

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Suzanne Hawkins Vice Mayor	Jim Munn	Shawn Barigar	Chris Talkington	Gregory Lanting	Don Hall Mayor	Rebecca Mills Sojka
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**Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
Monday, June 1, 2015
City Council Chambers - 305 3rd Avenue East - Twin Falls, Idaho**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM
CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

PROCLAMATIONS: Lionel Leon Sojka Day

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of a request to approve the Accounts Payable for May 27–June 1, 2015.
2. Consideration of a request to approve the April 16, April 20, 2015, and May 4, 2015, City Council Minutes.
3. Consideration of a request to approve the Fifth Annual National Night Out event to be held at the Twin Falls City Park on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

Purpose:

Action

Action

Action

By:

Sharon Bryan

Leila A. Sanchez
Sharon Bryan

Dennis Pullin

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Presentation of appreciation plaques to Jonah Ruf and Harley Jo Wathen in recognition of their service on the Twin Falls Youth Council.
2. Presentation of an appreciation plaque to Chris Clark for his service in the community with the Twin Falls Soccer Association.
3. Consideration of a request to approve the Idaho State 125th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Friday, July 3, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Twin Falls Visitor Center.
4. A review of the fencing along the Snake River Canyon Rim Trail System.
5. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.

Purpose:

Presentation

Action

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Review

By:

Don Hall
Suzanne Hawkins

Dennis J. Bowyer

Dennis Pullin

Dennis J. Bowyer

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6:00 P.M. –

1. Consideration of a request to approve Ordinance 3097 adopting the Urban Renewal Plan for Revenue Allocation Area #4-4.

PH/Action

Melinda Anderson

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.

Present: Suzanne Hawkins, Jim Munn, Gregory Lanting, Don Hall, Chris Talkington

Absent: Shawn Barigar, Rebecca Mills Sojka

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Deputy City Attorney Shayne Nope, Deputy City Manager Mitchel Humble, Deputy City Manager Brian Pike, Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer, Zoning & Development Manager Rene'e V. Carraway-Johnson, City Engineer Jacqueline Fields, Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek, Traffic Sgt. Ron Fustos, Police Chief Bryan Krear, Captain Matt Hicks, Captain Anthony Barnhart, Staff Sergeant Dennis Pullin, Deputy City Clerk Sharon Bryan

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. He asked the Youth Council graduating seniors to lead those present, who wish to, to recite the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

A quorum is present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Rothweiler asked that an Executive Session be added to the Agenda, Executive 67-2345 1-C To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.

MOTION:

Councilmember Talkington made a motion to approve the addition of an Executive Session 67-2345 1-C. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.moved

PROCLAMATIONS: [Lionel Leon Sojka Day](#)

Mayor Hall read proclamation and presented it to the Sojka Family.

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Brad Wills comended the Western Days Celebration. Also complimented the City on the bike/walking trails.

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MOTION:

Vice Mayor Hawkins made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Munn. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.moved

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Presentation of appreciation plaques to Jonah Ruf and Harley Jo Wathen in recognition of their service on the Twin Falls Youth Council.

Mayor Hall and Vice Mayor Hawkins made the presentation.

2. Presentation of an appreciation plaque to Chris Clark for his service in the community with the Twin Falls Soccer Association.

Parks and Recreation Director Bowyer said Chris Clark has been involved as tournament director/co-director for all nine years Twin Falls has hosted a soccer tournament. For the past six years Chris has been the tournament director, including an extra tournament when the Idaho Youth Soccer Association held its annual State Cup tournament here in Twin Falls in 2011.

The Canyon Rim Classic (CRC) draws over 100 soccer teams to the Twin Falls area each year, bringing in about 4,000 - 5,000 people including players, family members, referees, and coaches. This influx of people generates around \$1,000,000 for our economy each year with hotel stays, gas, dining out, shopping, and entertainment. Each year the Twin Falls Soccer Association (TFSA) donates several thousand dollars to local charities for helping with our Fastest Kick at the Canyon and Target kick booths at the CRC. Finally from 2010 to present, the CRC which is as great as it is largely due to Chris Clark's efforts has been the major fundraiser for our non-profit organization, TFSA. This allows our club to provide scholarships to many families that may not otherwise be able to participate in club soccer. The CRC has funded scholarships to over 300 families, totaling around \$60,000 since 2010.

Also TFSA has donated over 100 soccer balls and many corner flags to the Parks & Recreation Department for their youth teams to use.

This May was Chris' last tournament as being tournament director, on behalf of the City of Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Department, we would like to thank Chris for his unselfish dedication to the sport of soccer and our community.

Mayor Hall presented Chris Clark with an appreciation plaque.

