



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2024, 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 Jason Brown, Council Members Craig Hawkins, Christopher Reid, Spencer Cutler, Cherie Vollmer (by phone) & Grayson Stone.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, Deputy City Attorney Nicole Swafford, Library Director Tara Bartley, Senior Planner Will Klaver, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Streets Supervisor Bud Stradley, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Sergeant Lu Coronado, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Deputy Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Desktop Support Analyst 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 asked Girl Scout troop's #988, 984, 418, 614, 173. 983, 470. 966 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag for all present who wished to join.

3) PROCLAMATIONS

a) Girl Scouts Week

Mayor Pierce read and presented the Girl Scouts proclamation.

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Vice Mayor Brown** 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 2024 March 04, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for February 29 through March 06, 2024.
- c) Request to approve Alcohol License for Meat and Potato Company
- d) Request to approve March 06, 2024, Travel Requests.
- e) Law Enforcement Torch Run
- f) Request to approve the Final Plat for the Golden Grove (formerly Harrison) Subdivision approximately 11+/- acres for 46 lots located at Harrison Street S and Clinton Dr. c/o Stephen Andersen behalf of Cal Kunkel (PZ24-0022)
- g) A request to waive building permit fees for the Twin Falls School District for their Morningside Elementary School building upgrade project.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) The Twin Falls Public Library requests approval to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Lynx Library Consortium.

Library Director Bartley requested approval to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Lynx Library Consortium.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on the standards. Who will be on the board representing Twin Falls?

MOTION: Council Member Cutler moved to approve the request to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Lynx Library Consortium. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) Request to adopt Ordinance #2024-005 to Amend Twin Falls City Code by amending Title 10- 14-3.2 OT, Old Town District to include Ambulance services as an outright permitted use.
Senior Planner Klaver requested to adopt **Ordinance #2024-005** to Amend the Twin Falls City Code by amending Title 10-14-3.2 OT, Old Town District to include Ambulance services as an outright permitted use.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put **Ordinance #2024-005** on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Mayor Pierce read **Ordinance #2024-005** by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve the request to adopt **Ordinance #2024- 005** to Amend the Twin Falls City Code by amending Title 10-14-3.2 OT, Old Town District to include Ambulance services as an outright permitted use. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) Request to adopt Ordinance #2024-006 amending the Addison Springs Subdivision Zoning Development Agreement and Changes to the Subdivision Master Plan.
Senior Planner Klaver requested to adopt **Ordinance #2024-006** amending the Addison Springs Subdivision Zoning Development Agreement and Changes to the Subdivision Master Plan.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put **Ordinance #2024-006** on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Mayor Pierce read **Ordinance #2024-005** by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve the request to adopt **Ordinance #2024-006** amending the Addison Springs Subdivision Zoning Development Agreement and Changes to the Subdivision Master Plan. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- d) A request to authorize the use of \$100,000 of Streetlight Fund reserves to complete the planned street luminaire replacement program.
Deputy City Manager Humble requested to authorize the use of \$100,000 of Streetlight Fund reserves to complete the planned street luminaire replacement program.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to authorize the use of \$100,000 of Streetlight Fund reserves to complete the planned street luminaire replacement program. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- e) Update on progress of the exceptional hardship deferral for Building Permit 22-0100 (Rob Green Hyundai Dealership).
P&Z Director Spendlove presented an update on progress of the exceptional hardship deferral for Building Permit 22-0100(Rob Green Hyundai Dealership).

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone: What has our outreach been? As well as the frequency. Is this frequency traditional with those who are out of compliance?

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked for clarification on what is still needed.

Council Member Reid: Clarified the timeline that was set by the contractor and asked what communication had been received back from the contractor.

Mayor Pierce: Asked what communication had taken place with the contractor or his attorney.

City Manager Rothweiler: Noted that the developer nor their attorney are not present this evening.

Council Member Stone: Clarified that we put the contractor and his attorney on notice of this meeting request to review the status.

Architect Ricks: Spoke about their part in this. Stated that the timeline was not sufficient to complete the engineering portion and that the plans should be completed tomorrow, March 12, 2024.

Council Member Reid: Asked if there is anything else on the list that will not be able to be met by the proposed timeline.

Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke about the importance of the timeline and the frustration that not following it.

Council Member Stone: Spoke in agreement with Vice Mayor Brown and asked about the ability to revoke this TCO.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke about being accommodating to business coming into town and not wanting to set a precedent moving forward.

- f) A request to provide feedback regarding the creation of a fee waiver/reduction policy.

Deputy City Manager Humble presented a request to provide feedback regarding the creation of a fee waiver/reduction policy.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on what we have asked about in the past.

Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on items like senior projects and if they fall under the "Other Tax Supported Agencies"?

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked about the middle school cross-country track meet, and how it would fall into this. Would like to see reduced fees for the participants.

Mayor Pierce: Commented that it is not the district that is out the money but the parents.

City Manager Rothweiler: Provided some clarification of school activities.

Council Member Stone: Asked for more examples of the Tax Supported Agencies.

Council Member Cutler: Spoke about waiving fees in the past and the result of that. Clarified that event details matter on a request.

Council Member Reid: Asked for feedback from the council on the senior project fee waivers. **Mayor Pierce:** Senior projects include how to manage the costs of the project. Gave feedback on the "cause" waivers.

Council Member Stone: Commented on the waiver for a "cause" and the city remaining non-partisan.

Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke about some of the waivers that have been done in the past. **Council**

Member Stone: Spoke about the different training for search and rescue type things and would like to have them for government training.

Council Member Reid: clarified which fees would be allowed a waiver. If the fee is the type or the person.

Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke about waivers or reductions.

Vice mayor Brown: What would the average building fees waiver be?

Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on the dollar amount of the fee waivers. Is there a recommendation on the appeal process.

Council Member Stone: Spoke to clarify the Scuba training at the pool issue.

Council Member Hawkins: Thanked the staff for all the work that they have put into this.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Reid gave an update on the Airport Advisory Commission and the Public Arts Commission meetings.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the timeline for the airport update.

Vice Mayor Brown spoke about the interviews for the Impact Fee Board.

Council Member Stone spoke about the Chamber of Commerce Public Policy calls which are held every Friday at 7:00 am. via zoom.

Mayor Pierce mentioned the MVMPO meeting that will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 10:00 am, room 116.

City Manager Rothweiler advised that there will not be a City Council meeting on March 25, 2024.

8) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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