



City Council Meeting

680 Park Avenue
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Minutes - Final

Thursday, June 10, 2021

7:30 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order.

Present: Mayor Rebecca L Noah Casper, Council President Michelle Ziel-Dingman, Councilor John Radford, Councilor Thomas Hally, Councilor Jim Freeman, Councilor Jim Francis, and Councilor Lisa Burtenshaw

Also present:

All available Department Directors

Randy Fife, City Attorney

Kathy Hampton, City Clerk

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Casper requested Councilor Burtenshaw to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment.

Jeff Forbes, 10th Street, appeared. Mr. Forbes stated he has served on the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Commission for the previous six (6) years. He also stated he applauds the City for many things, however, he was disappointed how the City rolled out the new water tower project and the decision to convert public park green space for the water tower. He believes this will be considered a big mistake. Mr. Forbes believes the water tower and the surrounding fence will completely dominate South Capital Park. He also believes the public outreach focused on convincing the public of the need for a new water tower, and the sentimental debate on preserving the old water tower. He indicated there was no emphasis that South Capital Park was being considered as the preferred location. Mr. Forbes stated he has attended nearly all the P&R Commission meetings and South Capital Park was never on the agenda. He also stated most of the P&R Commissioners did not learn of the City's plan until just a few months ago. When he questioned why South Capital Park was not discussed with the Commission, Mr. Forbes stated he was told by the P&R Director and the P&R Commission Chair that the site selection was already a done deal, and there was nothing for the Commission to discuss or weigh in on. Mr. Forbes questioned why this wasn't discussed with the Commission. He also questioned the process. He believes South Capital Park should be put on the next P&R Commission Meeting agenda. Mr. Forbes questioned why the park site was not disqualified during the site selection screening due to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). He also questioned creating good approach for the program with another non-compliance. Mr. Forbes indicated almost no one within the City spoke up to preserve the public park green space, which he believes is sad. He also indicated most individuals outside the City did not know the park space was in danger. Mr. Forbes stated he has great respect for the Council however he believes it's never too late to reverse a wrong decision.

4. Consent Agenda.

A. Idaho Falls Power

- 1) Shell Energy Trade Agreement No. 3861457
Idaho Falls Power requests that this Power Trade Agreement with Shell Energy North America (US), LP to purchase 20-MWs of heavy load energy for the month of June 2021 be ratified.

B. Municipal Services

- 1) Treasurer's Report for April 2021
A monthly Treasurer's Report is required pursuant to Resolution 2018-06 for City Council review and approval. For the month-ending April 2021, total cash, and investments total \$145.9M. Total receipts received and reconciled to the general ledger were reported at \$20.2M, which includes revenues of \$18.4M and interdepartmental transfers of \$1.8M. Total distributions reconciled to the general ledger were reported at \$20.5M, which includes salary and benefits of \$7.9M, operating costs of \$10.8M and interdepartmental transfers of \$1.8M. As recommended by the city's external auditors, the Treasurer's Report includes the consolidation of \$2.1M from the Fire Capital Improvement Fund to the General Fund. As reported in the attached investment report, the total investments reconciled to the general fund were reported at \$132.2M.
- 2) Minutes from Council Meetings
May 24, 2021 City Council Work Session; May 27, 2021 City Council Meeting; and June 3, 2021 Special Council Meeting.
- 3) License Applications, all carrying the required approvals

It was moved by Councilor Burtenshaw, seconded by Councilor Radford, to accept all items on the Consent Agenda according to the recommendations presented. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye - Councilors Freeman, Radford, Burtenshaw, Francis, Dingman, Hally. Nay - none.

5. Regular Agenda.

A. Community Development Services

- 1) Final Plat, Development Agreement, and Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards, Park Place Division No. 6.
Attached is the application for the Final Plat, Development Agreement, and Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards for Park Place Division No. 6. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered this item at its March 16, 2021, meeting and recommended approval by a unanimous vote. Staff concurs with this recommendation.

Community Development Services Director Brad Cramer stated this property includes 13 buildable lots and a total of 15 lots. He also stated this includes an easement on the west side and a multi-use path to be built on both sides of the canal as the Connecting Our Community pathway system develops long-term. He noted the pathway system is currently under revision.

Councilor Francis expressed his appreciation for the connection to the bike trails.

