

A meeting of the Meridian City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2016, by Mayor Tammy de Weerd.

Members Present: Mayor Tammy de Weerd, Keith Bird, Genesis Milam, Joe Borton, Anne Little Roberts and Luke Cavener.

Members Absent: Ty Palmer.

Others Present: Bill Nary, Jaycee Holman, Caleb Hood, Josh Beach, Kyle Radek, Jamie Leslie, David Jones, Todd Lavoie, David Tiede and Dean Willis.

**Item 1: Roll-call Attendance:**

Roll call.

<u>  X  </u> Anne Little Roberts	<u>  X  </u> Joe Borton
<u>      </u> Ty Palmer	<u>  X  </u> Keith Bird
<u>  X  </u> Genesis Milam	<u>  X  </u> Lucas Cavener
<u>  X  </u> Mayor Tammy de Weerd	

De Weerd: I'd like to welcome you to the City Council meeting. We always like to have faces of our citizens in the audience. So, thank you for joining us. For the record it is Tuesday, April 19th. It's 6:00 p.m. We will start will roll call attendance, Ms. Holman.

**Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance**

De Weerd: Item No. 2 is the Pledge of Allegiance. If you will all rise and join us in the pledge to our flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

**Item 3: Community Invocation by Fr. Mike DiTaranto with Holy Trinity Charismatic Episcopal**

De Weerd: Item No. 3 is our community invocation. Tonight we have Father Mike with us. He's going to lead us in the community invocation. Please join us or take this as an opportunity for a moment of reflection. Father Mike, thank you for being here.

DiTaranto: You're welcome. This is a privilege, an honor. I never got to do this in San Francisco, Mayor. All those years there they never -- in fact, no pastor ever got to do this in San Francisco, so this is great.

De Weerd: Welcome to Idaho.

DiTaranto: Thank you so much. Great to be here. Let me read something to you. Let me quote -- let me quote Teddy Roosevelt for you. It says -- sorry. I lost it for a second. It's coming back. Here we go. It says Teddy Roosevelt was a man who had a reputation for being frank and direct. In 1900, a year before he entered the White House, he wrote these words: No community is healthy where it's ever necessary to distinguish between one politician from his fellows because he is honest. Moreover, it is not enough that a public official should be honest. No amount of honesty will avail if he's not also brave and wise. The weakling and the coward cannot be saved by honesty alone. Leadership requires two virtues that seem very simple and so they become very inconvenient. Honesty and courage. All of you have earned the right to be here today by winning the trust of the people of Meridian. But along with your honor comes a duty of humility, integrity, and public service. So, let's settle our hearts for just a moment in prayer. Let's bow our heads. God of justice and mercy, thank you for the gift of life and the opportunity to serve the people of our city. Help us to act with character and conviction. Help us to listen with understanding and good will. Help us to speak with charity and restraint. Give us a spirit of service. Remind us that we are stewards of your authority. Guide us to be the leaders your people need. Help us to see the humanity and dignity of those who disagree with us and treat all persons, no matter how weak or poor, with a reverence your creation deserves. And, finally, Father, renew us with the strength of your presence and the joy of helping to build a community worthy of a human person. We ask this now in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, amen and amen.

De Weerd: Father Mike, I would like to offer you a City of Meridian pin for joining us and leading us in prayer. Thank you.

DiTaranto: You're very welcome.

**Item 4: Adoption of the Agenda**

De Weerd: Okay. Item No. 4 is adoption of the agenda.

Bird: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: Under the Consent Agenda we have a couple of resolutions. K is 16-1133 and L is 16-1134. Item 8-C has been requested by applicant to continue to May 3rd and with that I move we adopt the agenda as noted.

Borton: Second.

De Weerd: I have a motion and a second to adopt the agenda as read. All those in favor say aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

**Item 5: Proclamation for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Week**

De Weerd: I will move down to the podium. We have had a lot of discussion at Council and during our Council meetings about an exciting development that is rolling out right now as we speak and that is the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine. We are very excited for not only our community, but for the entire state of Idaho and it certainly gives me privilege and honor to read this proclamation. Whereas there are currently more than 123,000 osteopathic physicians, DOs, and osteopathic medical students in the United States and whereas DOs have made tremendous accomplishments to the American healthcare system since it was founded by Andrew Taylor Steele, MD, DO, in 1874 and whereas the proposed Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine, to be located in Meridian, will be the first medical school in Idaho -- that gives me the chills -- helping to fill a critical shortage of doctors in Idaho and the region and whereas DOs are trained to consider the health for the whole person and are fully licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including surgery, and whereas osteopathic physicians are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through education and awareness based efforts, as well as by delivering quality health services and whereas the citizens of Meridian, Idaho, recognize the need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to bringing attention to improving the health of our community regardless of age, income, or ethnicity, therefore, I, Mayor Tammy de Weerd, hereby do proclaim April 17th to the 23rd to be National Osteopathic Medicine Week in the City of Meridian and I encourage all of our citizens and community organizations to support the observance and the proposed Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine as we work to address the need for physicians in our state and the intermountain west. I signed this today and I would like to ask Suzanne if she would like to make some comments. Thank you so much for being here.

Frederick: Thank you so much, Mayor Tammy. This is awesome. I am Suzanne Frederick. I'm the executive director of the Idaho Osteopathic Physicians Association and, then, I have Dr. Debra Roman, a DO, with me this evening and we are really excited. The Idaho Osteopathic Physicians has fully supported the new school Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine. I think this is going to be a great addition to our state. It's going to bring many more physicians besides just osteopathic physicians. The graduate medical education that will be created after the medical school will also open up to MDs and DOs and it's just going to help our state keep physicians here in the state of Idaho. As you all know, we have desperately needed physicians for a long time. It's been a challenge and we are just real excited to be here. So, thank you, Mayor Tammy. Thank you City of Meridian. We are excited to be here.

De Weerd: We are excited to have you.

Frederick: Thank you.

**Item 6: Consent Agenda**

- A. Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Easement Between The City Of Meridian And Twelve Oaks, LLC.**
- B. Sanitary Sewer Easement between The City Of Meridian And Twelve Oaks, LLC**
- C. Water Main Easement Between The City Of Meridian and Challenger Development, Inc.**
- D. Pedestrian Pathway Easement Between the City of Meridian and Brighton Development, Inc. Regarding a Public Pathway in Hill Century Farm Subdivision No.**
- E. Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Easement Between The City Of Meridian And Century Farm Owners Association Inc.**
- F. Final Order for Paramount Subdivision No. 31 (H-2016-0021) by SCS Brighton, LLC Located North of W. McMillan Road and East of N. Linder Road Request: Final Plat Approval Consisting of Forty-Two (42) Single Family Residential Lots and Three (3) Common Lots on 10.54 Acres in the R-8 Zoning District**
- G. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law for Fall Creek Meadows Subdivision (H-2016-0009) by Bear Creek West Development, LLC Located South of W. Overland Road on East Side of S. Linder Road Request: Annexation and Zoning of 13.17 Acre of Land with an R-8 Zoning District Request: Preliminary Plat Approval Consisting of Ninety-Five (95) Building Lots and Ten (10) Common Lots on 33.54 Acres of Land in a Proposed R-8 Zoning District Request: Development Agreement Modification to Incorporate the Surplus Property Purchased from the School District (Parcel #S1224244410) into the Existing DA for Bear Creek West Subdivision (Instrument #106151232)**
- H. Final Order for Shops at Victory (H-2016-0029) by WL Victory Crossing, LLC Located South Side of E. Victory Road and East Side of S. Eagle Road Request: Final Plat**

**Consisting of Three (3) Commercial Lots on 3.68 Acres  
in the C-C Zoning District**

- I. Final Order for Southern Highlands Subdivision No. 3 (H-2016-0032) by Boise Hunter Homes Located West of S. Eagle Road and North of E. Taconic Drive Request: Final Plat Approval Consisting of Forty-Seven (47) Building Lots and Five (5) Common Lots on 19.3 Acres of Land in an R-4 Zoning District**
- J. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Decision and Order of Denial for Copperbrook Subdivision (H-2015-0029) by Hayden Homes of Idaho, LLC Located at 4725 N. McDermott Road, in the NE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 1 East, Ada County, Meridian, Idaho. Request: Annexation and Zoning of 51.45 Acres of Land with an R-8 Zoning District and a Preliminary Plat of 199 Building Lots and 8 Common Lots on 51.45 Acres in the R-8 Zoning District.**
- K. Resolution No. 16-1133: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Meridian, Designating the City's Designated Representatives for Negotiations with the Meridian Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 4627 for 2016; and Providing an Effective Date**
- L. Resolution No. 16-1134: A Resolution of the City of Meridian Authorizing the Destruction of Temporary and Semi-Permanent Records of the Meridian Public Works Department; and Providing an Effective Date.**
- M. Approval of Change Order No 1 to GRANITE EXCAVATION, INC. for the "Ashford Greens Trunk Sewer" Project for a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$143,642.87 and Authorize the Purchasing Manager to Sign**
- N. License Agreement from Retail West to Allow Parking of Heavy Equipment Item and Promotional Sign at the 502 N. Main Street for Public Works Week**
- O. Sanitary Sewer And Water Main Easement Between The City of Meridian And Brighton Investments LLC**

