



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, August 21, 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 Linda Wells, URA Executive Director Shawn Barigar, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, Communication Center Supervisor Tami Lauda, Waste Water Collections Supervisor Doug Gonzales, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Captain Brent Wright, CFO Breanna Howard, Budget Coordinator Mat Farnes, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Assistant Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Planning & Zoning Supervisor Jonathan Spendlove, Desktop Support Technician Kim Hafer, Deputy City Clerk 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

4) 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, 7 to 0.

- Request to approve City Council 2023 August 14, Minutes.
- Request to approve Accounts Payable for August 10-16, 2023.
- Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls BluPrint Home Loans Grand Opening event.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- Motion to terminate the employment of City Attorney Shayne Nope without cause pursuant to Section 10 of the City Attorney Services Agreement.

Mayor Pierce requested approval to terminate the employment of City Attorney Shayne Nope without cause pursuant to Section 10 of the City Attorney Services Agreement.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the request to terminate the employment of City Attorney Shayne Nope without cause pursuant to Section 10 of the City Attorney Services Agreement. **Council Member Cutler** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- Presentation of Draft Old Towne-2 Revenue Allocation Area Urban Renewal Plan and Opportunity for Input from the City Council.

Urban Renewal Executive Director Barigar made a presentation of the draft Old Towne-2 Revenue Allocation Area Urban Renewal Plan and Opportunity for input from the City Council.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Thanked all for their hard work and has enjoyed watching this process.

- b) Consider a request to use \$72,580 of Shoshone Falls cash reserves to complete repairs to the overlook.

P&R Director Davis requested to use \$72,580 of Shoshone Falls cash reserves to complete repairs to the overlook.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Reid: Asked how long it will take to make these repairs. Will they shut down the overlook to do the work?

Council Member Brown: What is the overall work to consist of? Concrete seems to be stable if we coat it.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve the request to use \$72,580 of Shoshone Falls cash reserves to complete repairs to the overlook. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) Request to approve acceptance of an FAA Grant Offer (AIP 54) for \$1,215,477 as the first of 2 grants to construct the east ramp expansion project at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

Airport Manager Carberry requested acceptance of an FAA Grant Offer (AIP 54) for \$1,215,477 as the first of 2 grants to construct the east ramp expansion Project.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Caval: Do we have any concerns about the costs going up while we are waiting for the funds?

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the request to accept the FAA Grant Offer (AIP 54) for \$1,215,477 as the first of 2 grants to construct the east ramp expansion Project. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen Maria Hernandez spoke about an action item for a public event to be held in the future.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Reid thanked Erin Steel and his team for the Wendell Street sidewalk project that was recently completed.

Council Member Brown spoke about a general public concern about the intersection of North College and Blue Lakes turn lanes.

Council Member Hawkins spoke about the Joint Forces last meeting. The Idaho Veterans Guide has been updated.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council for the City of Twin Falls including \$291,244 of Forgone Revenue in the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (FY 2024), beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024.

City Manager Rothweiler requested the adoption of **Resolution #2023-011** for the City of Twin Falls including \$291,244 of Forgone Revenue in the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (FY 2024), beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Thanked the staff for all their work and getting the information to them early in the year so that they could digest it.

Public Input Started: 6:25 pm.

Public Input Ended: 6:26 pm.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution #2023-011 by title only.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the request to approve the adoption of **Resolution #2023-011** for the City of Twin Falls including \$291,244 of Forgone Revenue in the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (FY 2024), beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) Adoption of the Appropriations Ordinance for City of Twin Falls for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (FY 2024), beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024. **City Manager Rothweiler** requested the adoption of the Appropriations **Ordinance #2023-009** for the City of Twin Falls for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (FY 2023), beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

Public Input Opened: 6:27 pm.

Public Input Closed: 6:28 pm.

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance #2023-009, title only.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put **Ordinance #2023-009** on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the request to adopt the Appropriations **Ordinance #2023-009** for the City of Twin Falls for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (FY 2023), beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) § 74-206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general; (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. (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. (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 Caval moved to adjourn to Executive Session § 74-206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general; (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. **Vice Mayor Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 5:05 pm. Returned to the regular meeting at 5:38 pm.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to adjourn to Executive Session § 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. (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

Adjourn to Executive Session at 06:32 PM. Regular meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Luna".

Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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