



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, August 7, 2023, 4:00 PM

*****Special Meeting*****

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: Council Member Alex Caval left after Executive Session.

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, Assistant City Attorney Nicole Swafford, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Information Technology Supervisor Kathy Marcus, Transit Coordinator Maxine Durand, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Noman Hatke, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, Economic Development Director Shawn Barigar, CFO Breanna Howard, Budget Coordinator Mat Farnes, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Assistant Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Desktop Support Tech Kim Kafer, HR Director Ida Clark, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) § 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 Caval** moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206(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. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

Adjourn to Executive Session at 4:05 pm. Returned to the regular meeting at 5:00 pm. Council Member Caval did not return to the regular meeting.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4) PROCLAMATIONS

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- a) Request to approve Accounts Payable for July 27 through August 02, 2023.
- b) Request to approve City Council 2023 July 31, Minutes.
- c) Approval of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law: PZ23-0028 Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment, PZ23-0033 Annexation
- d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls Hispanic Heritage Festival event.
- e) Consider a recommendation from Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission to accept a donation of a tree and plaque at Vista Bonita Park from Ken and Lora Schmidt

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Consider a Request from People for Pets to Waive Vehicle Access Fees at Shoshone Falls Park for the 12th Annual Pooch Splash
- Twin Falls Animal Shelter Kennel Manager Cox** presented a request from People for Pets to waive vehicle access fees at Shoshone Falls Park for the 12th Annual Pooch Splash.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: How much was raised last year?

Vice Mayor Reid: How do you know who is participating in this event?

Council Member Brown: Is in favor of looking for a way to ensure that the correct individuals are admitted for free.

Council Member Boyd: Have you ever considered having a sponsor for the parking fees?

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the request from People for Pets to waive vehicle access fees at Shoshone Falls Park for the 12th Annual Pooch Splash. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- b) Update to City Council on RIDE TFT

Transit Coordinator Durand made a presentation on RIDE TFT.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Commented on the good job and the great comments that they have received.

Vice Mayor Reid: Is the \$3 standard fare, per person or per ride?

- c) Request to authorize the use of reserves to purchase police vehicles in the amount of \$291,264.50.

Deputy City Manager Scott requested authorization to use reserves to purchase police vehicles in the amount of \$291,264.50.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification of the vehicles being purchased.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the request to use reserves to purchase police vehicles in the amount of \$291,264.50. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- d) Adoption of Preliminary FY 23-24 Budget

City Manager Rothweiler requested the adoption of the Preliminary FY 23-24 Budget.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Asked for clarification.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the request to adopt the Preliminary FY 23-24 Budget \$94,275,338, and set August 21, 2023, no earlier than 6:00 pm, as the Public Hearing date for the 2023-2024 FY Budget. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

7) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen Arnell Cullum attempted to ask for an action item on a future agenda.

Citizen Maria Hernandez requested an action item be placed on the agenda regarding a situation which she spoke with Mayor Pierce about during a private meeting last week.

8) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Rothweiler spoke about the following recent events: State of the City Address.

TFT Ribbon Cutting.

12th Annual Magic Valley Beerfest.

9) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Public hearing on fee and rate increases for the City of Twin Falls.

CFO Howard presented a request for fee and rate increases for the City of Twin Falls.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Brown: Asked for clarification on pass-through fees.

Vice Mayor Reid: Asked if this has been communicated to the public.

Vice Mayor Reid: Swim Meet Rental - Are the schools being charged this fee? Have those that are being charged been notified?

Council Member Brown: Newer fees are for the costs of programs that are being offered at the pool.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:30 pm

Citizen Jeff Freeman of Reader Flight Services spoke in support of the Airport and all that they do.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:32 pm Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve **Resolution 2023-010** for fee and rate increases for the City of Twin Falls. **Council Member Hawkins** 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 at 06:34 PM



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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