

## **Meridian City Council Work Session**

**September 15, 2026.**

A Meeting of the Meridian City Council was called to order at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2026, by Mayor Robert Simison.

Members Present: Robert Simison, Luke Cavener, Liz Strader, John Overton, Doug Taylor, Anne Little Roberts and Brian Whitlock.

Other Present: Chris Johnson, Bill Nary, Curtis Calder, Garrett White.

### **ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Little Roberts     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Overton   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Taylor             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luke Cavener   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Robert E. Simison |                                                    |

Simison: Council, we will call the meeting to order. For the record is Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. We will begin this work session with roll call attendance.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Simison: Next item up is adoption of the agenda.

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: We have to modify the Executive Session Item 12 to read the following: Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206, Subsection (1)(f), to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated, but eminently likely to be litigated and (1)(j) consider labor contract matters authorized under Section 74-206(a), subsection (1)(a) and (1)(b) of Idaho Code and with that change in language to Item 12 I move that we approve the agenda.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to adopt the agenda with that new information. Is there any discussion? If not all in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay? The ayes have it and the agenda is agreed to.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

### **CONSENT AGENDA [Action Item]**

1. **Driftwood Sewer and Water Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Easement No. 2 (ESMT-2026-0207)**
2. **Mogul Industrial Park Phase 2 Water Main Easement No. 3 (ESMT-2026-0202)**
3. **W. Navigator Lane Blowoff and Hydrant Water Main Easement (ESMT-2026-0203)**
4. **W. Navigator Lane Blowoff and Hydrant Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Easement (ESMT-2026-0204)**
5. **StudioRes Hotel Water Main Easement No. 1 (ESMT-2026-0206)**
6. **Modified Final Plat for Apex Cadence (MFP-2026-0006) by Brighton Corporation, located at 6575 S. Locust Grove Rd.**
7. **Agreement Between the State of Idaho, Ada County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Meridian for Use of Sheriff's Community Service Participants**
8. **Interagency Agreement with Ada County Highway District for Water and Sewer Services**

Simison: Next up is the Consent Agenda.

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: No changes to tonight's Consent Agenda. I move that we approve the Consent Agenda, for the Mayor to sign and Clerk to attest.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: I have a motion and a second to approve the Consent Agenda. Is there any discussion? If not all in favor signify by saying aye. The ayes have it and the Consent Agenda is agreed to.

**MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.**

### **ITEMS MOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA [Action Item]**

Simison: There were no items moved from the Consent Agenda.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS [Action Item]**

### **9. Rose Circle Fence Discussion**

Simison: So, we will move on to our Department Reports. First item up is Item 9, which is the Rose Circle fence discussion for Mr. Curtis Calder.

Calder: Good afternoon, Mayor and City Council. Going to have a discussion prior to the next agenda item just talking about the Rose Circle fence project. This is something been working on and off on for probably upwards of a year. Recently a couple months ago we were able to get before MDC and that's what has driven it to this point, is they have agreed to a reimbursement agreement, but let's talk through some of the details on it first. Get my thing to move here. There it goes. Background. So, Rose Circle -- I'm sure everyone's familiar with it. It's on the corner of West Franklin and South Meridian. It was a mobile home subdivision created in 1970. A lot of people just think it's a mobile home park, but it does have individual parcels with lots of different ownership in there. There is a chain link fence that goes around the perimeter of that subdivision and the -- and the only two portions we are talking about are West Franklin Road and South Meridian and over time that fence has become blighted. It's in disrepair. There is some breaks in it. There is missing sections. People have attached personal fences to that fence. It's not in great condition. The subdivision is within the urban renewal district, Meridian Urban Number One, and it does expire at the end of this calendar year. So, as it sits today, to the best of our knowledge, looking at the property corners, it looks like it sits right on top of the property line, which would make it a partition fence, meaning that each adjoining property owner has 50 percent responsibility for construction, maintenance, repair, et cetera. On the street side it's public right of way. It's ACHD's right of way. And on the Rose Circle side it's the 17 different parcel owners. There was an HOA way back in 1970, but that has long since expired. So, there is no singular contact point for us to talk to. So, ACHD claims no responsibility for the fence. They inherited it -- at least the Franklin fence from ITD. It used to be an ITD right of way and the proposed solution is to replace the current fence with a precast concrete fence similar to the one in the picture. It doesn't have to be exactly like that, but that's a good example. Those are installed and they look concrete when they are installed and, then, they are stained after the fact, so they can be different shades of color and that would be decided I guess later. But in order to qualify for the MDC reimbursement that fence would have to sit within the ACHD right of way. It has to be on public property. So, if we can accomplish that MDC has offered the city up to 125,000 dollars in reimbursement. The estimate for this project would be about 112,000. It allows some contingency in case we run into utility conflicts, which I'm sure we are going to and that gets into the challenges portion. Very narrow public right of way between the side and -- edge of the sidewalk and the existing fence. This picture is the Meridian Road side, much narrower than the Franklin side, so this particular side the fence would have to actually be pulled out. There is just enough room to put the posts in between the sidewalk and the existing fence line to get it clearly in the right of way. Probably where the tele -- there is four telephone poles on Meridian that the fence has to go around. Those might end up on the property line again depending on how close

