



Event Center Committee Agenda

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 12:00 PM

City Council Chambers
203 Main Ave E, Twin Falls, ID

Members: Jayde Wilson; Anna Scholes; Ben Lyda; Curtis Hansen; Eric Smallwood; Michele McFarlane;
Kennedy Esume; Shawn Barigar
Council Liaison: Spencer Cutler

- 1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum
- 2) Consent Calendar
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve minutes from August 26, 2025, meeting.
By: Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk
 - b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve minutes from December 16, 2025, meeting.
By: Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk
- 3) Items of Consideration
 - a) **PRESENTATION:** Presentation of Feasibility Study by Johnson Consulting.
By: Johnson Consulting Firm
- 4) Public Input
- 5) Executive Session
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(c)
To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency.
- 6) Adjournment

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Event Center Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 12:00 PM

203 Main Ave E
Twin Falls, ID 83301

1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Present: Jayde Wilson, Ben Lyda, Curtis Hansen, Eric Smallwood, MicheleMcFarlane, Kennedy Esume, Anna Scholes, Eric Smallwood, and Spencer Cutler

Absent:

Staff Present: Economic Development Director Shawn Barigar, Administrative Assistant Rachael Long

Shawn Barigar called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) Consent Calendar

a) Request to approve 2025May27 Minutes

MOTION: Committee Member Scholes moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Committee Member Smallwood seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 8 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

a) Ranking of Preferred Vendor for Feasibility Study Services

Anna Scholes said that Johnson Consulting has done work with CSI already.

Spencer Cutler chimed in that Johnson consulting has a way of taking everyone's ideas and putting them into a solid plan.

Shawn Barigar brought up Johnson consulting is the one who did the Boise event center feasibility study.

Ben Lyda asked for clarification if whoever is picked will work with an architect to start the process

Shawn Barigar clarified that the firm will be the one who determines what we will need or do best in this area or if it would survive here in Twin Falls

Michelle McFarlane stated that she appreciated the Hunden Partners gave the 4 details that were asked for.

Ben Lyda mentioned that from the Johnson presentation it did not take time to state that they understood the Magic valley

Discussion from committee members reviewing the presentations and preferences. Shawn Barigar tallied ranking from the committee members for the three firms. Following the tally, Johnson Consulting was identified as the highest-ranked firm preferred by the committee. Hunden Partners was second and Victus Advisors was third.

MOTION: Committee Member Smallwood moved to approve confirmation of selection of Johnson Consulting as the preferred vendor for the feasibility study and direct staff to negotiate a contract to finalize the agreement and present to the City Council for execution of the contract. **Committee Member Hansen** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 8 to 0.

4) General Public Input

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:57 PM

Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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**Event Center
Committee Minutes**

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 12:00 PM

Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Present: Anna Scholes, Spencer Cutler, Michelle McFarlane, Ben Lyda, Curtis Hansen, Eric Smallwood

Absent: Jayde Wilson, Kennedy Esume

Staff Present: Shawn Barigar, Rachael Long

Shawn Barigar called the meeting to order at 12 PM. A quorum was present.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve August 26, 2025, minutes.
Minutes from last meeting were not entered correctly will approve them at the next meeting.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Mid-Project Presentation from Johnson Consulting on Feasibility Study
Johnson Consulting firm presented a presentation about their findings for the event center. **Ben Lyda** asked for clarification on the Jae foundation if they plan to open them as an open sports facility.

Anna Scholes asked about kids who cannot afford to pay for practice if the Jae foundation would offer their facility to kids who cannot afford it.

Eric Smallwood asked about the connection with making this adjacent to a hotel. Why do those do better?

Ben Lyda stated that he would like to focus personally on entertainment as well. Most have been mentioned only for convention centers.

Spencer Cutler stated that the two spaces at CSI that are for performing arts are crazy expensive to operate.

Curtis Hansen stated that some of the hotels on the list have transitioned to long-stay hotels and not regular hotels anymore.

Michelle McFarlane asked now that they know the size they need is there any areas around Twin that they have found.

Ben Lyda stated that on the north side of town we are starting to run out of space, that his preference would be to bring the space downtown to help the local business owners.

Shawn Barigar stated the next step is that the consulting firm will take the information that they got today and will come back January 27th at noon.

4) General Public Input

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:25 PM

Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From:

PRESENTATION

Request:

Presentation of Feasibility Study by Johnson Consulting.

Time Estimate:

Background:

Representatives from Johnson Consulting will present the final Event Center Feasibility Study.

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

History:

Analysis:

Conclusion:

Attachments:

None