Chris Clark thanked Council and encouraged Council to continue to be supportive of all sports complexes.

Councilmember Talkington commented that Tom Mikesell was one of the first to introduce soccer to our Community.

3. Consideration of a request to approve the Idaho State 125th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Friday, July 3, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Twin Falls Visitor Center.

Staff Sargent Dennis Pullin said that Nancy Taylor, on behalf of the City of Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission, has submitted a Special Event Application requesting approval to hold the Idaho State 125th Anniversary Celebration and the Anniversary of the Twin Falls Township. This celebration will be held at the Twin Falls Visitor Center on Friday, July 3, 2015. The event will commence at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m.

Festivities for the event will include a Cupcake Judging Contest, "design a Birthday Card" for elementary-aged children and giving away handheld Idaho State Flags. There will also be a Bluegrass Band, Dewey Pickett and

Howell, performing. An estimated 200 people are expected to attend. This event is open to the public, free of charge.

Arrangements have been made for over flow parking if needed. Permission has been obtained for additional parking to the south of the Visitor Center at the Outback. This event will conclude prior to their opening for business. Permission for additional parking, if needed, has also been obtained from the businesses located just west of the Visitor Center.

Several relevant City Staff members as well as the Twin Falls Police Department Staff, have met and approved this Special Event Application.

Nancy Taylor, Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman explained that a small Farmer's Market will be held at the event also.

MOTION:

Councilmember Talkington made a motion to approve the Idaho State 125th Anniversary Celebration as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

4. A review of the fencing along the Snake River Canyon Rim Trail System.

Parks and Recreation Director Bowyer explained that the City Council requested staff to review the existing fencing along the Canyon Rim Trail System, specifically to look at all sites that do not have any fencing and review those to see if the City might have some potential safety concerns with those sites.

On Friday April 10th and Friday May 15th, Gretchen Scott, the City's Risk Manager, and I reviewed all sections of the Snake River Canyon Rim Trail System and its fencing or lack of fencing and came up with their findings and recommendations. They started at Dierkes Lake and went westward.

Quail Ridge Estates:

Staff believes no additional fencing is needed at this section of trail.

Centennial Trail:

There is one area that we recommend approximately 30' of fencing, it is located approximately 150' up from the first switch back. Another area that we would like to discuss is: once you get to the top of the rim, at the Babel's overlook, to the east of the bench, the rim drops down 2-3 feet, then a section of the rim is below that runs out 10-15'. To the north of the bench, the rim does drop off substantial, but the bench is approximately 15' from this drop off. A fence here would ruin the view from sitting on the bench. Staff does not believe a fence is warranted since you have to get off the main trail and walk over to the bench; the rim is still 15' from the bench area.

Knievel Trail:

The complete 650' length of this trail has fencing along the rim.

Pillar Falls Trail:

All sections of this trail that is near the canyon rim have fencing.

Perrine Bridge East:

Staff believes no additional fencing is needed at this section of trail.

Perrine Bridge West:

There is one section that staff recommends fencing. It is about 250' west of the Visitor's Center and the length of fencing is approximately 250' in length. Photos are attached.

Breckenridge Estates:

At the far west section of this trail where it takes a 90° turn to the south, staff recommends fencing is on top of the concrete wall to prevent bicyclists from tumbling over the wall if they don't make the corner. Photo attached.

Breckenridge:

Trail is over 1000' from the canyon rim, no fencing is needed.

Washington St. N./Perrine Coulee Trail:

There is one section of this trail section that staff recommends additional fencing be installed. It is 30' in length and is approximately 50' on the west side of Elevation 486.

Staff would also like direction on the style of fencing along the rim. The current style, 4 railing with wooden posts, have been used since the City built the Washington St. N./Perrine Coulee trail system in 1998. These posts are pressure treated to prolong the life of the post and the railings had a stain brushed on to match the surroundings. Since those first posts were installed, 15-20 posts have rotted off and had to be replaced. Staff is finding other sections of the trail where the wooden post have rotted off in 10-15 years of use. At the Quail Ridge section above Dierkes Lake, staff installed metal posts with cabling for the trail safety fencing. This is the same type of fencing at the Sunway Soccer Complex. Cable fencing with metal posts are approximately \$16 per linear foot compared to \$20 per linear foot to the wooden post with railings.

Staff is seeking the Council's feedback on switching to the metal posts with cabling for the trail safety fencing.

Council discussed the following:

- Neighborhood approval of fencing
- Upscale fencing.
- Likes the 4 post design
- Would like some alternatives to fencing.

Parks and Recreation Director Bowyer asked for direction on the style of fencing along the rim.

