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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, January 10, 2008, in the Council Chambers at 140 South Capital Avenue in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

There were present:

Mayor ProTem Ida Hardcastle
Councilmember Thomas Hally
Councilmember Sharon D. Parry
Councilmember Michael Lehto
Councilmember Joseph Groberg
Councilmember Karen Cornwell

Absent was:

Mayor Jared D. Fuhriman

Also present:

Dale Storer, City Attorney
Rosemarie Anderson, City Clerk
All available Division Directors

Mayor ProTem Hardcastle announced that Mayor Fuhriman was very ill and would not be able to attend this meeting

Mayor ProTem Hardcastle requested Captain Roger Smart to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Clerk presented the Mayor's "State of the City Address - 2008" as follows:

STATE OF THE CITY - 2008

Introduction

It's good to be with you today. I always look forward to this opportunity when I can come before the citizens of this City to make an accounting of our efforts in the past year and discuss some of the issues we will face in 2008.

I remember as a teenager there were several adults who were instrumental in my life including teachers and coaches who provided guidance and support for me as I was growing up.

This reminds me of the old African proverb which states, "It takes a village to raise a child." In my first two years in office, I have similarly found that it takes a village or in other words *an entire community* to raise a City. Not unlike raising children, it takes constant planning, nurturing, guidance, input and support from citizens, organizations, and businesses for a City to reach its full potential.

Just one example is that this past year we benefited from listening closely to concerns from our citizens. One City resident, Michael Benson brought serious Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) issues to my attention. Mr.

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Benson informed us that we were not compliant with the law. When I looked in to it, I discovered he was right; we were not in total compliance. As a result, the City has strived to come into ADA compliance and become access-friendly. We made staff assignments and organized a committee of volunteers to help us bring our City up to ADA standards. I truly appreciate Mr. Benson for bringing this issue to our attention. We must make our great City accessible for all citizens.

Just as our young people need stability and direction from “the village” to thrive, our growing City also requires leadership from the community to remain prosperous. I deeply appreciate the expertise and support the community provides to us as City leaders as we work together to manage the needs of our ever-maturing City.

At this time, I would like to pay tribute to our retiring Councilman, Joe Groberg, who has given over 14 years of service to helping raise our City. Mr. Groberg has served in almost every division and he has been instrumental in many of the successes the City has enjoyed over the last many years. He has always been a gentleman and a man of the utmost integrity. His example will long be remembered. I am certain I can speak for all those who have served with him when I say Joe, you have been a very valuable member of our community and we thank you for the opportunity we have had to serve with you. You will be missed—but only for a short time—because we know when you return you will start serving once again in some capacity within the City. We wish you the best in your new endeavors.

As life would have it, with every goodbye, there is always a hello. In fact, I'd like to mention seven individuals who will play a significant role the continuing effort to raise our City. Some are new faces in new positions and others are familiar to us already.

First, our four newly-elected or newly-appointed City Councilmembers—Mike Lehto, Tom Halley, Sharon Parry, and Ken Taylor will undoubtedly prove to be a great source of energy for City leadership. They bring greatly needed strength to our City in terms of general efficiency as well as budget and fiscal matters. You can be proud of your City Council; it is a talented, hard-working group.

In addition, 3 new Division Directors were appointed:

- Len Nelson came on as the Airport Director in February of this year.
- Steve Roos, our new Police Chief since October, has already made a big difference at the IFPD in terms of achieving efficiency. I'll say more about that later.
- Julie Jackson was hired just last month as the HR Division Director. This is a new department we created. She is tasked with achieving better service behind the scenes and strengthening our employees' skills. More on that later as well.

I am confident these seven individuals will help our City to become even stronger. Each brings many strengths and talents and I look forward to

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serving with them and welcome their expertise. I invite the community to give them their full support as well.

2007 Accomplishments

2007 was a year of change and what I call a strengthening of the inner vessel—meaning the City’s internal governing structure and leadership matured and grew this year. But it was also a year of achievements and many firsts. Allow me to take a few moments to speak about a few of the City’s accomplishments in 2007.

Sunnyside Road

First, the long awaited completion of Sunnyside Road took a great amount of work and effort. The thing I am perhaps most proud of is the fact that hundreds of thousands of dollars were saved by pushing the timeline of this project forward. If we had waited until 2010 the price tag would have been monumental.

Electrical Rates

2007 was the third straight year we were able to lower the electrical rates for City customers—not just keep them the same, but actually lower them. This is practically unheard of in today’s energy market. We do hope to continue this trend in 2008. With power rates climbing all around us, we must give tribute to those City leaders who served before us who had the insight to build our City’s hydroelectric facilities.

Property Taxes

This past year, we were also able to lower our property taxes. We attribute that in large part to the building boom we have enjoyed over the last few years. Idaho Falls’ growth rates have defied national odds and we sure hope that trend continues.

Human Resources Division

I call the creation of a new Human Resources Division an accomplishment because, as an employee of the City, I have felt for many years that we needed to enhance the way we recruit employees and attend to their needs. I have always maintained that the greatest resource we have as a City government is the people themselves. We have over 600 permanent employees, with over 900 in the summer, and it’s imperative that we provide leadership, training, and resources for them to do their jobs effectively. By creating this new position, I’m confident we will be able to strengthen our City and in return continue to provide the best service we can to the community.

In order to be a part of the village that helps raise our children, this year the City has also supported many efforts that empower and benefit our young citizens. For example:

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Equal Access Playground

2007 saw the completion of the equal access playground located in Tautphaus Park. This playground is not just a great asset to the City of Idaho Falls; it is also an asset for the entire region. I cannot recall another project that has united our community in fundraising efforts as this one has. The diverse cross-section of volunteers and donors who made this happen was inspiring. Providing fun-filled activities for children of all ages and abilities is not just a good thing; it is vital. I walked around the playground not too long ago and I can tell you I found there is nothing more heart-warming then seeing these children make their way through the playground with huge grins on their faces.

Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

Also, in keeping with my commitment to the youth of our community, I created the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (or MYAC) in February of last year. The intent of the council is to provide a forum for youth in our community to have a voice in City Hall and to actively participate in creating programs and events that will build and strengthen young people. We have 22 students from all four area high schools who are excitedly laying the foundation for future councils. Their goals include hosting an area-wide youth summit, as well as working with younger students by being positive role models. The council also gives our youth a forum to collaborate and work with similar youth councils from other cities and states. There is a terrific network of youth leadership training and opportunity available nationally and now we have the means to tap into it to benefit our own young people.

MYAC'S most recent achievement was organizing the very first City-wide New Year's Eve Dance open to all high-school aged youth. You may have heard about it or had your own kids attend. Mine did. The goal was to create a fun, safe environment for teenagers to celebrate and welcome the New Year. Not knowing what to expect, we were all pleasantly surprised when over 800 high school students from all over the region (Malad to South Fremont) attended this dance. We count that as an overwhelming success. I was, and still am, very proud of the MYAC students for pulling this off.

Mayor's Scholarship Program

In addition, as you know, the Mayor's Scholarship Program was established my first year in May of 2006. Since that time, over \$100,000 has been raised. We have awarded 42 scholarships so far and are on track for another 24 this April. This program offers awards to students from the 8th through the 12th grades to help them further their dreams of obtaining higher education. We are grateful for the partnership with School District #91 Education Foundation and the many generous donors. Without them, this would not be possible.

The remaining 2007 accomplishments I want to highlight tonight represent the aforementioned notion that it takes a community to raise a City.

