

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD MAY 13, 2024
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 4:45 P.M. by Mayor Martha Burke. Present were Council members Heidi Husbands, Kaz Thea, Sam Linnet, and Juan Martinez. Staff present included City Attorney Christopher P. Simms, and City Administrator Lisa Horowitz.

Call to Order: 4:45:29 PM call to order by Mayor Burke

4:45:41 PM Martinez moves to amend the agenda to add PP 136, Thea seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real Property Acquisition under IC 74-206 (1)(c) or Pending & Imminently Likely Litigation under (IC 74-206(1)(f) or Personnel Matters under (IC 74-206(1)(b)

4:46:12 PM Martinez moves to go into Executive Session for Real Property Acquisition under IC 74-206 (1)(c) or Pending & Imminently Likely Litigation under (IC 74-206(1)(f) or Personnel Matters under (IC 74-206(1)(b), seconded by Thea, motion passed with roll call vote; Husbands, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.

Mayor and council go into executive session.

5:32 PM Mayor and council return from Executive Session

Open session for public comments:

Mike McKenna from Chamber, presents new walking tour maps and stickers made with state grant funds.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5:35:33 PM - Thea pulls for question, CA 124.

Martinez moves to approve Consent Agenda items minus CA 124, Stone seconds, motion passed with roll call vote, Husbands, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.

CA 124 – Thea asked about the amount, part of what we give the Chamber? Horowitz, yes that is part of what we give the Chamber. **Thea moves to approve CA 124, Martinez seconds, motion passed with roll call vote; Husbands, yes. Stone, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes.**

CA 121 Motion to approve Resolution 2024-38, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Work-Based Learning Experience Agreement between the City of Hailey and the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for E. Jacobs
ACTION ITEM

- [CA 122](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2024-39, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Work-Based Learning Experience Agreement between the City of Hailey and the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for Mendez
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- [CA 123](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2024-40, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Work-Based Learning Experience Agreement between the City of Hailey and the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for Foudy
ACTION ITEM
- [CA 124](#) Motion to ratify the Mayor’s signature on a support letter for the Chamber of the Wood River Valley regarding matching funds for the Idaho Travel Council 2024 Regional Travel and Convention Grant **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 125](#) Motion to ratify the Mayor’s signature on the Special Event Decision and Agreement for the Special Event: The Advocates, Community Partners Sexual Assault Response Team Launch. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 126](#) Motion to reject all bids for the Water Division office building. **ACTION ITEM**
- [CA 127](#) Motion to approve new alcohol license for The Liberty **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 128](#) Motion to approve Resolution 2024-41, authorizing surplus property, Street Department vehicles and equipment
ACTION ITEM
- [CA 129](#) Motion to approve minutes of April 8, 2024 and to suspend reading of them **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 130](#) Motion to approve minutes of April 23, 2024 and to suspend reading of them **ACTION ITEM**.....
- [CA 131](#) Motion to approve claims for expenses incurred during the month of April 2024, and claims for expenses due by contract in May, 2024 **ACTION ITEM**.....

MAYOR’S REMARKS:

Mayor Burke announces that on Friday we lost an incredibly valuable member of our community, would like to honor the gifts that this man gave to our community. He was instrumental in helping us educate ourselves at the beginning of COVID, stood by us the whole time. Through Burke’s daughter work as a nurse, that Dr. Terry O’Connor’s notes were so thoughtfully written and patient centered that when he saw a patient, the next nurse that took over, could tell how much he cared for his patients. Asks us to celebrate a man that made a huge difference in all of our lives – we lost maybe a hero, thank him in your heart. Friends our earthly journey is short and we don’t have too much time to gladden the hearts of those that travel our way with us, so be swift to love.

Proclamations and Presentations:

- [PP 132](#) Presentation by Mark Sindell of GGLO regarding the Hop Porter Park Master Plan

[5:43:27 PM](#) Mark Sindell with GGLO presents Hop Porter Park and Bullion Street Promenade Master Plan. Sindell discussed steps in this process, including workshops and site visits with Hailey team and Planning and Zoning Commission. Sindell reviews the goals and then goes into the public engagement process.

[5:53:37 PM](#) Sindell shows a proposed Park development idea with the Event Pavilion in the North side of the park adjacent to a meadow, play area in similar area as it is today and a great lawn and an entry plaza on Bullion Street. Discussion with P&Z around restrooms, should they be permanent? Would like council’s feedback on this topic, added Sindell. [6:01:59 PM](#) concept site plan in 3 parts, Main St. to River, River Street to Hop Porter Park and Park to Croy Canyon.

[6:06:29 PM](#) Thea likes the consistency as it gets closer to the Park. Thea loves this and the public meetings that have been held. On maintenance, what is the long-term plan? Burke, this is an

administrative question. Sindell, Yeager should weigh in here. Sindell, we took out in this design, 25% of the lawn, which will reduce water usage. Thea asks a question on size of trees? Sindell, in the park 2 inch caliper trees, Promenade trees.

[6:13:01 PM](#) Yeager all points, future decisions will be in front of Council. This plan sets those decisions for a future date.

[6:14:11 PM](#) Stone, bocci ball, removed volleyball, thoughts on this. Sindell responds, Higher ground uses the bocci ball area. Stone, drove by Volleyball today and it was packed. Concerned with picnic tables close to the street. Why not put the tables in the Park, asks Stone? Would like to see traffic out to Croy on a path and not the street. [6:17:07 PM](#) how many types of trees along the Promenade? Sindell, short answer, not just one type, flowering trees from Main to the Park, conifers around the Park, past the park, native like trees.

[6:18:41 PM](#) Martinez, at some point you will have to use the road to get to Croy Canyon. If we can do events well in Hailey, would be great. Inclusiveness is great, we don't have that right now. Direction on public restrooms, portable restrooms with outsourced maintenance of them is a great idea. A grass space might be a good answer for the volleyball. The BCRD sand pits are used a lot. Weddings at the park is a great idea, went to a wedding at Heagle Park when he was young and it stuck with him. Fund raising, buy a brick to support.

[6:23:33 PM](#) Mayor Burke, this plan is looking at the future, 20-30 years out. This is the idea of what this community is hoping for. This is the hope that this staff, goal for the community to preserve for our future.

Public comments:

[6:25:42 PM](#) Penn Stroh, lives on Bullion for 30 years now. Penn has some concerns about irrigation, maintenance, points to her house and gate, doesn't want plants planted in front of this area. Exiting the driveways, how will people see? Lisa Horowitz will set up a meeting with the neighbors to discuss specific questions. Every weekend there are families at the Pavilion, it seems important to keep it. Stroh likes the bike signs. Yeager there are lots of details that need to be worked out in a future process.

[6:31:42 PM](#) Kristen Anderson, Hailey resident and on the Arts and Historic Preservation Commission, is in support of all the big picture planning that Hailey is doing right now. Agrees with Martinez, using beauty to bring people out. Excited to get rid of the bathroom, some safety issues at night at this park. Share concerns about the picnic tables as mentioned by Stone. Planning an arts master plan on the AHPC. [6:34:21 PM](#) Yeager recognizes Anderson and her husband that restored the Peace banner.

[6:34:48 PM](#) Ron Taylor Hailey resident, no mention of lighting, what about safety, what about winter for these tables?

[6:35:28 PM](#) Emmanuele Bobbio speaks, parking lot, concern during events, and traffic out the canyon. Concerned with speeding vehicles in front of the Park.

[6:38:45 PM](#) David Harris, looks like the entertainment area is quite small. If this is the attraction, then maybe this should be made as big as possible, is important.

[6:39:54 PM](#) This is not the end of the discussion adds Mayor Burke. Horowitz added, this will be considered in a future meeting.

[PP 133](#) Presentation by Mark Davidson of the Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD) regarding the Sports & Recreation Infrastructure Feasibility Assessment.....

Mark Davidson [6:41:20 PM](#) BCRD Executive Director speaks to council regarding the assessment done recently by GGLO. Last year we were dealing with lots of snow, crunched for field space, scheduling issues, school events, public and such. BCRD does not own any fields right now. We are feeling this crunch more than in the past. On page 34 of the packet document, public survey results, 704 responses, hoping for 1,000. Page 9 of the packet presentation, shows the results, summary of the survey. 89% respondents asked for more facilities, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, indoor aquatics center. In total, we cannot afford to lose field space overall. Outdoor survey, need more fields. Page 19 of presentation, Inventory at a glance, full size soccer fields, baseball, softball. Page 26 and 27, goals, plan for next 50 years, 2026 will be 50th Anniversary of BCRD, expand Facilities to meet community needs, create centralized venues for sports, will need to have a master plan, create operations and funding for that plan. [6:51:52 PM](#) need a facility approximately 100,000 square feet, will end up being smaller and more reasonable, approximately 34 acres. This report was published January 2024, finalizing the Master Planning process, then will move on to the next phase. [6:55:58 PM](#) Horowitz adds that the BCRD gets a similar amount from taxpayers as the cemetery district.

