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| Suzanne Hawkins | Jim Munn | Shawn Barigar | Chris Talkington | Gregory Lanting | Don Hall | Rebecca Mills Sojka |
| Vice Mayor | | | | | Mayor | |



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Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
Monday, November 17, 2014
City Council Chambers
305 3rd Avenue East - Twin Falls, Idaho

5:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
 CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM
 CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
 PROCLAMATION: None

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of a request to approve the Accounts Payable for November 11 – 17, 2014, total \$868,356.62 and November 13, 2014, Youth Council, total: \$25.00.
2. Consideration of a request to approve the October 27 and November 3, 2014, City Council Minutes.

Purpose:

Action

Action

By:

Sharon Bryan

Leila A. Sanchez

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Discussion on current public transportation programs in Twin Falls – Trans IV and LINC – and their federal funding sources.
2. Consideration of a request for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign Memorandums of Understanding with eight (8) City and/or Fire District representatives.
3. Discussion and adoption of the recommended changes to the City's organizational structure.
4. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.

Purpose:

Presentation/
Discussion

Action

Action

By:

Mandi Thompson
Lynn Baird/Trans IV
Lori Jeske/LINC
Sarah Michael/CTAI

Mandi Thompson

Travis Rothweiler

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6:00 P.M.

1. Consideration of a request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment from AG to Medium Density and to extend the Water Service Boundary Area for property located on the east side of the 500, 600, and 700 blocks of Hankins Road North.

Public
Hearing

Brad Wills on behalf
of the Twin Falls
School District 411

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.

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Present: Suzanne Hawkins, Jim Munn, Shawn Barigar, Don Hall, Greg Lanting, Chris Talkington, Rebecca Mills Sojka

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Deputy City Prosecutor Shayne Nope, Community Development Director Mitchel Humble, Police Chief Brian Pike.

Mayor Hall 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.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Rothweiler stated that the 11-03-2014, City Council Minutes have been amended and are ready for Council review.

PROCLAMATION: None

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT:

Jacqueline Fry, Emergency Services Coordinator for Twin Falls County, is before the Council to speak on the recent media reports on the reorganization of the City and the mass notification system. She reviewed the Council Meeting Minutes addressing these topics and the first item she would like to address is the City's plan for their own emergency preparedness or emergency manager which was addressed at the October 20, 2014, City Council Meeting, by Phil Kushlan on the reorganizing of the City Structure of October 20, 2014. She offered her support to the City Council and if there are future plans to hire someone to develop and manage an emergency preparedness program she asked that this be done in a manner to respect and acknowledge her position in the County over the last 18 years. She would like to work closely with this individual so there will be a smooth transition on projects, training exercises, and maintaining one LEPCD. The second item she would like to address is the City mass notification system with Everbridge. Currently the Everbridge system is in place in SIRCOMM and it encompasses the four counties and the City. This was purchased with funding from Homeland Security in partnership with Jerome, Twin Falls, Gooding and Lincoln Counties. The needs of the City of Twin Falls can be met with the current system which is paid in full until March of 2016. Discussion has been held for future federal funding from the four counties and SIRCOMM. Her focus is only to see a system that supports life safety and she believes that any issues that are in place would be resolved. She asked that the City not spend the taxpayers' dollars on an existing resource. She is currently working with the Police Department on projects at no cost to the City to enhance their equipment and response efforts and training with law enforcement, public works, city officials and the fire department. The county has a current emergency operations plan that is used and signed on by the City which is mirrored after the National Response Plan through FEMA. Also, the all hazard mitigation plan, which is current and updated at no cost to the City, is for City use. The Local Emergency Planning Committee is successful with an attendance at an all-time high with both County and City participants. The partnership with all of the agencies is imperative when preparing, planning for and responding to and mitigating against incidents or disasters in cities and county. She also contacted the Bureau of Homeland Security to support the City with writing an internal emergency operations plan with EOPT Toolkit. This was shown to Mandi Thompson, City Grant Writer, in August by Autumn Roberts. In closing, all hazards start locally and the need to work as a team and support each other with resources is critical. Her efforts are to support local and regional projects while maintaining compliance with the state and FEMA. Over the years it has been a pleasure to work with the cities including Twin Falls City departments and staff. She would ask that if at any time there are issues and concerns that she and the City work together in a productive

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manner to find a positive solution and one that can maintain the goal of supporting the needs of our City and county residents.

