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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, January 9, 2003, in the Council Chambers at 140 South Capital Avenue in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

There were present:

Mayor Linda Milam
Councilmember Bill Shurtleff
Councilmember Ida Hardcastle
Councilmember Robert Barnes
Councilmember Mike Lehto
Councilmember Joe Groberg

Absent was:

Councilmember Brad Eldredge

Also present:

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

Mayor Milam presented her "State of the City Address – 2003" as follows:

I am pleased and proud to once again speak to you about the State of the City of Idaho Falls. Serving as Mayor of this community has been an incredible honor, and I know the Councilmembers feel as I do, that we are grateful for the opportunity to serve as Idaho Falls elected officials.

There are many people whose work results in this community we call home. The employees of our many divisions who provide the services we need and expect, the volunteers who serve on boards and commissions that help to direct our decisions, and of course, the citizens who make it all possible. Working together, we are a prosperous and growing community.

During 2002, the City issued building permits for nearly \$48 million in new construction, additions, and remodeling. A new private hospital was completed, and work has begun on two major projects by Anheuser Busch and Grupo Modelo. Two hundred forty-five acres were annexed into the city, for new homes and businesses to be constructed. New apartment and residential permits were up slightly over last year, and new commercial permits were up significantly. Our unemployment rate is still hovering at slightly more than 3%, among the lowest in the state and nation, and our businesses continue to invest in their, and our, future. This investment resulted in a decrease of the City's property tax levy rate for the current fiscal year, and with the addition of several major new projects, we expect that trend to continue.

The City of Idaho Falls continues to partner with economic development organizations in the region. Each having its own particular strength and focus, they provide a broad range of opportunities for business growth in Idaho Falls and the surrounding region. Many of the new and expanded business ventures

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in the community have benefited from the services these organizations provide, including coordination with agencies, site location and loan programs.

Within the City operations, a number of projects were undertaken to improve services to the community. The terminal renovation at the airport was completed, providing a more welcoming and useful space for passengers as well as improved counter space for airline and rental car providers, travel agency, gift shop, and food and drink vendors. The reopened upper level allows passengers to board the regional jets directly from the terminal. While the recent announcement of Big Sky Airlines that their non-stop service to Denver will be discontinued this month is a great disappointment, we believe that expanded service is still a viable opportunity. Unfortunately, the tremendous stress under which the airlines are operating in this country has impacted national and regional decisions. Our boardings have recovered, in large part, from the massive decrease experienced following the September 11th tragedies, and numbers continue to increase.

The former Army Reserve Center on Skyline Drive has been renovated and opened as an Activity Center for the Parks and Recreation Division. The main building has meetings rooms and a large activity room that are being used for recreation programs as well as being rented by a variety of organizations and individuals. The commercial kitchen makes preparing and serving meals for a variety of events possible. In addition, curriculum programs are being developed by School District 91 to take advantage of the unique facilities. Ancillary facilities are being used to house and maintain the array of equipment necessary to maintain our many parks and open spaces. A committee of dedicated citizens continues its work planning for a new recreation/community center that will be located on centrally located, donated property. We expect that voters will be asked this year to approve a facility for the good guys, adults and young people alike, as we continue to respond to community requests for additional recreational opportunities and green space.

The Public Works Division is building a facility that will be used to house and maintain some of its equipment for the Signage, Streets and Sanitation Departments. In addition, a plan to sell the current Sewer Administration Building on South Yellowstone is under consideration. Should the sale be finalized, we plan to construct new administrative offices nearer the treatment plant, while the current building will be converted to private sector ownership and use. Meanwhile, the new Headworks facility at the Sewage Treatment Facility is nearing completion.

The Police Department has instituted a citizens' volunteer organization that will assist the department and our citizens in a variety of ways, including helping with special events, patrolling several of our parks and the greenbelt, and assisting with special projects. An example is the effort this past fall to personally contact owners of vehicles that had been left on city streets, to ensure they were moved in advance of any snow removal efforts. Of course, we need some snow now, but I will address that later. The citizens' group is an outgrowth of the successful Citizens' Police Academy, and is made up of many enthusiastic members of our community.

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Much of the improvement and growth in our community is possible because of the foresight of this community's leaders over decades of development of our infrastructure and its' capacity, its ability to meet increasing regulations, and its very reasonable cost. We are building on the work done by generations before us, and we have a responsibility to ensure that the generations following will feel that we have made the correct decisions today. This Council and I will do all in our power to do just that.

In short, I am optimistic about the future and about the City's ability to provide those services its citizens want and need. At the same time, of course, I cannot conclude without discussing some of the concerns that we are grappling with now.

The State and National economic woes have largely, but not completely, been avoided in our community. Efforts of the State Legislature to resolve its budget concerns have the potential to negatively impact our ability to provide basic services to the city resident and property owner. We will be closely involved in working with the Legislature, and especially with our representatives and senators, to minimize these impacts.

Changes in federal law regarding Medicare reimbursement for ambulance services have decreased the revenues collected by the City to provide those services. While the number of ambulance calls continues to increase, an additional 206 last year for a total ambulance dispatch for 2002 of 6,802, the revenues suffered a decline. The Idaho Association of Counties is proposing a resolution for those problems to the State Legislature, and we are supporting their efforts.

The electrical industry, and specifically the northwest utilities and the Bonneville Power Administration, continues to suffer from the impacts of past market manipulation accompanied by very low prices in today's secondary market. Add to that the apparent winter weather pattern, and the near future does not look good for providers and purchasers of electrical energy in the northwest. At the risk of sounding too glib, pray, cross your fingers, and wish on the first star you see tonight for snow. We continue to look for additional generating resources that will make financial sense over the long term, but those are few and far between, as the industry as a whole is reluctant to invest in expensive resources with no assurance that the investment can be recovered.

The City's ten-year contract with the Bonneville Fire District appears to be in serious disarray. While I hold out hope in the long term for a resolution to the problems, the City cannot avoid its ownership and managerial responsibilities for a short-term solution. I am proud of the work that we have done over the past decade to turn around the City of Idaho Falls financial management practices; this has resulted in our ability to make decisions for the long term and accept a temporary financial burden without imposing an increase on city property owners. In the end, we are elected to represent those who live and own property in Idaho Falls, and we cannot unfairly impose on them the costs of providing services to those who live or own property outside our boundaries.

The Idaho Falls Public Library Board of Trustees has been facing some of the same issues, and has already come to its own conclusion. With the rejection of the contract by the Bonneville Library District, county residents must purchase library services annually. Unlike some communities, however, anyone can still

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come into the library, browse materials, make copies, and use other non-card related services. Special recognition should be given to the Board and Library staff's work with the Bonneville Youth Development Council, and the decision allowing Bonneville County teens to obtain cards for their personal use. In addition, a teen room was officially opened on New Year's Eve; it will serve as a homework/tutoring/computer room as well as a comfortable place to hang-out during library hours. I compliment the Library Board for its work to support the youth of our region. The Library has also completed a major project relocating its check out counter to more efficiently staff and serve those using the main library facilities and the junior department.

All in all, I believe 2003 will be a good year for Idaho Falls. As I have said every year, we have all the ingredients, we have the interest, we are fiscally sound...we can do great things together. This is a wonderful city. We have incredible human and natural resources. The Councilmembers and I consider it a great privilege to serve the citizens of Idaho Falls. We appreciate your confidence and support. Thank you.

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

40 Years of Service:

George Bott, Municipal Services/Utility Department January 1, 1963

35 Years of Service:

Roger Smart, Police Department June 4, 1967

30 Years of Service:

Clint Beard, Electric Division	June 5, 1972
Craig Kuwana, Electric Division	June 12, 1972
Devon Whitmill, Electric Division	April 26, 1972
Gary Day, Fire Division	July 16, 1972
Kay Edwards, Police Division	June 4, 1972
Chad Stanger, Public Works Division	September 5, 1972
Doug Moser, Public Works Division/Engineering	
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

25 Years of Service:

Jay Linger, Electric Division	March 28, 1977
Don Curran, Public Works Division/Engineering	February 28, 1977
Bruce Lawrence, Public Works Division/Engineering	March 14, 1977
Brent Mitchell, Fire Division	June 27, 1977
Sharon Roh, Municipal Services/General Services	December 5, 1977
David Forrest, Police Division	March 28, 1977
Jerold Cleverly, Public Works Division/Sanitation	October 10, 1977

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20 Years of Service:

Steven Adams, Electric Division	March 1, 1982
Deborah Allen, Electric Division	August 30, 1982
Jo Elg Fikstad, Electric Division	April 5, 1982
Beverly Alfrey, Municipal Services Division/Finance	January 18, 1982
Ted Johnson, Municipal Services/Building Mainten.	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/Sign Shop	May 2, 1982
Monte Waters, Parks and Recreation Division	March 29, 1982
Royce Clements, Police Division	January 11, 1982
Ken Knoelk, Police Division	January 11, 1982
Steve Roos, Police Division	January 4, 1982
Steve Eldredge, Fire Division	February 8, 1982
Rick Taylor, Fire Division	August 23, 1982
Clifford "Scott" Long, Fire Division	August 23, 1982

Mayor Milam called for nominations for President of the Council. Councilmember Groberg 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 Groberg, seconded by Councilmember Lehto, that Councilmember Hardcastle serve as President for the Council. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Shurtleff
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Groberg
Councilmember Barnes

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor Milam announced the Council Committee Assignments for 2003, as follows:

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2003

Airport Division:

Ida Hardcastle, Chairman
Brad Eldredge, Co-Chairman

Electric Division:

Mike Lehto, Chairman
Bill Shurtleff, Co-Chairman

Municipal Services Division:

Brad Eldredge, Chairman
Joe Groberg, Co-Chairman

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Parks and Recreation Division:

Ida Hardcastle, Chairman
Brad Eldredge, Co-Chairman

Planning, Zoning, and Building Division:

Robert Barnes, Chairman
Ida Hardcastle, Co-Chairman

Public Safety:

Joe Groberg, Chairman
Mike Lehto, Co-Chairman

Public Works Division:

Bill Shurtleff, Chairman
Robert Barnes, Co-Chairman

Library Liaison:

Robert Barnes

Mayor Milam requested City Council's confirmation of the re-appointment of the City's Division Directors (Airport Division – Michael Humberd; Electric Division – Mark Gendron; Fire Division – Dean Ellis; Municipal Services Division – S. Craig Lords; Parks and Recreation Division – Dave Christiansen; Planning and Building Division - Renée R. Magee; Police Division – J. Kent Livsey; Public Works Division – Chad Stanger; The Library Board of Trustees appoint Nancy Donahoo as the Director); City Attorney – Dale Storer; City Treasurer – Craig Rockwood; and, City Clerk – Rosemarie Anderson. It was moved by Councilmember Groberg, seconded by Councilmember Hardcastle, that these re-appointments be approved. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Shurtleff
 Councilmember Hardcastle
 Councilmember Barnes
 Councilmember Lehto
 Councilmember Groberg

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk requested approval of the Minutes for the December 19, 2002 Special Council Meeting.

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, 2002 through December 31, 2002, after having been audited by the Fiscal Committee and paid by the Controller:

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<u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>
General Fund	\$ 650,503.37
Street Fund	115,306.69
Recreation Fund	30,255.16
Library Fund	29,958.20
Municipal Equipment Replacement Fund	113,897.00
Electric Light Public Purpose Fund	66,781.92
Business Improvement District	31,855.53
Street Capital Improvement Fund	183.00
Bridge and Arterial Street Fund	44,910.16
Airport Fund	97,858.92
Water and Sewer Fund	435,341.74
Sanitation Fund	34,669.19
Ambulance Fund	5,473.16
Electric Light Fund	3,452,898.82
Payroll Liability Fund	1,199,437.38
Airport Fund Certificates of Participation	173,686.42
TOTALS	\$7,283,016.66

The City Clerk presented several license applications, including BEER LICENSES to Collage and La Ramada; BARTENDER PERMITS to Amy M. Beard, Ena M. Harris, Shannon M. Holverson, Jana L. Kelly, Michael E. Martin, Michael V. McDonald, Sonia L. Schneider, Amberley N. Schnoor, and Brian V. Twining, all carrying the required approvals, and requested authorization to issue these licenses.

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

Aye: Councilmember Barnes
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Shurtleff
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Groberg

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

The Airport Director submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls
January 6, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Mike Humberd, Director of Aviation
SUBJECT: CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF MIDWEST CAR CORPORATION

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Attached for City Council approval is the Consent to Assignment between Midwest Car Corporation and Corpat, Inc. dba National Car Rental.

All terms and conditions of the lease remain the same.

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the documents.

The Airport Division recommends approval and requests the Mayor be authorized to execute the documents.

s/ Mike Humberd

It was moved by Councilmember Hardcastle, seconded by Councilmember Groberg, to approve the Consent to Assignment between Midwest Car Corporation and Corpat, Inc. dba National Car Rental and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Lehto
 Councilmember Barnes
 Councilmember Groberg
 Councilmember Shurtleff
 Councilmember Hardcastle

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Municipal Services Director submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls
December 30, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: S. Craig Lords, Municipal Services Director
SUBJECT: IDAHO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT
 NO. 7

Attached for your consideration is the Idaho National Guard Supplemental Agreement No. 7. The said agreement will extend for an additional five years to construct and maintain access to the City of Idaho Falls sanitary disposal area, located on Cinder Butte Road.

It is respectfully requested that City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

s/ S. Craig Lords

It was moved by Councilmember Groberg, seconded by Councilmember Hardcastle, to approve the Idaho National Guard Supplemental Agreement No. 7 and, further, give authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

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Aye: Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Shurtleff
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Groberg
Councilmember Barnes

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Parks and Recreation Director submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls
January 3, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: David J. Christiansen, Parks and Recreation Director
SUBJECT: VETERINARY SERVICES AGREEMENT

Attached for your consideration is a Veterinary Services Agreement between the City of Idaho Falls and Dr. Rhonda Aliah of Skyline Animal Clinic. The Agreement provides for veterinary services at the Tautphaus Park Zoo. The term of the Agreement is for one year terminating on December 31, 2003. The Agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and is, therefore, submitted for your approval.

s/ David J. Christiansen

It was moved by Councilmember Hardcastle, seconded by Councilmember Groberg, to approve the Veterinary Services Independent Contractor Agreement with Dr. Rhonda Aliah from Skyline Animal Clinic to provide veterinary services for Tautphaus Park Zoo and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Groberg
Councilmember Barnes
Councilmember Shurtleff
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Planning and Building Director submitted the following memo:

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January 6, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Renée R. Magee, Planning and Building Director
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF TRAIL CREEK DRIVE TO
SOUTHPOINT BOULEVARD

Attached is an Ordinance changing the name of Trail Creek Drive in Southpoint Addition to Southpoint Boulevard. There is a Trail Creek Drive in the eastern part of Bonneville County. The Division respectfully requests the passage of the Ordinance.

s/ Renée R. Magee

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2479

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF TRAIL CREEK DRIVE, A STREET LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, TO SOUTHPOINT BOULEVARD; PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

The foregoing Ordinance was presented by title only. Councilmember Barnes moved, and Councilmember Hardcastle 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:

Aye: Councilmember Shurtleff
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Barnes
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Groberg

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Public Works Director submitted the following memos:

City of Idaho Falls
January 7, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chad Stanger, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: SALE – SEWER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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The Public Works Council Committee has deliberated on proposed sale of the Sewer Administration Building and constructing a new Sewer Administration Building near the Sewage Treatment Facility. A potential buyer has indicated a willingness to pay the City's asking price.

Public Works recommends the City Council declare an intent to sell the Sewer Administration Building, located at 3916 South Yellowstone Highway, at public auction for a minimum amount of \$1,075,000.00; and, authorize publication of a notice to conduct a public hearing on February 13, 2003 to receive public input into this matter.

s/ Chad Stanger

It was moved by Councilmember Shurtleff, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, to announce the City Council's intent to sell the Sewer Administration Building located at 3916 South Yellowstone Highway at public auction for a minimum amount of \$1,075,000.00 and, further, give authorization for publication of a notice to conduct a public hearing on February 13, 2003 to receive public input into this matter. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Barnes
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Shurtleff
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Groberg

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chad Stanger, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: CHANGE ORDER NOS. 1 AND 2 - CITY MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Attached are proposed Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 to the contract with Clyde Burnside Construction, Inc. for construction of the City Maintenance Facility. These change orders increase the contract amount by a total of \$34,455.44 and involve a number of changes to the scope of work. The most notable changes include sewer line materials; floor elevation; additional rock excavation; stair access to the mezzanine; and, amending construction specifications of one exterior wall.

Public Works recommends approval of these change orders; and, authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the documents.

s/ Chad Stanger

It was moved by Councilmember Shurtleff, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, to approve Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 to Clyde Burnside Construction, Inc. for the construction of the

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City Maintenance Facility and, further, give authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Groberg
Councilmember Barnes
Councilmember Shurtleff

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

City of Idaho Falls
January 6, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chad Stanger, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – TERRACON, INC.
SUNNYSIDE ROAD PROJECT

Attached is a proposed Professional Services Agreement between the City and Terracon, Inc. to provide the soils and pavement reports necessary for obtaining design approval on the Sunnyside Road, Yellowstone to Holmes Avenue, in an amount of \$21,710.00.

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 Shurtleff, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Terracon, Inc. to provide the soils and pavement reports necessary for obtaining design approval on the Sunnyside Road, Yellowstone to Holmes Avenue, and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Barnes
Councilmember Groberg
Councilmember Shurtleff
Councilmember Hardcastle

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

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There being no further business, it was moved by Councilmember Lehto, seconded by Councilmember Shurtleff, that the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR
