Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2025, 5:00 PM

Amended Agenda (Item H & J)
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, and Cherie Vollmer.
Absent:	Council Member Grayson Stone.
Staff Present:	City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Deputy City Clerk Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Rachael Long, Airport Director Bill Carberry, Environmental Manager Nathan Erickson, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Police Chief Hicks, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Senior City Planner Will Klaver,

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: Vice Mayor Brown 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 2025 June 09, Minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for June 05-11, 2025.
c) Request to approve June 11, 2025, Travel Requests.
d) Request to approve 2025 April Wells Fargo Credit Card Summary.
e) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Family Summit event.
f) Requesting approval to sign an addendum for the Office of Drug Policy Grant extension
g) Request to accept the Improvement Agreement for the purpose of developing **Prosperity Hills Subdivision (Phase 1A & 1B)** public infrastructure for a future subdivision**.**

4) Items of Consideration

a) Request to re-appoint Richard Brown to the Twin Falls Housing Authority to serve as a commissioner for a five-year term.

Twin Falls House Authority Director Sunny Shaw requested to reappoint Richard Brown to the Twin Falls Housing Authority to serve as a commissioner for a five-year term.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to re-appoint Richard Brown

to the Twin Falls Housing Authority to serve as a commissioner for a five-year term**. Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

b) Request to appoint Tammi Harr to the Twin Falls Housing Authority to fulfill the term of Commissioner Sonius, term ending February 2029.

Twin Falls House Authority Director Sunny Shaw requested to appoint Tammi Harr to the Twin Falls Housing Authority to fulfill the term of Commissioner Sonius, term ending February 2029.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to appoint Tammi Harr to the Twin Falls Housing Authority to fulfill the term of Commissioner Sonius, term ending February 2029. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

c) Presentation and award of Municipal Powers Outsource Grants (MPOG).

Assistant to the City Manager Thompson gave a presentation and was awarded the Municipal Powers Outsource Grants (MPOG).

Mayor Pierce recused herself from this item. Turned the meeting over to **Vice Mayor Brown.**

1. Culture for Change Foundation.
   Council Member Reid: Asked for some additional information.
2. Everybody's Pantry.
3. Magic Valley Art Council
   Council Member Hawkins: Asked for clarification.
4. Twin Falls Zoo
5. United Way
6. Voices Against Violence
   Council Member Reid: Asked for some clarification.
7. Walker Center
   Council Member Reid: Asked for some clarification.
8. Wellness Tree
9. Center for Community Health

Discussion ensued as follows:
Vice Mayor Brown: Thanked all for their submissions and explained the existing numbers.
Council Member Reid: Thanked all for their work within our community.
Council Member Hawkins: Spoke about the process.
Vice Mayor Brown: Asked for a conversation about the requests and spoke about how to proceed.
Council Member Reid: Gave some clarification on his choices.
Council Member Cutler: Gave some clarification on his choices.
Vice Mayor Brown: Gave some clarification on his choices.
Council Member Vollmer: Gave some clarification on his choices.
Council Member Hawkins: Gave some clarification on his choices.
Council Member Cutler: Gave some clarification on his choices.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the following recipients of the Municipal Powers Outsource Grants (MPOG): Culture for Change Foundation - $10,000 Center for Community Health - $10,000 Magic Valley Arts Council - $9,700 Victims Against Violence - $10,000 Wellness Tree Clinic - $9,990. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voting in favor of the motion, 5to 0 with **Mayor Pierce** abstaining.

Vice Mayor Brown thanked Mrs. Thompson for the presentations.

d) Request to authorize the mayor to sign an amendment to the City & County Airport Agreement

Airport Manager Carberry requested to authorize the mayor to sign an amendment to the City & County Airport Agreement.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Reid: Thanked the parties for their work on this agreement amendment.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to authorize the mayor to sign an amendment to the City & County Airport Agreement. **Vice Mayor 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 three (3) grant applications for FAA airport capital improvement project funding.
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- The Runway Enviro Assessment & 30% Design Project – $624, 593.00
- Design for the Terminal Access Improvement Project - $331,550.00
- The N.W. Aircraft Parking Ramp Design & Rehab. - $1,852,818.00