It was moved by Councilor Radford, seconded by Councilor Francis, to approve the Development Agreement for Park Place Division No. 6 and give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye - Councilors Hally, Radford, Francis, Dingman, Burtenshaw, Freeman. Nay - none.

It was moved by Councilor Radford, seconded by Councilor Francis, to accept the Final Plat for Park Place Division No. 6, and give authorization for the Mayor, City Engineer, and City Clerk to sign said Final Plat. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye - Councilors Francis, Dingman, Freeman, Hally, Radford, Burtenshaw. Nay - none.

It was moved by Councilor Radford, seconded by Councilor Francis, to approve the Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards for the Final Plat for Park Place Division No. 6 and give authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye - Councilors Freeman, Francis, Hally, Radford, Burtenshaw, Dingman. Nay - none.

2) Public Hearing-CDBG 2021-2025 Community Development Block Grant Five Year Consolidated Plan, 2021 CDBG Annual Action Plan, and 2021-2025 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Pursuant to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, entitlement cities receiving CDBG funds must complete a Five-Year Consolidated Plan, an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, and an accompanying Annual Action Plan for the initial allocation year (2021). As part of the Citizen Participation Plan, pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105, the City must hold a public hearing for each of the three plan elements. Public Notice was published in the Post Register 6/6/21 and posted on the City CDBG webpage. In addition, regular notices were communicated throughout the process to housing providers and service agencies, past and current applicants of CDBG funding, and City Mayor, Council, and Directors.

Draft plans have been produced by Western Economic Services, Inc. and Lisa Farris. Both will present their respective portions of the projects at the public hearing on June 10th. Only the executive summaries are included with this memo as the documents are still at an "internal staff review" stage. Any questions or comments following the hearing should be directed to Lisa Farris.

Mayor Casper opened the public hearing and ordered all items presented be entered into the record.

Mayor Casper requested staff presentation.

Ms. Farris, Grants Administrator, appeared. Ms. Farris presented the following:
Slide 1 - Draft PY2021 CDBG Annual Action Plan/1st year of PY2021-2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan:

Plan History

2004: City applied/approved by HUD as an Entitlement City
City applies directly to HUD for annual CDBG funds

Five-Year Consolidated Plans

2004-2009/10: Initial Five-Year Plan

2011-2015: Second Five-Year Plan

2016-2020: Third Five-Year Plan

2021-2025: Forth Five-Year Plan

Slide 2 - HUD/CDBG Funds

Draft PY2021 Annual Action Plan of Council approved activities/projects submitted directly to HUD for approval. PY2021 CDBG allocation is \$438,662, and the plan year runs from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

\$7,108,932 Total HUD/CDBG funds have been allocated to Idaho Falls between 2004 and 2021 (this amount does not include 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds (COVID-19), 2020 CDBG CV1/CV3 total allocation = \$507,657)

2021 Application Status - 18 applications, totaling \$790,316.34

Slide 3 - Providing Opportunities

- Assists City in funding projects/programs not funded with General Funds
- Assists local service providers with filling a gap in service
- Assists City/local service providers leveraging additional funds

PY2021 is the 18th year participating in CDBG

Slide 4 - CDBG Program and HUD Criteria - All Projects/Activities

- Must meet one (1) of three (3) National Objectives (HUD)
 - Benefit Low/Moderate Income (LMI) clients
- FY 2021 - Bonneville County - Low 80% with income < \$57,750 (family of four (4))
 - Prevent/Eliminate conditions of Slum and Blight
 - Meet an Urgent Need
- Must be a HUD Eligible Activity
 - Construction of Public Infrastructure
 - Handicapped Access to Public Facilities
 - Housing Rehab, Social Services, Business Rehab
 - Acquisition, Clearance, and Disposition of Property
 - Relocation Costs, Economic Development, Job Creation or Training
- Additional Criteria
 - Projects must meet goals of City 2021-2025 CDBG 5-Year Consolidated Plan
 - Projects must be approved for the PY2021 CDBG Annual Action Plan

Slide 5 - Map of LMI neighborhoods (Census Tracts 9707, 9711, and 9712)

Slide 6 - CDBG Program and HUD Criteria

Projects/Activities must fit into one (1) of four (4) HUD Priorities

- Community Development Priority
 - Neighborhood revitalization activities that promote public health, safety and welfare
- Economic Development Priority

Improve economic conditions throughout the community for primarily LMI persons
Benefit a specific location designated as slum and blight by area

- Housing Development Priority
Encourage development of new, affordable single, multi-family, and special needs housing through private developers and non-profits
- Public Service Priority
Encourage partnerships with social service providers, faith-based groups, private businesses, school districts, non-profit agencies, and community leaders to meet the needs of families in poverty

Slides 7 & 8 - Before and after photos of a Community Development Priority Public Infrastructure Project, Kearney Street Improvements

Slide 9 - Photo of infrastructure improvements with curb/gutter/sidewalk, Elmore/Science Center - supports Habitat 4 Humanity Idaho Falls (H4HIF) project site, four (4) single-unit homes

Slide 10 - Photo of Elmore Ave - project site for triplex (3) single-family units for LMI homeownership opportunities

Ms. Farris stated a portion of this property was donated by Morgan Construction.

Slides 11 & 12 - Before and after photos of Old Royal Shoe Shop, currently Pie Hole Pizza - Park Avenue, façade project

Slides 13 & 14 - Before and after photos of single-unit Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) rehab, 575 I Street

Slide 15 - Public Service Activities

Non-profit service provider agencies and organizations providing public service activities to low and moderate income individuals or families. Previous projects have included:

- CLUB, Inc.
Homeless individuals assisted with case management, services, and resources
- Idaho Legal Aid (Victims of Domestic Violence)
Assisting victims of domestic violence with legal aid
- Idaho Legal Aid (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren)
Legal aid assistance for grandparents and other blood relatives who are raising their grandchildren or minor relatives
- College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) - Childcare assistance
Childcare vouchers to assist LMI students with childcare
- Summer Food Program for local School District in LMI neighborhoods
Assist with cost of food and delivery

Slides 16 & 17 -

PY2021 CDBG Applicants, Activity/Project Description, Amount Requested:

Idaho Legal Aid - Idaho Falls, Legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, \$15,000

CLUB, Inc., Crisis intervention for homeless, supportive case management, and temporary housing at scattered locations, \$5,000

Behavioral Health Crisis (BHC) Center of Eastern Idaho, Medical professional/treatment for individuals suffering from substance abuse, \$27,000/\$2,000, \$29,000

Idaho Falls Power, Utility bill payment assistance for LMI renters in US Census tracts 9707 and

9712, \$6,000

College of Eastern Idaho (CEI), Childcare vouchers to assist eight (8) LMI students, \$5,000
 Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP) Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG), Legal assistance for grandparents/blood relatives who are raising their grandchildren/minor relatives, \$6,000

Community Food Basket of Idaho Falls, Permanent warehouse sign, two (2) snowblowers for warehouse/distribution center, \$13,117.94

Trinity United Methodist Church Homeless Day Shelter, Case Mgmt. Intake/assessment, supplies/facility cleaning, and door tender, \$17,603

USDA Summer Food Service Program New Day Lutheran, Assist with increased food costs and coordinator for summer food program K-18 youth in three (3) CTs, \$5,000

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center (DVSAC), Meal/snack for children participating in a Forensic Interview/Medical Exam with DVASC's Child Protective Services, 307+LMI children assisted/year, \$5,140

City Public Works Department, Curb/Gutter/Sidewalk Phase 3 of 5 LMI neighborhood - Highland Park Subdivision gutter improvements in Census Tract 9712, \$125,000

Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation (IFDDC), Façade Improvement Program for downtown, reserve \$1,000 for graffiti/vandalism repairs, \$65,000

Promise Ridge Emergency Family Shelter/Idaho Falls, One fulltime on-site individual to ensure security of clients/shelter for one (1) year, \$13,500

Conéctate Grassroots Liaison Idaho Falls, Provide single place for Public Service Announcements in Idaho Falls for Spanish and English-speaking communities, and assist underserved LMI in accessing reliable resources and referrals, \$64,000

Idaho Falls Senior Citizen Community Center, Clean and sealcoat asphalt parking lot, \$14,796

Development Workshop, Inc. Idaho Falls, Exterior rehab to north side of building to correct sidewalk slope and front parking area and redirect water away from the building (est. \$78,387), and rehab to interior/exterior for damage caused by water and leaks (est. \$135,040), \$213,427

Habitat 4 Humanity Idaho Falls Area (H4HIF), Construction of triplex (3) homes at Elmore Ave. CT 9712, LMI homeownership opportunities, \$100,000

Administration of CDBG Program, 20% max based on 2021 allocation (\$438,662), \$87,732

Total amount of applications, \$790,316.34

Ms. Farris reiterated 18 applications have been received. She noted 12-14 applications are typically received.

Slides 18 & 19 - PY2021 schedule for CDBG Annual Action Plan

April 16-30, 2021 Invitation to apply mailed /posted on City website

Applications sent/received by Grant Administrator

Printed in Post Register April 18,2021

May 3-5, 2021 Applications reviewed for eligibility by Grant Administrator

June 10, 2021 Council Meeting - Public Hearing 7:30 pm - Council Chambers

Draft 2021 CDBG Annual Action Plan presented by Grant Administrator (Summary of history, applications received, and process)

Draft 2021-2025 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan

Presented by Western Economic Services, Inc. (WES, Inc.)

Draft 2021-2025 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
Presented by WES, Inc.

June 10 - July 10, 2021 30-day public comment starts and ends

July 26, 2021 Council Work Session 3:00 pm in Council Chambers

Comments considered. Final table of projects/activities for consensus for
Draft CDBG PY2021 Annual Action Plan

July 29, 2021 Council Meeting/Resolution 7:30 pm in Council Chambers

Council adopts Draft PY2021 CDBG Annual Action Plan

Council adopts Draft 2021-2025 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan

Council adopts Draft 2021-2025 Analysis of Impediments to FHC

Before August 4, 2021 Three (3) Draft Plan(s) submitted to HUD for approval

~September, 2021 Upon HUD approval of three (3) Plans, allocation made available to City

~October, 2021 Funding committed to approved applicants/projects once City completes:
environmental review, signed agreement (scope, regulatory requirements) between
City/responsible entity

Ms. Farris stated Megan Brace of Western Services Inc. will present the final two (2) plans. She indicated WES has been conducting housing and community planning assessments and fair housing studies for 35 years.

Ms. Brace, Senior Project Manager at WES, stated these types of studies have occurred across the country for approximately 40 years. She then presented the 2021-2025 Five Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice:

Slide 1 - Why prepare a Consolidated Plan and AI?

In exchange for receiving HUD funds recipients must prepare four (4) things:

- A five-year consolidated plan
- Annual Action Plan (AAP)
- Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Slide 2 - Entitlement Resources (2021) CDBG: \$438,662

Slide 3 - Demographics: Households and Population

Year - 2010, 2019

Total Households - 21,203, 22,889

Total Population - 56,813, 61,459

Slide 4 - Homelessness for Idaho Balance of State Continual of Care (CoC), this includes the entire State outside of the Boise metropolitan area

Year - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Total - 1,380, 1,204, 1,256, 1,602, 1,668

Slide 5 - Economics-Households by Income

Ms. Brace stated households earning \$100,000 or more are growing as a percentage of the population, and households earning \$200,000 or more are growing and have more than doubled since 2010.

Slide 6 - Economics-Poverty by Age
2010 Five-Year ACS, 2019 Five-Year ACS
Persons, % of total, Persons, % of total
Total - 7,368, 100%, 8,101, 100%
Poverty Rate - 13.4%, 13.4%

Ms. Brace stated the poverty for a family of four (4) in 2019 was approximately \$25,000. She indicated there is a significant number of individuals in the City experiencing this rate of poverty.

Slide 7 - Housing Problems: households are considered to have housing problems if they have one or more of the four problems

- Housing unit lacks complete kitchen facilities
- Housing unit lacks complete plumbing facilities
- Household is overcrowded
- Household is cost burdened

Ms. Brace stated a household is considered to be cost burdened if they are spending more than 30% of household income on housing.

Slide 8 - Housing Problems - households lacking kitchen or plumbing facilities

Ms. Brace stated this is a small proportion of the population as less than 1% lack plumbing facilities and 1.4% lack kitchen facilities.

Slide 9 - House Problems - overcrowding and severe overcrowding

Ms. Brace stated approximately 2.9% of households have overcrowding or severe overcrowding. This is not significant.

Slide 10 - House Problems - cost burden and severe cost burden by tenure

Ms. Brace stated 27.9% of households are cost burdened, 45.7% of renters are cost burdened. Those individuals who have a mortgage are approximately 22%.

Slide 11 - Public input

Ms. Brace stated WEC has engaged in a variety of public input efforts including four (4) public meetings, two (2) surveys, and a 30-day public review period (begins June 10).

Slides 12 & 13 - Analysis of Impediments Findings

Contributing Factors, Priority, Justification

Moderate to high levels of segregation, Low, Black and Native Hawaiian households had high levels of segregation. However, these racial groups represent a small percentage of the population, at less than one percent each of the overall population.

Access to labor market engagement, Low, Native American and Hispanic households have less access to labor market engagement as indicated by the Access to Opportunity index. However, the City has little control over impacting labor market engagement on a large scale.

Insufficient affordable housing in a range of unit sizes, High, Some 27.9 percent of households have cost burdens. This is more significant for renter households, of which 45.7 percent have cost burdens. This signifies a lack of housing options that are affordable to a large proportion of the population.

Racial and ethnic minority households with disproportionate rates of housing problems, High, The overall rate of housing problems in the City of Idaho Falls is 28.1 percent, according to CHAS data. Asian, American Indian, Pacific Islander, and Hispanic households experience

housing problems at a disproportionate rate overall.

Discriminatory patterns in lending, Medium, Black and American Indian/ Native American applicant were denied at a rate of 16.2 and 14.3 percent, respectively, compared to 8.1 percent of white applicant. Hispanic applicants were denied at an average rate of 14.8 percent, compared to the 7.5 percent for non-Hispanic applicants.

Insufficient accessible affordable housing, High, The number of accessible affordable units may not meet the need of the growing elderly and disabled population, particularly as the population continues to age. Some 54.5 percent of persons aged 75 and older have at least one form of disability.

NIMBYism, High, Public input suggested one (1) of the major barriers to the development of affordable housing options in the City was the Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY) mentality in the City.

Insufficient fair housing education, High, The fair housing survey and public input indicated a lack of knowledge about fair housing and a need for education.

Insufficient understanding of credit, High, The fair housing survey and public input indicated an insufficient understanding of credit needed to access mortgages.

Slides 15 & 16 - Analysis of Impediments Goals

Ms. Brace stated the four (4) goals for the City to undertake to address these issues include

- Promote affordable homeownership and rental opportunities
- Promote Community Development activities in areas with higher rates of poverty
- Promote community and service provider knowledge of ADA laws
- Increase outreach and education for housing providers in the City and the public

Per Mayor Casper, Ms. Brace stated these are draft goals that must be adopted and will be part of the CDBG program with housing goals, public infrastructure goals, and outreach and education goals. She also stated part of the CDBG program currently requires fair housing activities, and will align the consolidated findings. Ms. Brace indicated all proposals require City and public approval. Also per Mayor Casper, Ms. Brace briefly reviewed recommended actions of the four (4) goals and will be integrated and aligned into the consolidated plans. Mayor Casper questioned the measure of accountability per the Analysis of Impediments findings. Ms. Brace stated the impediments findings are given a priority and the priorities indicate where the focus should be. The low priorities are acknowledged although not addressed on a large scale as they represent such a small percentage of the population. Per Councilor Francis, Ms. Brace stated there is no priority with the goals and the purpose of the goals is to be addressed over the next five (5) years.

Slides 17 & 18 - Consolidated Plan Findings Priority Needs

Ms. Brace stated priorities identified include: Low-to-Moderate Income Housing, Fair Housing Activities, Services for Special Needs Populations, Infrastructure improvements, Public Facility improvements, Homelessness, Job Creation, Downtown Revitalization, and Code Enforcement.

Slide 19 - Consolidated Plan Findings Goals

Ms. Brace stated each of the goals has a dollar amount and a goal outcome. She reiterated this is a draft, changes and input from the Council could change the anticipated amounts. She also stated the consolidated plan is looking at a scope of five (5) years, money does not have to be spent each year in each category.

Housing Development - Activities that provide affordable homeownership opportunities through single unit housing rehab and/or acquisition for families or individuals in LMI neighborhoods.

Community Development - Activities for community development through projects such as: curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement in Census Tract LMI neighborhoods, Senior Center improvement projects, and projects that remove ADA barriers for public access.

Economic Development - Downtown Idaho Falls, Slum and Blight by Area with exterior improvements to businesses through façade, sign, awning, and code correction projects.

Public Service - Activities that directly support LMI individuals and families through public service activities.

Homelessness - Provide support for homeless providers that administer homeless prevention activities, shelters, and transitional housing in the community.

Ms. Brace stated the goals are the framework for recommendation of the City spending the federal dollars over the next five (5) years. She also stated the structure of these goals is to provide direction and flexibility of spending the federal dollars.

Councilor Radford indicated he has been contacted by renters who feel they are not being represented when they have problems with landlords. He believes this may be partially due to having clean livable spaces. He also indicated many cities have housing authorities. He questioned the amount of focus for creating a housing authority in this community. Ms. Brace stated this is a challenging situation. She noted the increase in housing prices, especially for renters. She noted the limitations with the CDBG funds cannot address these large issues although she believes the community would benefit from a rental advocacy group. Councilor Francis questioned if the City would receive less funding as the City tries to address problems with HUD funding and show improvement in five (5) years. Ms. Brace stated funds are distributed based on a formula which is based on population and the poverty rate. She also stated HUD doesn't look at housing problems when deciding on allocated funding. She noted the 2020 census numbers may impact funding. Councilor Radford requested an update from Director Cramer on the plan per the 2020 census numbers.

Ms. Brace stated comments are accepted on the draft plans and will help shape the final plans submitted to HUD.

Director Cramer stated the goals and the entire draft of the plan are posted on the CDBG website. He also stated the goals and suggestions can be modified for the next 30 days.

Mayor Casper requested any public comment. As no one appeared, Mayor Casper questioned the lack of public testimony as several members of the community have appeared during previous public hearings to advocate for their non-profit organizations. Ms. Farris stated it was unknown what (COVID-19) Stage the City would be in during the planning process, it was also unknown how to physically accommodate all 18 applicants. She indicated she has the applications which are available for review. Mayor Casper questioned the history of previous funding. Ms. Farris stated the applications are based on need, priority of the goals, and

allocation of funding although there is a review of previous applications to ensure funds are spent. Ms. Farris noted the 2020 CAPER identifies the goals, all which were achieved in the previous five (5) years. Per Councilor Hally, Ms. Farris reiterated goals are based on need and priority. Mayor Casper questioned how an area is determined as she believes a specific neighborhood may qualify. Ms. Farris stated an area is based on census tract, population, and density. She indicated she would review any area requested. Mayor Casper questioned City funding. Ms. Farris stated 70% or more of LMI must be met, this is based on breakdown of funding and projects. Mayor Casper questioned an ADA ramp on a specific project. Ms. Farris stated this project included exteriors on the front and back of the facility, an ADA ramp is not always needed.

Mayor Casper requested final public comments.

McKayla Matlack, President of Development Workshop, Inc. (DWI), appeared. Ms. Matlack expressed her appreciation to Ms. Farris and the elected officials as the presentation indicates 18 applications will be a difficult decision. Ms. Matlack stated DWI has been a member of the community for 50 years. She also stated DWI has 109 employees who are working on a limited income. The funds requested are to keep the business open and continue to provide a livable wage for these employees as well as providing services to 500 clients on an annual basis. Ms. Matlack requested Council consider even a portion of the requested funding as she indicated DWI is requesting a large amount which is part of a double project. Per Mayor Casper, Ms. Matlack stated DWI purchased the building 50 years ago through a granting process and a front addition was added in 1990. Leakage from this addition has caused deterioration which must be repaired. Ms. Matlack indicated the funding ask is for worst case scenario. Per Councilor Francis, Ms. Matlack confirmed the requested funding for the site improvement would free up funds for continual support of employees and clients.

Mayor Casper closed the public hearing.

There was no action requested for this hearing.

6. Announcements.

Mayor Casper announced June 14, Flag Day; June 15, Airport Leadership Workshop; June 16-18, Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) Annual Conference; June 24, Idaho Falls Power Board Meeting and City Council Meeting; and June 28, City Council Work Session.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

s/ Kathy Hampton

Kathy Hampton, City Clerk

s/ Rebecca L. Noah Casper

Rebecca L. Noah Casper, Mayor