

APRIL 12, 1989

Pursuant to a call by the Mayor, the City Council of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, met in Special Session in the Council Chamber, 140 S. Capital, on April 12, 1989, at 7:30 P.M. There were present: Mayor Thomas Campbell; Councilmen Mel Erickson, Wes Deist, Paul Hovey, Sam Sakaguchi, Ralph Wood, and Art Chandler, Jr. Also present: Velma Chandler, City Clerk; Dale Storer, City Attorney.

Mayor Campbell announced that the purpose of this Special Meeting was to hear reports from Councilmen Erickson and Chandler, concerning their review of the proposal to close a portion of River Parkway Road. He complimented these Councilmen for their efforts in this regard.

At the request of the Mayor, Councilman Erickson has his proposal at this time. Erickson stated that City Administrators have identified a Greenbelt along the Snake River since the early Nineteen Hundreds, for the purpose of maintaining the pristine character along the river. The current administration has decided to develop the Greenbelt and have already spent \$135,000.00 on this project. The Parks and Recreation and the Citizen's Planning Commissions have made recommendations that the road north of the Driftwood Motel be closed. He urged the Councilmembers to accept the proposed plan to close the portion of the road. In his opinion, if the road is kept open, it will triple the traffic through this area and make it unsafe for pedestrians and families trying to enjoy the Greenbelt. He said "pedestrians and traffic do not mix".. Erickson's proposal was, basically, the same as previously presented, except for a slight change in the cul-de-sac location.

Mayor Campbell then asked Councilman Chandler to present his proposal. Chandler expressed thanks for being able to present the Committee's proposal. He said that, in his opinion and from evidence presented, the citizens want the road left open. In a spirit of compromise, the Engineering Department, directed by Brent Summers, has prepared some drawings that show there can be both a road and a path. The proposal shows a fourteen foot, one-way street with curb and gutter, a six to eight foot grass division, and a six foot path with at least five feet for additional grass to the river edge.

The Mayor asked if the Councilmembers had any questions. There being none, Councilman Deist asked the City Attorney to read the following ordinance caption:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF RIVER PARKWAY WITHIN THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO; PARTICULARLY DESCRIBING THE PORTION OF SAID STREET; RESERVING SAID PORTION FOR OTHER PUBLIC USES; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

The foregoing ordinance was presented in title. It was moved by Councilman Deist, seconded by Erickson, that the provisions of Section 50-902 of the Idaho Code requiring all ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three several days be dispensed with. The question being, "SHALL THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 50-902 OF THE IDAHO CODE REQUIRING ALL ORDINANCES TO BE READ ON THREE SEVERAL DAYS BE DISPENSED WITH?" Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmen Sakaguchi, Erickson, Deist, Hovey, Wood, and Chandler; No, none; carried. The majority of all the members of the Council present having voted in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the rule dispensed with and ordered the ordinance placed before the Council for final consideration, the question being, "SHALL THE ORDINANCE PASS ON ITS THIRD AND FINAL READING?" Roll call as follows: Ayes,

Councilmen Sakaguchi, Erickson, and Deist; No, Councilmen Hovey, Wood, and Chandler.
The results of the vote being a tie, the Mayor voted "No", which defeated the motion.

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It was then moved by Councilman Chandler, seconded by Hovey, that the Council instruct the Engineering and Planning Departments to work together to prepare the necessary plan to implement the proposal for a one-way street. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmen Chandler, Erickson, Hovey, and Wood; No, Councilmen Deist and Sakaguchi; carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Sakaguchi, that the meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; carried.

s/ Velma Chandler
CITY CLERK

s/ Thomas Campbell
MAYOR