**P. Sanitary Sewer And Water Main Easement Between The City Of Meridian And Cottonwood Development, LLC**

De Weerd: Okay. Item No. 6 is our Consent Agenda.

Bird: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: I as stated before, Item 6 is Resolution No. 16-1133 and L is 16-1134 and with that I move we approve the Consent Agenda, for the Mayor to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Borton: Second.

De Weerd: I have a motion and a second to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Holman will you, please, call roll.

Roll Call: Bird, yea; Borton, yea; Milam, yea; Cavener, yea; Palmer, absent; Little Roberts, yea.

De Weerd: All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

**Item 7: Items Moved From the Consent Agenda None**

De Weerd: There were no items moved from the Consent Agenda.

**Item 8: Action Items**

**A. Public Hearing for Bach Subdivision (H-2015-0044) by The Regency at River Valley, LLC Located 3400 E. River Valley Street**

- 1. Request: Combined Preliminary / Final Plat Approval Consisting of Two (2) Building Lots on Fourteen (14) Acres of Land in the R-40 and C-G Zoning Districts**

De Weerd: So, we will move into Item 8-A under Action Items. A public hearing for Bach Subdivision, H-2015-0044. I will open this public hearing with staff comments.

Beach: Good evening, Madam Mayor, Members of the Council. This is an application for a preliminary and final plat. The -- the size of the property -- this is

14 acres of land that's zoned R-40 and C-G, located at 3400 East River Valley Street. A little history on this specific property. Move to the next slide here. The lot -- Lot 1 is this southern portion here. It has already been developed in apartments and Lot 2, the northern portion was also approved for multi-family development, but has not yet been constructed. The Comprehensive Plan future land use map designation for the property is mixed use regional. A combined preliminary and final plat is proposed consisting of two building lots on 14 acres in the R-40 and Z-C zoning districts for Bach Subdivision. Both lots comply with the dimensional standards of the district. One access exists to the site via East River Valley Street. Move back to the aerial here. Better yet let me go to Google here. As you can see there is one access existing to River Valley Street. Another is proposed here off of North Records Avenue. The access here at River Valley is proposed to shift to the north side of the South Slough with the proposed plat. Interconnectivity is proposed in between Lots 1 and 2. A cross-access easement should be depicted on the plat or via a separate recorded easement. Local street access is not available to this property. Cross-access is required to be provided to the property to the north with a conditional use permit. A 20 foot wide landscape buffer is required along the future extension of Records Avenue and common open space and site amenities were previously provided in the first phase and are proposed in the second phase in accord with the UDC standards. Staff did not receive any written testimony and staff is recommending approval of the application. Stand for any questions you have.

De Weerd: Council, any questions for staff at this point?

Bird: I have none.

De Weerd: Okay. Is the applicant here? If you will -- good evening.

McLaughlin: Good evening.

De Weerd: Thank you for joining us. If you will, please, state your name and address for the record.

McLaughlin: James McLaughlin. 11650 South State Street, Draper, Utah.

De Weerd: Thank you.

McLaughlin: I'm with Bach Homes, project manager for this development. We ask for your approval of this subdivision. I would stand for any questions you may have.

De Weerd: Okay. Council, any questions for the applicant? We have none at this time.

McLaughlin: Fantastic.

De Weerd: Thank you.

McLaughlin: Thank you.

De Weerd: This is a public hearing. Is there anyone who would like to provide testimony on this item? Yes, sir. Good evening. Thank you for joining us. If you will, please, state your name and address for the record.

Smylie: Yes. My name is Steve Smylie. 3662 East Granger Drive, Meridian, And Mayor, City Council, I am not standing in -- necessarily in opposition, but I do have several questions. If you would look at the plat carefully, especially for Building J, you will note that this is a four story building, which will be directly across Records looking literally into the bedroom windows of the houses in Redfeather Subdivision, including ours, and we have concerns -- as you can see our home is -- there is a -- there is a group of six homes right there that are directly in the picture and if you could superimpose a four story building there, I think you can see our concerns quite readily is we want to make sure -- and I would like the developer to specifically state what exactly that site and sound barriers are. We would like significant -- because you will notice this is going to be pretty close to the new Records Avenue. Now, I don't know when this -- that street is going to be completed, but there will be a significant increase of traffic there, as would be expected, and we don't necessarily have objections to that, but we do have very specific concerns, you know, obviously, maintaining reasonable privacy, maintaining reasonable site and sound barriers and making sure that the noise and traffic is not excessive and undue and I would really like to have those -- those conditions addressed if I could by the Council and by the developer, to make sure that there is adequate, you know, landscaping, sound barriers, whatever we need to do to make sure that we all are good neighbors and we all live well together. Thank you.

De Weerd: Thank you. Is there any other member who would like to provide testimony on this item? Okay. Council, before I ask the applicant up to maybe respond to the testimony we did have, do you have any questions for staff or Ada County Highway District?

Cavener: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Yes, Mr. Cavener.

Cavener: I have a question for Justin if he -- I thought I saw him. I think he's on the agenda tonight. And this may even be a question for staff. I'm not sure. But, Justin, just for clarification, when is Records scheduled to -- to be punched through? Is that in conjunction with this development? Separate from? Any insight on that would be most helpful.

Lucas: Yeah. Madam Mayor, Members of the Council, for the record, Justin Lucas, representing the Ada County Highway District. Business address is 2775 Adams Street, Garden City, Idaho. Councilman Cavener, the Records Avenue extension is wrapped up in the approvals with The Village at Meridian and so through the Idaho STARS program, which is the Sales Tax Anticipated Revenue -- it's very complicated. But it's going to work. So, ACHD doesn't actually control the timing of that -- of that project. It has been through for review. They are planning to move forward. So, it's -- it's not going to be five years away, I think it's relatively in short order here. Probably within the next few years that that extension will occur. But, once again, it's a developer driven project as part of The Village at Meridian approvals.

De Weerd: Can staff maybe add anything to that? Any knowledge about that moving ahead with The Village at Meridian and certainly with the other apartment developments north of this, how are they getting out and on what road if Records isn't being built right now?

Hood: Madam Mayor, Members of the Council, I actually talked to Justin probably two or three weeks ago about this and asked just for an update of ACHD and, like he stated, the plans have been reviewed and approved by ACHD, so I do think it's a matter of -- just a matter of time. My opinion there is a little bit of a staredown going on here, because it is tied up with The Village approvals. It's also tied up with the Bach Homes approvals for theirs. So, it's kind of a staring contest as who can wait the longest to build that infrastructure, because, as you can see, those apartments aren't there, because Records needs to exist first and that's a condition of the conditional use permit that's already been approved for this site. Before you tonight is just a two lot subdivision. The details of how and how many units have already been discussed and approved -- this is just a two lot subdivision. So, them, as well as projects to their north are all contingent upon Records existing. So, again, you have multiple parties here that all have that condition and it's who hits their trigger first, who can't wait really any longer. That's me paraphrasing. But, essentially, that condition is on all of them saying -- for The Village it's tied to their occupancies, for Bach it's tied to this phase, that that needs to be extended and I forget The Village apartments or whatever the next phase -- the next one to the north is called, same deal, they need to construct that and make that connection. So, I hope that's a little bit of an update at least of what I know. I have not gotten a straight answer from any of those parties about the exact timing of records, but if I had to guess I think it's quicker than the two years that Justin guesses, but don't quote me on that. So, sorry I'm not much help there, but they are being a little coy in some of those conversations as well.

De Weerd: Okay. Anything else for Justin? Thank you, Justin. Would the applicant like to wrap this up?

McLaughlin: I appreciate what staff has mentioned --

De Weerd: If you will just state your name again for the record.

McLaughlin: James McLaughlin, Bach Homes.

De Weerd: Thank you.

McLaughlin: 11650 South State Street, Draper, Utah. Just reiterating what staff has communicated, it is a stare down at this point. We really don't have time to move forward to address the neighbors' concerns. The CUP has been already approved. This is more of just a plat modification for our subdivision plat, so that's all I have to say. Appreciate it.

De Weerd: Okay. Council, any questions? Mr. Borton.

Borton: Can you describe briefly the -- and maybe staff can if you can't, describe the buffer between those houses just for reference, so he knows --

McLaughlin: Sure.

Borton: -- the width and the landscaping?

McLaughlin: The drawing depicted on the screen is clearly what -- what we are doing. We are basing our landscaping based off the CUP approvals. The approved landscaping includes perennial shrubs, trees, and I believe -- and maybe staff can correct me -- but there were some additional trees added to the frontage of Records Road during that approval. Other than that we are meeting the requirements. Thank you.

Cavener: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Cavener.

Cavener: I appreciate that you're meeting the requirements. I guess maybe to follow up on Councilmember Borton's question, it would be great for -- for us and for those here in the audience if you could articulate that a little bit about what that is, recognizing that you're meeting the CUP, but could you perhaps maybe articulate that and get that on the record?

McLaughlin: I wish I had the plan in front of me to really articulate exactly what trees and shrubs we had. I don't have that information in front of me right now.

Hood: Madam Mayor, if I can, just to add, Josh and myself -- I mean this is actually Sonya's project, but she's home with a ill child and so we are both kind of pinch hitting a little bit here and don't have the details. We certainly can go and get the landscape plan, the full size, and look at that, but I'm not overly familiar

with the details there. Again, the planner that is more familiar with that is, unfortunately, unavailable this evening.

Borton: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Borton.

Borton: If not available, at the very least -- unless you have it now.

Beach: I have the -- I'm not able to -- it's on a pdf. I'm unable to zoom in very far, but this is the approved landscape plan from the conditional use permit. My understanding is based on the comments in my earlier kind of schpeel there they are meeting the 20 foot required landscape buffer. I was at the hearing for this conditional use permit. I remember the discussion about providing adequate buffering. Planning and Zoning did not require that. They -- this application meets that 20 foot required landscape buffer with the landscape materials that are shown here on the landscape plan and they were not required to -- to add any additional landscaping or to reduce the size of that building that fronts on Records Avenue, so --

Borton: Thank you.

De Weerd: So, to your knowledge they are meeting the minimum?

Beach: Correct.

Borton: And, Madam Mayor, maybe for --

De Weerd: Mr. Borton.

Borton: -- Mr. Smylie, if after this hearing at least the metrix from that -- the setbacks, et cetera, can be provided, so he's got those objective measurements of what the approved buffer already is.

Milam: He's raising his hand.

Bird: He's got a question.

De Weerd: It looks like -- once you addressed Mr. Smylie, he would -- he has an additional question, so I might ask the applicant if you would like to take a seat real quick and --

McLaughlin: Thank you.

De Weerd: -- we will let -- for a follow up comment by Mr. Smylie.

Smylie: Thank you, Madam Mayor. Steve Smylie. 3662 East Granger, Meridian. I would point out to the Mayor and the Council we -- we are not opposed to these apartments going in, but what I just heard and -- is, well, we are going to do the minimum of what we are required to do. I'm asking what seems common sense, please. These are four story buildings with single level private homes with their back bedrooms and I don't think minimum will -- you know, with all due respect and everything like that, I think that it just makes common sense that we have some specifics of just exactly what that is. Are we all going to have to grow junipers in our backyard just to protect ourselves? And I really would like to have that -- that question of mine answered, if I could ask that, and I really want to insist that minimum is not enough, I would like some kind of an assurance that they are aware of the building that is being built and the immediate surroundings. Twenty feet is not very long. That's here to there. That's pretty -- that's pretty short and their houses literally back up against that back fence and I would like to know exactly what is going to be done and if -- if these people can't answer, could we find out the answer? Thank you. I do appreciate it and I -- and thank you for your patience.

De Weerd: Thank you.

Hood: Madam Mayor, the details of the landscaping on Records are on the screen. It is the minimum width of 20 feet. There is also going to be a road there, which is approximately 54 feet wide and, then, that's when their lots will start and they have probably 12 or 15 foot rear setbacks, so -- I mean those are the dimensions. I don't know what species of trees are called out here. I can't tell, because it's pixilated, but these are the details of the landscape plans and those are the dimensions. So, I don't know what additional details you may want. If you do want tree species, the exact spacing of them, I mean we could calculate that out, but, again, you can't see it all the way it's kind of pixilated, but 20 feet on the landscape plan from the back -- future back of curb and that's what the buffer will look like on Records.

Bird: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: I think this application is for a preliminary and a final plat. It isn't for the CUP.

Beach: That's correct.

Bird: This was all taken care of at the CUP. I don't know why we are discussing it.

Hood: And, Madam Mayor, if I can, I think it is within your purview. I mean a landscape plan is part of a plat. So, if you want to see additional trees placed in

there I do think that's appropriate. What I think may be in conflict -- if you're going to say the building now needs to be set back 30 or 35 or 40 feet, that is where now it's going to be inconsistent with the CUP as approved. So, if you don't think that that's the right number of trees or the right species of trees, did you want to see them grow taller, so they are columnar? I mean I do think that is within your purview, but I would just caution you against making a wider buffer and those types of things. But certainly as part of a plat we talked about landscaping. So, if that's something you want to see some additional landscaping in there, I think that could be appropriate.

Bird: Madam Mayor, follow up?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: I don't disagree that it isn't part of the plat, but in the same token if we are going to -- if it's going to be in the application why isn't the landscaping plan in there with what trees and stuff there is, so we know what there is.

Milam: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mrs. Milam.

Milam: I think a lot of Mr. Smylie's issue had to do with the building being four stories tall. Is there anything we can do about that at this point?

Hood: So, Madam Mayor, I'm not the attorney, but, again, the conditional use permit has been acted on. This is a two lot subdivision. It really has to do with ownership. I'm just going to play the scenario out. If you require that or deny this subdivision, they still have their conditional use permit approval that they could go forward with and build this project out. It's really for financing and ownership purposes. So, I'm not advising you to do that, but I think that's -- that's really what their intent is, is to -- the stuff that's completed so that they can get their financing together on this other lot.

Borton: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Borton.

Borton: The reason for the question as I saw it was not to debate what should or shouldn't be included, it was merely to articulate those metrics to the public, so they were aware of those components of the previously approved CUP and I think we have done that now, which is helpful to Mr. Smylie and everybody else, so --

Hood: And, Madam Mayor, I would just add that he can come to our office -- again, it's so pixilated here, the details -- we do have the details, I'm just unable

to make them out in the digital version of those, but we do have hard copies and other better copies of his where we can again get into the details of what those tree species are and the shrubs and all that. So, we don't have the details, I just don't --

Beach: We can't read the details.

Hood: I can't read them to you right now.

De Weerd: Council, anything further that you need from either staff or the applicant?

Bird: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: Seeing that we are done, I move we close the public hearing on H-2015-0044.

Borton: Second.

De Weerd: I have a motion and a second to close the public hearing on this item. All those in favor say aye. Did I hear all ayes?

Cavener: You did, but, Madam Mayor, I guess a point of clarification. Typically we allow the applicant to have the last opportunity to speak. I know that Mr. Smylie was the last person to speak on the record.

De Weerd: True. Did you have any further comment? When I mentioned it he didn't jump up and down, but -- good point. Okay. So, motion does carry.

**MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.**

Bird: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: I move that we approve H-2015-0044 and to include all staff, applicant, and public testimony.

Borton: Second.

De Weerd: I have a motion and a second to approve Item 8-A. Any discussion from Council? Ms. Holman, will you call roll.

Roll Call: Bird, yea; Borton, yea; Milam, yea; Cavener, yea; Palmer, absent; Little Roberts, yea.

De Weerd: All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

**B. Public Hearing for Rolling Hills Subdivision (H-2016-0037) by Clarence McLain Located Northwest Corner of E. Overland Road and S. Rolling Hills Drive Approved**

**1. Request: Vacate a 10-Foot Wide Public Utility Easement that was Created with Lot 1, Block 2 of Rolling Hills Subdivision**

De Weerd: Item 8-B is a public hearing on H-2016-0037. I will open this public hearing with staff comments.

Beach: Good evening, Madam Mayor. This -- as you said, this is an application for a -- a vacation for the Rolling Hills Subdivision. The site is located on the northwest corner of East Overland Road and South Rolling Hill Drive. The applicant is requesting approval to vacate a ten foot wide public utility and drainage easement that was created with Rolling Hills Subdivision. The easement runs north-south through the middle of Lot 1, Block 2 of Rolling Hills Subdivision. In 2014 the subject property received approval for annexation and zoning, as well as a Comprehensive Plan map amendment. The concept plan was approved with the annexation of the property in 2014 and this concept plan shows that a building pad site lies directly over the easement in question. These are two different concept plans, just for clarification. The applicant is requesting this vacation of the public utility easement for the purposes of constructing a future commercial building on the site as depicted on these approved concept plans. The applicant has received approval from all the applicable public utilities to vacate the easement. Staff did not receive any written testimony on this application and we are recommending approval. Staff stands for any questions you may have.

De Weerd: Council, any questions?

Bird: I have none, Mayor.

De Weerd: Okay. Would the applicant like to make comment? Good evening. If you will, please, state your name and address for the record.

McLain: Clarence McLain. 11810 Highlander, Boise.

De Weerd: Thank you.

McLain: And I own this property. Over here I'm trying to put a shop on it. So, the plan to the right is what I'm proposing to build right now for an office and a shop, just to workout, and, then, the one to the left is something that I worked with Bill Parsons on for a future conceptual in order to adopt the surrounding area as it starts to all turn commercial along that frontage road on Overland. That's why there is two different plans on this. But the one on the right is what I hope to accomplish shortly. The vacation runs through the center. There is also two more easements that are both on the east and west side of the property and I have also coordinated with all the utilities. I mean part of my agreement is I'm going to have to carry all the utilities to the end of my property boundary going down Rolling Hills. That's where they have all been determined. So, there is pretty much nothing left and no reason to have this. Throughout the neighborhood there is several other buildings and stuff throughout the years that have been built on top of this easement. There is one like this and there is one identical to the east that runs north and south, just like this. It goes all the way down through the back lots, but, you know, this was developed 50 plus years ago. So, over the years people have put shops on there and most everybody's leach field runs through their owner septics, so this is in my eye this easement is pretty much null and void and so I would like to position my shop the way I can, as long as I can get this thing pushed through. And that's it.

De Weerd: Thank you. Council, any questions? No? Thank you. Is there anyone who would like to provide testimony on this item? Yes, sir. Good evening. If you will, please, state your name and address for the record.

Burak: Steve Burak. I live at 1525 South Rolling Hill. I'm the property directly to the north of Clarence.

De Weerd: Thank you.

Burak: My only concern is my irrigation comes in right in there at the front of this easement on the Overland side and with that happening I'm really hoping to not lose my irrigation water and that's really my only concern with this, because that's my only source of water for my acre.

De Weerd: Well, I hope you will take comfort that it is a state requirement and a legal requirement to provide -- to not restrict the access of irrigation water to another property, so that will -- that is a condition in all of --

Burak: Okay. Yeah. And like I say, that's my only concern. Otherwise, good for him and I hope it all works out. So, thank you.

De Weerd: Thank you. Is there any further testimony on this item? Okay. Council, any additional information needed? Anything you would like to add? I'm glad I asked.

McLain: The irrigation --

De Weerd: If you will just state your name --

McLain: Clarence McLain again.

De Weerd: Thank you.

McLain: 11810 West Highlander, Boise. The irrigation that he's referring to isn't an irrigation that him, I, or any of the neighbors to my north have rights to, it's actually a runoff for field that is across from Overland to the south. So, the water that we have available is just a runoff, but he was -- he's been long enough to where he was grandfathered in during this Overland expansion, that runoff would continue to go that way, because typically the irrigation requires any farmers to be responsible for their runoff water, but has been there a long time and he's been doing the same thing and so they let him -- so this is going to be there. So, we don't actually have any rights. All of our water is supposed to come two lots to the north from the creek up there. That's where we get our irrigation from. So, if he wanted to use the easement through his property on the east he could always come from that direction from the north where we have our rights from and, then, irrigate that direction. And, then, another point is is that that whole southern portion has already been under review for housing. Boise -- I know their de-annexing it and Meridian is going to take it on due to sewer issues. So, it's -- that's going to be kind of a moot point anyways in about a year, because that's all going to subdivision and they are going pressurized irrigation. So, that runoff is not even going to be there for much longer. The runoff that he is taking advantage of, you know. And, then, his neighbor to the east he likes to use that, too, you know. It's water -- it's free water, it's available water, so I definitely understand his concern on that, but I have tied it back into the original ditch in the back, so I mean they don't -- nobody has rights to that and that's kind of been just kind of a fight between neighbors on who can use it, because of rights, so the irrigation -- every time I have called them to replot this out, they usually specifically said we don't want to have nothing to do with it, because it's runoff and we don't have rights and we don't -- we just want to stay out of it and make sure it gets back to where -- whatever connection point it came into your property, make sure it leaves on those and that's where they have left me on that, so -- you know. But I'm more than willing to work with him if he wants to actually, you know, start using it a little bit better. I mean I have equipment out there as we start to push dirt and stuff like that. I mean if he wants to be cordial about it and start working that way, I'm happy to help him when I can, you know, just to appease him during this time while we still have that water, whether it be a year or two or whatever, but -- that's it.

De Weerd: Well, you just made that murky.

Milam: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mrs. Milam.

Milam: So, just to clarify, you're not doing anything to block the runoff.

McLain: No.

Milam: You're willing to help him maintain his access to the runoff, but there is no legal right to the water.

McLain: There is no legal rights to the water, no. No. No. We have legal rights to water, but it comes from the creek to the north. The inlet comes in -- on my side is on the southeast corner and, then, my neighbor to the west also has an inlet on his side and him and I have tied those two together and we have actually made that one ditch instead of one that used to run across mine and one that used to run across his. We just tied them together, so there is only one now there, but, yeah, it's just -- it's just that, you know, little runoff in that field across the street is all it is.

Milam: Thank you.

De Weerd: So, you all are tracking this? Right? I'm sorry, I'm confused. Well, who cares if I'm confused. If anyone else needs clarity maybe Kyle or planning staff? Any -- where is the -- the water to be delivered? I don't know what a runoff ditch is and we want to make sure that the water that the property that surround this are entitled have access to that water.

Hood: And, Madam Mayor, I guess that was what I was going to comment on. I do not know the specifics of this. So, the first part of your question I can't help you with that. What I can let you know is that this application to vacate the public utilities and drainage irrigation easement was transmitted to Nampa-Meridian and they did not have any concerns with it. So, I don't know exactly, again, the situation out here. I think you stated earlier -- and as well as the applicant did -- you know, where ever that ditch leaves your property and enters someone else -- you can move that around, but it has to start and end at the same points. That's part of the state code requirements. So, you know, I don't know the situation here, but I do know, again, it was transmitted to the irrigation district and they commented that they are okay with the vacation of the subject easement. I don't know if anyone else has anything else to add, but that's --

Radek: Madam Mayor, I would just chime in with a comment that I think what the applicant is talking about is really a point of law that -- you know, I think it's best if the two can work it out together, but if -- if not you're going to have attorneys making money on the deal. So, I would advise them to try to work it out. One

man's dream can be another man's water right. But I don't know if that's true in this case or not, I have no idea, and it's beyond my level of expertise.

De Weerd: Well, that was quotable, Kyle. One man's dream is another man's water right.

Bird: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Just I guess to the neighbor. Whatever is legally yours will be assured that it is delivered without interruption. That's the state code. Mr. Bird.

Bird: I think that, as the applicant stated, this is -- this is a runoff ditch. This isn't a delivery ditch; right?

McLain: Correct.

Bird: It's runoff from -- is the Benefield property across the --

McLain: Yes, sir.

Bird: -- the 103 acres over there?

McLain: Yes, sir.

Bird: And so this is -- this is a collection ditch. This isn't a water delivery ditch. So, I --

McLain: Yes. This is a separate --

Bird: Their water in Rolling Hills comes out of -- isn't there a creek or something that --

McLain: Yes.

Bird: -- runs up that way that comes down?

McLain: Yes.

Bird: You don't -- they don't get the water out of the Ridenbaugh, this is water that's come out of the Ridenbaugh to irrigate Benefield's.

McLain: Yes.

Bird: Okay. So, is this actually -- this isn't a -- what they call a live ditch, this is a --

McLain: Correct. Yes.

Bird: -- this is a drain ditch and I don't know what the law is on or anything, but I -- he just stated that the guy was grandfathered in, he's not going to bother it, so I don't -- I think it could be worked out and it's certainly not something that we need to be making law on.

De Weerd: Okay. Any other questions for the applicant? