COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Suzanne Hawkins	Jim Munn	Shawn Barigar	Chris Talkington	Gregory Lanting	Don Hall	Rebecca Mills Sojka
Vice Mayor					*Mayor*	

AGENDA
Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
Monday, April 21, 2014
City Council Chambers
305 3rd Avenue East -Twin Falls, Idaho

5:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM
CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
PROCLAMATION:

Better Hearing Month
Arbor Day Proclamation

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT		
AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
I. CONSENT CALENDAR:	Action	Staff Report
1. Consideration of a request to approve the Accounts Payable for April 8–April 21, 2014, total: $705,115.30.	Action	Sharon Bryan
2. Consideration of a request to approve the Magic Valley Mall C-1 Planned Unit Development.	Action	Mitchel Humble
3. Consideration of a request to accept the Street, Curb and Gutter Improvement Deferral Agreement for the purpose of improvements along Highland Avenue extended, on property located at 3450 Kimberly Road. *Chobani Wastewater Equalization System*	Action	Troy Vitek
4. Consideration of a request to accept the Street, Curb and Gutter Improvement Deferral Agreement for the purpose of improvements along Kimberly Road and Hankins Road on property located at 3450 Kimberly Road. *Chobani Yogurt Plant.*	Action	Troy Vitek
II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:		
1. Consideration of a request to confirm the appointment of Christopher Reid and Jody Tatum to the Planning & Zoning Commission to serve a 3 year term.	Action	Don Hall
2. Consideration of a request to seek direction on the process of awarding the Municipal Powers Outsource Grant (MPOG) funding for the current 2014 fiscal year.	Action	Mandi Thompson
3. Consideration of a request to adopt Ordinance 3069 to vacate a portion of a 23' +/- platted utility, drainage, access and irrigation easement on property located at 1662 Park View Drive for Castle Twin Falls, LLC.	Action	Mitchel Humble
4. A presentation regarding potential private property improvement encroachments onto City properties.	Presentation	Mitchel Humble
5. Consideration of a request to amend Twin Falls City Amended Transparency Resolution 1912.	Action	Fritz Wonderlich
6. Presentation by the City Manager followed by a general discussion and public input about the City Council's FY 2015 Budget priorities and philosophies.	Presentation	Travis Rothweiler
7. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.		
III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:		
IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 P.M.: None		
V. ADJOURNMENT:		

Any person(s) needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting could contact Leila Sanchez at (208) 735-7287 at least two working days before the meeting. Si desea esta información en español, llame Leila Sanchez (208)735-7287.

SECOND AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 1912

TRANSPARENCY IN CITY GOVERNMENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, DECLARING A POLICY OF TRANSPARENCY AND OPENNESS IN CITY GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY, TO ENHANCE DISSEMINATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, AND TO ENCOURAGE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN CITY GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, The Twin Falls City Council finds that transparency in government promotes accountability and provides information to its citizens regarding the business of the City; and,

WHEREAS, The Twin Falls City Council finds that information regarding the activities of City government must be widely dispersed in order to encourage public engagement and to improve the quality of its decisions; and,

WHEREAS, The Twin Falls City Council finds that collaboration and communication between City government and its citizens is enhanced through the use of well-designed web technologies; and

WHEREAS, The policy consideration underlying the Idaho Open Meeting Law is to ensure transparency of the legislative and administrative process within state and local governments (Idaho Open Meeting Law Manual, p. 3); and,

WHEREAS, The Idaho Code sets forth only minimum requirements for all local governments in order to promote transparency and openness in government, including the Idaho Open Meeting Law, the Idaho Public Records Law, and other statutes; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council acknowledges that, in the past, ad hoc volunteer groups have formed without the authority of statute, ordinance, or other legislative act, and without authorization to make decisions or recommendations. The Idaho Supreme Court in *Safe Air for Everyone v. Idaho Dept. Agriculture*, 145 Idaho 164, 177 P.3d 378 (Idaho 2008), in interpreting the requirements of the Idaho Open Meeting Law, held that, where there is no statute, ordinance or other legislative act creating a subagency and granting the authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public agency regarding a matter, the Idaho Open Meeting Law requirements are inapplicable. The City Council finds that the existence of these groups may create the feeling by some that they are being excluded from public participation in City government; and,

WHEREAS, The Twin Falls City Council finds that the minimum requirements of the Idaho Open Meeting Law, the Idaho Public Records Law, and other statutes, are inadequate to provide the transparency and openness that it finds should be provided to its citizens in order to permit them to constructively engage with City government; and,

WHEREAS, The Twin Falls City Council intends, with this resolution, to establish a policy of additional government transparency and openness, over and above the minimum requirements of the Idaho Open Meeting Law, the Idaho Public Records Law, and other

applicable statutes, to encourage and enhance information, participation and collaboration between City government and the citizens of the City of Twin Falls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO:

Section 1: The City Council of the City of Twin Falls, and all commissions and committees created by statute, ordinance or other legislative act shall always comply with all requirements of the Idaho Open Meeting Law, the Public Records Law, and all other applicable statutes.

