Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2024, 5:00 PM

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, Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Street Superintendent Mark Thomson, City Planner Kelli Ebersole, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Senior Planner Will Klaver, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Deputy Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Fire Marshal Gabriel Hammett, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Assistant City Engineer Lee Glaesemann, Water Department Manager Justin Ash, Deputy City Clerk Amy Luna.

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) PROCLAMATIONS

a) Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Mayor Pierce read and presented the ***Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation***.

b) Fire Prevention Week
Mayor Pierce read and presented the ***Fire Prevention Week Proclamation***.

4) 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, 7 to 0.

a) Request to approve City Council 2024 September 30, Minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for September 23 thru October 02, 2024.
c) Request to approve an Alcohol License Transfer for Rudy's
d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Harvest Festival event.
e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Downtown Christmas Street Market event.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) Request to negotiate with Suburban Construction Management for CM/GC services associated with the renovation of the Public Works Site and use $1.2M from water and wastewater reserves to fund the project.

Assistant PW Director Steel requests to negotiate with Suburban Construction Management for CM/GC services associated with the renovation of the Public Works Site and use $1.2M from water and wastewater reserves to fund the project.

Mayor Pierce recused herself as she does accounting for Suburban Construction Management. Vice Mayor Brown proceeded.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to negotiate with Suburban Construction Management for CM/GC services associated with the renovation of the Public Works Site and use $1.2M from water and wastewater reserves to fund the project. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0 with 1 abstention.

b) Request to approve the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 624P wheel loader at a cost of $165,390.47 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract.

Streets Superintendent Thomson requested to approve the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 624P wheel loader at a cost of $165,390.47 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid: How far out are we from receiving this loader?

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 624P wheel loader at a cost of $165,390.47 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen Paula Sinclair spoke about the parking around town. Specifically, handicap parking spaces. Asking the city to inventory the handicap spaces and manage them.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Reid spoke about the Magic Valley Airshow kickoff party that took place last week.
Council Member Hawkins spoke about the Citizens Academy currently underway.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

a) Request to appeal the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision regarding Special Use Permit PZ24-0076 to allow drive-thru with extended retail hours of operation on property located at 2616 Addison Ave E. c/o Floid Gilbert (PZ24-0098)

Planner Ebersole presented a request to appeal the Planning & Zoning Commission's decision regarding Special Use Permit PZ24-0076 to allow drive-thru with extended retail hours of operation on property located at 2616 Addison Ave. E. c/o Floid Gilbert (PZ24-0098).

Council Member Hawkins recused himself due to friendship with the applicant.

The applicant (Taco Bell) and their attorney spoke on the request.

Questions for Applicant ensued as follows:
Vice Mayor Brown: Asked when the light was installed.
Council Member Stone: Asked for clarification on the stacking plan.
Vice Mayor Brown: Assisted with the clarification.
Council Member Reid: Asked about a cross-use land agreement.
Mayor Pierce: Where would more than 9 cars go?
Council Member Vollmer: Asked about parking concerns with the neighbors and what the barrier is between them.
Council Member Stone: Asked about agreements for back stacking.

The appellant, Floid Gilbert spoke about the request.

Questions for the appellant ensued as follows:
Council Member Stone: Asked for clarification on the appellant's background.
Council Member Cutler: Asked for clarification on how close the entrance is to the intersection.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:15 pm

Citizen Tenille Sorenson spoke against the request.
Citizen Kirsten Stewart spoke against the request.
Citizen Kurt Stewart spoke against the request.
Citizen Randy Kern spoke against the request.
Citizen Doug Miller spoke against the request.
Citizen Sam Navarez spoke against the request.
Citizen Machelle Larson spoke against the request.
Citizen Bill Swanson spoke against the request.
Citizen Jonathan Miller spoke against the request.
Citizen Paula Sinclair spoke for the drive-thru/development.
Citizen Sharon Dowdle spoke against the request.
Citizen Kirt VanLewin spoke against the request.
Citizen Paula Clellen spoke against the request.
Citizen Patty Genther spoke against the request.
Citizen Kelly Carpenter spoke against the request.

The applicant addressed the citizens' concerns.

The appellant addressed the citizens' concerns.

Public Hearing Discussion ensued as follows:

Council Member Stone: Asked for clarification on the 9 criteria for a special use permit.
Council Member Vollmer: Are there stop signs at 9th and Carriage?
Vice Mayor Brown: Asked for further clarification to move forward.
Council member Vollmer: Addressed the property value statement that was made.
Vice Mayor Brown: Do we have traffic counts in this area?
Assistant Engineer Glaesemann: gave some traffic counts on Addison but had none for carriage.
Vice Mayor Brown: Asked if the counts have vehicle sizes.
P&Z Director Spendlove: Gave some additional information.
Council Member Vollmer: Are there any plans for changes to the Addison intersection that we are not aware of?
Public Hearing Closed: 7:03 pm

Council Discussion ensued as follows:

Council Member Stone: Thanked all for their input and clarified that the property is zoned commercial, and something will come in. However, he spoke against the drive thru.
Council Member Cutler: Spoke against granting special use beyond what is currently permitted.
Council Member Reid: Thanked Taco Bell for coming and doing business in Twin Falls. However, he will vote against this request.
Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke about some concerning points.
Council Member Vollmer: Would be great to have other food options in this area. Concerned about the stacking at this corner.
Council Member Stone: Stated that comments had been made that staff had been identified as a potential negative impact on the area.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the requested Special Use Permit PZ24- 0076 to allow drive-thru with extended retail hours of operation on property located at 2616 Addison Ave. E. c/o Floid Gilbert (PZ24-0098). **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted. The motion failed 1 to 5 with 1 abstention.

9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 07:15 PM.

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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