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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, met in recessed regular meeting, Thursday, July 10, 1975, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in Idaho Falls, Idaho. There were present at said meeting: Mayor ProTem Jim Freeman; Councilmen Norris Gesas, Mel Erickson, Gil Karst, and Paul Hovey. Absent: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen and Councilman Ralph Wood. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Don Lloyd, Public Works Director; Chad Stanger, General Services Director; Robert Pollock, Police Chief; Rod Gilchrist, Building Administrator.

Minutes of the last recessed regular meeting, held June 26, 1975, were read and approved.

The Mayor acknowledged a Summer Government Class from Skyline High School in the Council Chambers, Mrs. Wenger, instructor. He thanked them for their presence and their civic interest.

The Mayor introduced Councilman Hovey, Chairman of the Council's Fire Committee who, in turn, introduced Drill Master Jerry Hammer of the Fire Department. Mr. Hammer called upon Mr. Jim Alter, Area Coordinator for the State Emergency Medical Services who explained to all present that 58 firemen had recently completed a three month 81 hour emergency technician course. Mr. Alter noted that this was a first for the State of Idaho and, beyond that, one of the few such accomplishments in the entire Northwest area. Mr. Alter commended all those who made the course a success including local physicians, instructors, advisors and, of course, the 58 students who, by now, have at least a minimum of qualified emergency medical training. Mr. Alter then presented 58 certificates to Paramedic Don Gosswiller for distribution to the students. Mr. Gosswiller expressed regret that more firemen could not be present and noted that this was caused, in part, because there had been two emergency calls during the past hour. Hovey, in behalf of the City Council, commended the Fire Department and particularly these students for completion of this course and expressed an opinion to the effect that this puts the local fire department on a par with the City of Seattle from the standpoint of medial training. The entire Fire Department then received a round of applause for this commendable accomplishment.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place, as legally advertised, for a public hearing to consider a rezoning petition by the Grandview Investment Company and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tobias, as more fully outlined by this explanatory memo from Building Administrator Gilchrist:

Bonneville Council of Gov.
P.O. Box 531
Idaho Falls, Idaho

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Rod Gilchrist
SUBJECT: REZONING - JOHN HEIGHTS ADDITION, DIV. 7, LOTS 8,10, 12,
& 14, BLOCK 16, AND DIV. 10, LOTS 16, 18, 20, 22, & 24,
BLOCK 16

Attached is a copy of a rezoning petition submitted by Grandview Investment Co., Inc. and Dale A. and Sharon P. Tobias, requesting rezoning of the above described property from R-1 to R-3A. This property is located adjacent to the west side of Skyline Drive, generally between Whitney and Olympia Streets.

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The Planning Commission, at their regular meeting in June, considered this subject and at that time some protests from adjacent property owners were registered. These protests pertained primarily to the height of the proposed buildings and to some extent, the density. The Planning Commission, after considering the facts, recommended that Lot 8, Block 16 of Division 7 be zoned R-2 and the remaining Lots R-3A.

This Department concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. It is now being submitted to the Mayor and City Council for your consideration.

s/ Rod Gilchrist

Councilman Erickson explained that part of the area was recommended by the Planning Commission for R-2 for the purpose of limiting density. Asked for comment, Gilchrist appeared briefly to say that it was the intention of the developer to limit the height of all structures to one story and this was satisfactory to the concerned few who attended the Planning Commission meeting. There were none who appeared for the purpose of protesting this rezoning request. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Karst, that this area be rezoned as recommended by the Planning Commission and the Building Official be directed to incorporate said rezoning on the official zoning map, located in his office. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Messrs. Karl Barber, 1322 9th Street and Tom Snouffer, 1334 9th Street, appeared before the Council. Mr. Barber, acting as spokesman for himself, Mr. Snouffer and other neighbors, registered a complaint about dust on 9th Street adjacent to his home, occasioned by a water line installation contracted out to Robert Burggraf Company. Mr. Barber registered an opinion to the effect that the project was proceeding too slow and very little, if any, emphasis was being placed on dirt, rock and other debris on the limited roadway. He said the dust problem is augmented by speeding vehicles. Mr. Barber said that, in his opinion, there are several possible solutions or, at least, partial solutions such as sprinkling, barricading and policing. Asked for comment, Public Works Director Lloyd said he was aware of the problem and the present condition was inexcusable. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Gesas, that this matter was referred to the Police and Public Works Committees. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried. Mr. Barber and Mr. Snouffer were invited to meet with said Committees at 9:00 a.m., Friday, July 11th in an effort to solve this problem.

At this time, it was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Gesas, that the Mayor call a short recess. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; no, 1; carried. Councilman Hovey voted no.

When the meeting was reconvened, the Mayor invited Councilman Erickson to proceed with a presentation and proposal which, in the opinion of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Police Department, might further correct certain problems in Tautphaus Park having to do with traffic, misconduct and deportment of some of those who habitate the park, particularly during the summer months. He said that that park, with all its facilities, as well as other parks throughout the City, was designed toward the objective of availing itself to all the public rather than to certain secluded groups which seem to have a tendency to dominate or even take over certain areas within the park. He said many suggestions have been submitted by many citizens and some of these have proven to be of substantial value. Noting that vandalism is most likely to occur in the late evening hours, Erickson said it was the intention to close all entrance gates at midnight and that anyone found in the park

beyond that hour was subject to being cited. He said there has long been an ordinance to that effect but that it hasn't been enforced. Erickson said that one of his most important

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functions would have to do with public relations rather than making arrests and otherwise harassing the citizens. He has been instructed to be on the lookout for vandalism or other types of misconduct and if situations arise which were obviously beyond his handling, it would be his prerogative to ask for assistance from the Police Department.

Erickson continued by noting that the unnecessary congregation of crowds and/or cruising has proven a source of problems and trouble. Erickson said the solution of perimeter parking around the park has oft times been considered but it was hoped this could be avoided except as a last resort. He said this might prove beneficial for a new park but not for an old established park such as Tautphaus surrounded by attractive residences. In hopes of correcting the cruising and parking problems, Erickson proposed the following:

1. Construct parking along the roadway off Rogers running north along the east side of the Lilac Circle to the northeast corner of the Park; thence, west to the first intersecting street at which point a turn around would be constructed;
2. Traffic to be directed west along the roadway south of the Lilac Circle.
3. Construct parking on the roadway off Rogers leading to the tennis court area. Roadway to be blocked just northwest of the tennis courts and a turn around constructed.
4. Construct parking on a portion of Rogers, starting just west of the old stables, extending to and including the roadway between the Zoo and the covered multi-purpose areas.
5. Construct parking along the roadway which serves as the main west entrance off Rollandet, starting at a point between the play area and the ball field and extending to the northwest corner of the tennis court area at which point a turn around would be constructed.

Mrs. Shirley Kosto, 265 Tautphaus Drive, appeared before the Council. She said she approved of the entire proposal except the additional parking along the east-west roadway starting at the northeast corner of the park, adjacent to Tautphaus Park. She said this road poses a problem even in its existing condition because of its proximity to the residences along Tautphaus Drive. She said it is not uncommon for young people to congregate on the other side of her property line fence with their cars, racing their motors and playing their stereos at full volume. She said most any kind of unorthodox social activity can be expected, such as yelling contests, the words used in said contest being of a vulgar and obscene nature. She said her fence is continually being hit, spot lights shine in her window and, generally speaking, it is not a comfortable place to live nor to raise a family. She concluded her remarks by saying that additional parking would augment the crowds and, thus, add to the problem.

Mr. Skip French, 270 Tautphaus Drive, appeared briefly to concur with the remarks of Mrs. Kosto and to otherwise commend the Mayor and City Council for their efforts in past years and this present effort to further correct these obvious and much discussed problems.

Mr. Arnie Erickson, 210 Tautphaus Drive, appeared briefly to say that, even though he was not a drinking person, he frequently cruised the park and associated with others who do likewise. He said that, in his opinion, the proposed Marshall would only aggravate and otherwise cause dissention.

Councilman Erickson replied by saying the Marshall is to be coached and instructed and his primary objective is to improve public relations rather than to harass or create antagonism.

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It was proposed by Councilman Freeman, in view of the protests of Mrs. Kosto and Mr. French, that the parking along the northeast corner of the park adjacent to Tautphaus Park be excluded from the proposed parking expansion program. This met with general Council concurrence. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Karst, that the foregoing proposal, as outlined, to prevent cruising and provide expanded parking areas within Tautphaus Park, be approved with the exclusion as indicated. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Jeanne Goodrich, City Librarian, appeared before the Council and submitted a brief progress report on the new City Library. It was learned that the design concept was completed and the bidding documents and construction drawings would be finished within a few weeks after which the City can advertise for bids. She said that, according to the architect, the foundation would be constructed by fall, so that the work could continue throughout the winter. To illustrate as to the size of the new facility, Jeanne said the adult department alone would be 1-1/2 times the size of the existing library. The Mayor thanked Jeanne for this optimistic report.