Section 2: The Idaho Open Meeting Law requires only physical posting of the notice and agenda for public meetings in a prominent place at the City's principal place of business. This notice is insufficient to provide full transparency to the citizens of the legislative and administrative processes of the City. The City will include a hyperlinked calendar showing Council and commission meetings as well as community events on the main page of its website (www.tfid.org), in order to provide not only more accessible notice of public meetings, but also hyperlinks to agendas and staff reports, in order to provide a much more useful and meaningful notification to its citizens regarding the City's business.

Section 3: The Idaho Open Meeting Law applies only to meetings of the governing board of a public agency or subagency which is created by statute, ordinance, or other legislative act, with the authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public agency regarding any matter. The Idaho Attorney General, in the Idaho Open Meeting Law Manual, states that "the Open Meeting Law does not apply to voluntary, internal staff meetings *if the group is not created by or pursuant to statute, ordinance or other legislative act*, even though the discussions may lead to recommendations to the governing body." A subcommittee is a creation of, and is responsible to, the agency that created it.

In order to provide more transparency in City government, neither the Twin Falls City Council nor any of its commissions will 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Mayor may request the Council Liaison, commission chairman, department head, and/or such other persons deemed appropriate, to participate in the interviews for commission vacancies, without posting notices or agendas, and without opening such interviews to the public. Members of the Historic Preservation Commission may provide school and civic education programs without posting notices, agendas, and without opening the education programs to the public. 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.

Section 4: The Idaho Open Meeting Law requires only the keeping of summary minutes of the City Council and commission meetings. This information is insufficient to provide full transparency and openness to the citizens of the legislative and administrative process of the City. The City will stream and video record all Council and commission meetings (excepting: Council executive sessions, a quorum of the City Council attending a meeting held by another entity, Airport

Advisory Commission meetings, Economic Development Ready Team, and Youth Council), with hyperlinks to agendas and staff reports for the next upcoming meetings, as well as agendas, staff reports and minutes of past meetings, on the City's website (www.tfid.org). This will provide real time as well as recorded access to public meetings by those citizens who are unable to attend in person, or who would prefer to view the meeting at a later time.

Section 5: The Idaho Public Records Law requires only that the City make public records available for inspection and copying at the location of the custodian of those public records. This access to public records is insufficient to provide full transparency and openness to the citizens of the legislative and administrative process of the City. The City will provide access to the annual budget, monthly financial reports, accounts payable, financial dashboard, the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map, the Transportation Plan, the Water Plan, the Strategic Plan, the Twin Falls City Code, the Zoning Map, the Subdivision Map, the Pressure Irrigation Map, the Garbage Pickup and Recycling Map, the Flood Plain Map, and such other documents as the Council or City Manager deems important for public dissemination, on the City's website (www.tfid.org).

Section 6: The Idaho statutes have no requirements for contact information for public officials. This access is insufficient to provide full transparency to the citizens of the legislative and administrative process of the City. The City will provide hyperlinked email addresses for all City Council members, the City Manager, and all City departments, as well as mailing addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers, on the City's website (www.tfid.org).

Section 7: The Idaho Statutes have no requirement for the posting of information on job opportunities, and requires only newspaper publication for public bidding projects. This notification is totally insufficient to provide adequate notice to potential employees and bidders of the job and project opportunities in the City. The City will post current bidding and job opportunities on the City's website (www.tfid.org) so that this information is available to its citizens as well as those potential job applicants and project bidders, wherever they may be.

Section 8: The Idaho Open Meeting Law does not require that citizens have the opportunity to be notified automatically of legislative and administrative matters of the City, on a regular and ongoing basis. The City will provide, on its website at (www.tfid.org), the opportunity for citizens to subscribe to notifications, alerts, job openings, news, and meetings, so that the information is emailed or sent via text message directly to the subscriber on a regular basis.

Section 9: The City Council finds that the Idaho statutes relating to the conduct of the business of local government have fallen far behind the technology currently available to provide greater transparency and openness to the legislative and administrative process of local government. The City will endeavor to work with its legislative representatives, the Association of Idaho Cities, and other interested parties, to update those statutes affecting the conduct of local government, in order to provide greater transparency and openness to all citizens in this state.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL , 2014.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR , 2014.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK