



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, November 13, 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, Council Members Craig Hawkins, Jason Brown, Spencer Cutler, Nikki Boyd & Alexandra Caval.

Absent: Vice Mayor Christopher Reid

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, Deputy City Attorney Linda Wells, Police Chief Matt Hicks, Public Information Coordinator Josh Plamer, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Norman Hatke, Building Safety Director Matthew Long, Waste Water Collection Supervisor Doug Gonzales, Staff Engineer I AC Palmer- Handley, Streets Senior Operators Conley Baird & Matthew Nedbalek, Senior Building Inspector Jarrod Bordi, 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: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Boyd** 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 October 26 through November 8, 2023.
- b) Request to approve City Council 2023 October 30, Minutes.
- c) Request to approve November 8, 2023, Travel Requests.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Presentation of Level 1 Road Scholar awards to Conley Baird, Jarrod Bordi, Matt Nedbalek and Level 2 Road Master awards to Jarrod Bordi and Matt Nedbalek

Streets Superintendent Thomson did a presentation of Level 1 Road Scholar awards to Conley Baird, Jarrod Bordi, Matt Nedbalek and Level 2 Road Master awards to Jarrod Bordi and Matt Nedbalek.

Mayor Pierce congratulated all Scholars.

- b) Consideration to approve Resolution R-2023-016 authorizing specific signatories relating to a stormwater/pressurized irrigation project as required by a grant offered through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Public Works Director Baird requested consideration to approve **Resolution R-2023-016** authorizing specific signatories relating to a stormwater/pressurized irrigation project as required by a grant offered by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the request to **Resolution R-2023-016** authorizing specific signatories relating to a stormwater/pressurized irrigation project as required by a grant offered by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- c) Request to authorize the use of \$400,000 from reserves to purchase and equip police vehicles. **Fleet Manager Hatke** requested authorization to use \$400,000 from reserves to purchase and equip police vehicles.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Caval: How far behind are we on purchasing vehicles?

MOTION: Council Member Cutler moved to approve the request for authorization to use \$400,000 from reserves to purchase and equip police vehicles. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen discussion was heard regarding a building located at **714 Shoshone Street**.

Citizen Alex Aspatria spoke about his living space. Citizen

Adreanna Bower spoke about her living space. Citizen

Joseph Requa spoke about his living space. Citizen Richard

Mollar spoke about his living space. Citizen Tony Cole

spoke about his living space.

Citizen Aaron Bolt spoke about his living space.

Citizen Matthew Minen spoke about his living space.

Citizen Kate Doherty spoke about having only one way in and one way out on the road to her house and taking 3 hours to get home due to an accident.

Citizen Sylvia spoke about her living space.

Citizen Scott Record spoke about his housing complex that was shut down by the city. Asking the city to help find suitable housing for these individuals so that they are not on the streets.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Caval gave a Public Arts Commission report.

City Manager Rothweiler spoke on the Council Schedule for the remainder of 2023.

November 20, 2023 - Executive Session only

November 27, 2023 - December 18, 2023 - Regular Meeting Schedule

December 26, 2023 - Cancelled

January 2, 2024 - will be the first meeting for 2024.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 5:36pm. Resumed regular meeting at 6:07 pm.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Request for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-2 and R-6 to R-6 ZDA for 25(+/-) acres located on portions of Lots 4, 5 and 6 of the Orchalara Subdivision. c/ TDH Engineers on behalf of Martin Street Development, LLC.

P&Z Director Spendlove presented a request for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-2 and R-6 to R-6 ZDA for 25(+/-) acres located on portions of Lots 4, 5 & 6 of the Orchalara Subdivision. c/o TDH Engineers on behalf of Martin Street Development, LLC.

The applicant spoke on the request.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Boyd: Asked about the parking and the number of vehicles for the units.

Asked why tandem parking might be an issue.

Council Member Caval: How does this proposal affect the Comprehensive plan? Asked about the building of the roundabout.

Council Member Hawkins: Asked about the building height along the canyon rim.

Council Member Brown: Asked for height confirmation along the canyon rim overlay. Asked for clarification on the request and the appearance of the project.

Council Member Caval: Asked how the round-about applies to the comprehensive plan.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:56 pm

Citizen Rosalie Orton spoke against this zone change request. Asked if the development has the required setbacks, parks & if the development adds to the beauty of the neighborhood. **Citizen Gary Evans** spoke against the roundabout option of this proposal.

Citizen Dustin Corbridge spoke against this request.

Citizen Lamar Orton spoke against this request.

Citizen Karen Perron spoke about the need for housing in the valley.

Applicants addressed the concerns expressed by the citizens.

Council Member Brown: Could the R6 line have been drawn somewhere else?

Council Member Caval: Asked for clarification on the R6 zoning instead of the R2 for the developers.

Council Member Brown: Asked if there was another conversation about the zoning of this property in the near past.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:30 pm

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Caval: Thanked the applicants for the proposal but spoke against the project. **Council**

Member Cutler: Agreed there is a need for housing in Twin Falls but is against this project.

Council Member Brown: Spoke in favor of this request.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke about the uniqueness of the roundabout and the traffic problem.

Eventually, we need to go upward. Spoke about being in favor of this request.

Council Member Boyd: Spoke about "Not in my backyard". There are always some negatives to any project. The developers have been willing to tweak their plan. This is in an area where there is nothing like this and it is needed. Is in favor of this request.

Mayor Pierce: Spoke in favor of this request and everyone keeps saying that we need to do something with this part of town.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve the request for extended height allowance to 43' for the 24-unit buildings, outside the Canyon Rim Overlay. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 2.

Council Member Boyd: Asked for clarification on the motion for the 43' allowance outside of the Canyon Rim overlay area for the apartment buildings.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve the request for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-2 and R-6 to R-6 ZDA for 25(+/-) acres located on portions of Lots 4, 5 & 6 of the Orchalara Subdivision. c/o TDH Engineers on behalf of Martin Street Development, LLC including all the P&Z Commission recommendations 1-6 with a modified to #5. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 2.

9) 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: Council Member Caval moved to adjourn into 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 Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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