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to authorize the mayor to sign three (3) grant applications for FAA airport capital improvement project funding**. Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

f) Request to Reject Bids for the Airport's FAA N.W. Ramp Rehabilitation Project and Re-bid the Project.
Airport Manager Carberry requested to Reject Bids for the Airport's FAA N.W. Ramp Rehabilitation Project and Re-bid the Project.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to reject Bids for the Airport's FAA N.W. Ramp Rehabilitation Project and Re-bid the Project**. Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

g) City staff requests that the Council approve the use of wastewater reserve funds, not to exceed $527,318, to fund the installation of new heat exchangers, crack sealing of the east digester, and other related equipment replacement associated with the digesters and boilers.
Environmental Manager Erickson requested that the Council approve the use of wastewater reserve funds, not to exceed $527,318, to fund the installation of new heat exchangers, crack sealing of the east digester, and other related equipment replacement associated with the digesters and boilers.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve the use of wastewater reserve funds, not to exceed $527,318, to fund the installation of new heat exchangers, crack sealing of the east digester and other related equipment replacement associated with the digesters and boilers**. Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

h) Approval of Resolution 2025-010, a Resolution of the City of Twin Falls declaring a state of emergency in the City of Twin Falls in accordance with Idaho Code 46-1011 because of a water transmission main break at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Highland Avenue.
Assistant Public Works Director Steel Requested ***Resolution 2025-010***, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls declaring a state of emergency in the City of Twin Falls in accordance with Idaho Code 46-1011 because of a water transmission main break at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Highland Avenue.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to approve ***Resolution 2025-010***, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls declaring a state of emergency in the City of Twin Falls in accordance with Idaho Code 46-1011 because of a water transmission main break at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Highland Avenue**. Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

i) Request to use $155,310 from water reserves to fund the emergency road repair of Blue Lakes Boulevard South and authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Idaho Materials & Construction.

Assistant Public Works Director Steel requested to use $155,310 from water reserves to fund the emergency road repair of Blue Lakes Boulevard South and authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Idaho Materials & Construction.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to use $155,310 from water reserves to fund the emergency road repair of Blue Lakes Boulevard South and authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Idaho Materials & Construction. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

j) A request to use $31,029 of Fiscal Year 2025 contingency funds to hire a surveyor, to hire an architect, and for the City Band's 120th season.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested to use $31,029 of Fiscal Year 2025 contingency funds to hire a surveyor, to hire an architect, and for the City Band's 120th season.

- EHM Engineering - Plat - $17,190 (City portion)
- Laughlin Ricks Architecture - Storage Space Design - $10,000
- Twin Falls Municipal Band - Price increase - $3,839

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to use $31,029 of Fiscal Year 2025 contingency funds to hire a surveyor, to hire an architect, and for the City Band's 120th season. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

5) General Public Input

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Cutler reported about the Library Board.

City Manager Rothweiler announced that the city would be sponsoring the fireworks show again this year. Spoke about the fireworks rules and reminded all that the City of Twin Falls will be closed on Thursday, June 19th, 2025.

7) Public Hearings

a) Request for a Zoning District Change/Zoning Development Agreement from R-2 to R-4 ZDA on property located at 807 Wendell St. c/o Sid Lezamiz (PZ25-0002)

City Planner Klaver requested a Zoning District Change/Zoning Development Agreement from R-2 to R-4 ZDA on property located at 807 Wendell St. c/o Sid Lezamiz (PZ25-0002).

Discussion ensued as follows:
Mayor Pierce: Asked for some clarification.
Council Member Vollmer: Asked for clarification on the parking.
Council Member Reid: Asked for additional information.
Council Member Vollmer: Asked about sidewalks. The applicant spoke about the request.

Public Hearing Opened: 7:02 pm
Mark Quilisey spoke against this request.
Marty Pole spoke against this request.
The applicant addressed the citizens' concerns.
Public Hearing Closed: 7:12 pm

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Cutler: Spoke in favor of this request.
Council Member Vollmer: Asked for clarification on the parking and the drainage.

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked for clarification on the canal.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for a Zoning District Change/Zoning Development Agreement from R-2 to R-4 ZDA on property located at 807 Wendell St. c/o Sid Lezamiz (PZ25-0002**)** as presented with the presented recommendations. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

8) Executive Session

a) Request to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(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 approve the request to convene to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f)**. Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

9) Adjournment

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:21 PM. Regular meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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