

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Suzanne
Hawkins
Vice Mayor

Jim
Munn

Shawn
Barigar

Chris
Talkington

Gregory
Lanting

Don
Hall
Mayor

Rebecca
Mills Sojka



MINUTES
Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
Monday, July 13, 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: NONE

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of a request to approve the Accounts Payable for July 7 through July 13, 2015.
2. Consideration of a request to approve the June 22 and June 29, 2015, Council Minutes.
3. Consideration of a request to approve the 35th Annual Buffalo Hot Wings Door Slammer Softball Tournament and Picnic to be held at Harmon Park on Saturday, August 22, 2015.
4. Consideration of a request to approve the 5th Annual Parktacular event to be held at the Twin Falls City Park on Sunday, August 16, 2015.
5. Consideration of a request to approve the 5th Annual Kermes event, also known as the Hispanic Food Festival to be held at the Twin Falls City Park on Thursday, August 9, 2015.

Purpose:

Action

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By:

Sharon Bryan

Leila A. Sanchez

Dennis Pullin

Dennis Pullin

Dennis Pullin

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Carleen Herring to discuss the Magic Valley selection as one of the 12 top manufacturing communities by the U.S. Commerce Department's Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership.
2. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Roger Laughlin in recognition of his five years of service on the Building Inspection Department Advisory Committee.
3. Consideration of a request to approve the Grand Opening event for Full Throttle Bike Wear to be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015.
4. Presentation of a final report on the 125th Anniversary of Idaho's Statehood celebration held on July 3, 2015.

Discussion

Presentation

Action

Presentation

Carleen Herring/
Region IV

Jarred Bordi

Dennis Pullin

Nancy Taylor/HPC
Kelly Weeks

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5. Consideration of a request to select and approve a contract with McKibben and Cooper Architects to assist the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission design guidelines for the Twin Falls Downtown Historic District and City Park Historic District.	Action	Nancy Taylor, HPC Kelly Weeks
6. Consideration of a request to award the 2015 Canyon Springs Sewer Project to Knife River Corporation–Northwest of Boise, Idaho, in the amount of \$333,333.00.	Action	Lee Glaesemann
7. Consideration of a request to adopt an ordinance vacating a sewer easement on Lot 7 Block 1 of the Canyon Park Amended Subdivision (app. 2729).	Action	Rene'e V. Carraway-Johnson
8. Consideration of a request to adopt an ordinance for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to C-1 for 2.4 (+/-) acres located at 1629 Locust Street North (app. 2727).	Action	Rene'e V. Carraway-Johnson
9. Consideration to adopt an ordinance for annexation of 53.38 (+/-) acres located at the southeast corner of 2700 East Road aka Sunway Drive North and North College Road West, extended (app. 2730).	Action	Rene'e V. Carraway-Johnson
10. Consideration to adopt an ordinance vacating sewer easement located on Lot 4 Block 1 of the Canyon Park Amended Subdivision (app. 2731).	Action	Rene'e V. Carraway-Johnson
11. Discuss and provide feedback on the conceptual design of the City Council Chambers in the new City Hall.	Discussion	Clint Sievers Mitchel Hummel
12. A presentation of the Enterprise Fund-Types contained in the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2016 followed by citizen input.	Presentation	Travis Rothweiler
13. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.		
III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:		
IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 P.M. - None		
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, Shawn Barigar, Gregory Lanting, Don Hall, Chris Talkington

Absent: Rebecca Mills Sojka, Jim Munn

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Deputy City Manager Mitchel Humble, Deputy City Manager Brian Pike, Zoning & Development Manager Rene'e V. Carraway-Johnson, Staff Sergeant Dennis Pullin, Finance Director Lorie Race, Project Coordinator Lee Glaesemann, Deputy City Clerk Sharon Bryan

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He then invited all present, who wished, to recite the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with him.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

A quorum is present. Councilmember Lanting will be arriving late.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - NONE

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MOTION:

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

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Carleen Herring to discuss the Magic Valley selection as one of the 12 top manufacturing communities by the U.S. Commerce Department's Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership.

Carleen Herring explained the Magic Valley Selection process.

Councilmember Talkington commented this helping to development traffic at airport and upgrading services at the airport. He hopes this will help with the lack of natural gas and fiber optics.

Don Hall expressed his appreciation for the work Carleen Herring has done.

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2. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Roger Laughlin in recognition of his five years of service on the Building Inspection Department Advisory Committee.

Building Inspector Bordi, Mayor Don Hall and Councilmember Shawn Barigar presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Roger Laughlin in recognition of his five years of service on the Building Inspection Department Advisory Committee.

Roger Laughlin thanked the Council.

3. Consideration of a request to approve the Grand Opening event for Full Throttle Bike Wear to be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015.

Staff Sergeant Pullin explained that on June 30, 2015, Staff received a Special Event Application from Phil Labat, owner of Full Throttle Bike Wear. Mr. Labat requests to hold a grand opening event at the store location of 712 Main Avenue South on Saturday, July 18, 2015. Although Full Throttle Bike Wear has been open for business for the past few months, this will be a celebration of their opening and will be an opportunity to advertise the new store. The event will begin at 12:00 p.m. and will conclude at 9:00 p.m. During the event, the store will be open for business. There will be a live band performing in the parking lot of Full Throttle Bike wear. The band will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will conclude no later than 5:00 p.m.

Alcohol will not be provided during the event. They expect less than 500 people to attend and additional parking has been obtained from neighboring businesses. Mr. Labat has spoken with all proprietors in the immediate area and has obtained permission to utilize their parking lots. There will be no street closures. Mr. Labat will have two extra receptacles to aid in cleaning the immediate area during and after the event.

Due to the nature of this event, no alcohol is being provided, under 500 people are anticipated, the band will be playing for no more than three hours, and security will not be required.

The Twin Falls Police Department Staff recommends that the on-duty Patrol Supervisor be given the authority to order the event organizers to mitigate the sound of amplified music. If there are continued noise complaints, disturbances by those participating in the event, and non-compliance, the on-duty Patrol Supervisor shall terminate the event.

Vice Mayor Hawkins asked for a clarification on the location.

MOTION:

Councilmember Talkington moved to approve the Grand Opening event for Full Throttle Bike Wear to be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015, with the condition that the on-duty Patrol Supervisor has the authority to terminate the event if there are continued noise complaints, disturbances by those participating in the event, and non-compliance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barigar. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0

4. Presentation of a final report on the 125th Anniversary of Idaho's Statehood celebration held on July 3, 2015.

Nancy Taylor, Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman, explained that on July 3, 2015, there was a Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Idaho's Statehood, as well as Twin Falls 111th Anniversary of becoming a Township. The event was held at the Visitor's Center. She reviewed the budget for the 125th Anniversary of the Idaho Statehood.

Nancy Taylor presented Kelly Weeks with a thank you bouquet for all her work she did on putting the event together.

Mayor Hall and Councilmember Talkington presented an appreciation certificate to Nancy Taylor.

5. Consideration of a request to select and approve a contract with McKibben and Cooper Architects to assist the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission design guidelines for the Twin Falls Downtown Historic District and City Park Historic District.

Nancy Taylor, Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman said that on October 28, 2013, the Council approved the contract with the State Historic Preservation Office for a matching grant from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. This grant was awarded for the development of the design guidelines of the City Park Historic District and restoration of the Lincoln Street Lights. The restoration of the Lincoln Street Lights has been completed. The Commission asked for an extension on the design guidelines. There is \$7,000.00 left on this grant.

The HPC applied for an additional grant or \$6,000.00 in September 2014. This grant was awarded for the development of the design guidelines of the Twin Falls Downtown Historic District. The contract has not gone to Council as of this date because HPC have not received it from the State. The Federal Government just awarded the money to be released by the State last week. The State Historic Preservation Office Consultant, Pete L'Orange, suggested combining the two grants and hire a consultant to help develop the design guidelines. Federal regulations required the HPC to solicit requests for qualifications from qualified consulting firms.

The City solicited requests for qualifications (RFQ) from qualified consulting firms to provide professional services to develop design guidelines for the Twin Falls Downtown Historic District and City Park Historic District. Proposals were due on Friday, June 26, 2015. Staff received one (1) submittal in response to the RFQ.

Nancy Taylor (Historic Preservation Commission Chair), Chris Talkington (Councilman), Rene'e Carraway-Johnson (Zoning and Development Manager) and Kelly Weeks (Planner 1) reviewed the submittal. Based on the qualifications, this group recommended this firm to develop the design guidelines for the Twin Falls Downtown Historic District and City Park Historic District.

Staff has been negotiating with McKibben and Cooper Architects to finalize a scope of services and associated contract. The scope of services includes a base workload amount of \$13,000.00. The combined CLG Grants will cover the cost of this contract. Staff forwarded the contract to Fritz Wonderlich, City Attorney, for review and has approved the contract to go forward with processing.

The development of the Design Guidelines will allow the Historic Preservation Commission to proceed with their Five Year Plan to educate the public about preservation of historic buildings and create Overlay Districts for the Historic Downtown District and Twin Falls City Park Historic District.

Councilmember Barigar asked if this is in the warehouse district.

Nancy Taylor said yes this would be in the warehouse district.

Councilmember Talkington said this company is very well qualified.

MOTION:

Councilmember Lanting moved to approve a contract with McKibben and Cooper Architects to assist the Twin Falls City Historic Preservation Commission in developing design guidelines for the Twin Falls Downtown Historic District and the City Park Historic District in the amount of \$13,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Talkington. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0

Mayor Hall commented that he would like to see the character of district stay but also sees the need to move forward.

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6. Consideration of a request to award the 2015 Canyon Springs Sewer Project to Knife River Corporation– Northwest of Boise, Idaho, in the amount of \$333,333.00.

Project Coordinator Glaesemann explained that in November 2011, the City of Twin Falls, Urban Renewal Agency, and Agro-Farma entered into a development agreement. Under the agreement, the City was required to construct sewer improvements to support wastewater flows of 1.5 million gallons a day (MGD) from the proposed Chobani plant. In addition to accommodating the Chobani flows, the new improvements included additional capacity for future industrial, commercial, and residential development. Initial flows from Chobani were anticipated to be less than 1.0 MGD, so the improvements needed to accommodate those flows were completed prior to the plant opening.

Sewer modeling indicated that a short section of sewer line at the top of Canyon Springs Road would be able to handle the initial flows, but not the full 1.5 MGD, so it was not included in the construction effort in 2012. However, the improvement is still required under the development agreement.

Project Coordinator Glaesemann said that on July 2 2015, bids were opened on the 2015 Canyon Springs Road Sewer Project. One bid was received in the amount of \$333,333.00 from Knife River Corporation – Northeast of Boise, Idaho.

Staff recommends that the Council award the 2015 Canyon Springs Road Sewer Project to Knife River Corporation – Northwest, in the amount of \$333,333.00.

Councilmember Talkington asked if this was the upper part of the grade.

Project Coordinator Glaesemann said it was.

Councilmember Barigar asked for the timeline.

Project Coordinator Glaesemann said time line is 90 days.

MOTION:

Councilmember Barigar moved to award the 2015 Canyon Springs Sewer Project to Knife River Corporation– Northwest of Boise, Idaho, in the amount of \$333,333.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hawkins. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0

7. Consideration of a request to adopt an ordinance vacating a sewer easement on Lot 7 Block 1 of the Canyon Park Amended Subdivision (app. 2729).

Zoning and Development Manager Carraway-Johnson said that on May 27, 2015, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing whereby there was no public comment. After discussion it was voted on to recommend approval of the request to the City Council.

On June 29, 2015, the City Council moved to approve the vacation of the portion of a platted sewer easement as presented subject to the Commission’s recommendations.

MOTION:

Councilmember Talkington made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 3099, on third and final reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barigar. Roll call vote showed al members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0

Deputy City Clerk Bryan read the ordinance by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS IDAHO, VACATING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AND PROVIDING FOR VESTING OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY SO VACATED.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Hawkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance 3099. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanting. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0

8. Consideration of a request to adopt an ordinance for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to C-1 for 2.4 (+/-) acres located at 1629 Locust Street North (app. 2727).

Zoning Development Manager Carraway-Johnson explained that on May 27, 2015, the Commission held a public hearing on this request. Upon conclusion of the public portion of the hearing the Commission held deliberations with no issues or concerns. After discussion it was voted on to recommend 1) this request was in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, and 2) the extent and nature of changing the zoning of this property to C-1 would allow land development that would be compatible with and not detract from the surrounding area and therefore recommended approval of the request to the City Council.

On June 22, 2015, the City Council held a public hearing on this request. There was no public comment and upon conclusion of the public hearing and deliberations Council approved the request as presented.

MOTION:

Councilmember Lanting made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 3100, on third and final reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0

Deputy City Clerk Bryan read the ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE 3100

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 AMENDMENTS TO THE AREA OF IMPACT AND ZONING DISTRICTS MAP AND THE REVISED AREA OF IMPACT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LANDE USE MAP.

MOTION:

Councilmember Barigar made a motion to adopt Ordinance 3100. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

9. Consideration to adopt an ordinance for annexation of 53.38 (+/-) acres located at the southeast corner of 2700 East Road aka Sunway Drive North and North College Road West, extended (app. 2730).

Zoning & Development Manager Rene'e Carraway-Johnson said that on May 27, 2015, the Commission held a public hearing regarding the zoning designation of this site being requested for annexation. Upon conclusion of the public portion of the hearing the Commission held deliberations with no issues or concerns. The Commission recommends the R-2 VAR zoning designation for the entire 53+/- acre site.

MOTION:

Councilmember Talkington made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 3101, on third and final reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0

Deputy City Clerk Bryan read the ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE 3101

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BELOW DESCRIBED, PROVIDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFOR, AND ORDERING THE NECESSARY AREA OF IMPACT AND ZONING DISTRICTS MAP AMENDMENT.

MOTION:

Councilmember Lanting made a motion to adopt Ordinance 3101. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0

10. Consideration to adopt an ordinance vacating sewer easement located on Lot 4 Block 1 of the Canyon Park Amended Subdivision (app. 2731).

Zoning & Development Manager Carraway-Johnson, said that on May 27, 2015, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing whereby there was no public comment. After discussion the Commission recommended approval of the request to the City Council as presented.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Hawkins made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 3102 on third and final reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barigar. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0

Deputy City Clerk Bryan read the ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE 3102

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, VACATING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AND PROVIDING FOR VESTING OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY SO VACATED.

MOTION:

Councilmember Barigar made a motion to adopt Ordinance 3102. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

11. Discuss and provide feedback on the conceptual design of the City Council Chambers in the new City Hall.

Clint Seivers, Architect with Hummel Architects, provided a brief presentation and led the discussion regarding further programming input and feedback on the City Council Chambers area of the new City Hall facility.

During the presentation the following was discussed:

- A need for an executive room when council could utilize other meeting rooms for executive sessions.

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- Commission meetings would meet in another room that would be equipped with the necessary AV equipment
- Traffic flow.
- Needs to be handicap accessible
- Good acoustics and up to date electronics
- Screen placement for audience and council
- Media needs – platform for cameras and plugs ins for their equipment
- Staff location – make sure the Council’s backs are not to the audience
- Visibility into the chambers
- AV center
- Safety concerns – Uniformed Officers in attendance at some meetings and panic buttons
- Kevlar reinforced daises
- Tiered audience seating sloping down
- Metal detectors not necessary
- Presentation area needs to be mobile
- Natural lighting important
- Good heating and cooling system
- Good ventilation

12. A presentation of the Enterprise Fund-Types contained in the City Manager’s Recommended Budget for FY 2016 followed by citizen input.

City Manager Travis Rothweiler said that the recommended budget addresses the need to protect the long-term future of the community, primarily in the areas of public safety, preservation of public infrastructure, and in delivering sustainable government that aligns with the demands of today, while ensuring the ability to rapidly respond to growth. This proposal is balanced, complete, sustainable, strategically driven, and represents our continued commitment to prudent fiscal management, effective service delivery, sustainability, and transparency. While this budget covers only FY 2016, it continues to define a path that will move Twin Falls into the future as a safe city with a solid infrastructure and an ongoing commitment to a unique quality of life.

The Recommended Budget provides funding for current and enhanced service levels. It is designed to meet the Twin Falls’ City Council members’ priorities within the constraints of available resources. It calls for the use of only 1.5% of the statutorily-allowed three-percent increase to property tax revenues collections and requests no increases to the city’s assessed water, sewer and sanitation rates. The adopted budget has been formulated with a philosophy of:

- Providing solid, high-quality, core governmental services
- Efficiently allocating resources to meet citizen needs
- Emphasizing affordability and sustainability
- Capitalizing on technology to improve service delivery
- Valuing our employees

The Recommended Budget is directly linked to the City of Twin Falls’ 2030 Strategic Plan, which provides a series of pathways that will allow the City to realize its mission and the newly established 2030 vision. The budget maintains service levels designed to protect our citizen’s health, safety, and welfare. It funds projects and initiatives designed to enhance our citizen’s quality of life. It continues our reputation for being a strong, fiscally-sound municipal government.

The budget is balanced and in accordance with the state law and Government Finance Officers’ Association (GFOA) best practices. The total net budget for FY 2016 is \$60,765,948 or \$3,683,759, or 6.45% larger than the total net budget of \$57,082,189 for the current fiscal year. For FY 2016, Government Fund-Type expenditures, those funds that receive some of their funding from property tax revenues, increase by \$205,779 (0.60%), of which \$543,820 is from cash reserves to fund one-time capital initiatives. Enterprise Fund-Type expenditures increase by \$3,761,445, or by 14.34%, of which \$3,668,923 is from cash reserves.

Public Input and Transparency

The City of Twin Falls strives to communicate, operate, function, and conduct the business of the people in an open and transparent manner. Equally, the City recognizes the value and importance of honoring and upholding our fiduciary duties and responsibilities. Because openness and transparency are part of our organizational culture and values, the City has taken several steps designed to afford our citizens and stakeholders several opportunities to actively participate and contribute to the budgeting process.

The City of Twin Falls has taken additional steps designed to illustrate our commitment to effective community involvement in the annual budget process. The Council provided an opportunity for our citizens and stakeholders to communicate their thoughts about specific programs, strategic initiatives and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year prior to the more customary, internal staff conversations.

A summary presentation of the proposed budget has been placed on the City's website. On August 10, 2015, the City Council will adopt the preliminary budget for FY 2016, with a public hearing and final adoption scheduled to occur on August 24, 2015.

Connection to the City's 2030 Strategic Plan

The City views its planning and operations in a strategic manner. Our fiscal, operational and organizational strategies are governed and directed by the City's 2030 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan has a series of vision statements, that when viewed collectively, will allow us to create and maintain an accessible, healthy, learning, environmental, responsible, prosperous, and secure community with a strong internal organization designed to be able meet the needs of our citizens, businesses and visitors. The Strategic Plan is divided into eight, equally important focus areas: a *Healthy Community*, a *Learning Community*, a *Secure Community*, an *Accessible Community*, an *Environmental Community*, a *Prosperous Community*, a *Responsible Community*, and recognition of the importance of the *Internal Organization*. For each focus area, there is a description of the vision for that topic in the year 2030. To review the vision descriptions, please see the City of Twin Falls 2030 Strategic Plan.

Budget Overview

The role of local government is to protect the citizen's health and provide for their safety. To realize that end, local governments, like the City of Twin Falls, are responsible for providing accessible streets, dependable emergency responses, and safe and aesthetically pleasing parks and public facilities—all in a manner that is both effective and efficient. While the budget does not fund all capital initiatives and projects in the entire organization, it does meet the City Council's priorities and the citizen's service level expectations. It demonstrates restraint in the areas of taxation and rate adjustments. It appropriately incorporates the use of cash reserves to cover one-time, critical and needed capital projects in the Library Fund and the Water Fund.

Budget concepts and funding strategies grew out of many internal conversations, public informational listening sessions and planning meetings. Five primary focus areas were developed. Those areas are:

- **Implement 2030 City of Twin Falls Strategic Planning goals and objectives to realize outcomes.** Several of the Ongoing and Priority 1 goals and objectives that are expressed in the City of Twin Falls 2030 Strategic Plan receive funding in the FY 2016 Budget. The specific allocations are outlined in subsequent sections of this message. To ensure that the City is incrementally improving each year, the City will continue to review and develop performance plans to advance established vision statements. Additionally, the City will use the City's 2030 Strategic Plan to build collaborative partnerships with our public, private and other community partners. Sustainable Twin Falls, the Economic Development Ready Team, and Activate Twin Falls/Magic Valley are just three examples of the many opportunities that the City has to collaborate with our partners to create the ideal community.
- **Limit Tax Collections and Rate Increase.** During the initial budget development conversations, the members of the City Council said that they wanted the budget to be sensitive towards tax and rate

adjustments. The City Manager's FY 2016 Recommended Budget holds water and sewer rates at the current levels and calls for a 3.3% decrease to the sanitation rate that is assessed to its residential customers. The City does not supply sanitation services to properties considered non-residential in nature.

- Invest in our employees. Each year, the City of Twin Falls reviews the full compensation (salary and benefits) level of its employees to ensure it is competitive with the market. The Recommended Budget for FY 2016 provides competitive compensation and benefits adjustments as well as advanced training opportunities. It provides an across-the-board adjustment of 3.0% for all employees who meet minimum job performance standards. It also provides funding to adjust the City's salary table by 0.5%. Both of these requests are consistent with the City's compensation strategy and similar to the adjustments made in FY 2015. As stated last year, moving the compensation table 0.5% does not constitute a 0.5% compensation adjustment for all employees. The movement of the market on the compression ratio table will allow the City to address wage compression issues for tenured employees. Employees that are below new market wage for their position will receive the larger increases, while those above the market wage will receive little to no adjustment associated with moving the salary table.

- Continue to Invest in Our Infrastructure Systems – The Recommended Budget for FY 2016 provides increased funding for maintenance and planning activities in the Water and Waste Water funds.

Water Fund – The Recommended Budget increases total capital funding in the Water Fund from \$1,382,500 to \$4,618,310, which represents an increase of \$3,235,810 or 234%. The FY 2016 allocation is derived from anticipated revenues totaling \$10,073,076, an increase of \$105,006 compared to FY 2015, and cash reserves equaling \$3,114,096 for engineering and reconstruction of the Wills Booster Station, which is estimated to cost \$3,374,000. In addition, the Recommended Budget provides funding for: mainline replacement (\$378,000) upgrades and improvements to the water mainlines (\$360,000), meter replacement (\$169,000), and the development, and upgrading of pressurized irrigation stations (\$305,000).

Waste Water Fund – *The Recommended Budget maintains total capital funding in the Waste Water Fund of \$1,012,250. The City Manager's Recommended Budget requests funding for: maintenance and upgrades at the City's TSS Ponds and Auger Falls reuse project (\$70,000), the sewer line collection system modeling (\$200,000), and upgrades to sewer mainlines (\$375,000). The allocation does not include the ongoing revenue bond funded expansion project to the City's waste water treatment plant (\$32 million) and collections lines (\$6 million).*

- Continue to Pursue Innovative Strategies and Find More Effective Outcomes. In our continued pursuit of excellence, the City will continue to review our processes beyond the budget conversations. This budget allocates funding to implement the City's new strategic planning objectives, update water and waste water facility master plans, and update development and implement a performance measurement and management system as developed by the International City Management Association's Insights, formally known as the Center for Performance Measurement.

2016 Fiscal Year Budget Summary & Overview

The total net budget for FY 2016 is \$60,765,948, an increase of \$3,683,759, or 6.45% compared to the 2015 fiscal year adopted net budget of \$57,082,189. Of the total FY 2016 Recommended Budget, \$27,118,691 is contained in the Enterprise Fund, or business-like funds. In 2015, the City appropriated \$33,506,273 in the Government Fund and \$23,575,916 in the Enterprise Funds.

A total of \$4,212,743 of "cash reserves" is being used to complete several critical, one-time capital intensive projects.

The total amount of cash reserves allocated in the Enterprise Funds is \$3,668,923. Specifically:

- \$400,000 in the Impact Fee Fund for trail project

- \$26,567 in the Airport Construction Fund (PFC account) for land acquisition
- \$3,114,096 in the Water Fund for the Wills' booster station
- \$4,034 in Common Area Maintenance Fund for proposed increased maintenance
- \$10,475 in the Shop Fund for capital projects
- \$49,854 in Park Development Fund for shelter/shade structures at the 1st Federal Park
- \$63,897 in the Seizures and Restitution Fund for specified operational and capital acquisitions

The use of cash reserves assists in the completion of critical capital projects and allows the FY 2016 Recommended Budget to remain stable and sustainable. The use of cash reserves in the Enterprise-Type Funds allows us to continue to offer comprehensive, quality local government services at competitive tax rates and "lower-than-market" user fees.

Water Fund – Revenues and Expenditures

The importance of having a clean, reliable and safe water system is articulated in the City's 2030 Strategic Plan. The *Healthy Community* Vision states: "*Water, sewer and other public facilities function at a high level ensuring the public health benefits of that infrastructure are well-maintained and kept in compliance with acceptable standards. Community design standards facilitate individuals' commitment to maintaining a healthy life-style...*" The projects contained in the FY 2016 will allow the City to achieve the *Health Community vision statement*.

The Water Fund supports the following water-related activities: water supply, water distribution, pressurized irrigation, and utility billing. To support each of these functions in FY 2016, the City Manager's Recommended Budget calls for total system expenditures in the amount of \$13,187,172, an increase of \$3,368,485, or 34.31%, when compared to the total allocation of \$9,818,687 in FY 2015.

The Recommended Budget recommends that the City maintain the current water rate. Simply, there does not need to be a rate increase to cover the programmed cost, improvements and projects recommend in FY 2016. Holding the line assures the City of Twin Falls water rates will remain among the lowest in the region.

The increase in capital funding is a result of the recommendation to use \$3,114,096 of Water Fund cash reserves to support the reconstruction for the Wills Booster Station. The estimated total cost of the project is \$5.0 million and the balance will be funded with private participation. Without the use of cash reserves to offset one-time capital costs, advancing this capital project would not be financially possible.

Water Fund – FY 2016 Budget: \$13,187,172

FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATIONAL BUDGET: **\$4,691,107**, AN INCREASE OF \$110,102

COMPARED TO FY 2015 FISCAL YEAR 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET: **\$4,618,310**, AN INCREASE OF \$3,235,810 COMPARED TO FY 2015 FISCAL YEAR 2016 DEBT SERVICE BUDGET:

\$2,810,162, AN INCREASE OF \$450 COMPARED TO FY 2015 FISCAL YEAR 2016

TRANSFERS: **\$1,067,593**, AN INCREASE OF \$22,123 COMPARED TO FY 2015

FY 2016 CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- \$3,374,000 FOR WILLS BOOSTER STATION UPGRADE – TO BE FUNDED WITH WATER FUND RESERVES
- \$378,560 FOR WATER MAINLINE REPLACEMENT
- \$305,000 FOR REGIONAL PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION STATIONS
- \$169,000 FOR METER REPLACEMENT

Council discussed the following:

- Decrease on assessed valuation
- Challenge County valuations.
- Control on how much the City spends. Don't have control on valuation levy.

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- Actual valuation rates will come out in August, 2015.
- Encourage Citizens to share their ideas and concerns.

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

City Manager Rothweiler said that a City Fair at the Banner Building and future City Hall will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. City Staff will demonstrate developments including advancements in policing and public safety, trail connectivity and public transportation, downtown redevelopment and new public facilities that better serve a growing population. There will also be a station where people can give input on the exterior design for the future City Hall.

Mayor Hall explained that CSI Trans IV bus systems funding from ITD has been cut substantially.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the 5411 funding.

Mayor Hall asked the Council for their approval of a support letter for Trans IV.

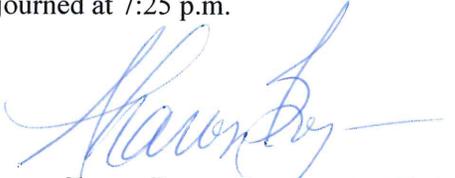
Council gave their approval.

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: - NONE

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

V. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Sharon Bryan, Deputy City Clerk