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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Special Meeting (Council Work Session), Monday, August 20, 2018, in the Council Chambers in the City Annex Building located at 680 Park Avenue in Idaho Falls at 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

There were present:

Mayor Rebecca L. Noah Casper
Councilmember Jim Freeman
Councilmember Jim Francis
Councilmember Michelle Ziel-Dingman
Councilmember Shelly Smede
Councilmember John Radford (arrived at 3:12)

Absent:

Councilmember Thomas Hally

Also Present:

Rick Cloutier, Airport Director
Chris Fredericksen, Public Works Director
Dave Hanneman, Fire Chief
Duane Nelson, Deputy Fire Chief
Randy Fife, City Attorney
Kathy Hampton, City Clerk

Mayor Casper called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the following:

Acceptance and/or Receipt of Minutes:

It was moved by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Smede, to receive the recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to the Local Land Use Planning Act (LLUPA). Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Freeman, Smede, Francis, Dingman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Calendar, Announcements and Reports:

August 21, Idaho Falls Police Department (IFPD) Officer Swearing-In; and, IFPD No-Alcohol Night at the Chukars
August 22, City Council Budget Work Session (if needed); Thunder Ridge Ribbon Cutting; Idaho Falls Fire Department (IFFD) Night at the Chukars; and, City Club
August 23, Employee Benefit Fair; and, City Council Meeting
August 25, Idaho Falls Zoo Community Appreciation Day
August 27, Center for HOPE Luncheon
September 3, Labor Day (City offices closed)
September 8, Bonneville County Heritage Association Vietnam War Tribute
September 10, City Council Work Session
September 13, City Council Meeting
September 28, Hoedown for Humanity
October 5, Policemen's Ball s

Mayor Casper expressed her concern regarding the upcoming School District 91 bond vote and the statement made by a group against the bond indicating that some of the City Councilmembers did not approve of the bond. She stated at this time the City, as an entity, officially neither supports nor opposes the bond.

Mayor Casper stated there was a recent dedication/ribbon cutting at the new all-access play area at Freeman Park. She indicated the Civitans intend to work on improving one playground each year.

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Liaison Reports and Concerns:

Councilmember Freeman stated sanitation collection will be on regular schedule for the Labor Day holiday.

Councilmember Smede stated that the Library summer reading program is winding down.

Councilmember Francis reiterated the Fire Department night at the Chukars.

Councilmember Dingman had no items to report.

Councilmember Radford had no items to report.

Airport Security Update:

Mayor Casper stated she has requested Director Cloutier to review protocols due to some recent events in the Nation relating to airport security and mental health. Director Cloutier stated that due to the sensitive nature of the security plan he cannot fully discuss the entire security plan. He also stated that insider threats have been an issue to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for many years and most smaller airports, such as Idaho Falls Regional Airport (IFRA) are at a disadvantage due to the lack of 24/7 security. TSA intelligence indicates most events will start at these smaller airports. Director Cloutier reviewed the employee background checks process. He stated IFRA will be focusing on TSA policies including challenge procedures, physical deterrents with badge checks, and limiting access of employees to certain sections. Mayor Casper stated there could be concern due to the ownership of hangers at the airport and those individuals who have access. Brief discussion followed regarding 'movement of people'. Councilmember Freeman questioned Air Traffic Control and the areas they monitor. Director Cloutier indicated Air Traffic Control only monitors air traffic and taxi ways. Mayor Casper stated any additional questions or concerns be submitted to Director Cloutier.

2018 Public Works Construction Projects Update:

Director Fredericksen stated the summer construction schedule was originally presented at the May 7, 2018 Council Work Session. He expressed his appreciation to Bruce Scholes, Idaho Falls Power (IFP) staff member, for managing the traffic signals. Director Fredericksen presented the following updates with general discussion throughout: S. Boulevard and Elm Street Roundabout (should be completed mid-September, road closures are pre-contract and identified in the bid); 17th Street Overlay and 17th Street Medians (there have been cost savings with the pavement due to the Federal Aid project, this will allow sidewalk needs to be addressed); Anderson Street Water Line Replacements (500' of water line is being installed); 25th Street Improvements (this is anticipated to create a 40-year life span for the street - brief discussion followed regarding the median landscaping, the possibility of a dry-scape being installed, and seal coat options); Well 1 Improvements (there have been many issues and delays with equipment, some financial repercussions are expected due to the contract delay); Waste Water Treatment Plant (anticipated to be completed in spring 2019); Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1 and 2 (completed); Sewer Spot Repairs (completed); Eastside Greenbelt Path (mostly completed, aside from issues with installation of the handrail - brief discussion followed regarding safety near the Snake River); Iona Street to Riverside Drive Sidewalk (handrail should be installed in the near future); Pinecrest Sidewalk and Path (mostly completed); Science Center Drive and Iona Street Sidewalk (will be completed prior to the beginning of the school year); Yellowstone Sidewalk Connection (has been put on hold to pursue alternative funding/grant); Bel Aire Concrete Improvements (completed); Water Line 8th and 9th Street (project was delayed due to contractor issues - brief discussion followed regarding the use of alley ways to avoid construction work on streets); Water Line 18th and 19th Streets (water line has been delayed); Street Overlays (completed); Street Seal Coating (mostly completed with the exception of the fog coat); S. Boulevard Storm Line Improvements (mostly completed - brief discussion followed regarding travel, parking, and a fog lane for bicycle traffic on S. Boulevard); Well 18 Improvements (completed); Northgate Water Line Spot Repairs (prior to Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) project); Water Meter Replacements (currently out for bid); Mel Erickson Sunnyside Park Paving (mill tailings replaced); Ernest Drive Water Line (to be installed later in the year); High-Intensity Activated crossWalk (HAWK) Signals (installed at Boulevard and 15th Street prior to school starting, Royal and Bower Streets will be completed once the school year begins); Thermoplastic (anticipated to be completed by the end of September); and, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) on Boulevard at 9th Street and Birch Street (will be installed by the end of September). Director Fredericksen indicated that ITD projects will extend

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through September, including Northgate Mile, Yellowstone Avenue, and Holmes Avenue. He stated work on Lincoln Road will continue as part of the Connecting Our Communities plan which will connect with John Adams by the bike lane sharrows on 5th and 6th Streets.

Mutual Aid Agreement with Bonneville County Regarding Wildland Fires:

Chief Hanneman stated for the previous four (4) years the IFFD has worked to solidify agreements for Mutual Aid which cover the City of Idaho Falls; the Fire District outside of City limits by contract; and the Sheriff's unincorporated no-man lands. These no-man lands fires need to be extinguished quickly to prevent spreading into a District. Chief Hanneman stated the Fire District has put a limitation of one (1) mile past the Fire District to take their brush truck, which then eliminates the resources to help the Sheriff. He then approached Bonneville County, including the Sheriff's Office, to discuss the purchase of a brush truck in which the City will lease for \$1. This truck would also be utilized to respond to fires for the Sheriff. The brush truck will be housed at Station 4. Following brief comments, there was consensus of the Council to place this item on the August 23 Council Meeting agenda as a Consent Agenda item.

Chief Hanneman reviewed wildfire deployments including the number of incidents and the additional revenue the City will receive. This revenue will help with the deficit on the Ambulance Fund. He stated the IFFD has the most paramedic Firefighters in the State. Chief Hanneman reviewed single resources (including personnel); incident; dates; and hourly rates. He also reviewed the equipment usage, including unit; incident; dates; and hourly rates. He stated two (2) personnel were recently deployed for wildfire assistant in Nevada. Brief discussion followed regarding deployment and the 14-day deployment commitment.

Public Hearing Comments and Consideration of Final 2018/2019 Budget Proposed Revisions:

Mayor Casper requested any changes prior to the final presentation of the budget at the August 23 Council Meeting. She reminded the Councilmembers that the amount cannot be increased. Councilmember Radford believes all budget and proposed fee items have been addressed. Councilmember Freeman stated he is comfortable with the tentative budget. Councilmember Dingman indicated the public comment supported expenditures for a splash pad. Councilmember Francis is supportive of the tentative budget although he believes the Animal Control fees may require additional discussion. Councilmember Dingman stated that fees need to represent the service provided, they should not subsidize activities for a single citizen. She also stated the fees established are the ceiling amount and they can go down. Councilmember Radford commended the Municipal Services staff and the administration for the presentation of the budget. Councilmember Smede stated she was impressed by the citizens for their input and courtesy. Mayor Casper believes the lack of interest during the public hearing regarding the foregone amount communicates that no one is willing to oppose the public safety initiative, this is a compliment to the first responders. Following brief comments, there was a consensus to cancel the August 22, 2018 Council Budget Work Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

s/ Kathy Hampton
CITY CLERK

s/ Rebecca L. Noah Casper
MAYOR