Idaho National Laboratory

I had the opportunity again this past year to accompany a team of civic leaders to Washington, D.C. to help promote the Idaho National Laboratory. Our City is proud of the legacy surrounding the INL and it is important that we support the INL in gaining and maintaining future projects. Last March, Eastern Idaho made significant news back in Washington with the GNEP scoping meeting held at the Red Lion. Over 800 people showed up—most in support of this initiative. *Seventeen* mayors from our region stood with me as I read a letter stating our support of President Bush's plan to diversify our energy capabilities. The D.O.E. officials we met with in Washington were quite impressed with the support from our area. They had not seen that kind of support anywhere else in the country.

Race Relations

The newly-organized Race Relations Ambassadors are continuing to cultivate new members from the community. This group was the proud sponsor of the Idaho Falls Community Festival and Cinco de Mayo this past year. They are lending their strong support to the upcoming Martin Luther King Banquet. This year, three high school students were added to the committee.

Idaho Falls Community Festival

This past year, we were able to establish the First Annual Idaho Falls Community Festival (formally known as the Heritage Festival) to help celebrate our community's diversity. It was exciting to see so many people from so many backgrounds come together and share their uniqueness as well as celebrate their similarities at this event.

Melaleuca Field

I also can't fail to mention another 2007 community achievement which is the completion of Melaleuca Field. What a great facility for the community to enjoy! Hard work and dedication on the part of the architect, the contractors, and the City Parks and Recreation staff made this possible. It is a beautiful stadium. You may not know, but Melaleuca Field was named the best stadium renovation in the country by Ball Park Digest. And, of course, we cannot forget all those who contributed financially to make it all possible. Without the public and business support, we would not have Melaleuca Field. The community response this summer broke attendance records. We can look forward to many, many years of great baseball and other events held in this facility.

2008 Issues

I could go on and on with the good news from last year, but I'd like to turn now to the coming year's opportunities and challenges. Raising a City, after all, does not come without careful planning, forethought, initiative, and vision.

Economic Growth

When I ran for office a couple of years ago, I made a promise to hold a City-wide Economic Summit. It is very important for our City to have a long-term economic plan in place to guide us into the future. Therefore, I am very pleased to announce that I have asked Grow Idaho Falls, Inc. to partner with the City to help prepare and host this summit which will take place in February of this year. This will give us the opportunity to seek guidance, not only from City leaders, but from individuals from the civic, business, and development sectors as well. Again, we see citizens helping to raise our City.

Water

One of the more challenging issues we will face in the future is water. As many of you are aware, we have been faced with drought conditions for the past several years. And even though this winter looks promising so far, it will take quite a few years of wet winters for Idaho to get back to normal water flows—if ever. In this era of global climate change, we may be encountering a “new normal.”

You may remember not too long ago, several water calls were made up and down the Snake River. Dave Tuthill, the Director of the Department of Water Resources, has said that those water calls will be upon us again this year if we do not receive 105% of normal snow pack this year. This kind of a legal environment necessitates that the City have its own water plans in place to mitigate against threats to our water supply. Also, as a City, we are close to exceeding our own water allotment during the summer months. So, as a community, we all need to become proactive in conserving our water. Otherwise, we may face fines and shortages.

We are currently revising our City Water Plan so that we do not just plan to have *enough water* to meet our needs, but that we also have *extra water* available in case of an emergency. This past year, we purchased 1000 acre feet of storage water from the Palisades Reservoir. This should help us if there were ever a call on our water. In addition, we are presently looking at other water acquisitions throughout the area and are also considering providing our own water storage tanks. We, also, will be addressing conservation measures to help with this. You can look forward to hearing more about these new guidelines in the coming months.

Eastern Idaho Water Rights Coalition

This past spring I was invited to be part of a new water organization known as the Eastern Idaho Water Rights Coalition. It is composed of water experts throughout Eastern Idaho. It exists for the sole purpose of protecting our water rights in Eastern Idaho. I joined the coalition because I am convinced we cannot be complacent on this issue. Rather, we must be proactive in finding ways to preserve and store water both for future use and future growth. And we must stand firm in protecting our rights to this water. Without it, the kind of growth we want to have will not be possible.

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Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan

As you may be aware, I was appointed by the Governor to be one of several participants throughout the state to sit on the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan Advisory Committee (CAMP for short). This committee has been charged to come up with creative proposals for managing the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA). This group is about half-way through its 18-month assignment. It is starting to make some progress. Mayor Chase from Pocatello and Mayor Clow from Twin Falls, who also serve on this committee, agree with me that protecting access to sufficient water and water rights for future growth is our highest priority. I am anxious to see this important issue addressed. Water will be one of the major issues facing the legislature this year and the next.

Replacement of Critical Infrastructure

As a result of our City's growth, we are starting to see the impact it is having on our infrastructure, such as water and sewer lines, as well as with other departments in the City. A great number of the water lines buried beneath the ground are over 50 years old. It is urgent that we start replacing them. Also, the Sunnyside sewer trunk line is nearing capacity because of the growth on the southern end of our community. We will need to create a new line in the near future to handle the increased volume.

Because of these infrastructure concerns, our Public Works Division and City Council will need to consider the possibility of increasing rates related to these services. But even with a possible fee increase, I am confident that Idaho Falls will still have some of the lowest utility rates in the state and region.

Efficiency Audits

I have been working on this for a while now and I am pleased to report that many efficiency audits will be conducted this year. I have already interviewed a few outside companies that have expertise in auditing Municipalities. I look forward to working with the City Council to select the firm with the methods that best fit our needs.

On our own, we already have begun the process within the Police Department. Chief Roos has restructured senior management positions. In so doing, he has freed up money to place additional officers on the street—with no extra cost to the City. I am confident we will find many more ways to save City funds with these audits.

Also, upon the creation of the new Human Resources Division, Director Julie Jackson was given the assignment to look at several options including City-wide management training, implementing improved risk management practices to reduce occupational injuries, and evaluating the process of handling claims to see if we can be more efficient.

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New Law Enforcement Building

I hope many of you are already aware of the need for a new Law Enforcement Building. The building we have now is just too small and inadequate for the kinds of law enforcement needs that exist today. We currently have a citizen committee working with Police Department management to find a suitable location. I have complete confidence that together they will be able to come up with a proposal to take before the voters in August. *Again, this is yet another way our citizens are helping to raise a City.*

First Street and Hitt Road Intersection & Fire Protection

We all agree there is a significant problem Hitt Road and First Street. We are currently working with the City of Ammon on a timeline to complete that improvement project. The City of Ammon has also asked us to meet with them and members of the Fire District Commission to explore the options for providing metro-based fire protection. While we are very open to this, we are very aware of our first obligation to protect City residents. We will welcome any option that will enhance our ability to service all those in our jurisdiction.

Day Care Licensing

This will be a very hot topic for us this year, but it is important that as a City we do the very best job we can to keep our children safe. I feel we can accomplish this by working directly with daycare providers themselves to come up with the best solutions.

Quality of Life

I say this every chance I get, but one of Idaho Falls' best features is the quality of life we all benefit from. *I am proud of the City we are raising.* This next year we will continue to work with the community to enhance the way of life we have come to enjoy and expect.

Parks and Greenbelt

Idaho Falls has always been proud of our parks and the greenbelt along the river. This next year, because of some very generous donations to the City, we hope to add to this green space. The Smith Family donated property along the west side of the Snake River, just north of the new Sunnyside Bridge, and we are looking at several options to build a park there in the future.

In addition, the undeveloped Ryder Park, located on the south side of the Sunnyside Bridge along the river has received a generous donation from Idaho State Fish and Game and other donors to develop that park into an environmental park which will include fishing ponds and other educational amenities. Both of these new parks will add so much value to the City's park system. I am really looking forward to this.

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Event/Conference Center

You may have heard by now, that the Chamber of Commerce is planning to conduct a Feasibility Study for an Event/Conference Center to be located somewhere in Idaho Falls. As a City Council, we endorse this effort because we recognize the benefits and the possibilities such a facility could bring to the community. We will anxiously wait to see the outcome of the study to determine if there truly is a need and how we might finance such a project.

Idaho Falls City Zoo

Our Idaho Falls Zoo continues to bring in thousands of visitors each year. This coming spring, we hope to add two new bears to our animal exhibits.

Skate/Bike Parks

Another campaign issue I raised was the need to provide activities for the youth to enjoy. I am pleased to announce that in the next few months we will break ground on a new Skate Park to be located in Tautphaus Park. This will be a 10,000 square foot park and will accommodate not only skate boarders but also BMX bikes.

We, also, have partnered with School District No. 91 to relocate the existing skate park to the tennis courts located across the street from Claire E. Gale Junior High School. This will be an asset and a benefit to the youth in that part of our City.

Sandy Downs

We have also completed the Master Plan for Sandy Downs, and we hope to start setting money aside to enhance that property in coming years. It is a wonderful, though sometimes overlooked, piece of City property and I look forward to these improvements.

The Local Arts

An important part of raising a City involves raising its cultural consciousness. To that end, we are grateful for the wonderful arts and cultural offerings that are available and the enrichment that they add to our community. The City is very fortunate to have the Arts Council, the Symphony and Chamber Orchestra, and the Museum of Idaho, which continually defies the odds and brings in ever more successful exhibits. We love all of our art museums, musical productions, and local theater groups. Idaho Falls is very fortunate.

Can you tell that I'm inspired by this community? I feel honored and humbled to serve alongside each of you. The contributions that each of you makes are beyond measure. No one person (certainly not the Mayor or the Councilmembers alone) can raise this City by themselves. Each of us must continue to do our part in mentoring, guiding, and cultivating our beloved City in order to fully maximize its potential. I am confident we will do just that.

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Mayor ProTem Hardcastle and Councilmembers honored the following employees with Years of Service Pins:

40 Years of Service:

Roger Smart, Police Department June 4, 1967

35 Years of Service:

Kay Edwards, Police Department June 4, 1972
Clint Beard, Idaho Falls Power Division June 5, 1972
Craig Kuwana, Idaho Falls Power Division June 12, 1972
Chad Stanger, Public Works Division September 5, 1972
Doug Moser, Public Works Division, Engineering 1968 – 1982
1986 – 2007
Gary French, Public Works Division, Sanitation April 17, 1972
Larry Christensen, Public Works Division, Water May 1, 1972
Lowell Lee, Public Works Division, Water September 11, 1972

30 Years of Service:

Don Curran, Public Works Division, Engineering March 28, 1977
Bruce Lawrence, Public Works Division, Engineering March 14, 2977
Jerold Cleverley, Public Works Division, Sanitation October 10, 1977
Dave Forrest, Police Department March 28, 1977
Jay Linger, Idaho Falls Power Division March 28, 1977

25 Years of Service:

Steve Adams, Idaho Falls Power Division March 1, 1982
Deborah Allen, Idaho Falls Power Division August 30, 1982
Jo Elg, Idaho Falls Power Division April 5, 1982
Ted Johnson, Municipal Services Division, Building Maintenance February 22, 1982
Dale Storer, City Attorney January 18, 1982
Bruce Anderson, Public Works Division, Sewer March 22, 1982
Bruce Foster, Public Works Division, Sewer March 1, 1982
Jim Danielson, Public Works Division, Engineering May 2, 1982
Monte Waters, Parks and Recreation Division March 29, 1982
Steve Eldredge, Fire Department February 8, 1982
Rick Taylor, Fire Department August 23, 1982
Scott Long, Fire Department August 23, 1982
Steve Roos, Police Department January 4, 1982
Royce Clements, Police Department January 11, 1982
Ken Knoelk, Police Department January 11, 1982

20 Years of Service:

Doug Christensen, Police Department August 31, 1987
Darren Cook, Police Department August 31, 1987
Terrence Bodily, Idaho Falls Power Division July 15, 1987
Brent Olsen, Idaho Falls Power Division May 18, 1987

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Dee Wilson, Idaho Falls Power Division	September 27, 1987
Ken Marshall, Idaho Falls Power Division	December 2, 1987
Jeff Baird, Parks and Recreation Division	November 23, 1987
Ronald Campbell, Parks and Recreation Division	September 13, 1987
Kay Merrill, Municipal Services Division, Building Maintenance	July 13, 1987
Ted Troescher, Airport Division	June 28, 1987
William Cox, Fire Department	January 19, 1987
Brian Robison, Fire Department	November 9, 1987
Drew Shaltry, Fire Department	December 7, 1987

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Clerk requested approval of the Minutes for the December 20, 2007 Special Council Meeting and the January 2, 2008 Council Work Session.

The City Clerk presented monthly reports from various Division and Department Heads and requested that they be accepted and placed on file in the City Clerk's Office.

The City Clerk presented the following Expenditure Summary dated December 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, after having been audited by the Fiscal Committee and paid by the Controller:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>
General Fund	\$ 648,774.19
Street Fund	25,644.52
Recreation Fund	13,306.11
Library Fund	66,425.99
Municipal Equipment Replacement Fund	180,680.56
Electric Light Public Purpose Fund	39,766.58
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	32,139.93
Street Capital Improvement Fund	625.00
Traffic Light Capital Improvement Fund	39,856.27
Airport Fund	482,723.44
Water and Sewer Fund	257,445.89
Sanitation Fund	15,361.31
Ambulance Fund	3,657.42
Electric Light Fund	3,247,991.20
Payroll Liability Fund	2,154,189.00
TOTALS	\$ 7,208,587.41

The City Clerk presented several license applications, all carrying the required approvals, and requested authorization to issue those licenses.

The City Clerk requested Council ratification for the publication of legal notices calling for public hearings on January 10, 2008.

It was moved by Councilmember Groberg, seconded by Councilmember Hally, that the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the recommendations presented. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Hardcastle
 Councilmember Lehto
 Councilmember Cornwell

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Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Parry
Councilmember Groberg

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor ProTem Hardcastle requested a motion to accept the resignation from Councilmember Joe Groberg. It was moved by Councilmember Hally, seconded by Councilmember Lehto, to accept the resignation from Councilmember Joe Groberg serving in Council Seat No. 2. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Groberg
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Parry

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor ProTem Hardcastle stated that it has been a great pleasure to work with Councilmember Groberg. He is always a consummate gentleman. She stated, further, that he will be greatly missed. Mayor ProTem Hardcastle presented Councilmember Groberg with his Council photograph and thanked him again for his service to the City of Idaho Falls.

Mayor ProTem Hardcastle stated that Mayor Fuhrman appointed Kenneth Taylor to Council Seat No. 2 (Replacing Councilmember Joe Groberg) and requested Council confirmation for that appointment. It was moved by Councilmember Lehto, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to confirm the appointment of Kenneth Taylor to Council Seat No. 2 replacing Councilmember Joe Groberg. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Parry
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hardcastle

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor ProTem Hardcastle proceeded with the Swearing-In Ceremonies for Councilmember-Elect Sharon D. Parry to Council Seat No. 1; Councilmember-Elect Thomas Hally to Council Seat No. 3; Councilmember-Elect Michael Lehto to Council Seat No. 5; and, Kenneth Taylor to Council Seat No. 2. The City Clerk administered the Official Oath of Office to Council Seat No. 1 - Councilmember Sharon D. Parry, Council Seat No. 3 -

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Councilmember Thomas Hally, Council Seat No. 5 – Councilmember Michael Lehto, and Council Seat No. 2 – Councilmember Kenneth Taylor. Following the Swearing-In Ceremonies, Councilmembers Parry, Hally, Lehto, and Taylor signed their Official Oaths of Office. Councilmembers Parry, Hally, and Lehto were presented with their Certificates of Election.

Following a brief recess, Councilmember Taylor took his seat at the Council Table.

Mayor ProTem Hardcastle called for nominations for President of the Council. Councilmember Hally nominated Councilmember Ida Hardcastle to act as President of the Council for the coming year. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Councilmember Hally, seconded by Councilmember Cornwell, for Councilmember Ida Hardcastle to serve as President for the Council for 2008. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Hardcastle
 Councilmember Lehto
 Councilmember Cornwell
 Councilmember Hally
 Councilmember Parry
 Councilmember Taylor

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor ProTem Hardcastle presented Mayor Fuhriman's Council Committee Assignments for the 2008 year:

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2008

Airport Division:

Karen Cornwell, Chairman
Sharon D. Parry, Co-Chairman

Human Resources Division:

Tom Hally, Chairman
Karen Cornwell, Co-Chairman

Idaho Falls Power Division:

Michael Lehto, Chairman
Thomas Hally, Co-Chairman

Municipal Services Division:

Kenneth Taylor, Chairman
Ida Hardcastle, Co-Chairman

Parks and Recreation Division:

Ida Hardcastle, Chairman
Michael Lehto, Co-Chairman

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Planning, Zoning, and Building Division:

Sharon D. Parry, Chairman
Thomas Hally, Co-Chairman

Public Safety (Fire and Police):

Ida Hardcastle, Chairman
Ken Taylor, Co-Chairman

Public Works Division:

Michael Lehto, Chairman
Sharon D. Parry, Co-Chairman

Library Liaison:

Kenneth Taylor

Mayor ProTem Hardcastle requested a representative from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council to come forward and report to the City Council.

Breane Holaday appeared to give a brief description of the New Years Eve Dance held at Idaho Falls High School. It was a great success with approximately 800 teenagers attending. Breane listed all of the companies that provided donations and expressed her appreciation for their great effort.

Janet Barton appeared to state that the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on January 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to review how the dance was conducted and to provide a final accounting of moneys.

The Airport Director submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls
December 28, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Len Nelson, Airport Director
SUBJECT: CENTURION ENTERPRISES, INC. NAME CHANGE TO
AEROHANGAR, LLC

Attached for City Council approval is the Assignment of Lease by and between Centurion Enterprises, Inc., an Idaho Corporation to change name to AeroHangar, LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company whose address is 1084 North Skyline Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402, and the City of Idaho Falls referred to as Approver.

The four parties are comprised of Centurion Enterprises, Inc. (Ralph Hartwell, President); Julia Devine; Skylane, Inc. (James F. Ball, President); and Roger and Marsha Ball Family Trust.

The Assistant City Attorney has reviewed and approved this Assignment of Lease.

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It is respectfully requested that Council approve the Assignment of Lease and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

s/ Len Nelson

It was moved by Councilmember Hally, seconded by Councilmember Lehto, to approve the Assignment of Lease providing for a name change from Centurion Enterprises, Inc. (an Idaho Corporation) to AeroHangar LLC (an Idaho Limited Liability Company) whose address is 1084 North Skyline Drive and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Parry
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Idaho Falls Power Director submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls
January 3, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jo Elg, Assistant Idaho Falls Power Director
SUBJECT: LIMITED DELEGATION AGREEMENT

Attached for your consideration is a Limited Delegation Agreement between UAMPS and Idaho Falls Power. The Agreement identifies specific activities UAMPS will undertake on our behalf pursuant to reliability requirements for the bulk power system established by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. The Agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Idaho Falls Power respectfully requests approval of the Agreement and authorization for the Mayor to sign the document.

s/ Jo Elg

It was moved by Councilmember Lehto, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to approve the Limited Delegation Agreement between UAMPS and Idaho Falls Power and, further, give authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Cornwell

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Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Parry

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Municipal Services Director submitted the following memos:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: S. Craig Lords, Municipal Services Director
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE CREATING HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

Attached for your consideration is the Ordinance to create the Human Resources Division.

s/ S. Craig Lords

At the request of Councilmember Hally, the City Attorney read the following Ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2734

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO; ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 9, TITLE 3 OF THE IDAHO FALLS CITY CODE, ESTABLISHING A HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH DIRECTOR; AMENDING SECTIONS 3-3-4 AND 3-3-5 OF THE CITY CODE BY ELIMINATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AS A DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION; ESTABLISHING METHODOLOGY, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATE.

The foregoing Ordinance was presented by title only. Councilmember Hally moved, and Councilmember Lehto seconded, that the provisions of Idaho Code Section 50-902 requiring all Ordinances to be read by title, and once in full, on three separate dates be dispensed with, the Ordinance be passed on all three readings, and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

JANUARY 10, 2008

Aye: Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Parry
Councilmember Taylor

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

City of Idaho Falls
January 7, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: S. Craig Lords, Municipal Services Director
SUBJECT: PROSECUTING LEGAL SERVICES

Attached for your consideration is the Legal Services Contract with Bonneville County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

s/ S. Craig Lords

It was moved by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to approve the Legal Services Contract with Bonneville County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Parry
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hardcastle

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Planning and Building Director submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls
January 6, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Renée R. Magee, Planning and Building Director
SUBJECT: CLARK RETAIL BUILDING, DIVISION NO. 1

JANUARY 10, 2008

Attached is the Final Plat entitled Clark Retail Building, Division No. 1. This one-lot final plat is located west of Yellowstone Highway, south of Pancheri Drive, and north of Sunnyside Road. The Planning Commission considered this request at its December 4, 2007 Meeting and recommended approval. The Staff concurs since the plat complies with the Subdivision Ordinance. This final plat is now being submitted to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

s/ Renée R. Magee

It was moved by Councilmember Hally, seconded by Councilmember Parry, to accept the Final Plat for Clark Retail Building, Division No. 1 and, further, give authorization for the Mayor, City Engineer, and City Clerk to sign said Final Plat. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Parry
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Cornwell

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Public Works Director submitted the following memos:

City of Idaho Falls
January 4, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chad Stanger, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: ENGINEERING SERVICES – MURRAY, SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

Attached is a proposed agreement between the City and Murray, Smith and Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for development of a water system model in the amount of \$24,985.00.

Public Works recommends approval of this Agreement; and, authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the documents.

s/ Chad Stanger

It was moved by Councilmember Lehto, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to approve the agreement between the City of Idaho Falls and Murray, Smith and Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for development of a water system model in the amount of \$24,985.00 and, further, give authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

JANUARY 10, 2008

Aye: Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Parry
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Hally

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The memo from the Public Works Director regarding the Outside City Limits Sewer Agreement for Family Care Center, Inc. was withdrawn by the Division Director.

City of Idaho Falls
January 4, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chad Stanger, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 – SUNNYSIDE PROJECT

Attached is proposed Change Order No. 7 to the Sunnyside Project which increases quantities and decreases the unit price for concrete urban approaches, resulting in a net increase to the project cost of \$39,136.05.

Public Works recommends approval of this Change Order; and, authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the documents.

s/ Chad Stanger

It was moved by Councilmember Lehto, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to approve Change Order No. 7 to HK Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$39,136.05 which increases quantities and decreases the unit price for concrete urban approaches and, further, give authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Parry

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Hally, seconded by Councilmember Parry, to recess Annexation Proceedings for Lot 5, Block 1, Sunnyside Industrial and Professional Park to the January 24, 2008 Regular Council Meeting. Roll call as follows:

JANUARY 10, 2008

Aye: Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Parry
Councilmember Taylor

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor ProTem Hardcastle stated that Mayor Fuhrman has appointed Julie Jackson as the Human Resources Director and requested Council confirmation for that appointment. It was moved by Councilmember Hally, seconded by Councilmember Lehto, to confirm the appointment of Julie Jackson to serve as the Human Resources Director. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Parry
Councilmember Taylor

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilmember Hally, seconded by Councilmember Cornwell, that the meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR
