



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2023, 5:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

203 Main Avenue East
Twin Falls, ID 83301

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, Deputy City Prosecutors Nicole Swafford, Jeffrey Dearing & Linda Wells, Legal Assistant Rachael Hunsaker, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, City Planner Kelli Ebersole, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Desktop Support Analyst Kim Hafer, Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3) PROCLAMATIONS

a) Military Child Month.

Mayor Pierce read and presented the Military Child Month Proclamation.

Council Member Hawkins spoke of being deployed and thanked the recipient.

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid 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 Accounts Payable from March 30 to April 5, 2023.
- b) Request to approve City Council 2023 April 03, Minutes.
- c) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Southern Idaho Outdoor RV Show.
- d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Magic Valley Law Enforcement Memorial Service.
- e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Magic Valley Builder's Association 2023 Parade of Homes Sneak Peek event.
- f) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Shoshone Falls After Dark event.
- g) Approval of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the Vista Rim ZDA Amendment.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) Confirm Mayor Pierce's Recommendation to appoint Robyn Weatherford to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Randall Johnson to serve on the Impact Fee and Improvement Reimbursement Commission.

P&Z Director Spendlove made a request to confirm Mayor Pierce's recommendation to appoint Robyn Weatherford to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Randall Johnson to serve on the Impact Fee and Improvement Reimbursement Commission.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the request to confirm Mayor Pierce's recommendation to appoint Randall Johnson to serve on the Impact Fee and Improvement Reimbursement Commission. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to confirm Mayor Pierce's recommendation to appoint Robyn Weatherford to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) Presentation from the City Attorney's Office and Swearing in of Deputy Prosecutors
City Attorney Nope made a presentation from the City Attorney's Office and swore in Deputy Prosecutors Nicole Swafford, Jeffrey Dearing & Linda Wells.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Brown: Asked if we have normalized business following COVID?

Mayor Pierce: Is the presentation based on a calendar year or fiscal year?

The council and staff congratulated the new Deputy Prosecutors.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen Arnell Cullum asked to have the "Strong Mayor" System added to the future agenda.

Mayor Pierce asked for Council input.

Council Member Boyd commented on the reasons that 59% of cities choose to have our form of government and gave her thoughts on the subject.

Vice Mayor Reid agreed with Council Member Boyd and the history of this form of government.

Council Member Brown echoed an amen to what had already been communicated.

Council Member Caval spoke about her history with the city as well as the requestor.

Council Member Cutler has not had any other citizen ask for this change in government.

Council Member Hawkins spoke about our system being a "well-oiled machine".

Mayor Pierce spoke against this request.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Caval spoke about the public arts commission and their progress.

City Manager Rothweiler spoke about the upcoming budget process and asked the Council to think about the things that they would like to fund for the FY2023-2024.

Mayor Pierce asked citizens to be involved in this process.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **§ 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.**

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to adjourn to Executive Session §74206(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; **Vice Mayor Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 05:43 PM. Regular meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.



Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant

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