



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, April 15, 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 & Grayson Stone.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Senior Planner William Klaver, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Water Superintendent Rob Bohling, Public Information Coordinator Josh Palmer, Streets Supervisor Bud Stradley, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, City Planner Lisa Strickland, Staff Engineer Jesse Schuerman, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, 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

a) Optimist Club YAW Proclamation

Mayor Pierce read and presented the Optimist Club YAW Proclamation.

b) Tree City USA Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Pierce read and presented the Tree City USA Arbor Day Proclamation.

c) Community College Month Proclamation

Mayor Pierce read and presented the Community College Month Proclamation.

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Vollmer** 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 April 08, Minutes.

b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for April 4-10, 2024.

c) Request to approve 2024 February Wells Fargo Credit Card Summary.

d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Magic Valley Law Enforcement Memorial Service.

e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls Public Library, Summer Reading Kickoff event.

f) Request the City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls Library Summer Reading Finale.

g) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Engagein Education event.

h) Request for approval of a Final Plat for the Washington Fire Station Subdivision, amended consisting of two (2) acres to develop one (1) lot on property located at 1025 Washington Street South c/o the City of Twin Falls.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) Request to use \$135,000.00 from contingency funds to re-roof the Street Department shop located at 205 6th Ave W.

Streets Superintendent Thomson requested to use \$135,000.00 from contingency funds to re-roof the Street Department shop located at 205 6th Ave. W.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: How soon will this be completed?

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to use \$135,000.00 from contingency funds to re-roof the Street Department shop located at 205 6th Ave. W. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) A request to reallocate \$3 million currently budgeted for South Well #5 - Piping and Pump House to the Kimberly Road Waterline Replacement project.

Public Works Director Baird requested to reallocate \$3 million currently budgeted for South Well #5 - Piping and Pump House to the Kimberly Road Waterline Replacement project.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Do you hope to complete this project this year?

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked if the reason that we are wanting to expedite this project is for maintenance purposes.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to reallocate \$3 million currently budgeted for South Well #5 - Piping and Pump House to the Kimberly Road Waterline Replacement project. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Hawkins reported on the Spring AIC District Meeting attended last Thursday. **Council Member Cutler** spoke about the maintenance at Rock Creek Park and commended the staff for their work.

Council Member Vollmer reported on the Parks & Recreation.

City Manager Rothweiler reminded us that there will be no Council meeting on April 22, 2024, and the next meeting will be held on April 29, 2024, at 5:00pm.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Request for a rezone of property from R-2 and C-1 to C-1 for property located at 2794 Addison Ave E. c/o Doug Koehn (PZ24-0007)

Senior Planner Klaver requested a rezone of property from R-2 to C-1 for property located at 2794 Addison Ave. E. c/o Doug Koehn. (PZ24-0007)

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Asked for clarification on the request.

Council Member Stone: Asked about access to the southern portion of the land.

Council Member Vollmer: Why are they requesting to go straight across? Stated that this doesn't make sense and asked for clarification. What is the setback for commercial property?

Council Member Reid: What is the applicant asking for and what P&Z is suggesting and then what the P&Z Commission recommended?

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on the commission's recommendation.

The applicant spoke on the request.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Asked the applicant for clarification and if they are comfortable with what the commission recommended.

Council Member Stone: Spoke in relation to a letter that the council received from a citizen.

Public Hearing Opened: 5:38 pm.

Citizen Ronald James: Spoke against this request.

Citizen Joshua Summers: Spoke against this request.

Citizen Jeneji James: Spoke against this request.

Citizen Ellie Kano: Spoke against this request.

Citizen Renee Manning: Spoke against this request. **Citizen Lindy Christiansen:** Spoke against this request.

Citizen Isabel Manning: Spoke against this request.

Citizen Elaine Bowman: Spoke against this request.

Citizen Ellen Ledbetter: Spoke against this request.

Applicant Doug Koehn: Spoke briefly in response to the citizens' comments.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:00 pm.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked about the offered buffer between the property and the neighbors. What about a buffer on the south side?

Council Member Cutler: Shared his concerns with making changes to our neighborhoods.

Council Member Stone: Asked about restrictions on C1 zoning?

P&Z Director Spendlove: Gave clarification on the above question.

Council Member Reid: Gave his current thoughts on the request and is in favor of P&Z's recommendation.

Council Member Stone: Agreed with Council Member Reid and would also be in favor of P&Z's recommendation.

Council Member Vollmer: Spoke of this request being kind of premature. Would also be in favor of P&Z's recommendation.

Council Member Hawkins: Stated that This is a tough situation and when the property owner bought the property, he knew what the zoning was and has the right to ask for changes.

Council Member Stone: Asked what the options are to move forward.

Council Member Cutler: Gave his thoughts on the request and what could happen going forward.

Vice Mayor Brown: Thinking about what would happen in the future as a C-1 zone and if there couldn't be a compromise. Would like to see what it would look like with the buffer. zones. But if needed to would side with the P&Z's recommendation.

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked if they could add the 25' buffer on the east side along the residential area.

P&Z Director Spendlove: Gave clarification on the 25' buffer question.

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on the code related to a buffer.

Council Member Stone: Spoke about going with the P&Z commission recommendation answering the buffer item.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for a rezone of property from R-2 to C-1 for property located at 2794 Addison Ave. E. as presented for the staff's recommendation with the lower boundary for the property to the west. (PZ24-0007) **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted. The motion passed, 4 to 3, with Council Members Cutler, Vollmer, and Stone voting against.

9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 06:18 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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