager; Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Gretchen Scott, Deputy City Manager; Breanna Howard, Chief Financial Officer; Mathew Farnes, Budget Coordinator; Erin Parrish, Executive Assistant; Nicole Swafford, Deputy City Prosecutor; Bill Carberry, Airport Manager; Jonathan Spendlove, Planning and Zoning Director; Kim Hafer, Desktop Support Analyst; Josh Baird, Public Works Director; Erin Steel, Assistant Public Works Director; Rob Bohling, Water Distribution Superintendent; Ida Clark, Human Resources Director; Tara Bartley, Librarian Director; Samantha Hammond, City Manager Inter; Tami Lauda, Communications Center Manager; Ian Zollinger, City Planner; Twin Falls Fire Department Members: Chief Les Kenworthy, Captain Josh Kliegl, Training Officer, Captain Corey Beam; Kyle Eldridge, Driver, Lane Barker, Rick Hatridge, Joseph Casias; Twin Falls Police Department Members: Chief Craig Kingsbury, Lieutenant Terry Theuson, Captain Matt Hicks, Captain Brent Wright, Lieutenant Craig Stotts, Lieutenant Justin Dimond, Lieutenant Chuck Garner.

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

A quorum was present.

2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS 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.

MOTION: Council Member Cutler moved to convene into Executive Session 74-206 (1)(b). **Council Member Barigar** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0.

The Executive Session convened at 4:03PM.

The Executive Session ended at 4:57PM.

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: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar as published.

Council Member Barigar seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted.

Approved 7 to 0.

- a) City Council July 18, 2022 Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for July 14-20, 2022.
- c) Request to approve July 20, 2022, Travel Requests.
- d) Request to approve the Fill the Boot fundraising event.
- e) Approval of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:
Prosperity Hills ZDC/ZDA (PZ22-0035)
Washington Fire Station Final Plat (PZ22-0122).

6) **ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION**

- a) Request to award the Blue Lakes Country Club Roadside Stream Pipeline project to PMF, inc. of Twin Falls, Idaho in the amount of \$504,683.07.

Erin Steel, Assistant Public Works Director, presented the request.

City Manager Rothweiler gave more information to clarify more on the project.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler asked for clarification on the pricing of the rebid.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve a request to award the Blue Lakes Country Club Roadside Stream Pipeline project to PMF, Inc, of Twin Falls, Idaho for the amount of \$504,683.07. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

- b) Request to approve the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Ad Hoc Charter and Committee. **Breanna Howard, Chief Financial Officer**, presented the request.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce asked that the committee should have their recommended projects by the end of this year.

Council Member Barigar stated he thought it was an excellent idea to engage citizens on the committee to best meet the needs of our citizens.

Mayor Pierce stated she thinks it is great to help complete projects that otherwise wouldn't get completed without bonds.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve the request to approve the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Ad Hoc Charter and Committee. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

- c) A presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2022-2023. **Travis Rothweiler, City Manager**, began the presentation for the City Budget Focus Areas 2 & 3.

Tara Bartley, Librarian Director, spoke on behalf of the Twin Falls Public Library for Focus Area 2, a Learning Community.

A capital improvement project request is to replace the main air handling unit.

Council Member Cutler asked for clarification on how the library is governed independent of the city's line of authority, but we provide the funding.

Lieutenant Justin Dimond, Twin Falls Police Department, spoke about Focus Area 3 and the role of the police department. He spoke about needing range improvements for training purposes, bomb suit replacement, traffic cameras, and red dot pistol sights.

Council Member Boyd asked about rifles and checking them in and out.

Vice Mayor Reid thanks him for the update on the items that are not being purchased, but still needed.

Chief Les Kenworthy, Twin Falls Fire Department, spoke about Focus Area 3 and the role of the Fire Department. Gave an update on the current fire station work, and then requested a Fire Deputy Chief position and the need for it.

Josh Kliegl, Training Officer, gave an update on the new training facility

Council Member Boyd talked about the need for the training facility and that she's happy it had finally happened.

Captain Cory Beam, Twin Falls Fire Department, presented information on the Luna Device.

Vice Mayor Reid asked how many thermal imagers we would get for the \$61,000.

Nicole Swafford, Deputy City Prosecutor, spoke about what prosecutors do on a daily basis, about the need for an additional Deputy City Prosecutor.

Council Member Hawkins joked that Nicole's presentation wore him out.

Travis Rothweiler, City Manager, spoke on the projects list the Council can choose from to fund their own project desires.

Council Member Barigar commented on the Council Directed fund.

Vice Mayor Reid asked when we needed to finalize the budget.

7) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

None.

8) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Barigar read the following statement:

"Dear Citizens of Twin Falls, Mayor Pierce, and Council Members:

I respectfully submit to you my resignation from service to the community in Seat 3 on the Twin Falls City Council effective upon the adjournment of tonight's City Council meeting.

The City of Twin Falls has released a job posting seeking to fill the Economic Development Director position, and I intend to apply for this position. After consulting with the City Attorney, my active application for the position would be a legal conflict of interest for my continued service on the Council.

I am incredibly humbled and honored to have served on the Twin Falls City Council for more than 14 years. Thank you to the citizens of Twin Falls, to the current and past Council members, to current and past City staff, and most importantly to my family for the support you've offered during my tenure on the City Council. It's been a tremendous time of growth and prosperity for our evolving City. It's been my privilege to serve during this brief window of Twin Falls history."

Travis Rothweiler, City Manager, stated the Council would have to accept his resignation on next week's agenda and then he will go over the process of filling the seat.

9) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Request for approval of the PY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and substantial amendments to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 and 2021 Annual Action Plans.

Mayor Pierce read the rules of the Public Hearing.

Ian Zollinger, City Planner, introduced **Melissa Mailloux**, the applicant, who presented the request for approval.

Council Member Brown clarified that the money would go to city park updates.

Mayor Pierce opened the Public Hearing portion at 6:54PM.

Mayor Pierce closed the Public Hearing portion at 6:55PM.

MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to approve the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and substantial amendments to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 and 2021 Annual Action Plans. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 06:57 PM.

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Erin Parrish, Executive Assistant

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