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Minutes

Meeting of the Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission

December 12, 2013

City Council Chambers

305 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho

CONFIRMATION OF QUOROM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:02 A.M.

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> 1. Consideration of the Minutes for October 10, 2013.		Randall Watson
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Discussion on Transparency in City government Resolution.	Discussion	Travis Rothweiler Fritz Wonderlich
III. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>		
IV. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> 9:24 A.M.		Randall Watson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Randall Watson, Paul Duty, Ted Warren, and Dave Benefiel

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Lt. Kevin Haight, Carl Voigt and Dennis Magill

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Anthony Barnhart, Traffic Engineering Tech Mike Sullivan City Prosecuting Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, City Manager Travis Rothweiler and Recording City Secretary Tina Kelley

STAFF ABSENT: City Liaison Jim Munn and Sergeant Ryan Howe

Chairman Randall Watson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of the Minutes for October 10, 2013.

MOTION:

Commissioner Ted Warren made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul Duty, all members present voted in favor of approving the October 10, 2013 minutes.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Discussion on the Transparency in City Government Resolution.

Prosecuting Attorney Fritz Wonderlich wanted to talk about open meetings and give a little bit of background and then discuss the policy that was adopted by City Council by all of its Commissions.

Under Idaho Open Meeting Law all governing bodies and any Commissions or committees that they create to make decisions or recommendations to them are subject to the Open Meeting Law. The Open Meeting Law requirements are that all meetings are open to the public and that all notices of the meeting are posted in advance. All regular meetings must be posted in advance at least five days unless there is a schedule of regular meetings posted for the year. Special meetings require at least 24 hour notice and agenda posting. For all meetings an agenda has to be posted 48 hours before the meeting. The Traffic Safety Commission is one of nine Commissions that have been created by the City Council and therefore subject to the Open Meeting Law.

Prosecuting Attorney Fritz Wonderlich wanted to look at the second paragraph of Section 3 of the Resolution of Transparency in City Government for the Traffic Safety Commission. This states that in order to provide more transparency in City government, neither the Twin Falls City Council nor any of its commissions will

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permit the formation of ad hoc volunteer groups intended to report back to the City Council or commission, unless that group is formed as a committee or commission, created by a vote of the City Council or commission. No more than two elected City Council persons may serve on any committee, including ad hoc groups and subcommittees created by statute, ordinance, or other legislative act. The City Council, and its committees and commissions, shall always comply with all requirements of the Idaho Open Meeting Law.

The purpose of the resolution is to make the Transparency in City Government more transparent. The City Council will no longer allow the informal formation of work groups. If a work group or sub-committee is needed it will have to be voted on by the members of the commission and it has to pass in order to be formed.

City Manager Travis Rothweiler advised they are currently negotiating a contract extension with OMI on a 10 year contract that will not be a committee. It will be handled in his office and he will make a series of presentations to the City Council.

City Manager Travis also advised On January 6th the City will select a new Mayor. Idaho code provides guidance that says it is the Mayors role to make recommendation of appointment upon concurrence of the council. City Manager Travis has asked to have a list compiled of City vacancies of committees and commissions. Most of these occur in February. The new mayor will have to move quickly to make sure these vacancies are filled.

City Manager Travis Rothweiler wanted to make sure everyone knew that no member of the City Council or advisory member acted inappropriately nor violated the Idaho Open Meeting Law.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Benefiel asked about the study that was going on at Blue Lakes Blvd. and Falls Ave. Captain Anthony Barnhart advised that City Engineer, Jackie Fields, will be able to discuss this at the next meeting and talk about possible funding and grants that may be available.

NEW BUSINESS:

III. PUBLIC INPUT/QUESTIONS:

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Ted Warren motioned to adjourn the meeting and Dave Benefiel 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Chairman Randall Watson adjourned the meeting at 09:24 a.m.

Tina Kelley
Recording Secretary