Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, February 25, 2019, 5:00 PM

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

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present:	Mayor Shawn Barigar, Vice Mayor Nikki Boyd, Council Members Suzanne Hawkins, Chris Talkington, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Ruth Pierce
Absent:	None
Staff Present:	City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Shayne Nope, Lt. John Wilson, Captain Anthony Barnhart, CFO Lorie Race, Human Resource Director Gretchen Scott, Grants & Com. Relations Mandi Thompson, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, Public Works Director Jon Caton, P&R Director Wendy Davis, Public Information Officer Josh Palmer, IT Manager Kathy Markus, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna

Mayor Barigar called the meeting to order at 05:01 PM. A quorum was present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barigar invited Boy Scouts to lead all present, who wished, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3) PROCLAMATIONS: None

4) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen Noreen Price spoke about the lack of snow removal from the sidewalks throughout Twin Falls.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Boyd requested that the Consent items be voted on separately.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the Consent Calendar, without the Minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting, as presented. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. 7 to 0.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the February 19, 2019 Minutes as presented. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 0 with Vice Mayor Boyd abstaining.

a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the February 19, 2019, City Council Minutes.

b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Accounts Payable for February 14 thru 20, 2019.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the reappointment of Dennis Sonius to serve a five-year term, serving as Commissioner for the Twin Falls Housing Authority.

Leanne Trappen Executive Director for the Twin Falls Housing Authority made a request to approve the reappointment of Dennis Sonius to serve a five-year term, serving as Commissioner for the Twin Falls Housing Authority.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve the reappointment of Dennis Sonius to serve a five-year term, serving as Commissioner for the Twin Falls Housing Authority. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

b) **PRESENTATION:** Presentation of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Charter.

City Manager Rothweiler *made a presentation of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Charter.*

Timeline: Letters of Interest will be accepted through March 8, 2019
Hope to have first meeting prior to the spring break and if unable to they will do it shortly after.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Talkington: Asked about compliance with federal or state statues. Is there an opportunity of the City to qualify for federal and/or state grants recognizing our openness to diversity?
Council Member Hawkins: Is there room for someone not listed in one of the groups, but passionate in community service? Time frame being mid-year, will this go toward the terms of the Committee Members?
Council Member Talkington: Spoke in favor of the Inclusion Committee Charter.

Mayor Barigar spoke about the opportunities that this Committee will present.

c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the City of Twin Falls and Twin Falls Fire Fighters Local 1556 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Gretchen Scott Human Resource Director *made a request to approve the City of Twin Falls & Twin Falls Fire Fighters Local 1556 Collective Bargaining Agreement.*

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Talkington: Bottom line, do these changes show a significant financial impact?

MOTION: Vice Mayor Boyd moved to approve the City of Twin Falls & Twin Falls Fire Fighters Local 1556 Collective Bargaining Agreement. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

d) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve a Fire Station General Obligation Bond Election Ordinance and Official Intent Resolution.

Deputy City Manager Pike *made a request to approve a Fire Station General Obligation Bond Election Ordinance and Official Intent Resolution.*

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Talkington: If the Bond passes, can we lock in the rate at that time?
Council Member Hawkins: Spoke in favor of this Bond Election.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance on third and final reading by title only under suspension of the rules. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0

Finance Administrative Assistant Luna read the Ordinance No. 2019-001 by title only:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, A PROPOSITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NEGOTIABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY; DETERMINING THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY WILL NOT EXCEED TWO PERCENT (2%) OF MARKET VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY CLERK THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CALLED THE BOND ELECTION; APPROVING THE FORM OF NOTICE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION; APPROVING THE FORM OF BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE ON SUCH BONDS; ORDERING PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF THE READING RULES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-001. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve Official Intent Resolution. No. 2019-003. **Vice Mayor Boyd** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

City Manager Rothweiler requested a 10 minute break.

Recess: 6:15 p.m.
Reconvened: 6:25 p.m.

e) **ACTION ITEM:** A general discussion about the City Council's FY 2019 budget priorities, use of $775,000 project fund and philosophies followed by citizen input.

City Manager Rothweiler *presented a general discussion about the City Council's FY 2019 budget priorities, use of $775,000 project fund and philosophies followed by citizen input.*

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Barigar: Are these projects above and beyond?

Council Member Hawkins: Where are we on the City Park's bathrooms and band shell projects? Asked about the sidewalks heading to Robert Stuart Middle School and the safety of the children heading to our schools.

Council Member Talkington: Spoke about the importance of the sidewalks throughout the City of Twin Falls.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Spoke about the importance of the sidewalks. Is there some part of the Shoshone Falls Road that can be worked on now? Finalization of the Archway and the need of safety barriers.

Council Member Lanting: Asked about the funding of all the items that are being presented tonight? Stressed the need for the school children safety with sidewalks and then the bathrooms at the City Parks.

Council Member Reid: Echoed the need for sidewalks to the schools. Is there an avenue that we can create, for the community to participate in the needs of the City?

Council Member Pierce: Spoke in favor of the sidewalks to the schools, and the need to finalize the Archway.

Council Member Reid: Traffic Light needs?

Council Member Hawkins: How much has the City invested in the Archway project?

Mayor Barigar: Agreed that the sidewalks to the Schools are important. Snow removal challenges. Airport items on the list. Council Chambers are not urgent and critical. Close captioning would be a good project for the Inclusion Committee.

Council Member Hawkins: Echoed Mayor Barigar's thoughts about the Airport project.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Asked if the updates to the Airport would be capital improvements and part of the Airport Budget? Sounds like this would be a maintenance of an asset and standard procedure.

Council Member Hawkins: Asked for an update of the trails projects.

Public input:

Citizen Sid Haverd: Spoke in favor of the closed captioning, and the need for ADA ramp and sidewalk improvement needs in the City.

Citizen Jesse Nunes: Spoke in favor of reaching out to the community about the sidewalk issue.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Hawkins advised that on May 18th the Youth Council will be holding a Color Run to support teen suicide prevention and awareness.

8) **PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

9) **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 06:58 PM

Amy Luna

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