



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, March 13, 2023, 4:30 PM

*****Special Meeting starting at 4:30 p.m.*****

for: 74-206(1)(e) To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations.

**Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East. Twin Falls, Idaho**

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, City Attorney Shayne Nope, CFO Breanna Howard, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Economic Development Director Shawn Barigar, Fleet Supervisor Norm Hatke, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. A quorum was present.

2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) 74-206(1)(e) To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206(1)(e) To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

Recessed into executive session at 4:32pm. Resumed regular session at 5:00 pm.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pierce invited the Girl Scouts to lead all present who wished to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Girl Scouts led the pledge of allegiance and introduce themselves.

4) PROCLAMATIONS

- a) **Girl Scout Week March 12-18, 2023**

Mayor Pierce read and presented the Girl Scout Week Proclamation.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- a) Request to approve City Council 2023 March 06, Minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for March 2-8, 2023.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Request to approve the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Recommendation to the Council.

CFO Howard requested approval of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Recommendations made to the Council.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council took a roll of the recommended projects to determine which ones they had questions about. Agreed that the following requires no further discussion:

PD Crime Scene Mapping

MV Fellowship Hall

J Stadium Blvd Sidewalk

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the PD Crime Scene Mapping for \$62,000, the MV Fellowship Hall for \$49,000 and J Stadium Blvd Sidewalk for \$100,000 as presented. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

Visa Bonita Park - Presented by P&R Director Davis

Council Member Brown: Is the road coming off Washington? Will we have to upgrade infrastructure for this project?

Vice Mayor Reid: Spoke that this project could be too soon as presented but likes the idea.

Mayor Pierce: Asked what would happen if this project does not move forward.

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained how the remaining funds could be used. **Council**

Member Caval: Spoke about the recreation center and could the money be incorporated into this project?

CFO Howard: Spoke about this area being underdeveloped and needed in the area.

Council Member Boyd: Asked for clarification on how to proceed.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Vista Bonita Park project as presented. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 3. With **Vice Mayor Reid, Council Member Brown & Council Member Caval** voting against.

Idaho Housing Company

Council Member Brown: Spoke about developments needing to pay for themselves. Could you go back and ask for additional funds? Is there a certain section of the construction costs that these funds would be allocated to? Is there a direct benefit to the public?

Council Member Caval: Are all the other contributors fully secured? Without these funds would the project be on hold?

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to the use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount \$1,728,460 for The Idaho Housing Company as presented. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

Shoshone Falls Grade Project - Presented by City Engineer Vitek Vice

Mayor Reid: Spoke about previous discussions on this project.

Council Member Brown: Spoke in favor of removing the knob. Are there other issues causing the erosion of the road? Asked if part of this project would be taking care of the drainage problem.

Council Member Cutler: Spoke about this project being something that we will eventually have to use tax dollars to fix.

Council Member Boyd: Spoke about this being one of our biggest assets and is in favor of this project.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke about this being a jewel and needing to be preserved.

Mayor Pierce: Spoke about the need to preserve.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to the use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount \$2,895,000 for the Shoshone Falls Grade project as presented. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

Fleet Maintenance - Presented by Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Hatke

Mayor Pierce: Asked about the estimate that was provided and how confident we are about the amount.

Vice Mayor Reid: Asked about the history of this project.

Council Member Brown: Asked about the portion that will be remodeled and the HVAC needs.

Council Member Boyd: Spoke about making everything run beyond its life expectancy and is in favor of this project.

Council Member Caval: This project would add about 3500 square feet. How much do you currently have? How many spaces would it add, and will it help you with the work orders?

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to the use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount \$1,500,000 for the Fleet Maintenance project as presented. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

Feasibility Study for a Convention Center - Presented by Economic Development Director Barigar

Council Member Hawkins: Asked for background on this project.

Council Member Caval: Would you need to find a piece of land in order to conclude the feasibility study? How does the convention center with the Urban Renewal District work with this? Spoke about Twin Falls having no convention locations.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to the use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount \$125,000 for the Feasibility Study for a Convention Center. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

7) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

8) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

9) PUBLIC HEARINGS

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 06:32 PM



Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant

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