Council would like to see some alternatives to the fencing and asked Parks and Recreation Director Bowyer to bring back some fencing styles.

Mayor Hall asked what percentage of the trail system was built by the City.

Parks and Recreation Director Bowyer said he did not have a percentage but gave the following information on trail creation:

Breckenridge Trail Section was built by Breckenridge.

Washington Perrine Coulee Trail Section – Donated property with a stipulation City build trail.

Perrine Bridge East – City built trail

Perrine Bridge West – Neilson & Co built trail.

Blass Trail Section – City built trail

Centennial Trail – Centennial Commission and Idaho Power raised funds and with those funds City built trail.

Quail Ridge Trail Section – Developer did trail and City paved it.

Mayor Hall asked if we could develop the trail system and when property is develop that they pay for trail. City Attorney said City could not do that.

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

City Manager Rothweiler gave the following dates for Budget Hearings.

June 8 – Pre- Budget conversation

July 6 – Budget Hearing

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Talkington asked that an appointment be made of an informal committee to study the park at the corner of Shoshone Street and Addison Proper as a site for a Memorial to be placed at the Park.

Councilmember Lanting said the budget has a fund for artwork and suggested that the arts council be involved.

After a brief discussion the Council agreed to form a committee. The committee will be made up of Councilmembers Talkington, Lanting and Mayor Hall.

MOTION:

Councilmember Lanting made a motion to form a committee to explore the possibilities of the triangular area of North 5 Points and that committee be made up of Councilmembers Talkington, Lanting and Mayor Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Munn. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

Vice Mayor Hawkins said that the Vietnam War 50th Commemorative will be held Saturday, June 6, 2015 at City Park starting at 11:00 a.m.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 P.M. –

1. Consideration of a request to approve Ordinance 3097 adopting the Urban Renewal Plan for Revenue Allocation Area #4-4.

Economic Director Melinda Anderson explained that on April 28, 2015 the TFURA board approved Resolution 2015-2 approving an Urban Renewal Plan to create Revenue Allocation Area #4-4. On May 12, 2015, the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission determined that the Plan conforms to the City Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Regulations, and general plan for development of the City, and recommended to the City Council approval of the Plan. On April 30, 2015, the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Times-News and on April 29, 2015 the proposed Plan was transmitted to each of the seven taxing districts within the proposed revenue allocation area, setting the date for a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 6:00 pm, for consideration of the adoption of the Plan.

A Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Times-News April 30, 2015, and copies of the proposed Plan were provided to each of the taxing districts that lie within the proposed revenue allocation area. The findings required for approval of the plan are contained in the ordinance.

Approval of this request will impact the City budget. Creating the revenue allocation area will establish a tax increment financing district on this property. That means that there will be a base land value established for the property. The City and the other six taxing districts will continue to receive taxes from the property based on the established base value. However, as development occurs on the property the taxable value will increase. That increase in taxable value is called the increment and will be received by TFURA for up to 20 years to pay for public improvements associated with the project. While the City and other jurisdictions do forfeit some tax collections for a time, the justification for doing so is that the development would not have occurred without the financial assistance from TFURA in the first place.

Idaho Code 50-2906: To adopt a new urban renewal plan or create a competitively disadvantaged border community area containing a revenue allocation financing provision, the local governing body of an authorized municipality must enact an ordinance in accordance with Chapter 9, Title 50, Idaho Code and section 50-2008, Idaho Code. To modify an existing urban renewal plan, to add, or change a revenue allocation, an authorized municipality must enact an ordinance in accordance with Chapter 9, Title 50, Idaho Code, and conduct a public hearing as provided in section 50-2008(c), Idaho Code.

The TFURA board and staff recommend that the City Council approve Ordinance 3097 creating RAA 4-4.

MOTION:

Councilmember Talkington moved to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 3097 on third and final reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins. Roll call showed all members present voted in favor of the motion Approved 5-0

Deputy City Clerk Sharon Bryan read the Ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO,
APPROVING THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR REVENUE ALLOCATION AREA #4-4;
AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND
OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION TO COUNTY AND STATE OFFICIALS; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION:

Councilmember Munn moved to adopt Ordinance 3097 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanting. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5-0

V. Executive Session:

Executive 67-2345 1-C To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.

MOTION:

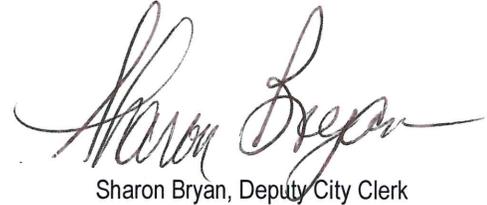
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VI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Sharon Bryan, Deputy City Clerk