



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2023, 5:00 PM

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, City Attorney Shayne Nope, Communication Center Manager Tami Lauda, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, Chief Financial Officer Breanna Howard, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Deputy Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Human Resources Director Ida Clark, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Norm Hatke, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Network Administrator Mike Plane, Finance 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) National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Mayor Pierce read and presented the National Crime Victim's Rights Week Proclamation.

4) 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 April 17, Minutes.

b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for April 13-19, 2023.

c) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the National Day of Prayer event.

d) Request to approve the disposal of surplus equipment by online auction.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) Meet and celebrate your 911 Emergency Communication Officers.

Communications Center Manager Lauda introduced the 911 Emergency Communication Officers.

911 Emergency Communication Officers recognized:

Christy Race

Deanna Miller

Denise Mize

Emily Hill

Erin Ash

Heather Posey

Jamie Quesness Jennifer Bryant

b) Request to approve the mayor to sign the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Downtowner Holdings LLC for the operation of the new public micro transit system.

Assistant to the City Manager Thompson requested to approve and the mayor to sign the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Downtowner Holdings LLC for the operation of the new public micro transit system.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Caval: Are you confident that you will be able to meet the 8–10-week target window?

Mayor Pierce: Asked about vouchers to ride or a pre-arraigned payment system.

Vice Mayor Reid: What does the training and support look like?

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve the request for the mayor to sign the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Downtowner Holdings LLC for the operation of the new public micro transit system. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) A presentation from the Idaho Transportation Department regarding a third highway bridge crossing of the Snake River Canyon.

Deputy City Manager Humble introduced a presentation from the Idaho Transportation Department regarding a third highway bridge crossing the Snake River Canyon.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Brown: Is this just one way traffic or both ways? What would be the general amount of freight coming in and out of Twin Falls?

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on the v/c ratio meaning.

Council Member Brown: What level of reduction should we be looking for? Commented on the phasing concept.

Mayor Pierce: Asked for the timeframe for this study to be completed. Can you send this presentation to the City Manager?

Vice Mayor Reid: Thanked the presenters. Commented that the 93 area is the most wanted area by citizens.

Council Member Caval: Asked for clarification on the phasing process. Commented that phasing process could cost more.

Mayor Pierce thanked the presenters for their presentation.

- d) 2nd Qtr. Financial Update

CFO Howard made a presentation of the 2nd Quarter Financial Update.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Caval: What was the MCI doing during the same timeframe?

City Manager Rothweiler: Spoke on the MCI trend.

Council Member Caval: Asked if this is because of the legislative bonds that have passed. Asked for clarification on the water funds investment earnings.

Mayor Pierce: Commented on the investment earnings.

Council Member Caval: Why have we only received 37% of our budgeted revenue? Are you budgeting based on season or flat lining?

City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some clarification on the budgeting process. The City Council thanked **CFO Howard** for her presentation.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen Randy Steele spoke about a transsexual event that will be happening in Twin Falls on April 30, 2023, and his concern about the event.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

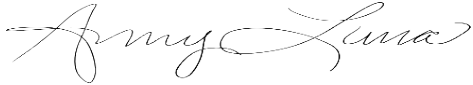
9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) § 74-206(c) To acquire an interest in real property 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: Vice Mayor Reid moved to adjourn to Executive Session § 74-206(c) To acquire an interest in real property 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 Brown** 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 into Executive session at 06:56 PM and the regular meeting adjourned at 07:45 PM.



Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant

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