we can get to the telephone pole. So, that's going to be a challenge on the Meridian Road side. On the Franklin Road side, depending on what the property owners would prefer, the fence could actually be built far enough away from the existing fence it doesn't even need to be removed. Some may want it removed. Some may not. We -- we got our estimate based on the assumption everybody wants the chain link fence removed. So, that 112,000 we think is a pretty good number. Let's talk about the utility conflicts. Time constraints, because the URD is expiring at the end of the calendar year. The way that would work is even if we didn't get the work completed by December 31st, as long as we were under contracts and everything was executed we would have until the end of the first quarter of 2027 to complete it. So, the goal would be to have it completed by December 31st, but let's say there is a blizzard or a weather problem or something happens we can't do it, we would still be eligible for the reimbursement even if we were finished in January. We do have to have a license agreement with ACHD to do this. They do not want to have any ownership of the fence, so if we were to pursue this project the city of Meridian will own the fence and be responsible for it if it's damaged or if it needs maintenance in the future. So, those are the challenges. In talking with fence contractors it's about a 30 to 45 day project once they get a notice to proceed and barring, you know, some unforeseen utility conflict they think that's a realistic number. So, with that I will just open it up to questions. I'm sure you have some.

Simison: Thank you, Curtis. Council, questions?

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: Not so much a question as a comment to the rest of council. Curtis did reach out to me and we discussed this a few weeks ago. I thought it was a good enough idea as a win-win all the way around for having this fence put up. It was good to bring forward and it was a good idea to have MDC be part of this. I think that's a great opportunity. I just want to make one comment, because you -- you -- you are going to have to hear some of my historical knowledge that's totally worthless, but you are going to hear it anyway. ITD owned the right of way on Franklin Road and I know that because back in the day there used to be a sign at the corner of Meridian and Franklin that was U.S. Highway 30 and it was 397 miles from that intersection to Portland, Oregon. And that's why it was listed as an ITD right of way at that time. The interstate was still rather new and Highway 30 still exists, but now it parallels the interstate. So, if you are wondering why ITD had a right of way on Franklin Road, that is the reason why it existed back in the day. I think this is -- I still -- I think this is a win-win if we can make all the parties to this agreement happy, especially how you are going to deal with that telephone pole.

Calder: Yeah. We have had some conversations with the power company and they said as long as they don't have to move their power pole and we can get around it and they can still climb up the pole they are okay with it. But there is other utilities in there.

There is an irrigation diversion box on the corner. It's hard to see. It's all overgrown. I don't think it's actively being used. And when I contacted the Nampa-Meridian Irrigation District they said that's a private utility box and as I looked into it further a lot of the parcels -- not all of them, but a lot of the parcels in Rose Circle actually have water rights attached to that. So, I don't think whether it's operable or not or anything, I think we are going to work around that regardless. Just because those water rights are -- are in existence on some of those parcels. So, that little gate that you see on the corner will have to have an access gate. I was kind of hoping not to have an access gate, but I think we are going to have to put a gate in there as well.

Strader: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Council Woman Strader.

Strader: What kind of useful life does this type of fence have and what kind of maintenance do we anticipate or how frequently might we have to replace the fence or repair it? I mean, obviously, if someone runs into it it's out of our control, but help me understand what a precast concrete fence will look like in 20 years.