[6:56:34 PM](#) Martinez appreciates your work. Was there any give and take based on focus groups. Davidson, all comments are in this document. We have 4 basketball courts at Keefer, need to consider surface.

[7:00:14 PM](#) Thea surprised to know that soccer players are going out of town for tournaments, no games played local now.

[7:00:54 PM](#) Mayor Burke, got a call regarding City Tennis Courts, repair them, but not sure if we will have them in the future. Davidson comments.

[7:02:26 PM](#) Stone, congratulations on this public outreach.

**PP 136 Mental Health Month Proclamation May 2024 ACTION ITEM*

[7:04:05 PM](#) Mayor Burke, it is important for us as leaders, parents, look out for others. May is Mental Health Month.

[7:04:59 PM](#) Martinez begins reading the Proclamation, followed by Thea, Burke, Stone and Husbands.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 134 Consideration of a Preliminary Plat Application by Butterfly, LLC, to reconfigure Lot 2D, Block 3, Airport West Subdivision #2 (1911 Lear Lane) into two (2) condominium lots, with one (1) 950 square foot unit (approximately) on each lot and a shared 11,953 square foot common area. This project is known as Homeworks Condominium Association, Inc., and it is located within the SCI Industrial (SCI-I) Zoning District. ACTION ITEM

[7:09:38 PM](#) Davis opens this item. This project is existing, Samantha Stahlnecker is on the call for any questions. All infrastructure has been installed. Stone what are we doing? Davis, no rents, they want to subdivide the lot into 2 lots.

Public Comments:

[7:11:28 PM](#) there are none.

[7:11:35 PM](#) Martinez, this is live / work? Davis correct. Do we have other units in this area? Davis, yes we do. Martinez is in support of this application.

[7:12:28 PM](#) **Martinez moves to approve Preliminary Plat conditions A-J will be met, seconded by Stone. Husbands first.**

Staff reports:

[7:13:52 PM](#) Yeager, street dept. submitted an encroachment permit to ITD, ultimately, they were not supportive of this application. Wanted to give council their thoughts on this topic. Thea is very upset, they should work closer with us as a community.

Burke, knows that Yeager will work on alternate solutions, don't give up. Yeager gives a general overview of the denial letter from ITD.

Stone, doesn't think it is a good spot for the bulb outs anyway, painting them as bad guys, maybe we should look at Croy, work with the standards given by the state and not fight it.

[7:21:32 PM](#) Husbands, should try this on River Street to see how it works. Feels we need additional traffic grooves near Les Schwab, Burke adds, thermoplastic marking too.

More discussion about bike paths around town.

[7:26:57 PM](#) Lyn Drewien Hailey Library Director, have new hires, approved contracts tonight, funded by grants. Town Center West will be shut down after Labor Day, closed this summer to redo bathrooms and some other upgrades. With CSI moving out of the valley, the Library and the City has absorbed this void in facilities. Hailey will do the minimum as required by law. Free lunches, [7:29:55 PM](#) hoping to close the alley during these times. Raffle off a bike on July 4th. Wings on the TCW, butterfly wings, made out of recycled material, for taking your picture in front of.

[7:31:09 PM](#) Chief England, appreciates the Mental Health Proclamation. National Police week May 12 – May 18, remember and honor fallen officers. Wednesday will be rolling out our new e-bikes, bike to school day, 6:30 – 9:00.

[7:33:32 PM](#) Mike Baledge just completed fire academy, have 7 new recruits, open house, this Saturday from 5:30 – 7:30.

[7:34:14 PM](#) Yeager, have an estimate, semi-formal, will have a contract in front of council as soon as possible, this will be a tight window. Have been working on Hop Porter Park.

[7:35:11 PM](#) Davis robust month for public engagements, survey extending until May 15th, 400 responses so far, comprehensive plan updates. North Wall of Sturdevants, open for artists.

[7:36:22 PM](#) Yeager, will receive new snow blower in June.

[7:36:45 PM](#) Martinez, shout out to Wendy Jaquet for putting together the recent tour of Sandpoint and Missoula. Thea, they have painted alleys, coordinated with school, teacher hand picked students to paint the alleyways. Thea, received comments, about terrible noise, exhaust system, motor bikes. Horowitz, we have muffler laws. England responds.

[7:40:33 PM](#) Stone, comments, Hop Porter dangerous at night. Have you heard this? England was surprised by this comment tonight.

[7:42:18 PM](#) **Martinez moves to adjourn, Thea seconds, motion passed unanimously.**