

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOTES**

City Hall - 10769 W State Street, Star, Idaho

Tuesday, July 02, 2024 at 7:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Chadwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION** – Council Member Kevan Wheelock offered the Invocation.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Elected Officials:** Mayor Trevor Chadwick, Council President David Hershey (via online), and Council Members Kevan Wheelock, Jennifer Salmonsens and Kevin Neilson were present.

**Staff:** City Attorney Chris Yorgason, Assistant City Planner Ryan Field, City Engineer Ryan Morgan, Public Information Officer Dana Partridge, Police Chief Zach Hessing, Sergeant Travis DeBie, Deputy Dale Morehouse and Clerk-Treasurer Jacob Qualls

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT -** Members of the Public may address the Mayor and Council on any item not currently on the agenda or on items currently or potentially set for a Public Hearing. Comments regarding City Staff, Elected Officials and Private Citizens should be set for a private meeting with the Mayor. **(Three Minute Time Limit)**

**Mary Jane Marlow, 485 S. Winslow Bay, Star Idaho** – Mary thanked the Mayor and Council members for adding the public comment section to the agenda. Mary discussed Freedom Park tree layout and design. She loves the park and walks her dog there. She has many years of arborcultural experience and asked that singular trees not be planted in the park. This park can be destined to be one of the best and most unique parks in Idaho and the northwest. It is not a Julia Davis or an Ann Morrison type park; the bones of this park will be the trees. She asked for the council to plan for 500 years of growth and plant the trees in groves. Have plaques at the bottom of the trees dedicated to veterans. Whole groves could be maintained by businesses. She asked that approach and placement of trees, that a landscape architect may not have thought of, be considered. Mayor Chadwick explained the trees will be planted soon based on the current design, perhaps changes can be made for future.

**Dana Partridge, 11330 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street** – She has been working closely with the landscape architect of Freedom Park as part of the planned Veterans Memorial Garden. She said the architect Loring Evans has a degree and has planned some beautiful parks in Idaho that are nationally renowned. Dana discussed some of his projects around the state; she is confident he will do Star proud.

**5. PRESENTATIONS / UPDATES:**

- A. **Pathway Plan Update** - Council Member Salmonsens offered an update on the Pathway Plan. Kimley Horn is the consultant working on the project. The first meeting was in March. The consultant has attended transportation meetings and have meet regularly with staff to gather information and input. The project is currently at the point to gather community input on the plan. There is information and an interactive map on the city's website, [staridaho.org/pathways](http://staridaho.org/pathways). She presented the website and how to use it and encouraged the public to look at the plan. There will be two open



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houses on July 15 and July 25 from 6-8pm at the Riverhouse to see maps and provide additional input. Once all the input is gathered, then a final plan will be presented in October.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEM)** *\*All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Star City Council for reading and study, they are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Consent Agenda or placed on the Regular Agenda by request.*

**A. Approval of Claims:**

- Council Member Salmonsens moved to approve the Claims; Council Member Wheelock seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hershey – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye; Neilsen – aye. Motion carried.

**7. ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Resolution 2024-14 Setting Freedom Park Rules - Approve & Adopt Certain Rules for Freedom Park Use (ACTION ITEM)**

Mayor Chadwick explained a resolution setting rules for the park has become necessary as the park is getting a lot of use and there is a need to help the police enforce the rules. Council Member Salmonsens would like to add prohibiting the use of glass containers, dogs must be under the control of their handler and animal waste to be deposited in a garbage receptacle, Chief Hessing stated that the city already has a leash requirement that can be enforced. He said many like to allow dogs to swim out to retrieve balls from the pond. Definition of control was discussed. Chief Hessing thinks it is a good idea to list on the sign that dogs be under control to allow it to be enforced. Littering on public property was also discussed, Idaho Code 18-7031 provides a fine for leaving debris. It was stated that all of these concerns are already part of the city's ordinance 6-1-3 so may not be needed to be added to the rules list. Trespass is the potential consequence for violation of the rules. Council Member Salmonsens would like to see them added to the rules list. Council Member Wheelock wondered about what will make enforcement most effective. Ryan mentioned that the long-term plan would be to have staff at the park, if these were included in the rules that would help staff to be able to enforce them. Council Member Neilson doesn't know that extra rules or laws are needed but a reminder could be helpful for people to remember to take care of the park. Mayor Chadwick discussed volunteers who are willing to help at the park. The nice thing about having them included on the sign is having something to show people who argue. Concerns about the park being used before it was completed were discussed. Council Member Wheelock likes the idea of including the concerns on the sign but not in the resolution.

- Council Member Salmonsens moved to approve Resolution 2024-14, the setting of Freedom Park rules, with the addition of the glass containers are prohibited, animals must be under the control of their handler and litter must be picked up as noted in our Star City code; no Council Member seconded the motion.



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- Council Member Neilsen moved to approve Resolution 2024-14, setting rules in Freedom Park, as it stands; Council Member Wheelock seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hershey – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye; Neilsen – aye. Motion carried.

B. **Tentative Adoption of FY 2024/2025 Budget** - The Council will tentatively adopt the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget prior to the Public Hearing. **(ACTION ITEM)**

Mayor Chadwick explained the city needed to tentatively adopt the Fiscal Year Budget prior to the Public Hearing on August 6, 2024. He reviewed the revenues and expenditures included in the budget.

- Council Member Salmonsens moved to tentatively approve the FY 2024/2025 Budget as stated; Council Member Neilsen seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hershey – aye; Wheelock – aye; Salmonsens – aye; Neilsen – aye. Motion carried.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Chadwick stated that the city is getting a historic bridge for Freedom Park to go over the slough from the State of Idaho. The city is slated to get a second bridge as well.

Mayor Chadwick adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm.