Meridian City Council

A Meeting of the Meridian City Council was called to order at 4:38 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2020, by Mayor Robert Simison.

Members Present: Robert Simison, Joe Borton, Luke Cavener, Treg Bernt, Brad Hoaglun and Liz Strader.

Member Absent: Jessica Perreault.

Also present: Adrienne Weatherly, Bill Nary, Jason Korn, Brian Caldwell, Joe Bongiorno, and Dean Willis.

ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

 X Liz Strader
 X Joe Borton

 X Brad Hoaglun
 X Treg Bernt

 ____ Jessica Perreault
 X Luke Cavener

 X Mayor Robert E. Simison

Simison: We will call this meeting to order. For the record it is Tuesday, December 1st, at 4:38 p.m. We will begin this afternoon's workshop with roll call attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Simison: Next up is the adoption of the agenda.

Bernt: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Bernt.

Bernt: I move that we approve the consent -- or, excuse me, the agenda as published.

Hoaglun: Mr. Mayor, I second the motion.

Simison: I have a motion and a second to adopt the agenda as published. Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it and the agenda is agreed to.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

CONSENT AGENDA [Action Item]

1. Approve Minutes of the November 17, 2020 City Council Work Session

- 2. Approve Minutes of the November 17, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting
- 3. FedEx BOIA Van Station Sanitary Sewer Easement
- 4. FedEx BOIA Van Station Water Main Easement
- 5. Hensley Station Subdivision No. 2 Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Easement
- 6. Shelburne East No. 3 Water Main Easement No. 1
- 7. Verraso North Partial Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Easement Release
- 8. Verraso North Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Easement
- 9. Westbridge Subdivision No. 1 Pedestrian Pathway Easement
- 10. Final Plat for Fairbourne Subdivision No. 3 (FP-2020-0008) by Fairbourne Development, LLC, Located at the North of W. Chinden Blvd and West of N. Black Cat Rd.
- 11. Final Order for Linder Village (FP-2020-0004) by CSHQA, Located at 1407 W. Chinden Blvd.
- 12. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law for Teakwood Place Subdivision (H-2020-0006) by Hesscomm Corp., Located at 1835 E. Victory Rd.
- 13. AIA B133 Pre-Design and Programming Agreement for Fire Stations 7 and 8 and Police Department Substations
- 14. Artist Acceptance Agreements for the Display of Artwork in the Initial Point Gallery February 2021 July 2021
- 15. Artist Acceptance Agreements for the Display of Artwork in the Initial Point Gallery August 2021 December 2021
- 16. Approval of Grantee Agreements for the Meridian Small Business Grant Program
- 17. License Agreement Between the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District and the City of Meridian for the South Slough Tiling and Pathway Improvements

18. Master Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Meridian and Richard Everett for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training Services

Simison: Next item is our Consent Agenda.

Bernt: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Bernt.

Bernt: I move that we approve the Consent Agenda, for the Mayor to sign and for the Clerk to attest.

Hoaglun: Mr. Mayor, second the motion.

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. Opposed nay. The ayes have it and the Consent Agenda is agreed to.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

ITEMS MOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA [Action Item]

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

DEPARTMENT / COMMISSION REPORTS [Action Item]

19. Public Works: 2020 Environmental Excellence Awards

Simison: So, we will move on to item -- under Department/Commission Reports, Item 19, Public Works 2020 Environmental Excellence Awards and I will turn this over to Mr. Korn.

Korn: All right. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council. I hope everyone can hear me. All right. The Environmental Excellence Awards are an annual opportunity to recognize the businesses, organizations, and individuals in our community for their innovation and leadership in environmental stewardship and sustainability. We normally present the awards in March, but like everything else this year, those plans were postponed. This allowed us the opportunity to innovate the awards themselves as we produced videos showcasing our awardees in a more visual and interactive way. I would like to thank our communication staff, Emma, Shandy, and the production intern and the awardees themselves for their part in creating these great videos. Our award selection committee met back in the spring and we chose three worthy recipients for this year's awards from the multiple nominations we received from the community at large. I would like to show these videos if I can share my screen. Okay. Great. All right. First I would like to congratulate the Boise Co-op for their innovative approach to protecting the environment and their dedication to health and the community. We will play this video.

(Video Played.)

The next award goes to the South Meridian YMCA for their dedication to recreation, energy efficiency, and green building practices at their new south Meridian facility.

(Video Played.)

And our next awardee is one of our very own of the City of Meridian Brett Baranco. Now, Brett is being awarded for his creative approach to educate our community on the recycling initiative, Trash or Treasure.

(Video Played.)

All right. Thanks again to our 2020 Environmental Excellence Awards recipients, the Boise Co-op Meridian, South Meridian YMCA, and Brett Baranco. Our next step is to get these videos out in social media so we could share them with -- with everybody whether they were at the meeting or not. So, that's a good innovation in our awards program I think we will keep using going forward and as we close out the 2020 awards I would like to encourage everyone to start thinking about the 2021 Environmental Excellence Awards and the nomination forms and more information on the award program is available on the city's website. Again thank you to our 2020 awardees and stand for any questions or comments.

Simison: Thank you, Jason. And I can speak for all of us in saying thank you to our award selectors -- selectees. I'm sure there are other applications as well and we appreciate everyone who has taken the initiative to do the right thing for our environment here in the City of Meridian. And with that I would see if Council has any comments or questions they would like to state at this time?

Borton: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Borton.

Borton: Just a brief comment. I think -- I just -- I'm really excited to see this, obviously, continue through challenging times. I understand the delay makes sense. But to some of the -- the focus on some stewardship of our environment that -- that Council Woman Strader had promoted with the resolution passed earlier this year, this just fits nicely with that focused commitment by the city to encourage folks to make those types of responsible choices, lead by example. So, celebrating them is fantastic -- it's a fantastic fit with what we are trying to focus on here with the city. So, thanks for the continued good work with that.

Simison: Thank you very much. And to our people watching on YouTube, no, you were not in a time warp. That was YouTube on YouTube. Sometimes I know it's like looking in the mirror and seeing yourself over and over again. That was not the case. So, thank you very much, Jason. We look forward to next year.

Korn: Thank you, guys.

20. Police Department: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment for Alive at 25 Grant

Simison: Okay. Next item is No. 20, a budget amendment. I'm looking to see if -- I don't know if that's going to be Chief Lavey. Oh. Okay. With that I will turn this over -- the fiscal year '20 budget amendment for Alive at 25 grant.

Caldwell: Mr. Mayor, Members of Council, just before I begin, I want you to know I'm the stand in for the stand in. So, if I'm a little monotone reading these points, that's why. So, yes, this is about the traffic team Office of Highway Safety grant. It's a spending authority item. This is a year long grant funded by OHS that pays for overtime funding and costs of travel for training in the areas that affect highway safety. Historically we have received between 35,000 and 45,000 per year from the Office of Highway Safety for the same type of activity, but the money was awarded in a different format where you had to apply for several smaller grants throughout the year. We have a long history of working with the Office of Highway Safety and they have started working with larger agencies like ours to award money up front for the whole year and allow more latitude in how and when it is spent. The funding allows for more time spent enforcing issues of DUI, aggressive driving, seatbelts, cell phone usage and other traffic issues that come up within our city. It is a net zero budget item and the grant was approved by the grant committee. And I will stand for any questions and maybe have an answer or not.

Simison: Thank you. Council, any questions? I will -- before we get -- I will just say I have -- I have been looking for these programs for my children and I'm glad to see an opportunity to bring them back.

Cavener: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Cavener.

Cavener: I agree with your -- with your comments. I'm curious, what was the grant amount again?

Caldwell: Mr. Mayor, Councilman Cavener, I don't know the specific amount. I'm just looking at the talking points, it's ranges between 35,000 to 45,000 per year.

Simison: Councilman Bernt, did you say 42,000? I think that was the number.

Bernt: Mr. Mayor, I believe, if I -- if I read it correctly, I believe that number is 43,000. I could be wrong, but I -- that's what I remember what I read.

Cavener: With that, Mr. Mayor, I'm happy to make a motion.

Simison: Okay. Councilman Cavener.

Cavener: Sorry. Thanks, Mr. Mayor. I move we approve the budget amendment for the Police Department for the Alive at 25 grant for 43,000 dollars.

Borton: Second.

Simison: I have a motion and a second to approve the budget amendment in the amount of 43,000 dollars. Is there any discussion on the amendment?

Bernt: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Bernt.

Bernt: Going off my memory can be sketchy. I believe that's what I read. Do we want to confirm that before we --

Hoaglun: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Hoaglun.

Hoaglun: I pulled that up and I'm showing for the grant amount of 21,600 dollars for grant revenue.

Bernt: Maybe it was -- 43 was the next one.

Hoaglun: And, then, for -- that's for fiscal year '21. Then there is another 21,600 for '22 and so on and so on, so --

Borton: 21,600.

Hoaglun: 21,600. Yes.

Simison: Does the motion maker amend their motion to that number?

Cavener: Correct, Mr. Mayor. If the second agrees.

Borton: Yep.

Simison: Excellent. Is there any further discussion on this item? If not, ask the Clerk to call the roll.

Roll call: Bernt, yea; Borton, yea; Cavener, yea; Hoaglun, yea; Strader, yea; Perreault, absent.

Simison: All ayes. And the budget agreement is agreed to.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

21. Police Department: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment for Traffic Enforcement Grant

Simison: So, we will go on to the next -- Item 21 is a fiscal year budget amendment for Traffic Enforcement grant.

Caldwell: Mr. Mayor, Members of Council, so the one we just did was for Alive at 25?

Simison: Yes.

Caldwell: Okay. I just read you the talking points previously for the Traffic Enforcement Grant and I did not read you the one for the Alive at 25. I apologize.

Borton: We knew that.

Caldwell: Okay. Any questions about the -- Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council, any questions about the traffic enforcement side?

Simison: Council, any questions? If not, do I have a motion?

Cavener: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Cavener.

Cavener: This one is for 43,000. So, I will make a motion that we approve the budget amendment for the Police Department for 43,000 dollars, '21 Traffic Enforcement Grant.

Borton: Second.

Simison: I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on the motion? If not, Clerk will call the roll.

Roll call: Bernt, yea; Borton, yea; Cavener, yea; Hoaglun, yea; Strader, yea; Perreault, absent.

Simison: All ayes and the amendment is agreed to. Thank you.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

22. Per Idaho Code 74-206A(1)(a) To deliberate on a labor contract offer or to formulate a counteroffer.

Simison: Next item is Executive Session.

Bernt: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Bernt.

Bernt: I move that we go into Executive Session per Idaho Code -- Code 740 -- excuse me -- 74-206A(1)(a).

Hoaglun: Mr. Mayor, I second the motion.

Simison: I have got a motion and a second to go into Executive Session. Any discussion? If not, Clerk will call the roll.

Roll call: Bernt, yea; Borton, yea; Cavener, yea; Hoaglun, yea; Strader, yea; Perreault, absent.

Simison: All ayes and we are adjourned into Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (4:54 p.m. to 5:29 p.m.)

Simison: Council, do I have a motion?

Bernt: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Bernt.

Bernt: I move that we come out of Executive Session.

Hoaglun: Mr. Mayor, I second the motion.

Simison: Have a motion and second to come out of Executive Session. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

Simison: Do I have another motion?

Bernt: Mr. Mayor?

Simison: Councilman Bernt.

Bernt: I move that we adjourn the meeting this evening.

Hoaglun: Mr. Mayor, second the motion.

Simison: Have a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it. We are adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:29 P.M.

(AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS)

MAYOR ROBERT SIMISON

____/__/ DATE APPROVED

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON - CITY CLERK