



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, April 8, 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, Council Members Craig Hawkins, Christopher Reid, Spencer Cutler, Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.

Absent: Vice Mayor Jason Brown

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Deputy Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, Building Official Matthew Long, Parks & Recreation Project Coordinator Elois Joseph, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Staff Engineer AC Palmer, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Desktop Support 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: Council Member 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 City Council 2024 April 01, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for March 28 through April 3, 2024.
- c) Request to approve April 03, 2024, Travel Requests.
- d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Lee Family Broadcasting, Perrona Music Festival.
- e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Lee Family Broadcasting, Electric BBQ Music Festival.
- f) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Southern Idaho Pride Parade and Block Party.
- g) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls Pride Festival in the park event.
- h) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Luther Heights Fundraiser event.
- i) Request to approve Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law for Bridgeview Holdings, LLC, additional height (PZ24-0002).

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Request approval for the submission of a SAFER grant application for the recruitment and hiring of three new firefighters.
Assistant to the City Manager Thompson requested approval for the submission of a SAFER grant application for the recruitment and hiring of three new firefighters.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on our hiring process for firefighters.

Council Member Cutler: What happens if we can't hire the 3 members required?

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for the submission of a SAFER grant application for the recruitment and hiring of three new firefighters. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The

roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- b) Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley/ Wolverton Homes fee waiver request for Great Futures House Giveaway.
Building Official Long presented a request from Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley & Wolverton Homes for a fee waiver request for the Great Futures House Giveaway.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request from Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley & Wolverton Homes for a fee waiver request for the Great Futures House Giveaway. Council Member Stone seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- c) Request to approve the public art electrical box wrap project from the City's Public Art Commission.
P&R Project Coordinator Joseph requested approval of the public art electrical box wrap project from the City's Public Art Commission.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on the number of pieces per sight.

Council Member Reid: Gave clarification on the intent.

Council Member Stone: Thanked all that submitted their art and asked what the timeline would be.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request for the public art electrical box wrap project from the City's Public Art Commission. Council Member Vollmer seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- d) Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to Revise the City's Tree Ordinance
P&R Director Davis presented a recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Commission to revise the City's Tree Ordinance.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke in favor of this request.

Council Member Vollmer: Spoke in favor of this request.

Council Member Reid: Asked when the original ordinance was passed. Appreciates that Parks is looking into updating this ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Commission to revise the City's Tree Ordinance. Council Member Vollmer seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- e) Consider a request to have the mayor sign the Lease Agreement with Southern Idaho Tourism for Shoshone Falls After Dark
P&R Director Davis requested to have the mayor sign the Lease Agreement with Southern Idaho Tourism for Shoshone Falls After Dark.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on the liability insurance request. Would like to have clarification provided. If there is a noise issue, and it needs to be shut down, this is clearly stated.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to have the mayor sign the Lease Agreement with Southern Idaho Tourism for Shoshone Falls After Dark. Council Member Reid seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- f) Request for authorization from the City Council for the Mayor to sign an agreement with the property owners, allowing the city to build a round-a-bout in exchange for dedication of right-of-way along with allowing the City to utilize impact fees for design and construction.
Staff Engineer Palmer requested authorization from the City Council for the Mayor to sign an agreement with the property owners, allowing the city to build a round-a-bout in exchange for dedication of right-of-way, along with allowing the City to utilize impact fees for design and construction.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone: Is this a band aide or a solution?

Council Member Vollmer: Asked about the portion of land that will be used for this sight.

Mayor Pierce: Asked if the agreement had been reviewed by the city attorney.

Council Member Reid: Will the design be brought back to council?

Deputy City Manager Humble: Gave some clarification.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to authorize from the City Council for the Mayor to sign an agreement with the property owners, allowing the city to build a round-a-bout in exchange for dedication of right-of-way, along with allowing the City to utilize impact fees for design and construction.

Council Member Vollmer seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Reid spoke about the Airport Advisory Board meeting.

Council Member Hawkins spoke about the Youth Council.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) § 74-206(1)(c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency; (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 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 Hawkins seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned into Executive Session at 5:44 PM. Regular meeting adjourned at 06:30 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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