



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, July 29, 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 (via Teams), Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Deputy Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Police Chief Craig Kingbury, Captain Matt Hicks, Captain Brent Wright, Street Superintendent Mark Thomson, Building Official Matthew Long, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Librarian Director Tara Bartley, CFO Breanna Howard, Human Resources Director Kristen Khontopp, HR Intern Evan Maughan, Help Desk Technician Brettrick Barker, 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 called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was present.

3) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Reid** 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 July 22, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for July 18-24, 2024.
- c) Approval of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Final Plat for El Milagro Subdivision No. 3, consisting of 2.37 acres on property located at 1122 Washington St S c/o Ryan Hackett, Syringa Housing Corporation (PZ24-0060).

4) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Presentation of POST Basic Certificates to Officer Ike Allred, Officer Devin Buff, Officer Brock Duke, Officer Joseph Gomez, Officer Jason Haringsma, Officer Jason Henderson, Officer Blake Jauregui, Officer Matthew Van Orsdel, POST Intermediate Certificates to Officer Justin Clark, Officer Jason Henderson, Officer Bradley Wendlandt, Officer Riley Whiteley, POST Advanced Certificates to Officer Jason Henderson, ECO Heather Posey, Corporal Tony Rhoades, POST Master Certificates to Officer Powell Eaton, Corporal Samir Smriko, POST K9 Drug Detection Certificate to Officer Tyler Shropshire.

Police Chief Kingsbury made a Presentation of POST Basic Certificates, POST Intermediate Certificates, POST Advanced Certificates, POST Master Certificates and POST K9 Drug Detection Certificates.

The Council & ELT members congratulated everyone.

- b) Request to authorize the mayor to sign the FAA grant offer for the Northwest Aircraft Parking Ramp Construction Design Project in the amount of \$205,275.

Airport Manager Carberry requested authorization for the mayor to sign the FAA grant offer for the Northwest Aircraft Parking Ramp Construction Design Project in the amount of \$205,275.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: What is the timeline for this one?

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for authorization for the mayor to sign the FAA grant offer for the Northwest Aircraft Parking Ramp Construction Design Project in the amount of \$205,275 contingent on legal review and concurrence. **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 authorize the mayor to sign the FAA grant offer (1of 2) for the engineering and rehabilitation of the airport's Northwest Aircraft Parking Ramp in the amount of \$937,713.

Airport Manager Carberry requested authorization for the mayor to sign the FAA grant offer (1of 2) for the engineering and rehabilitation of the airport's Northwest Aircraft Parking Ramp in the amount of \$937,713.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to authorize the mayor to sign the FAA grant offer (1of 2) for the engineering and rehabilitation of the airport's Northwest Aircraft Parking Ramp in the amount of \$937,713 contingent on legal review and concurrence. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- d) Request to authorize the mayor to sign the FAA grant offer (2 of 2) for the engineering and rehabilitation of the airport's Northwest Aircraft Parking Ramp in the amount of \$685,919.

Airport Manager Carberry requested authorization for the mayor to sign the FAA grant offer (2 of 2) for the engineering and rehabilitation of the airport's Northwest Aircraft Parking Ramp for \$685,919.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request for authorization for the mayor to sign the FAA grant offer (2 of 2) for the engineering and rehabilitation of the airport's Northwest Aircraft Parking Ramp for \$685,919 contingent on legal review and concurrence. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- e) Request to authorize the mayor to sign the FAA Grant Offer for the Airport Runway Environmental Assessment and 30% Design Project in the amount of \$616,347.

Airport Manager Carberry requested authorization for the mayor to sign the FAA Grant Offer for the Airport Runway Environmental Assessment and 30% Design Project in the amount of \$616,347.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request for authorization for the mayor to sign the FAA Grant Offer for the Airport Runway Environmental Assessment and 30% Design Project in the amount of \$616,347 contingent on legal review and concurrence. **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 to authorize the mayor to sign the FAA Grant Offer for the airport Terminal Access Improvement Project Design in the amount of \$327,656.

Airport Manager Carberry requested authorization for the mayor to sign the FAA Grant Offer for the airport Terminal Access Improvement Project Design in the amount of \$327,656.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request for authorization for the mayor to sign the FAA Grant Offer for the airport Terminal Access Improvement Project Design in the amount of \$327,656 contingent on legal review and concurrence. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- g) A presentation of the City Manager's recommended budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 budget Strategic Plan Focus Areas 2 and 3.

Deputy City Manager Scott facilitated the presentation of the City Manager's recommended budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 budget Strategic Plan Focus Areas 2 and 3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Focus Area 2: Learning Community

Library Director Tara Bartley & Erica Littlefield

Council Member Vollmer: Asked for clarification on the modernization of the elevator. What is the lifespan of your vehicles?

Focus Area 3:

Building Official Long reported on the Building Department.

Police Chief Kingbury, Captain Wright, Captain Hicks, Sergeant Loosli, Sergeant Howe & Weigt reported on the Police Department.

Council Member Stone: Commented on the drop in crime. Asked how the officers are being compensated when working in the communication center. What is the individual cost of the cameras? How many shields does the \$10k get us? How many shields would be on a swat team?

Fire Chief Kenworthy, Deputy Fire Chief Brooks, Captain Bean reported on the Fire Department.

City Manager Rothweiler presented the following: Suggested Projects funded with Cash Reserves

• City Pool Remodel w/Locker Rooms	\$1.20 million
• City Attorney's Office/City Gym	\$1.81 million
• Police Evidence & Training Facility	\$ 175,000
o Total	\$3.185 million

Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke about putting the suggested projects into future conversations.

Mayor Pierce: Good with these projects as well.

Council Member Hawkins: Are the Pool and Attorney's Office requesting enough funding to take us to completion? Asked for clarification on the Police Evidence & Training Facility.

Council Member Reid: Asked about using the \$770,000 to fund a portion of these projects.

Mayor Pierce: What would the impact be on the \$3.185 million have on our budget?

CFO Howard: Gave information related to our investments.

Items to be considered for the \$770,000:

\$770,000 has been set aside in the Capital Budget for Council directed capital projects. Some projects to consider for this funding are:

• Baxter's Park improvements (designed)	\$600,000 or \$428,625
• Harmon Park Tennis Courts improvements (with lights, no parking lot)	\$400,000
• Elizabeth Boulevard - Mae Drive to Apache Way	\$422,000
• Elizabeth Boulevard - Madrona Street North to Del Mar Drive	\$632,000
• Locust Street - Kimberly Road and 4 th Avenue East	\$305,000
• Fleet Replacement	\$310,000 - \$487,744

Mayor Pierce: Asked about phasing out the sidewalk projects.

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked about the design of the Elizabeth Blvd project.

Mayor Pierce: Asked for more specific dollar amounts for the sidewalk projects.

Council Member Vollmer: Do we look at other avenues to get the money for the park projects? Are there grant funds to use? How many people would you estimate would use the parks that are being considered?

City Manager Rothweiler: Gave information on grant dollars that could be available.

Vice Mayor Brown: Would like to look at the fleet and sidewalk dollars and then have a B list for other items.

Council Member Stone: Concurred with Vice Mayor Browns' plan.

Council Member Reid: Could we get a priority list for the vehicles?

Deputy City Manager Scott: Gave additional directions related to the fleet requests.

Council Member Reid: Asked about the design for the sidewalk projects.

City Manager Rothweiler: Provided a summary of the council's wishes to be added to next week's presentation.

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked about the backlog of the availability of fleet requests.

Mayor Pierce: Asked about using the \$155 for the park's projects.

Vice Mayor Brown: Could the \$155 be allocated toward the Police Evidence project?

Deputy City Manager Humble: Added that the lift at the Police Station is also an option for funding.

5) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT Budget Discussion: None.

General Public Discussion:

Citizen John Larimer: Asked for a change to the Economic Development policy for changes to the building permitting requirements.

Deputy City Manager Humble: Gave additional explanation on the request.

Mayor Pierce: Would like more information before moving this to the agenda

Council Member Reid: Would like to see this be discussed at the property development group meeting.

Citizen Larimer would like the council to rewrite the permitting policy and direct the community development department to issue the permits.

City Manager Rothweiler: asked for some clarification.

Mayor Pierce: directed staff on how to move forward.

6) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pierce advised that the September 3, 2024, City Council meeting will be canceled.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 07:55 PM



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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