



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, June 22, 2026, 5:00 PM

Council Chambers

203 Main Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho

1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Present: Mayor Jason Brown, Council Members Christopher Reid, Nathan Murray, Cherie Vollmer, Grayson Stone, and Ruth Pierce.

Absent: Vice Mayor Craig Hawkins

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Manager Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Deputy City Clerk Rachael Long, URA Director Shawn Barigar, Library Director Tara Bartley, Senior City Planner Will Klaver, Parks Superintendent Chance Munns, P&R Director Wendy Davis, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Brown 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 Stone** 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 June 15, 2026, minutes.
- b) Request to approve accounts payable June 11-17, 2026.
- c) Request to approve June 17, 2026, Travel Requests.
- d) Request to approve 2027 Alcohol License Renewal.
- e) Request to approve new Alcohol license for River Stone Bar LLC at 602nd Ave S.
- f) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the 12th Annual Commemorative Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Motorcycle Ride and BBQ.
- g) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Dance.
- h) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Rotary's Annual Ice Cream Fundraiser.
- i) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the High Plains Christian Church BBQ/
- j) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the 15th Annual Magic Valley Beer Festival.
- k) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Church Softball Games.
- l) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Lighthouse Church Wednesday night service.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Request to confirm the appointment of Austin Hatch and Ryan Jund to The Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls Board of Commissioners and to reappoint Eric Smallwood for a

second term.

URA Director Barigar requested to confirm the appointment of Austin Hatch and Ryan Jund to the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Commissioners and to reappoint Eric Smallwood for a second term.

Discussion ensued as follows:

Council Member Pierce stated she was on the interview board and all candidates were great.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to appointment of Austin Hatch and Ryan Jund to the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Commissioners and to reappoint Eric Smallwood for a second term. **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 to approve the special event application for the In-N-Out grand opening.

Police Chief Hicks requested approval of the special event application for the In-N-Out grand opening.

Discussion ensued as follows:

Council Member Brown thanked the Chief for all the handwork the department has done.

Council Member Murray asked if this goes past August. Would they need to fill out the application again? Does PD have an action after protocol?

Council Member Reid asked Chief how he personally felt about this plan along with his team.

Council Member Stone asked how comfortable he is with this application without a specific date?

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to approve the special event application for the In-N-Out grand opening. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 1.

- c) Request to reallocate the remaining **\$82,548** from the completed Library ADA Bathroom Project to two Library improvement projects.

Library Director Bartley requested to reallocate the remaining **\$82,548** from the completed Library ADA Bathroom Project to two Library improvement projects.

Discussion ensued as follows:

Council Member Pierce stated she is glad we were able to come in under budget for the bathroom allowing more change in the library.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to reallocate the remaining \$82,548 from the completed Library ADA Bathroom Project to two Library improvement projects. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- d) Request to authorize submission of an information-gathering municipal interest and readiness form to the Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium

Economic Development Director Barigar requested to authorize submission of an information-gathering municipal interest and readiness form to the Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium.

Discussion ensued as follows:

Council Member Pierce mentioned that growing up in Eastern Idaho she saw companies like this and thinks this is a great opportunity.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to authorize submission of

an information-gathering municipal interest and readiness form to the Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- e) Request to adopt ordinance #O-2026-006 for a Zoning Title Amendment: an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, Twin Falls City Code §10: Zoning and Subdivision regulations; Authorization publication of the ordinance by summary; and providing an effective date.

Senior City Planner Klaver requested to adopt ordinance #**O-2026-006** for a Zoning Title Amendment: an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, Twin Falls City Code §10: Zoning and Subdivision regulations; Authorization publication of the ordinance by summary; and providing an effective date.

Discussion ensued as follows: none

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put Ordinance #**O-2026-006** on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Brown read Ordinance #**O-2026-006** by title only.

Discussion ensued as follows: none

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to adopt ordinance #**O-2026-006** for a Zoning Title Amendment: an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, Twin Falls City Code §10: Zoning and Subdivision regulations; Authorization publication of the ordinance by summary; and providing an effective date. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- f) Parks and Recreation Update

Parks Superintendent Munns and P&R Director Davis presented the Parks & Recreation Update.

Discussion ensued as follows:

Mayor Brown thanked Wendy and staff for putting this together and bringing it forward.

Council Member Stone asked about the certifications that Parks and Rec trained in that have gone into other full-time departments within the city.

Council Member Reid asked how many pickle ball courts can go down where the fish hatchery was?

Council Member Stone asked where the water comes from at the hatchery?

Council Member Pierce asked how the maintenance has been on the new bathroom at Frontier Fields?

Mayor Brown stated he likes the way the Preserve park is coming along.

Mayor Brown stated he drives by Cascade park daily and he has noticed more youth learning tennis there.

Council Member Stone asked what is our Agreement with CSI on number 8.

Mayor Brown thanked the presenters for their presentation.

- g) A request to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-007 amending City Code to create a Council-approved waiver process for term limits on advisory boards and commissions.

City Manager Rothweiler requested to adopt Ordinance #**O-2026-007** amending the City Code to create a Council-approved waiver process for term limits on advisory boards and commissions.

Discussion ensued as follows:

Council Member Reid thanked Travis for bringing this forward to fix the issue.

Council Member Murray, is there a criterion that the City Manager wants council to follow or can someone serve as long as you want?

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put Ordinance #O-2026-007 on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Brown read Ordinance #O-2026-007 by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to adopt Ordinance #O-2026-007 amending the City Code to create a Council-approved waiver process for term limits on advisory boards and commissions. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

5) General Public Input

Maria Hernandez talked about City Council as a pillar or a relic to this city.

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Vice Mayor mentioned that they had their MVPO meeting and have adopted a traffic plan.

City Manager Rothweiler brought up that the budget is coming up starting July 6th and every Monday with no break until the Budget is adopted and he hopes the community will get involved.

City Manager Rothweiler welcomed back Deputy City Manager Scott back from Harvard.

Police Chief Hicks came up and gave news that the city has passed with a 100% with his department leading the way in Idaho with the Board of Police of Chiefs association.

7) 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 Pierce moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206(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. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

8) Adjournment

Convene to Executive Session 74206(1) at 06:17 PM. Executive session ended at 6:45PM.

Rachael Long

Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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