

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

SHAWN BARIGAR	DON HALL	SUZANNE HAWKINS	GREGORY LANTING	JIM MUNN, JR.	REBECCA MILLS SOJKA	CHRIS TALKINGTON
<i>Vice Mayor</i>			<i>Mayor</i>			



Minutes
 Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
Monday, June 11, 2012
 City Council Chambers
 305 3rd Avenue East - Twin Falls, Idaho

5:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
 CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM
 INTRODUCTION OF STAFF
 CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
 PROCLAMATIONS: None

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> 1. Consideration of a request to approve the accounts payable for June 5 – June 11, 2012. 2. Consideration of a request to approve the May 21, 2012 and May 29, 2012, City Council Minutes. 3. Consideration of a request from Big Smoke to transfer their Beer and Wine License to 659 Blue Lakes Blvd. North. 4. Consideration of a request from the "Magic Valley Citizens' 4 th of July" to approve the annual fireworks display held at the College of Southern Idaho on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. 5. Consideration of a request for a final 2-year extension of the approval of the Final Plat of Kelley Garden Subdivision, consisting of 6.35± acres and 8 commercial lots on property located north and east of the intersection of Addison Avenue East and Eastland Drive North aka Kelley Garden Center. 6. Information regarding staff action that may affect the Streets budget in the next fiscal year.	<u>Action</u>	<u>Staff Report</u> Sharon Bryan L. Sanchez Sharon Bryan Dennis Pullin Mitch Humble Jacqueline Fields
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Consideration of a request to approve a professional service contract with Region IV Development Association, Inc., to provide grant administration services in connection with the second Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) that was awarded to the City to support the Agro-Farma, Inc. (Chobani) development on Kimberly Road. 2. Consideration of a request to <i>reconsider</i> the Council's December 12, 2011, decision regarding downtown parking management. 3. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.	Action	Jeffrey McCurdy/ Region IV Development Assoc. Mitch Humble
III. <u>ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>		
IV. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u> 6:00 1. To comply with the requirements of the Idaho Community Development Block Grant program administered by the Idaho Department of Commerce regarding the electrical system improvements to support Agro-Farma, Inc.'s (Chobani) new dairy processing facility being constructed on Kimberly Road.	Public Hearing	Jeffrey McCurdy/ Region IV Development Assoc.
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: Shawn Barigar, Don Hall, Suzanne Hawkins, Gregory Lanting, Jim Munn, Rebecca Mills Sojka, Chris Talkington

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Community Development Director Mitch Humble, City Engineer Jacqueline Fields, Staff Sergeant Dennis Pullin, Jeffrey McCurdy/Region IV Development Association, Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer, Deputy City Clerk Sharon Bryan, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of a request to approve the accounts payable for June 5 – June 11, 2012, total: \$578,913.54
June 8, 2012, Payroll total: \$105,974.95
June 7, 2012, Prepay total: \$ 3,697.16
2. Consideration of a request to approve the May 21, 2012 and May 29, 2012, City Council Minutes.
3. Consideration of a request from Big Smoke to transfer their Beer and Wine License to 659 Blue Lakes Blvd. North.
4. Consideration of a request from the "Magic Valley Citizens' 4th of July" to approve the annual fireworks display held at the College of Southern Idaho on Wednesday, July 4, 2012.
5. Consideration of a request for a final 2-year extension of the approval of the Final Plat of Kelley Garden Subdivision, consisting of 6.35± acres and 8 commercial lots on property located north and east of the intersection of Addison Avenue East and Eastland Drive North aka Kelley Garden Center.
6. Information regarding staff action that may affect the Streets budget in the next fiscal year.

MOTION:

Councilperson Hall made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Talkington and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Consideration of a request to approve a professional service contract with Region IV Development Association, Inc., to provide grant administration services in connection with the second Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) that was awarded to the City to support the Agro-Farma, Inc. (Chobani) development on Kimberly Road.

City Manager Rothweiler introduced Jeff McCurdy. The City of Twin Falls was a recipient of two grants associated with the Chobani project. The first grant received is to assist the City with a power line extension project. The grant awarded was \$500,000. The second grant received is to assist with a portion of the water project improvements. The City was awarded a \$50,000 Director's Fund allocation. There was a surplus in the Director's Fund after payment was made for the power line extension project. Money then was shifted to cover the costs associated with the water project

Jeff McCurdy, Region IV Development Association, explained the request. The professional service contract with Region IV Development Association, Inc. is to provide grant administration services in connection with the second Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) that was awarded to the City to support the Agro-Farma, Inc., development on Kimberly Road. The funds from the grant will be used to help finance municipal water system improvements.

Region IV is gathering income data from every applicant that applies for a position with Agro-Farma, and then Region IV will compare the information with the actual hires. Currently Region IV is reviewing 1500 applicants.

Discussion followed.

Councilperson Talkington asked what the work will entail for Region IV.

Jeff McCurdy stated Region IV has been working with the Department of Labor and explained the details of the work to be completed by Region IV.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Hall made a motion to approve a professional service contract with Region IV Development Association, Inc., to provide grant administration services in connection with the second Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) that was awarded to the City to support the Agro-Farma, Inc. (Chobani) development on Kimberly Road. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Barigar and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion.

2. Consideration of a request to *reconsider* the Council's December 12, 2011, decision regarding downtown parking management.

Community Development Director Humble gave a history of downtown parking.

At the May 29, 2012, Council Meeting, Councilperson Barigar formally requested the reconsideration of the December 12, 2011, decision regarding downtown parking management.

Specifically, Councilperson Barigar requested the following.

1. To reconsider the recommendation of the Downtown Parking Task Force related to the removal of parking meters in downtown.
2. To consider a more efficient and effective management and enforcement for both the leased parking and free parking lots.
3. A prioritization of the need for public agencies, like the City and the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency, to develop appropriate parking strategies in downtown.

Staff recommends that Councilperson Barigar present his request to the Council and the Council considers the request and provides direction to staff on how to proceed.

Council discussion followed.

Councilperson Barigar listed the task force guiding principles used in their recommendations made to the Council on June 20, 2011.

He also listed the following principles: Customers come first, the City should be responsive to the customers' needs, and parking turnover is important for businesses.

Following are recommendations:

1. Remove the parking meters.
2. Retain the leased parking.
3. Regulate both on-street and public parking in the lots to posted time limits.
4. In regards to parking enforcement, he would ask staff to come back to Council within 30 days with a recommendation.
5. Reinforce the responsibility that the City in partnership with the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls have to define, create, and pursue parking where it needs to be downtown, not just as a concept but as a strategy.

Public input portion of the meeting:

Katy Bowman, 113 Main Avenue East, D & L Academy Hair Design, stated there is not enough free parking, did not favor eliminating leased parking, and recommended increasing the time limit to exceed more than three hours in the free parking lots.

Clark Parrish, 39 Canyon View in Jerome, requested that if the Council decides to remove parking meters, to continue reinforcement of customer parking, otherwise, employees will be utilizing the parking for customers.

Council discussion followed.

MOTION:

Councilperson Barigar made the motion to remove the parking meters, including the posts, cutting them off at ground level and filling the holes with cement in sidewalks in downtown Twin Falls and to implement time limits as appropriate to encourage customer service and parking turnover. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hall.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION:

Councilperson Mills Sojka made an amendment to the main motion to not cut off the meters on Main Street and instead allow them to be resigned on the front to allow donations to non-profits. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Council discussion followed.
-Meters are antiquated

Mayor Lanting stated that he would like to have the meter poles remain and sign as free parking on the three blocks on Main Street (two blocks to the southeast of Shoshone Street and the one block on northwest of Main Street).

Roll call vote on the main motion showed Councilpersons Barigar, Hall, Hawkins, and Munn, and Talkington voted in favor of the motion. Councilpersons Lanting and Mills Sojka voted against the motion. The motion passed. Approved 5 to 2.

MOTION:

Councilperson Barigar made the motion to direct staff to bring back to Council a detailed plan within 30 days that maximizes free customer parking in the lots closest in proximity to businesses downtown that defines a leased parking program that meets business owner, manager, and employee needs, and defines a reasonable, effective, and efficient enforcement program for downtown parking. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hall.

Council discussion followed.

Councilperson Mills Sojka asked for clarification regarding maximizing free parking near the businesses; would that be similar to the recommendation from the Town Hall meeting to take lease parking and place in the perimeters.

Councilperson Barigar stated that it would be one strategy, but suggested that some lots should have no leased parking and should be only free customer parking.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that staff will develop a plan in the next 30 days. Staff will come back to the Council and recommend a lease parking strategy that has flexibility as well as an appropriate level of enforcement that maximizes ground space available for parking today.

Councilperson Mills Sojka stated that at the downtown meeting that was hosted by the Ballroom, merchants expressed a need of parking spaces for a certain amount of time for clients. The sentiments of the merchants stated that they were willing to pay, and asked for the city to implement a lease program and enforcement. The merchants also stated that they would like Lot Orange for customer parking.

Councilperson Munn stated that signage downtown is not customer friendly and requested that staff review the signs.

Roll call vote on the motion showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Councilperson Barigar stated that the philosophy that the City and the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls need to cooperatively move forward and implement other parking in different places downtown.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made the motion for the City to partner with the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls and seek grant opportunities to develop more public parking in appropriate areas. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION:

Councilperson Barigar made an amendment to the main motion to add private property owners and private funding sources. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Munn and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Roll call vote on the main motion as amended showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

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

City Manager Rothweiler gave an update on the power loss at the Blue Lakes Well site.

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilperson Hawkins reported on the South Estates Park playground contribution from the Rotary Club.

Vice Mayor Hall stated he was approached by business owners stating interest in holding a sidewalk or parking lot sale, which is not allowed by City Code.

Council directed staff to review the possibility of amending the ordinance to provide for sidewalk or parking lot sales.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00

1. To comply with the requirements of the Idaho Community Development Block Grant program administered by the Idaho Department of Commerce regarding the electrical system improvements to support Agro-Farma, Inc.'s (Chobani) new dairy processing facility being constructed on Kimberly Road.

Jeff McCurdy explained the request for a public hearing. Requirements of the ICDBG program require that the City hold a public hearing during the implementation phase of the project to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the project. No action by the Council is required.

The public input portion of the hearing was opened and closed with no input.

The public hearing was closed.

V. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Leila A. Sanchez
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary