

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

LANCE	TRIP	DON	DAVID E.	WILLIAM A.	GREG	REBECCA
CLOW	CRAIG	HALL	JOHNSON	KEZELE	LANTING	MILLS SOJKA
<i>Mayor</i>				<i>Vice Mayor</i>		



Minutes

Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
 February 28, 2011
 City Council Chambers
 305 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: **5:00 P.M.**
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
 CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM
 INTRODUCTION OF STAFF
 CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Swearing in Brian Pike as Police Chief by Mayor Don Hall

PROCLAMATIONS: None.

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> 1. Consideration of accounts payable for February 23 – 28, 2011. 2. Consideration of the February 22, 2011, Minutes. 3. Consideration of a request to waive the green fees for the 19th annual "Scramble for Books" golf tournament sponsored by the Twin Falls Library Foundation on Saturday September 17, 2011.	<i>Action</i>	<i>Staff Report</i> Sharon Bryan L. Sanchez D. Bowyer
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Consideration of a request to establish a designated walking trail along Canyon Springs Road into the Snake River Canyon. Request submitted by Barbara Beck. Presentation to be made by John Lezamiz. 2. Consideration of a request to reappoint members of the Twin Falls Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee. 3. Consideration of a request to reappoint a commissioner and appoint two new commissioners to the Twin Falls Planning & Zoning Commission. 4. Consideration of the proposed request from the Twin Falls Community Garden Board to convert a section of Harrison Park into a community garden. 5. Consideration of a request to adopt a proposed Ordinance: Request for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to C-1 for property located at 131 Caswell Avenue West c/o Todd Ostrom on behalf of H30, LLC (app.2409) 6. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.	Presentation Action Action Action Action	Barbara Beck John Lezamiz Mitch Humble Mitch Humble Max Newlin Dennis Bowyer Mitch Humble
III. <u>ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>		
IV. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u> 6:00 P.M. – None.		
V. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>		

**Any person(s) needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact Leila Sanchez at (208) 735-7287 at least two working days before the meeting.*

Present: Trip Craig, Don Hall, David E. Johnson, William A. Kezele, Greg Lanting, Rebecca Mills Sojka

Absent: Lance Clow

Staff Present: City Manager Tom Courtney , Assistant City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Community Development Director Mitch Humble, Police Chief Jim Munn, Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary Leila Sanchez.

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. He invited all present, who wished to, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with him. A quorum was present. Mayor Hall introduced staff.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Staff requests removal of Items for Consideration II.4.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Lanting made a motion to remove Items for Consideration II.4. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Kezele and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Chief Jim Munn was present.

The Council gave thanks to Chief Jim Munn for years served and for serving the community.

Swearing in Brian Pike as Police Chief by Mayor Don Hall

Mayor Hall swore in Brian Pike as Police Chief.

PROCLAMATIONS: None.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of accounts payable for February 23 – 28, 2011, total: \$124,144.90
Fire Payroll total: \$48,277.74
2. Consideration of the February 22, 2011, Minutes.
3. Consideration of a request to waive the green fees for the 19th annual "Scramble for Books" golf tournament sponsored by the Twin Falls Library Foundation on Saturday September 17, 2011.

MOTION:

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lanting and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Consideration of a request to establish a designated walking trail along Canyon Springs Road into the Snake River Canyon. Request submitted by Barbara Beck. Presentation to be made by John Lezamiz.

John Lezamiz, 847 Canyon Springs Road, representing the applicant reviewed the request. The basis for the request is for pedestrian safety. The trail is being utilized basically year round.

Reasons for the request:

- Canyon Springs Road is narrow and steep.
- Minimum street design standards require 36' or 38, depending on the type of classification.
- The roadway is 20'1" wide.

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- It doesn't apply with safety, state, and city standards.
- Significant amount of vehicle traffic. Speed limit has been lowered to 25 MPH.
- High speeds going down and slow speeds going up.
- Various types of vehicles using the road.
- In the evening motorists are facing the sunset. Same exists in the morning. Glare problem.
- Auger Falls will increase the number of pedestrians and vehicles.

Shown on overhead projections:

- Pavement width of 20'.
- Two vehicles passing with one pedestrian.
- Two vehicles and two pedestrians.
- Trailer going up and turning 180 degrees.
- Trailer going down and turning.
- Pickup truck with no pedestrians.
- Debris on roadway for Canyon wall.

The City of Twin Falls has always held safety in very high regard. It is a matter of time before someone is injured or killed on the roadway. The roadway is over capacity.

Discussion followed:

Councilperson Kezele asked if the City has right of way to widen the road.

City Engineer Fields stated that the road is narrow. The issue is the cost of the project.

City Manager Courtney stated that the road was widened in the 70's or the 80's.

City Engineer Fields stated signaling the hill could be an option.

Councilperson Mills Sojka asked where this falls in the long term plan.

City Engineer Fields stated that the project is not on the long term plan. Stabilization of the slopes is a potential option for the City. Look at putting the pedestrians on the fast side of the road. She doesn't have a solution or a cost estimate.

Councilperson Johnson stated that the presentation puts weight on this. We have a road that is not up to City standards. He asked if something should be done right now to prevent injury to pedestrians.

Councilperson Mills Sojka asked that in the proposal of making a walking trail, what the suggestions are.

John Lezamiz stated that it could be possible to place a barrier to designate a walking trail. On the rock side of the hill, paint a line that says pedestrian walkway, and signage. Yield to pedestrian signs should be placed.

Councilperson Craig thanked John Lezamiz for his comments. He asked if the Traffic Safety Commission reviewed the request. Issues are Police Department enforcement, and cost of the project.

Mayor Hall stated that the request was brought to the Traffic Safety Commission. The speed limit was changed down to 25 mph. The Traffic Safety Commission should review. Suggested signage, more police patrol. The cost will be millions of dollars to build the road a right of way.

Councilperson Mills Sojka asked if there have been many incidents on Canyon Springs Road.

John Lezamiz stated that the accident report for a four to six year period of time was 26 incidents.

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City Engineer Fields stated that 26 incidents in 6 years could be very significant if all were in a very specific location. Councilperson Johnson mentioned closing the Canyon Springs Road to pedestrians because of a safety issue. Perhaps an alternate trail could be considered as development occurs.

Vice Mayor Lanting asked if Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer could look at the road west of the Falls. The suggestion is to look at other options and possible solutions.

Mayor Hall stated that extra police patrol, a reduced speed limit, and/or signage could be changes made to the Canyon Springs Road.

Chris Satterwhite, 452 Woodland Court, stated there is a pedestrian problem. She suggested that an extension be taken off the bike trail. Perhaps building a bridge.

Katie Breckenridge stated that the road use to go underneath the road. There was also a light at the top of Canyon Springs Road. A study has been done by an Engineering firm.

Moved Item 2. and Item 3. at this time.

- 3 Consideration of a request to reappoint a commissioner and appoint two new commissioners to the Twin Falls Planning & Zoning Commission.

Community Development Director Humble reviewed the request.

The selection committee recommends that the Council make the following Planning & Zoning Commission appointments: Recommend reappointment of Lee Devore to a 2nd 3-year on the Commission to the Council Commissioners. Appoint Terry Ihler and Chuck Sharp to their first 3-year terms on the Commission.

MOTION:

Councilperson Mills Sojka made a motion to recommend to the County Commissions the appointment of Lee Devore to a 2nd 3-year term on the Commission, and to appoint Terry Ihler and Chuck Sharp to their first 3-year terms on the Commission. Terms beginning March 1, 2011 to February 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lanting and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

2. Consideration of a request to reappoint members of the Twin Falls Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee.

Community Development Director Humble reviewed the request.

The Mayor and staff recommend that the Council reappoint Jeff Gooding, Kent Collins, and Doug Vollmer to the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee.

MOTION:

Councilperson Kezele made the motion to reappoint Jeff Gooding, Kent Collins, and Doug Vollmer to the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee to their second 3-year terms. Terms beginning March 1, 2011 to February 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lanting and roll call vote showed all members present. Approved 6 to 0.

4. Consideration of the proposed request from the Twin Falls Community Garden Board to convert a section of Harrison Park into a community garden.

Staff requests removal of Items for Consideration II.4. for additional review.

5. Consideration of a request to adopt a proposed Ordinance: Request for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to C-1 for property located at 131 Caswell Avenue West c/o Todd Ostrom on behalf of H30, LLC (app.2409)

Community Development Director Humble reviewed the request.

Staff recommends that the Council adopt the attached ordinance as submitted.

MOTION:

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance #3001, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, REZONING REAL PROPERTY BELOW DESCRIBED; PROVIDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFOR; AND ORDERING THE NECESSARY AREA OF IMPACT AND ZONING DISTRICTS MAP AMENDMENT.

The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lanting and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Deputy City Clerk Sanchez read the ordinance title.

MOTION:

Councilperson Craig made a motion to adopt Ordinance #3001, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lanting and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

6. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.

Ted Jay Roy, 626 Tyler Street, asked when Item for Consideration II.4. will be brought back to the City Council. Assistant City Manager Rothweiler stated that he will contact Mr. Roy on the status of the request.

Vice Mayor Lanting reported on the Historic Preservation Commission.

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 P.M. – None.

V. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

Leila A. Sanchez
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary