



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, October 28, 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 Christopher Reid, Spencer Cutler, Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.

Absent: Council Member Craig Hawkins

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton (via teams), Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Davis, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Economic Development Director Shawn Barigar, Environmental Manager Nathan Erickson, City Planner Lisa Strickland, City Planner Kelli Ebersole, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Staff Engineer Jesse Schuerman, Police Captain Brent Wright, Deputy Public Works Director Erin Steel, Waste Water Superintendent Doug Gonzales, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Finance Administrative Assistant Rachael Long, 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) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Reid 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, 6 to 0.

- a) Request to approve Accounts Payable for October 17-23, 2024.
- b) Request to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

- Federation Point ZDA Amendment
- Washington St S and Park Avenue Annexation

4) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Consider a Request to Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Paul Melni to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

P&R Director Davis requested to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Paul Melni to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Can you tell us a little bit about Paul?

Council Member Vollmer: Spoke in favor of this appointment.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Paul Melni to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. **Council**

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

- b) Authorize the City Engineer to sign a professional service agreement with Civil Science, Inc., in the amount of \$263,461 for the design of improvements at the intersection of Washington Street and Filer Avenue, of which \$19,339 will come from Street Fund Reserves to cover the City's required 7.33% local match.

City Engineer Vitec requested authorization for the City Engineer to sign a professional service agreement with Civil Science, Inc., in the amount of \$263,461 for the design of improvements at the intersection of Washington Street and Filer Avenue, of which \$19,339 will come from Street Fund Reserves to cover the City's required 7.33% local match.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to authorize the City Engineer to sign a professional service agreement with Civil Science, Inc., in the amount of \$263,461 for the design of improvements at the intersection of Washington Street and Filer Avenue, of which \$19,339 will come from Street Fund Reserves to cover the City's required 7.33% local match. **Council Member Cutler** 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 extension of an Employee Retention Program for Library employees and the allocation of \$45,000 from Library cash reserves to fund the program for fiscal year 2025.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested to approve the extension of an Employee Retention Program for Library employees and the allocation of \$45,000 from Library cash reserves to fund the program for fiscal year 2025.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Were there any unofficial uses for the cash reserves?

Council Member Reid: How is the employee retention plan being used currently?

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to approve the extension of an Employee Retention Program for Library employees and the allocation of \$45,000 from Library cash reserves to fund the program for fiscal year 2025. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- d) Consider a request to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Twin Falls and Twin Falls County for operation of Joslin Field - Magic Valley Regional Airport and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Economic Development Director Barigar requested approval of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Twin Falls and Twin Falls County for the operation of Joslin Field - Magic Valley Regional Airport and to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Thanked for the work that went into this process. Asked about the dates on the documents.

Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Twin Falls and Twin Falls County for the operation of Joslin Field - Magic Valley Regional Airport and to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- e) Fall 2024 Odor Study Update

Environmental Manager Erickson presented the Fall 2024 Odor Study Update.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Thanked staff for the information and citizens for their patients.

Mayor Pierce: Also thanked the staff.

5) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

6) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Rothweiler gave information on upcoming meetings and encouraged citizens to vote.

7) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Request for City Council to approve a Zoning District Change from C-1 PUD to C-1 on property located at 997 Washington St S., c/o J-U-B Engineers, Inc. on behalf of Zarembo Group, LLC. (PZ24-0084)

City Planner Strickland made a request for City Council to approve a Zoning District Change from C-1 PUD to C-1 on property located at 997 Washington St S., c/o J-U-B Engineers, Inc. on behalf of Zarembo Group, LLC. (PZ24-0084)

The applicant's representative spoke on the request.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

Public Hearing Opened: 5:45 pm.

Citizen Don Deters: Spoke in favor of this request.

Public Hearing Closed: 5:47 pm

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Spoke in favor of this request.

MOTION: Council Member Cutler moved to approve the request for City Council to approve a Zoning District Change from C-1 PUD to C-1 on property located at 997 Washington St S., c/o J-U-B Engineers, Inc. on behalf of Zarembo Group, LLC. (PZ24-0084). **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- b) Request for an annexation and zoning district of approximately 10 (+/-) acres located along the 1500 block of Harrison St S., c/o Katrina Kulm on behalf of Elevate Academy Foundation, Inc. (PZ24-0087)
City Planner Ebersole presented a request for an annexation and zoning district of approximately 10 (+/-) acres located along the 1500 block of Harrison St S., c/o Katrina Kulm on behalf of Elevate Academy Foundation, Inc. (PZ24-0087)

The applicant's representative spoke on the request.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

Public Hearing Opened: 5:54 pm.

Citizen Richard Dean: Spoke against this request.

Public Hearing Closed: 5:57 pm.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Looking for clarification on what will happen to move forward.

Council Member Stone: Spoke in favor of this request.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for an annexation and zoning district of approximately 10 (+/-) acres located along the 1500 block of Harrison St S., c/o Katrina Kulm on behalf of Elevate Academy Foundation, Inc. (PZ24-0087). **Council Member Cutler** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

8) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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