City Manager Rothweiler stated he had the opportunity to speak to Jackie Fry late last week regarding her concerns. For the record he would like to assure Jackie Fry and everyone that the City has a great partnership with her. This is not a reflection on anything that she has done and for anyone to say that would simply not be the truth. In the strategic plan it says the city wants to be better prepared for emergencies. What that looks like is yet to be determined. It is imperative that the city coordinating efforts when there is an emergency. That is the starting place and what it looks like beyond there is going to be an evolution. It can't be any new positions until the Council authorizes that through its normal budget process and through the vetting of those roles and new positions. Brian Pike shared with Jackie Fry she is a resource to help build that. The partnership with Jackie Fry is appreciated and moving in a direction that allows us to be better prepared in circumstances that we have seen over the course of the last several months and is clearly not a reflection of her or her efforts.

Councilmember Mills Sojka stated support for the city's continued involvement in the LEPCD meetings. Jackie Fry is right that the city does have the same service from Everbridge for the next two years provided by a federal grant and could save the taxpayers almost \$50,000 if their decision was reconsidered. She also thanked Jackie Fry for her efforts and stated her support for always working together. It's always to the city's benefit and the community's efforts to work together as a region because this gives us priority for federal grants and other funding.

John Moore, SIRCOMM, stated that cooperation between the city and SIRCOMM is at level he hasn't seen in 16 years and he has been at SIRCOMM for 18 years. The system is paid for until March 2016 and he has contacted Everbridge to give the keys to the City of Twin Falls to do what is needed to make the system work externally and internally for the organization. He will have another MOU that will be signed by the SIRCOMM Board 11-18-2014, regarding the 911 system and switching phone lines back and forth for events as needed. He has been told the data belongs to SIRCOMM and according to Everbridge cannot be shared. He knows these are some of the questions. He is not in favor of spending money on data that has been paid for and would rather put that money towards another 3 to 4 year contract with the federal grant and from SIRCOMM.

Mayor Hall stated that what swayed him to vote for going out on our own is the potential data loss. He does not want to build something and then have SIRCOMM or their managing board decide to go a different direction.

John Moore stated that he understood by Everbridge that the data belonged to SIRCOM but now is told that the data does not belong to them.

Mayor Hall stated that the Council voted that the City of Twin Falls pursue its own emergency notification system but invited Mr. Moore to come back to the Council with information to see if there is some way to mitigate. Mayor Hall stated he personally voted to go that direction because he was in fear of the loss of that data, building those bridges and then having to start all over again.

City Manager Rothweiler stated staff's commitment is not to spend the money unless staff finds a better reason not to go that direction. Staff will report back to Council.

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MOTION:

Councilmember Lanting moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mills Sojka. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Discussion on current public transportation programs in Twin Falls – Trans IV and LINC – and their federal funding sources.

Grant Writer Thompson explained that Lori Jeske of LINC and Lynn Baird of Tans IV will present information on their current programs and services, including ridership and budget information. Sarah Michael, Region IV Mobility Manager for Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI), will also be presenting information.

The City is beginning the process of setting goals for the Transit Development Plan and investigating the federal transportation requirements of an urban area. One of the first steps is a full and complete understanding of the current public transportation system in Twin Falls. The current providers, LINC and Trans IV, are known as demand-response providers. Both providers have asked to present to Council their operations and how they can work with the City while the City is working to transition to a fixed route public transportation system.

Lynn Baird, Trans IV, explained the 5311 Budget 2014 – 2015 (Administration, Operating, P/Maintenance and Total Expenses) and Trans IV Buses Ridership Year to Year.