Bills for the month of June, 1975, having been properly audited by the Fiscal Committee were presented. The City Clerk presented all fund totals for salaries, materials and services, as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>SERVICE AND MATERIALS</u>	<u>GROSS PAYROLL</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>
General Fund	\$187,333.68	\$260,203.00	\$447,536.68
Street Fund	43,823.80	13,750.70	57,574.50
Airport Fund	2,714.26	5,406.18	8,120.44
Water & Sewer Fund	59,912.89	29,489.35	89,402.24
Electric Light Fund	237,044.37	44,829.73	281,874.10
Recreation Fund	5,216.16	11,062.10	16,278.26
Community Development	916.44	415.20	1,331.64
TOTAL FUNDS	\$536,961.60	365,156.26	\$902,117.86

Councilman Karst explained all major expenditures. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Gesas, that the bills be allowed and the Controller be authorized to issue warrants on the respective funds for their payment. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Reports from Division and Department Heads were presented for the month of June, 1975, and there being no objection nor question were accepted by the Mayor and ordered placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

License applications for SAFE & SANE FIREWORKS, Dick Wheeler for Iona 3rd Ward, Ned Sweat for Bearing Supply; RESTAURANT, Bishop Joe Bell for Idaho Falls L.D.S. Ward for Sandy Downs in 24th of July activities; ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, Stanley Lords for Lords Electric; JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, William D. Webb with Lords Electric, David R. Lusk with City of Idaho Falls; MASTER PLUMBER, Howard Hill with G & H Plumbing, Gerald J. Lowe; JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, Howard Hill, Gerald Lowe; CLASS D APPRENTICE, REFRIGERATION, Greg Scott; NON-COMMERCIAL KENNEL; Ellen Brabb at 1010 Blaine; TAXI CAB DRIVER, Charles Wiegand with Morningstar Cab, William Eicher with Morning Star Cab; BARTENDER, Holden Morgan, Heber Nording, Charles O'Neil, Joanne Mann, Lynette Griffey, Richard Hatch, Linda Kalem, were presented. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Erickson, that these licenses be granted, subject to the approval of the appropriate Division Director, where required. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

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The City Clerk presented an application for a cab driver's license in favor of Jacky Hubler carrying with it a recommendation from the Police Chief that it be denied because of a police record. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Karst, that this recommendation be upheld and the license be denied. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the City Council had informally authorized Mayor Pedersen to create and establish a Youth Advisory Board. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Hovey, that this action be duly ratified. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

By memo, the Parks and Recreation Director asked for authorization to advertise for bids on tennis court resurfacing at Tautphaus Park. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Karst, that authorization be granted to advertise for this project as described. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

This memo from the General Services Director was submitted:

City of Idaho Falls
July 10, 1975

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chad Stanger
SUBJECT: BID #IF-75-15

It is the recommendation of the Police and General Services Division that the City Council accept the alternate proposal of Itex of Idaho Falls for a recorder-reproducer as per Bid #IF-75-15.

Thank you,
s/ Chad Stanger

Following is the alternate proposal from Itex, referred to in the foregoing memo:

ALTERNATE: Sales Demonstrator

The price shall include freight to and installation at the City of Idaho Falls Police Department - \$10,629.00

Yearly maintenance costs - \$494.00 2nd year and after - \$247.00 if requested first year.

Warranty - Complete new machine warranty.

It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Hovey, that this alternate proposal for a recorder-reproducer unit be accepted as recommended. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

From the Public Works Director, came this memo:

City of Idaho Falls
July 9, 1975

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Donald F. Lloyd
SUBJECT: SEAL COATING OF CITY STREETS – 1975 4a-34

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At 10:00 a.m. on July 9th, 1975, three bids were received for seal coating of City streets as follows:

Robert V. Burggraf Co.	\$62,370.00
Gray Landscaping, Inc.	64,575.00
Kennaday Paving Co.	64,575.00

We would recommend that the City enter into a contract with the low bidder, Burggraf Construction Co., and that the quantity of work be reduced to match the budgeted funds available.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Don

It was moved by Councilman Gesas, seconded by Karst, that the low bids of Robert Burggraf Co. for the seal coating contract be accepted, reduced to match available budgeted funds. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

A second memo from the Public Works Director was forthcoming, as follows:

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ATTN: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Donald F. Lloyd
SUBJECT: STREET NAME CHANGE

We have received a request for naming a street in the Russell Freeman Park "Science Center Drive". We are suggesting that in keeping with the spirit of the country's high sentiment and particularly the local effort which is being made for the Bicentennial, that consideration be given to naming a street "Science Center Drive".

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Don

It was moved by Councilman Gesas, seconded by Karst, that the City Attorney be directed to prepare an appropriate ordinance naming a street that will serve the Science Center within the Russell Freeman Park area. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

By memo, the Electrical Engineer relayed a request from Ormond Construction for a time extension to July 31st, 1975, for completion of the Electrical Administration Building. Councilman Gesas explained that this request was occasioned, primarily, because of labor problems which temporarily halted construction. It was moved by Councilman Gesas, seconded by Karst, that this request be granted and the Mayor be authorized to sign said change order when presented. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Another memo from the Electrical Engineer was submitted, to-wit:

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MEMO

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Steve Harrison
SUBJECT: ELECTRIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Since the Electric Division Administration Building is approximately 98 percent complete, Ormond Construction Company has requested that retention for the project be released. The architect has suggested that the retention be reduced from 10 percent to 5 percent.

Please arrange for Council consideration of this request.

s/ Steve Harrison

It was moved by Councilman Gesas, seconded by Karst, that this retainage be released in the amount and for the reason as indicated. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

The Mayor re-appointed Mr. Milt Romrell as a member of the Community Redevelopment Commission. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Karst, that this re-appointment be confirmed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

From the Traffic Safety Committee came these traffic recommendations:

City of Idaho Falls
July 10, 1975

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are submitted for your consideration:

1. Westbound traffic on 17th Street to the east of Yellowstone desiring to turn south at Yellowstone be routed from 17th Street, south on Rollandet, west on 19th Street to Yellowstone and eliminate the left turn going west on 17th at Yellowstone.
2. After careful consideration of an alternate in place of 17th Street as an east-west truck route, the motion was that other routes would not be feasible because of the distance from various businesses, industry and warehousing in this area, coupled with the problems of railroad crossing, narrow side streets, playgrounds and parks. That a greater hazard would exist and the flow of traffic would be inhibited.
3. The existing stop signs be reversed at 16th Street and Calkins. (4-way stop for a few days then remove the two stops from Calkins).

4. Establish two (2) hour parking on the east side of Lee Avenue, south of 9th Street to the alley in front of Holy Rosary.

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5. Establish left turn bays for both directions on 17th Street at Higbee. This would require restriction of parking spaces.
6. Revert the alley running from Broadway to "A" Street between Capital and Memorial to two (2) way traffic. (It has been northbound)
7. Suggested for the future is consideration of bicycle path (not route) from Rogers Street, south on Blvd. to Sunnyside, then west to Rollandet, then north to the existing bike route at Rogers. Also your consideration of paths along Rollandet and Blvd. of the existing bike route.

s/ Robert D. Pollock
Chairman, Traffic Safety
Committee

Recommendation No. 1 was first considered. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Erickson, that this recommendation be approved including the re-routing of west bound 17th Street traffic desiring to turn south on Yellowstone. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

With reference to the second recommendation relative to an alternate truck route by-passing West 17th Street, it was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Gesas, that this proposal be abandoned for the reasons as indicated. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, one; carried. Councilman Erickson voting no.

Recommendation No. 3 was then reviewed. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Gesas, that these stop signs be reversed as recommended with the understanding that there be a 4-way stop at the intersection in question for a few days as a means of educating and alerting vehicular traffic. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

With reference to the recommendation to establish two hour parking on the east side of Lee Avenue, south of 9th Street to the alley in front of Holy Rosary. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Erickson, that this recommendation be approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

The next recommendation was to establish left turn bays for both directions on 17th for both directions on 17th Street at Higbee. It was noted that Higbee, particularly south of 17th Street, commands a substantial amount of traffic, including school busses, because of Longfellow School and the expanding residential area adjacent to said school. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Erickson, that this proposal be approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Recommendation No. 6 was then presented. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Erickson, that this alley be approved for two way traffic and that it be signed at Broadway prohibiting left turns. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Finally, recommendation No. 7 was reviewed. It was generally agreed that this required no Council action at this time but it was also generally agreed that the suggestion merited future Council consideration.

Councilman Hovey drew attention to a problem he had revealed to the Council on September 12th, 1974, relative to Grandview and Skyline. At that time, Hovey noted several accidents had taken place, apparently by those who assumed Grandview to be the through street and he had suggested a flashing warning light, especially for west bound Grandview traffic. This had been referred to the Traffic Safety Committee and Hovey said he felt the Council, by now, was entitled to a report from the Traffic Safety Committee.

Councilman Gesas, as Chairman of the Public Works Committee, said this was an involved

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situation requiring traffic counts and, otherwise, a thorough study by the Traffic Engineer. Gesas said he would check through qualified sources and advise.

Police Chief Pollock, noting that the Grace Garrett traffic problems had been referred to the Traffic Safety Committee, verbally reported that Ed Turner, Traffic Engineer, had conferred with Mrs. Garrett. She proposed to him that the roadway marked exit from the K-Mart, almost immediately across from her driveway, be signed "entrance only". This then was referred back to the Traffic Safety Committee, according to Pollock, for further study and recommendation.

The City Clerk announced that, because of Pioneer Day, the next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 1975.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Gesas, seconded by Hovey, that the meeting adjourn at 9:30 p.m., carried.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
City Clerk

s/ James P. Freeman
Mayor ProTem

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