Calder: Yeah. That's a great question. I -- I didn't know much about them either when I started. So, the posts themselves are concrete. As -- so, you got a concrete post and they will have rails on the inside of those and the -- what looks like wood is actually concrete precast slats that slide down the rails. So, in the event a car hits one -- a section of that and it breaks, that section can be lifted out in pieces or whatever and new pieces can be put back in. It would have to be restained to match whatever the color is and the fence manufacturer recommends resealing the concrete fence once every three years. It's about 1,500 dollars to have the contractor do that for the 1,200 lineal feet. So, it's not a big expense, but if you want it to last its maximum life you are going to want to reseal it with a spray-on coating. Contractor does that. We wouldn't have to mess with it, but we would have to pay for it. As far as durability, we did look at vinyl types of fences. There is a lot of those around, too. But due to the proximity to the road and the rocks that get thrown up by wheels -- when it's cold those get holes in them and they said that vinyl fencing would have to be constantly maintained. We would be breaking them and there would be holes in them and we would have to be in there fixing it all the time. So, that's why we gravitated towards the concrete solution. It's going to be the most durable, most cost-effective fence. Hopefully, it will last 50 years.

Strader: Okay. Thank you.

Little Roberts: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Council Woman Little Roberts.

Little Roberts: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you so much. This has been very interesting, as well as enlightening regarding that corner. So, then, who becomes the

keeper of the fence? Does that, then, lie in economic development or does parks get it? Sorry, Steve. Because they have probably got more fencing. How -- we ask so often in, you know, development who is going to track that so it gets done.

Calder: Well, I hope it's not economic development, but, that said, I would be happy -- if no one else wants it I -- I would be happy to take it. But, yeah, I think -- you know. So, it will be on the ACHD's right of way. I assume they will continue their weed abatement that they do. I mean you probably saw them out weeding it earlier this year. So, if they are going to do that that's great, because that's going to be a constant ongoing maintenance item. As far as the staining of the fence, the contractor does that, but someone has to interact with the contractor and get the quotes and do all of that. So, that would probably be the extent of it with regard to anything short of a car crash into the fence. But, yeah, we probably need to identify a department that would deal with it in the event of an -- you know, an accident or something.

Little Roberts: Thank you.

Simison: It would be going to our facilities management group. They -- they -- they would be the ones that would probably make sure the staining gets done and any general issues.

Whitlock: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Whitlock.

Whitlock: Curtis, thanks. I don't have quite the history with this corner as -- as Councilman Overton does, but tell me a little bit about the neighbors. Yeah. Tell me a little bit about the neighbors and have we talked to them about precast concrete? Have we talked to them about staining the inside and the outside? Do we maintain both sides? It seems to me that you would want to tear out the fence first -- the existing fence before installing, but it sounds like they have a say in whether or not the existing wood and chain link fence comes out. Talk to me about that process with the members and how that would work.

Calder: So, we have made contact with -- have spoken to probably ten of the 17 residents right now. There is letters out currently to property owners, get -- trying to get response engagement. Some are absentee owners and we just started that process within the last two weeks or so. So, we haven't been at that very long. With regard to some of the comments that we have heard, the concern about the coordination of the fence construction is really important to them, because a lot of them have pets and they don't want their pets getting out. So, we need to make some sort of allowance for how we will deal with, you know, we can't really leave the fence open very long. It has to be, you know, sealed up pretty quick. So, I know fence contractors -- the one I spoke with that does these kinds of fence works with these issues all the time with people. So, I think that's doable. I think on the Franklin Road side if the residents were good with us just putting the fence a little closer to the road, then, we don't have to touch any of their

existing fences, they can leave those, we can leave the existing chain link fence. I know there is a lot of vegetation issues in there where vegetation has grown up there. There is a weird little access easement for a cable company, for like TV cable in there where there is a gap between the personal fences and the chain link fence that exists. We wouldn't be in that, but, nonetheless, we are putting up one more barrier to make that more difficult for someone to go in there and deal with that cable, assuming it's even active. It may not even be active and we haven't had that conversation with that utility yet, so -- but with regard to the Meridian Road side, there's really no other way than pulling out the chain link fence. Some of those personal fences, even though they are on their private property, they have attached those with wire and other things to hold their fence up. Not in all cases, but in some cases. So, if they have done that those fences are probably going to have to come out with the chain link. Yeah. Generally speaking nobody's in opposition, they just have questions with regard to how the process would be done. There would have to be some intermittent sidewalk closures during this time frame. There will be one piece of small equipment that would be drilling the holes that aren't hand dug. Some of the holes are going to have to be hand dug because of the utilities. They are 24 inch deep holes, 12 inches in diameter, so they are pretty good sized holes. They will fit on that Meridian Road side, but if you have ever looked at it as you get closer to the traffic signal, there is a change in grade between the sidewalk and the bottom of the fence and so that's another issue that a property owner brought up to me if they go in and they grade that down level with the sidewalk, there is going to be a pretty big gap. How is the fence going to compensate for that? And so that's why we put in the specifications. The fence is going to be -- be between five and six feet tall. We would like to keep the top of it as level as possible, but some parts of the fence might have to have a -- a larger vertical distance to cover those gaps on the bottom. Assuming they have to grade it like that. They might not have to.

Simison: And I believe the property owner just walked into the room.

Calder: Oh, well, perfect.

Simison: It's perfect timing.

Calder: Yep.

Simison: Maybe to follow up on one component that -- you mentioned is staining a -- for structural integrity of the fence long term or -- or -- because my question is really around -- you might need to stain both sides if it's for structure, which is access to the other people's property, if it's a maintenance versus a visual. Do you know?

Calder: When I asked about that -- so, the pricing includes the staining on both sides, but they realized, too, that they would have to get permission from the property owners to get back there to do that. So, for consistency purposes it's probably going to be a good idea to get everybody to either agree or not agree and -- just because of that ongoing maintenance issue. So, we will have to work that out. But as far as the stain goes it's my understanding it's really the color -- to color the concrete initially and, then,

a seal is put over the top of it and, then, it's the seal that gets replaced or -- or added to every three years or so. They said three to five years. It's based on the --

Simison: And so if the seal is not done on one side of the fence on a regular basis, because -- does that create how long it may last?

Calder: It could. Certainly. If not -- if they did -- like if we sealed it the first time, but we never got it done again I'm sure it would degrade it quicker on that side. It's probably more protected on that side because of the houses and it's not getting the wind and the rain like the other side would, but, ideally -- ideally in a perfect world everybody would agree, yeah, let's stain that side. Will -- in the license agreement with ACHD allow access, something of that nature, so we don't have to have 17 separate agreements.

Simison: I think that goes back to the question about if the Franklin Road fence was not removed it doesn't really give you access to do the staining very simply.

Calder: Yeah. It would be a little tighter to do it that way.

Simison: Yeah.

Calder: But you would still be up against the private property fences anyway, too, so -- okay.

Simison: Council, any further questions, comments?

Taylor: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Taylor.

Taylor: A quick question, Curtis. On the -- the projected cost about 111, 112 thousand, is that a firm estimate or is that -- could that number adjust up once they get in there and realize maybe there is a little bit more work than they have? Because if we have a reimbursement agreement of about 125,000 from MDC, just a little concerned if it turns out to be 145,000 because there was a -- something there that they hadn't expected and if that were the case the city would -- I would assume be on the hook, because we would pay for it and, then, be reimbursed. So, how solid is that cost estimate?

Calder: So, the estimate was based on fence contractors just walking it, looking at it, visually seeing it. They didn't do a -- an 8-1-1, but, you know, it's pretty obvious what's kind of down there. So, I think it's pretty good, but I think there will be additional labor involved with hand digging holes versus just running a machine in there and -- and boring them in those areas of concern, because we don't want to do any damage to any utilities. So, there -- I think there is enough contingency to cover most of it, but I -- but I would expect change orders for sure and so it -- you know, certainly targeting 125 -- no more than 125, but it could go slightly over if there was some unforeseen problem and the city would, you know, be on the hook for the difference.

Simison: Any additional questions, comments? Okay. Thank you, Curtis.

Calder: Okay. Thank you.

**10. Memorandum of Agreement between the Meridian Development Corporation (MDC) and the City of Meridian for Rose Circle Mobile Home Subdivision Fencing**

Simison: So, council, that does take us to No. 10. If it's -- if this is something you would like us to pursue there is a memorandum of agreement between the Meridian Development Corporation and the City of Meridian for this project.

Taylor: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Taylor.

Taylor: I mean I think I'm fine with it. You know, really think it would be an improvement. I drive by that every day and I think the -- the new fence would look nice and it would be an improvement to the city and taking advantage of the opportunity to have that taken care of makes some sense. I'm just a little concerned if the costs were to exceed that, but it seemed like it's reasonable. I guess maybe one question as a quick follow up to my earlier one if I may. Would the process look like -- because the city would -- would take care of the purchase, the install everything and then -- and, then, get that reimbursement once the work is done from MDC. Do you need to go back to the contractor and say we need a very fine-tuned detailed estimate of work before we would authorize from the city to -- to move ahead? Because I understand -- my understanding right now we are just looking at approving an MOA with -- with MDC, but in terms of next steps where the city would actually incur the work and expense, help me understand what that would look like if you could real quick

Calder: Sure. So, yeah, if we get the agreement finalized, the next step in the process would be to go through the informal bidding process, which is kind of dictated through Idaho Code and the city's procurement policy. Bill might need to comment on that. I don't know if a procurement of this level would have to come back to the council or if we would just follow the policy. I'm under the assumption we would just follow the policy, but it would be a much more fine-tuned specification, because we have to come up with the written specifications in order to do that. So, it's going to detail all of the things that we are aware of right now and we need to also in this process either decide to do the survey ourselves and get that completed or make that a responsibility of the contractor to get the survey. One way or the other the thing's got to get surveyed, so we know exactly where the property line is, but in talking to the fence contractor that we talked to he said be careful not to do the survey too early, because, then, the stakes start disappearing. You know, before we get in there to do the work and it makes it more difficult. So, I kind of need to work through the logistics of that part of it, but, generally speaking, there will be written specifications. We will follow our procurement policy. We will -- we will go out to at least three licensed contractors -- fence contractors to do the

work. I think our policy requires them to put in a bond -- performance bond to get the work done, so it's a pretty formalized process and it will address things like change orders and, you know, they are going to have to come to us and say that we have a change order, you know, and -- and we will need to say in this contract with them how the -- once a contract is awarded with them of how change orders would be handled.

Simison: And I think just to piggyback on that, obviously, we can't do a budget amendment. We are -- we are in that no go zone for a budget amendment. So, there is going to be some time that has to pass before we even get there and if we find out that the bids are not adequate, then, obviously, we will have to do another agreement with MDC and adjust the dollar figure, but, yeah, that -- that process will -- we can't actually go out to bid I don't think until we have a budget approved unless the MDC agreement supplants that option and that was -- that's a purchasing finance question.

Taylor: So, Mr. Mayor, to that end -- I'm just trying to make sure I'm understanding what's first here in this process, because if we -- essentially, Item No. 10, having this MOA between MDC and the city is to enter into a reimbursement agreement of 125,000. If Curtis comes back, once we have the final details and it's 155,000 or 165,000, you know, I would -- I would not want to move ahead at that point. I would want to make sure that the city could say we are not going to do that anymore.

Simison: You -- you should have another -- either bite for the budget amendment when that comes and/or a revised MOU that would have the appropriate dollar figure at that point in time. So, one to two bites.

Taylor: Okay. And I appreciate that. I mean I'm -- do we need to make a motion to approve the MOA here between MDC in the city on Item No. 10? Because I would be happy to do that if that's -- okay. Well, if there is no more discussion now, I would move that we approve the memorandum of agreement between Meridian Development Corporation and the city of Meridian for Rose Circle Mobile Home Subdivision fencing.

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to approve Item 10. Is there discussion? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay? The ayes have it and the item is agreed to. Thank you. Thank you, Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.

## **11. Lakeview Golf Course Fees Update**

Simison: Okay. Next item up is Lakeview Golf Course fees update. Turn this over to Mr. White.

White: Mr. Mayor and council, thanks for having me tonight. I'm here to talk to you guys about the fee proposal for Lakeview Golf Course. The objective tonight is really

just to have a discussion and get your guys' feedback. I don't necessarily need any kind of motions or anything, but more of a thumbs up, head shake. What will happen is after your feedback we will post the fees based on feedback and come back for a public hearing in about two to three weeks. So, with that I will jump into our fee proposal. In working with Finance this year we wanted to compare the FY-26 budget to the new FY-27 budget and kind of look at the cost differences there from our personnel and our operating cost. In that the budget increased by about 201,000 dollars and some change. So, when we first looked at the -- the fees we wanted to cover those costs. So, in diving into all the fees and the numbers and number of rounds sold in FY-25 and the projected in FY-26 rounds sold, we came up with our fees. In doing that we -- after -- well, after doing the fees that way we compared them to our comparables like we have done every year just to make sure we are still in the market and still within the -- the right range based on our comparables. The fee proposals that are in front of you put us right very close to the average of the current comps. So, with that I will stand for questions. The memo that I have attached really kind of explains it a little bit more depth. But with that I will stand for questions at this point.

Simison: Council, initial questions?

Strader: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Council Woman Strader.

Strader: Not a question. Maybe a question I have previewed for you just if you wanted to walk us through the comparables and kind of how we stack up to a couple of the surrounding golf courses. I just think that's helpful for everybody in terms of the context that we are in.

White: Sure. Mr. Mayor, Council Woman Strader. So, the comparables that we reached out to are kind of a mix of what we feel is -- I mean every course is -- is kind of like comparing apples to oranges really; right? But we did want to compare them just to make sure we are in a still ballpark. So, some of those that we use were Boise -- Boise Ranch, Centennial, Eagle Hills, Purple Sage, Quail Hollow, Red Hawk, Ridgecrest, River Birch, Shadow Valley, Warm Springs and, then, obviously, Lakeview. The fee proposals in front of you put us about a dollar under the average of all of those ten courses when it comes to the day passes and, then, our season pass holders we did the calculations that we have done every year for the last four or five years based on the break-even amount of rounds sold based on the current fee multiplied by a certain number to come up with the season pass holders. So, that way it's consistent every year, if that makes any sense. So, does that answer your question when we come to comparables and where we -- where we sit?

Strader: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Council Woman Strader.

Strader: Yeah. I think it's helpful. I just thought everyone would like to hear that we are about a dollar less than the average. I think that was the key piece of info and you don't need action tonight; right? This is --

White: No.

Strader: -- more just feedback, so --

White: Right. Just for discussion. And -- and, like I said before, like we -- we want to cover the cost difference from last year's budget to this year's budget is really our -- our target, so --

Strader: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Council Woman Strader.

Strader: Yeah. And just on that -- I have never loved that we are in the golf course business, but I accept that we are in the golf course business. That's where we are at. I -- I -- I did and do feel really strongly that covering our costs is really important. So, I think there is a good reason behind increasing them. You know, I think it's still very competitive from what I had seen. So, I'm in support of it, but I just thought that that background info would be helpful for the council.

White: Thank you.

Little Roberts: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Council Woman Little Roberts.

Little Roberts: Mr. Mayor. Garrett, the golf course looks great first and foremost.

White: That's --

Little Roberts: And so -- Ryan.

White: -- Ryan and his crew. Ryan and Nick. Yeah.

Little Roberts: So, I was actually kind of surprised that we didn't up them more given how crazy busy it is. But I know that it's, you know, the citizens and stuff, so I think that that's very reasonable and I think you are on a great track to just make sure that we are recouping our costs, so -- but great job. Some of us worked very very hard since we owned the dirt to get us into the golf course business. So, good job.

White: Mr. Mayor. And thank you very much for that compliment. I know I will pass it on, obviously, to Nick, but Ryan is here, too, and they both do such a great job out there running it. So, yeah, thank you.

Taylor: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Taylor.

Taylor: Just looking at the information, 2025 we had about 49,997 rounds. Is that -- I mean how much more room do we have for additional rounds? Like what's our capacity? Are we -- you know, because it would seem like the more rounds you could get, obviously, is a great way to get additional revenue without raising the rates, so I'm just kind of curious, you know, where that stacks up in terms of like what we could -- if we could get 52,000 rounds and what -- what does that mean? What does that look like? So, I'm just kind of curious if you could walk me through that a little bit. I'm comfortable with sort of where the fees are. Actually, I had a guy comment last year when I was golfing with him -- he said the city is trying to make this a Bougie golf course. I'm like I think they are just trying to make it a city golf course. But that said kind of curious the -- the capacity and increasing the number of rounds or if we are already at max capacity, what that looks like.

White: Yeah. I'm going to punt to Ryan on that one, so --

Roberts: Yeah. Thank you. Each year I try and find, you know, more ways to get some more revenue, some more rounds. Then I start to deal with daylight maintenance, what they need to do, the time that they need to get out there, our time constraints in the morning. But each year I find more ways to -- to make some more rounds and revenue with the way that we run tournaments and getting tournament -- or getting some more play out there when the tournament's clear. So, there is little things here and there where we do those types of tournaments and clinics and stuff where we are able to get out some more rounds and revenue, but 51 was a good number. I think 55 is -- is pushing it with what -- with everything that I have, you know, named on on where we can go with time constraints and maintenance and the crew and everything that they need to do. Mr. Mayor, Councilman Taylor, follow up. Do you have a sense where we are on track for 2026?

Roberts: I think we are going to be over 51,000 this year, so close to 52.

Simison: And may be a different way to ask the question: Are -- are almost all groups foursomes or are we three -- does it very enough?

Roberts: It varies. Yeah. You know, it depends on the day. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays it depends on the time of the day, what day of the week it is. You know, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sundays, we are maxing out foursomes. Afternoon play, yeah, we get the twosomes, the threesomes, and the singles. But, obviously, we are trying to max out the tee sheet as much as we can, but it just depends on the day.

Simison: So, there is capacity, but it would require -- I don't know if we force people to take twosomes -- if they are twosome and there is other two or the three and take a one --

Roberts: Yes, we do. Yeah. We try and maximize it out. So, yes, there is some room in that area as well.

Simison: Okay.

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: Just a quick comment. So, the -- the average golfers go out and we seem to get really good feedback, but I have gotten feedback now from three different organizers of tournaments that have run out at the golf course and I was impressed, because if there was a time where you guys are pushed to the limit it's when almost every single golf cart you have is rented out and you are pushing that course on every hole all day long and the feedback has been tremendous. The quality of the course, the way it's run, how everything worked, I couldn't ask for more. It's -- it's amazing that we can do that and we are still a municipal golf course and we are not one of these big fancy private clubs. It's -- it's tremendous recognition of the hard work you guys put in. So, thank you very much.

Roberts: Thank you. Yep, we got a great staff and thanks to your support we appreciate it.

Simison: And I would just add, you know, the -- obviously, our -- one of our competitors to the east has made a very large investment in their clubhouse facilities and operations. I was over in Pocatello not that long ago. They, too, were making improvements to their municipal facilities and clubhouse. We are hearing about a resurgence in golf as -- as -- in society. There does seem to be that. So, I think the investments we have made were wise investments to be able to have a competitive facility for -- to attract golfers, tournaments, all those things. So, I think it -- it is paying off in the long run, but it's also -- you know, we got to keep taking care of everything, whether it's a fence to stain or grass to mow and -- and the -- the team is doing a great job and I look forward to seeing it on Friday.

Roberts: Look forward to seeing you.

Whitlock: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Whitlock.

Whitlock: We were out there last week as part of the parks tour and things were just buzzing at Lakeview and it's good to see. I'm of the belief that it's -- it's a good deal until it's not a good deal and we have created a good deal for the citizens of Meridian. It's good to see people out there utilizing this amenity that we are able to provide. Ryan, kudos to you, because the course is beautiful and -- and it's being utilized. So, good work and let's keep making it a good deal and thanks for the research. I kind of like to

be that one dollar below the average of everybody else. So, appreciate your -- your work on that.

White: Okay. Well, what we will do is we will post these fees and, then, come back in two weeks for a public hearing and go from there.

Simison: All right. Thank you.

White: Thank you. Appreciate it.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION [Action Item]**

- 12. Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated and 1(j) To consider labor contract matters authorized under section 74-206A (1)(a) and (b), Idaho Code.**

Simison: Okay. With that we will move on to Item 12.

Overton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Overton.

Overton: Move that we go into Executive Session for Idaho Code 74-206, Subsection (1)(f), (1)(j) and 74-206(a)(1)(a) and (b).

Little Roberts: Second.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to go into Executive Session. Is there discussion? If not, clerk call the roll.

Roll Call: Cavener, yea; Strader, yea; Overton, yea; Little Roberts, yea; Taylor, yea; Whitlock, yea.

Simison: All ayes. Motion carries and we will go into Executive Session.

**MOTION CARRIED: ALL AYES.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: (5:10 p.m. to 5:49 p.m.)**

(Motion to come out of Executive Session – 5:49 Little-Roberts, Whitlock)

(Motion to adjourn - 5:49 Little-Roberts, Whitlock)

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:49 P.M.

(AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS)

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CHRIS JOHNSON - CITY CLERK