

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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



MINUTES
Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
Monday, April 22, 2013
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: **ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> 1. Consideration of a request to approve the accounts payable for April 16 – 22, 2013. 2. Consideration of a request to approve the March 25, 2013, Minutes. 3. Consideration of a request to approve the “Bed Races” Fundraiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the 100 Block of Main Avenue between Shoshone Street and Gooding Street. 4. Consideration of a request to approve the Twin Falls Criterium Bike Race sponsored by Intermountain Cycling Organizations, to be held on Saturday, May 25, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.	<u>Action</u>	<u>Staff Report</u> Sharon Bryan Leila A. Sanchez Sgt. Ryan Howe Sgt. Ryan Howe
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Consideration of a request to authorize the Mayor to enter into a development agreement and accept a public right of way deed. 2. Discussion and possible action on a request to allow public/community message signs to be located on the City's downtown street lights. 3. Presentation regarding the development of the City of Twin Falls Community Strategic Plan 2030 and consideration of adoption from the City Council. 4. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.	Action Discussion/ Action Presentation/ Action	Josh Baird Mitchel Humble Travis Rothweiler
III. <u>ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>		
IV. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u> 6:00 p.m. - None		
V. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Executive Session 67-2345(1) (c) To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.		

**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, Greg Lanting, Jim Munn, Rebecca Mills Sojka, Chris Talkington

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, City Engineer Jacqueline Fields, Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer, Sgt. Ryan Howe, Staff Engineer Josh Baird, 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. Mayor Lanting introduced staff.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

City Manager Rothweiler stated that Consent Calendar Item I.3., Minutes should reflect the April 1, 2013, Minutes.

PROCLAMATIONS: ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Councilperson Hawkins read the proclamation.

Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer reported that Arbor Day will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. at Harrison Park.

Councilperson Talkington gave the history of Earth Day.

AGENDA ITEMS

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MOTION:

Vice Mayor Hall made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, with the correction of Item 3. Reflecting approval of the April 1, 2013, Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka.

Councilperson Mills Sojka, referring to I.4.Twin Falls Criterium Bike Race, asked if businesses that will be affected by the race had been contacted. Sgt. Howe responded in the affirmative.

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

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Consideration of a request to authorize the Mayor to enter into a development agreement and accept a public right of way deed.

City Engineer Fields introduced Project Engineer Josh Baird.

Staff Engineer Baird explained the request. Approval of this request will allow the construction of a new right turn lane from Falls Avenue East eastbound onto Locust Street North.

City Engineer Fields stated that the right of way opportunity is consistent with the Master Transportation Plan to widen the section of road on Falls between Blue Lakes and Locust.

Council discussion followed.

- Relocation of power poles
- Construction time
- Signaling
- Cost of the project

Staff Engineer Baird stated that staff will work with Idaho Power to relocate the poles that are in the existing right of way. The intent is to begin construction on the additional lane as soon as possible and preferably this year. The signal changes will be addressed during the design of the project.

City Engineer Fields stated that staff does not anticipate any right of way acquisition on the remaining three corners.

Staff Engineer Baird stated he does not have a cost estimate on the project. The intent is to use existing roadway funds that had been designated for the Eastland Project.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a development agreement and accept a public right of way deed with Wright Physical Therapy for property located in the southwest corner of Locust Street North and Falls Avenue East. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hall and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

2. Discussion and possible action on a request to allow public/community message signs to be located on the City's downtown street lights.

Community Development Director Humble explained the request using overhead projections. The City was recently approached by members of the "Downtown Alive" group who inquired about the possibility of placing public/community message signs on street lights. This request will allow staff to work with "Downtown Alive" to install public/community message signs on light poles in Downtown. The Code allows the City Manager to provide written permission to place signs on City owned property or in right of way. City staff recommends that the Council discuss and provide direction regarding the request.

Council discussion followed.

Vice Mayor Hall asked if there may be a potential of vandalism to signs and if there may be additional requests for other parts of town.

Community Development Director Humble stated that the plan by Downtown Alive is to place signs on light poles on Main Street only. The poles on Main Street are shorter than the poles on Shoshone Street. It may be considered for other parts of town if the program works.

Council discussion followed.

Councilperson Mills Sojka stated she would like to have written guidelines of the approval process. She asked if the cost of the signs is the responsibility of applicant.

Community Development Director Humble stated that the Code 10-9-5 D (1) allows the City Manager to provide written permission to place signs on City owned property or in right of way. Staff would give written permission with parameters, which would include signs only for public or community events or seasonal displays, prohibit commercial business, and size of signs.

Councilperson Talkington recommended that there would be no direct sales messages and a maximum size of signs. He stated that he received complaints that preference was given to others on the location of signs on Shoshone Street.

Tony Prater, representing Downtown Alive, stated that his intent is to locate signs confined in the downtown area only, and not to go beyond the two Seconds. Signs are required to be approved by staff prior to placing signs. The Downtown Alive will pay for the costs.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that the request for direction from Council is due to the possibility of Downtown Alive making a significant financial investment for signage and the possibility of additional retrofitting of existing poles.

Council directed staff, by City Code 10-9-5 D(1) to allow the City Manager to provide written permission to place signs on City owned property or in right of way.

3. Presentation regarding the development of the City of Twin Falls Community Strategic Plan 2030 and consideration of adoption from the City Council.

City Manager Rothweiler introduced Phil Kushlan, from Kushlan Associates.

Phil Kushlan, Kushlan and Associates. P.O. Box 8463, Boise, Idaho, explained the document is functional and usable in an ongoing basis going forward. Time was spent on "does this make sense, can we do it, and what's the time frame to make this a reality". The Strategic Plan is intended to be a living document. Periodically there will be a need for a tune up.

Councilperson Talkington asked Mr. Kushlan for his positive critique as to what the City could have done differently or better to solicit and entice more input in the front end of the process.

Mr. Kushlan stated that looking at the community survey, there seemed to be a lack of community involvement in public affairs. He would have like to have seen 450 people at the community meeting, but the fact that there were 65 was more than what was seen in the past. The City has demonstrated a willingness to listen to public input.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that Phil & Diane Kushlan walked the City through a process that was unique. The City has been involved in strategic planning as an organization for a long period of time. Strategic planning was different in the fact that there was community involvement. There was an intentional effort to engage the community in many different forums. The strategic plan is more goal driven as opposed to task driven. The vision that has been created with the citizens is robust and ambitious, and without partner support, whether they are public or private entities, this plan will not be realized unless the entities are actively engaging the public to solicit their support and walk hand and hand in the external goals.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to adopt the plan. Mike Williams has incorporated comments received from the open house. Sarah Taylor has submitted comments to the City Council, which have not been incorporated into the plan.

Council discussion followed:

Councilperson Mills Sojka referred to Objective PC1.2A: Address the impact of U.S. Highway 30 on downtown and determine how we can work with partners such as ITD to improve the system.

She recommended strengthening language to recognize that the review has been done on Highway in prior years, and the City of Twin Falls will encourage ITD to review, analyze and assess the feasibility of rerouting Highway 30 around downtown.

Vice Mayor Hall stated ITD provides funding for Highway 30 and it would financially impact the City if involved in the rerouting of Highway 30.

Councilperson Barigar referred to Objective PC2.1B: Review transportation infrastructure, including truck routes, that supports industrial land uses to determine how the City can work with the region to improve the systems.

He recommended adding language to Objective PC1.2A: to address the impact of Highway 30 downtown and determine how the City can work with partners to improve the system.

Councilperson Talkington stated that as a member of the Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee, a community wide response will need to be received to address rerouting.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that the language, "Whereas, the City of Twin Falls hereby requests from the ITD the acceptance of the roadways" in Resolution 1760 shows the City is taking a more active stance of rerouting Highway 30.

Councilperson Mills Sojka referred to Objective EC1.2A: Update land use regulations to discourage leap frog development and land divisions that impact viable agricultural land uses. She recommended prioritizing the Objective to a 1, in which the timeframe of the initiative will be completed or substantially underway within the next 1-5 years.

Councilperson Barigar asked if Objective EC1.2A falls within Objective EC1.2C: Update the development codes (Title 4 and 10) to reflect best practices.

Community Development Director Humble answered in the affirmative.

Councilperson Hawkins recommended adopting the Strategic Plan and set a time to review the details in a reasonable amount of time.

City Manager Rothweiler urged the Council to allow action and traction to occur with the plan.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made the motion to adopt the City of Twin Falls Community Strategic Plan 2030, with the revisions, as discussed to Objective PC1.2A. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hawkins. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

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

City Manager Rothweiler requested to begin the process of resurrecting the flower baskets in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. He explained that the Chamber of Commerce would solicit donations for the baskets and the City would cover the costs of maintenance. The signage may be postponed.

Councilperson Barigar recused himself at this time from the Council.

Councilperson Barigar, representing the Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber would solicit donations to acquire baskets.

Councilperson Munn explained sponsors would buy the baskets and flowers and an employee from the Parks & Recreation Department would maintain the flowers.

Council discussion followed:

-Cost to maintain baskets by seasonal employees

Council directed staff to place the consideration of funding the maintenance portion of the Hanging Flower Basket project along Shoshone Street, in a partnership with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, on the April 29, 2013, agenda.

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilperson Mills Sojka reported on the Arts and Soul of the Magic Valley and the Youth Council Kite Day.

Councilperson Barigar reported a meeting will be held at the Parks & Recreation Department at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed off leash park area; and, The Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held at 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Magic Valley Speedway

Vice Mayor Hall reported that the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers to invite citizen input into possibly expanding Revenue Allocation Area 4-1 into downtown.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 p.m. - None

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Executive Session 67-2345(1) (c) To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

City Manager Rothweiler made a clarification that the request for approval is to adjourn to Executive Session 67-2345 (1)(b) 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, should be considered for approval.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session 67-2345(1) (b), as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hall and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Leila A. Sanchez
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary