

October 2, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Planning Division  
Council Chambers

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Natalie Black, Doug Branson, Jake Cordova, Donna Cosgrove, Kurt Karst, George Morrison, Leslie Polson, George Swaney, and Margaret Wimborne.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brent Dixon, David Hodder, and Dee Whittier.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Planning Director Renée Magee, Assistant Director Brad Cramer, Recording Secretary Debra Petty, and four interested citizens.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Wimborne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the hearing procedures for the public.

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Cosgrove moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2012, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Morrison. Aye: 9, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Annexation, Initial Zoning of I&M-1 (Industrial & Manufacturing), and Final Plat: Springfield Addition Division No. 1.** Cramer reviewed the staff report, a part of the record. He said the request is for annexation of 1.83 acres with I&M-1 zoning and a final plat of 2.18 acres. It is a category “A” annexation and a five lot plat. The southern portion of the final plat was originally platted as Spencer Addition. There is to be one access to Holmes from Lot 5; no other access will be granted to Holmes. There will be one access to Hemmert Avenue which is approximately 225 feet from the intersection.

Cramer told Karst the location of the easement for utilities may change as it is a private easement. Cosgrove asked if the T-2 (Communication Tower) zone would be expanded or impacted in any other way by the annexation and final plat. Cramer said there would be no change.

Chair Wimborne opened the hearing to public comment.

**Kim Leavitt, Harper-Leavitt Engineering, 85 N. Capital, Idaho Falls.** Mr. Leavitt said the land has been vacant for quite a while. He believes the development of the property is ideal for the proposed gun shop. Although the access on Holmes is closer to Hemmert than the standards of the *Access Management Plan*, it is adequate for safety. The lots along Hemmert will be brought up to city standards with curb, gutter, and drainage. The private easements are for access and utilities and will include a shared access agreement with all property owners.

Chair Wimborne closed the hearing to public comment.

Cramer confirmed for Karst the development agreement will require improvements along Hemmert Avenue.

Chair Wimborne opened the hearing to public comment.

**Commissioner Karst moved to recommend to the Mayor and City Council approval of the annexation of 1.83 acres with initial zoning of I&M-1 and final plat for Springfield Addition Division No. 1 as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Polson. Motion passed. Aye: 9, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0.**

**BUSINESS:**

**Comprehensive Plan Exercise:** Magee asked members to place a dot on the areas of the future land use map where they had concerns. She also asked the commissioners to identify any issues which they felt were not adequately addressed in the plan.

**Bike & Pedestrian Conference.** Cramer showed a Power Point on pathways and shared five lessons from the Pro-Walk-Bike Conference in Long Beach:

1. Expensive cycling equipment is not necessary to start riding in town and success of a bike/pedestrian system should be measured by the average users.
2. Don't let the "shining pillars" discourage the expansion of a local system. Take small, realistic steps.
3. A bike/ped "facility" does not require large amounts of money. Many changes can begin with striping lanes with the use of paint.
4. The creation of a bicycle and pedestrian network spurs economic development.
5. Find pilot projects for connectivity, continued expansion of the system, and education campaigns for motorist awareness.

Cramer said one of the comprehensive plan policies is the development of eighty miles of designated bikeways by 2015. To meet this objective, another fifty miles of pathway must be added in the next two to three years.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Debra Petty, Recording Secretary