



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, July 6, 2020, 5:00 PM

City Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

Present: Mayor Suzanne Hawkins, Vice Mayor Ruth Pierce, Council Members Shawn Barigar, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid, and Nikki Boyd (via telephone).

Absent: Craig Hawkins (Excused)

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, City Attorney Shayne Nope, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, City Engineer Mark Holtzen, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Help Desk Technician Kim Hafer, Executive Assistant Leila A. Sanchez

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Suzanne Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. She invited all present, who wish to, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with her. A quorum was present. Mayor Hawkins introduced staff.

3) PROCLAMATIONS: None

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION:

Council Member Christopher Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Vice Mayor Ruth Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the June 29, 2020, City Council Minutes

b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve "Latino Fest". **WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT**

c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for: City of Twin Falls Special Use Permit and GO QOZ Twin Falls 660 LLC ZDC ZDA.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) **PRESENTATION:** Presentation by Joshua W. Kern M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs,

St. Luke's Health System.

Dr. Kern discussed the current situation in Idaho and Twin Falls County.

- Significant increases in COVID-19 since the relaxation of social distancing.
- People need to take significant responsibility in themselves in not spreading the virus.
- Exceeding number of cases from the initial resurgent mark.
- Improvement of turnaround time for testing.
- St. Luke's does not have the infrastructure to test for employers' non-symptomatic employees.
- Soon to be published a Letter to the Editor from a Wood River emergency doctor on how to stop the spread of the virus.
- Reduction of numbers in other countries except for the United States.
- Importance of wearing masks.

Council discussion followed.

Mayor Hawkins encouraged citizens to be thoughtful and respectful of other people's viewpoints. She encourages citizens to please wash hands and wear masks to reduce the spread of the virus.

Council Member Lanting recommended using the Downtown Archway Message Board to encourage citizens to wear masks and wash hands.

Council Member Reid spoke on the importance of wearing masks. He referred to a YouTube video, "It's Okay to be Smart/How Well Do Masks Work?"

- b) **ACTION ITEM:** Consideration of a U.S. Dept. of Transportation Small Community Air Service Grant Offer in the amount of \$900,000.

Airport Manager Bill Carberry reviewed the request.

Staff recommends the City Council approve acceptance of the \$900,000 grant offer from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Council discussion followed.

Council Member Barigar stated for clarification the grant is not expended dollars but a reimbursement grant.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Pierce moved to approve acceptance of the \$900,000 grant offer from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Council Member Barigar seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the request. Approved 6 to 0.

- c) **PRESENTATION:** A presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2021 followed by citizen input.

City Manager Travis Rothweiler gave the presentation. On the City's website are the Recommended Budget for FY 2021 and budget presentation (PPT) to Twin Falls City Council.

<https://www.tfid.org/DocumentCenter/View/4591/FY-2021-Budget-Preview>

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The following was presented:

- City Manager's Goals for the FY 2020-2021 Budget
- Legal requirements to present a tentative budget.
- FY 2020-2021 Budget Review
- Taxable Value & Property Taxes
- Expenditures by Category
- Expenditures by Focus Area
- Council Decisions

Council discussion followed.

Federal CARES funding

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT: To provide public input to the City Council please email to:

Citizeninput@tfid.org

Tami Billman, City of Twin Falls resident, stated her concern of the many illegal fireworks set off in the City.

Fire Chief Kenworthy explained fireworks are difficult to police and is an issue across the state. Fireworks will be discussed at the State Fire Chief annual conference.

Police Chief Kingsbury explained non-permissible (illegal) fireworks are not permissible for either sale, possession or use within the City of Twin Falls. Illegal fireworks are easily accessible in the City of Jerome, therefore, making it difficult for the City of Twin Falls to enforce the use of the fireworks.

Tami Billman stated that in speaking with Utility Services Director Bill Baxter, found that the Utility Billing office may not be accessible to the public and utility turn-on and turn-offs would need to be done online.

Mayor Suzanne Hawkins explained no decisions have been made. If or when utility services changes are made the public will be well informed.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Reid reported the Library Board Meeting to be held on July 8 has been moved to July 22, at 4:30 p.m., and can be attended in person or virtually.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leila A. Sanchez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leila" being more prominent.

Leila A. Sanchez

Executive Assistant/City Manager's Office