Melva Heinrich, LINC Twin Falls Director, explained LINC's transportation program and grant under Section 5310, a federal transportation program for elderly and persons with disabilities.

Lorie Jeske, LINC Transportation/IL Specialist, explained LINC's yearly ridership from the Twin Falls area.

Sarah Michael, Region IV Mobility Manager for Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI), provided information on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding programs that provide funds to LINC and Trans IV.

Discussion followed.

-Future planning for the next census

Grant Writer Thompson explained the planning process.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the designation for NPO status and the impacts of the designation and what staff is currently doing to prepare for the future

Sarah Michael stated Lewiston/Clarkston and are a community of 35,000 and receive \$350,000. Between the two funds Trans IV and LINC the City would basically be receiving \$600,000 - \$700,000 yearly, depending what is happening with the Highway Funding or Transportation Funding.

Grant Writer Thompson stated that the grant funds are managed through the Idaho Transportation Department Board.

Sarah Michael stated there is a local district coordinating council that reviews the applications and makes a recommendation to the Public Transportation Advisory Committee created by state statute but ultimately their recommendations go to the ITD Board.

Lynn Baird stated that the state breaks down the money to the different regions by population.

2. Consideration of a request for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign Memorandums of Understanding with eight (8) City and/or Fire District representatives.

Grant Writer Thompson explained the request.

The Twin Falls Fire Department is currently operating with SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) units that are over ten years old and meet FEMA's definition of obsolete. Each unit consists of a face piece, two (2) 30-minute 4500 PSI cylinders with valves, Buddy Breather and PASS Alarm. Each unit costs \$5,500 and the TFFD has to replace 40 units.

The City of Twin Falls has agreed to act as Host Applicant for a regional AFG grant application to replace SCBA units. The primary goal of the AFG program is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. The City of Twin Falls has received AFG grant funds in the past, but was unsuccessful in our application in 2013 for the replacement of 36 SCBA units. Both Grant Manager Thompson and Firefighter Ed Morris attended an AFG workshop in September 2014 sponsored by the Western Region FEMA representative. It was heavily stressed at this workshop that regional applications that address the creation of true interoperability between departments have a better chance of being funded.

Battalion Chief Ron Aguirre contacted regional fire departments and rural fire districts to gauge their interest in participating in the grant. In order to qualify for replacement, an SCBA must be ten years old or older and at least two NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) cycles old. The TFFD SCBAs are all twelve years old and compliant with 2002 standards (two cycles old). Through this process, it was discovered that the majority of SCBAs in the region are a minimum of ten years old, and many are 15 years old.

A meeting was held at the TFFD on November 10, 2014 to discuss the grant and the information required from interested partners. All in attendance were highly interested and willing to provide all needed information from their respective departments. The grant partners will be Twin Falls Fire Department, Jerome Fire Department, Jerome Rural Fire District, Filer Fire Department, Filer Rural Fire District, Buhl Fire Department, Gooding Fire Department, Wendell Fire Department and Castleford Rural Fire District.

One of the requirements of the grant application is a signed MOU between the Host applicant and all partners. These MOUs outline the purpose of the grant, the cost per unit of SCBAs, cost of additional face pieces and the cost of a Fit Test system. The MOUs stipulate the match that is required of each partner (10% of total request), and the payment terms to the City of Twin Falls to participate in the grant.

If awarded, this grant will create true interoperability between nine regional fire departments and districts. It will allow for departments to share breathing apparatus when on mutual aid calls. But more importantly, this project

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will greatly improve the personal safety of 203 career and volunteer firefighters in the region, including 39 City of Twin Falls firefighters.

The grant includes requests for 174 replacement SCBA units, including 174 spare cylinders; 17 additional face pieces; and 2 Quantifit Fit Test systems. The federal funds requested for the grant are estimated to be \$885,973.50.

The Twin Falls Fire Department and City Grant Manager recommends the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the attached MOUs.

Discussion followed:

- Local match requirement
- Safer apparatus
- Rock Creek Fire District is not eligible for the grant

Grant Writer Thompson stated that the City's local match of 10% is \$17,445.75.

MOTION:

Councilmember Mills Sojka moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandums of Understanding with eight (8) City and/or Fire District representatives. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanting. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

3. Discussion and adoption of the recommended changes to the City's organizational structure.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the request.

Staffs are recommending the organization change in structure, and then assign the duties of Deputy City Managers to Mitchel Humble and to Brian Pike.

The Deputy City Managers, overseeing Community Services and Development and Public Safety services, will report to the City Manager. Both Deputies are members of the City's Executive Leadership Team and will be responsible for managing the overall operations of specific areas of the City.

The Deputy City Managers will coordinate the efforts of departments they oversee to ensure the timely completion of multi-departmental projects. They will assist the City Manager in exploring alternative service delivery techniques, challenging the status quo, anticipating political and operational issues, and providing strategic direction to achieve the city's vision and the city council's priorities.

By promoting high-performance in every part of the city government, the Deputy City Managers will help develop a single organizational concept. Under this concept, all city departments will work collectively, collaboratively and in support of one another in the service of our public.

Discussion followed.

- Measuring the success or failure of the organizational structure

City Manager Rothweiler stated that the organizational structure will be reviewed frequently. He has spoken with Phil Kushlan measuring collaborative opportunities which is one of the primary goals of the Strategic Plan,

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not only internally but also externally. Staff will report back to Council on how these structures created intentional collaboration. The Citizen Survey will assist in measuring the organizational change in structure.

The structure is designed to be able to grow with the community and organization.

Councilmember Mills Sojka stated she does see the need for reorganization and agrees with the goals that have been laid out for the reorganization, especially maintaining and enhancing organizational effectiveness, enhance collaboration with partner organizations and minimize the cost impacts. Some areas on the flow chart give her concern on how they might impede those goals. For examples, the two Deputy City Managers, instead of one Deputy City Manager. She recognizes that right now this change is budget neutral but asked what is the exact cost of each deputy city manager.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the salaries for the Deputy City Managers. The increase to Mr. Humble is about \$4,800 yearly and the increase to Chief Pike is under \$12,000 a year.

Councilmember Mills Sojka stated her concern is with public safety. The breakup of the departments under each deputy city manager is a bit unequal. There are nine plus departments under community development and only two existing departments for Police/Fire/Dispatch and Code Enforcement under Public Safety. She has trouble justifying the cost of this Deputy City Manager with the number of departments they would be over and is struggling with the concept of adding another layer of bureaucracy on administrative which is costly for the taxpayers versus the benefit. Usually bureaucracy and efficiency do not go together.

She does not support taking over any portion of emergency preparedness from the County because it is a better benefit to have a regional position because the County has access to federal funds and the position is federally funded. It benefits the city to work together with county partners.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that it is important to recognize that when reviewing the strategic planning process it was determined that all strategic goals were of equal importance. Both Deputy City Managers have approximately the same number of employees that are going to report to them. Relative to emergency preparedness, this is a task and it does not describe a creation of a position. Any creation of a position would have to be approved by a Council. There have been three issues over the course of 18 months that have caused the city to bring all resources together. This is a reminder that when those incidences occur it is absolutely critical that city teams have the ability to respond. Jackie Fry and her team are valuable resources, but it is important and critical for the citizens of Twin Falls to have a staff that is coordinated in emergencies occurring inside the City of Twin Falls where the city has primary jurisdiction and responsibility.

Councilmember Lanting stated he is in favor of the structure. The Deputy City Managers allow the City Manager to focus on the vision of Twin Falls. Police and Fire are the two largest departments and the numbers do match up.

MOTION:

Councilmember Munn moved to approve the organizational structure changes as proposed by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Talkington.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Hall stated the reorganization will allow the City Manager to continue his work in economic development. Communication with our community is a way to gauge the structural change.

Councilmember Mills Sojka stated that she does not 100% buy the cost effectiveness or the benefit of the two Deputy City Managers. She would prefer to enhance staff levels on the service end in the employee pool. She sees the benefit of the Deputy City Clerk. She agrees with the councilmembers that stated the importance of measuring our success that would include measuring by the Citizen Survey.

Roll call vote showed Councilmembers Hawkins, Munn, Barigar, Lanting, Talkington, and Hall voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Mills Sojka voted against the motion. Approved 6 to 1.

MOTION:

Councilmember Munn moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Brian Pike to the position of Deputy City Manager for the City of Twin Falls effective January 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins. Roll call vote showed Councilmembers Hawkins, Munn, Barigar, Lanting, Talkington, and Hall voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Mills Sojka voted against the motion. Approved 6 to 1.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Hawkins moved to create the office of Deputy City Manager Community Service and Development and appoint Mitchel Humble to fill that role. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barigar. Roll call vote showed Councilmembers Hawkins, Munn, Barigar, Lanting, Talkington, and Hall voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Mills Sojka voted against the motion. Approved 6 to 1.

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

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Talkington reported on the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission meeting that was held on November 12, 2014. Nine people were in attendance and coordinated by Daphne Mallory.

Councilmember Barigar reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking citizen engagement with the Master Plan Steering Committee. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

Vice Mayor Hawkins reported on the Chamber of Commerce Legislative tour.

City Manager Rothweiler stated he will look into a complaint received on reverse speed bumps on 9th and Blue Lakes.

Mayor Hall reported that the ballot received from ICRIMP Region 1 was sent by mistake to the City and the FSA Committee Election through the USDA will be sending bios on the individuals vying for the position. He asked the Council how they would like to proceed on the FSA Committee Election ballot. The Council recommended the Mayor read the bios and vote on behalf of the Council.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 P.M.

1. Consideration of a request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment from AG to Medium Density and to extend the Water Service Boundary Area for property located on the east side of the 500, 600, and 700 blocks of Hankins Road North.

Brad Wills, 222 Shoshone Street West, explained the request. Tonight we are here for the first of three different projects. This is the site that you saw this summer when the land was annexed into the City. The City has a two acre parcel which is the Morningside pressurized pump station. The City traded the school when they did the Canyon Ridge High School and acquired the two acres for pressurized irrigation and a possible site for a water tank. The water tank was relocated down Kimberly Road on Hankins. This land is currently agricultural. The request is to change the designation from agricultural to medium density residential.

The City of Twin Falls is co-applicant. The other part of our request is to extend the water service boundary area. On overhead projection he showed the location of the waterline.

Discussion followed.

-Water supply

City Engineer Fields stated that she believes there is enough supply in the area to support what the elementary school needs. This would include 40 acres of medium density residential. That doesn't mean that they won't need to do their own internal waterlines, etc.

Planner I Spendlove explained the request.

This request has two parts – 1) the first part is to expand the Water Service Boundary, identified in Twin Falls City Comprehensive Plan Vision 2030. The boundary currently runs parallel to this property along Hankins road to the West. The request is to add the entirety of the School District and City owned property, (+/-) 53 Acres. 2) The second part of the request is to amend the Future Land Use Map by changing the designation of this same area from Agriculture to Medium Density Residential.

The Agriculture Designation was designed to preserve farm ground and direct development inward towards the corporate City Limits. This 57 +/- acre area was recently annexed into the City of Twin Falls, and therefore it would be appropriate to amend the comprehensive plan to direct future residential growth within City Limits. In no way does changing the Water Service Boundary guarantee the City Services for these properties, but it will allow for the planning and modeling process to continue. All requirements for future services put forth by the Engineering Department will need to be met prior to services being granted.

On October 14, 2014 the Commission unanimously recommended approval of this request, as presented, to the City Council.

Staff concurs with the Commission's recommendation.

Discussion followed.

-Impact on fire response and Police safety response

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Staff stated that the Fire Department and Police Department are providing service to the area and throughout the area. Chief Pike stated he does not see a direct impact on the ability to provide service.

Councilmember Mills Sojka stated that it was mentioned that this medium density would be homogenous with the medium density across Hankins, but on the zoning designations and surrounding land use it is all zoned R-1 variable. She asked for an explanation.

Planner 1 Spendlove stated that changing it to the medium density could allow for other types of zones to be used. Morning Sun is developed with an R-1, property to the further south and west was developed R-2. All those on the Future Land Use Plan are medium density. The Future Land Use Plan does not call out specific zones that you have to use but it does have a description in the staff report of what could be used. If the school so wanted to and we are not sure what they want to do at this time, they could develop this with the R-1 VAR zoning standards which has certain lot sizes different from the R-2 standards.

Councilmember Mills Sojka asked if the medium zoning density is the only designation that encompasses R-1 VAR to R-6 or is there a less dense designation that you would amend the comprehensive plan to.

Planner I Spendlove stated that he does not think the medium density would encompass SUI; that would be more a rural type. As far as being an R-6, that is something that the Council would have to make the determination on if the school came back with an application.

Councilmember Mills Sojka asked what types of zoning are encompassed by medium density designation.

Planner I Spendlove stated typically R-1, R-2, and R-4.

Community Development Director Humble stated that R-6 applies to the highest designation that is on the comprehensive plan.

Councilmember Mills Sojka stated that there are basically two residential designations, one medium and one high.

Community Development Director Humble stated there is also the rural residential designation that applies to the SUI zone as well.

Mayor Hall opened the public testimony portion of the hearing with no input.

MOTION:

Councilmember Talkington moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendment from AG to Medium Density and to extend the Water Service Boundary Area for property as outlined. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanting.

Councilmember Mills Sojka stated she has seen amendments come through in recent weeks and she thinks the concept is a difficult one of amending the Comprehensive Plan outside the public process. There are two parts to the request and she would like to address each of them. The first is with the land use, as she thinks medium density may not be compatible with the surrounding area because it is R-1 VAR which is much more rural development and medium density is a concern if it goes up to R-2 and so on. It opens the door for a real change in this area. The current Comprehensive Plan tells us to limit the future growth within the water limit

and believes this is important because of planning. It is important to weigh the impacts to the rate payers and to the costs to the current system when extending the boundary because of unknown impacts. This request is certainly important for a school, and if it was just for the school, it would be easier decision but the large majority of the request is for 40 acres of medium density development and she believes it will have a significant impact to the system as far as maintenance, operation, and extending our water lines and our sewer lines. The city has seen some unexpected costs with the sewer line that are being engineered for odor reduction units. Her concerns are moving that water boundary line without really studying its impacts to the system and the cost to the ratepayers. This adds to Urban Sprawl which is not a sustainable form of land use development. There has been sprawling in the south, west, north, northwest, and now the city is rushing to sprawl to the east, which is not a sustainable pattern. She believes that the planning documents should be used and not take the comprehensive plan amendments lightly. She struggles with any proposal that's a spot zone and small amendments here and there based on small tracts of land without looking at the big picture. She is in favor of planning for growth and sticking to that plan.

Vice Mayor Hawkins agreed that this is big proposal to grow the city in this direction but *believes voters were very well educated when they voted to support the school bond to build the three new schools. In addition, she believes the voters understood the natural pattern that development and homes follow the schools.*

Councilmember Lanting thanked Brady Dickenson and Brad Wills because they were instrumental in passing the bond in our community. He stated that the City has to take some of the blame for the need for the bond because the city went out and looked for jobs and brought industry to our community, which naturally means an increase in population. Having worked in education for his entire career he understands that property is purchased well in advance or you end up in situation similar to the northwest elementary school. The school district bought the land in 1990 and he commends the school board for looking that far in the future and knowing a future need for an elementary school.

Roll call vote showed Councilmembers Hawkins, Munn, Barigar, Lanting, Talkington, and Hall voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Mills Sojka voted against the motion. Approved 6 to 1.

V. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Leila A. Sanchez
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary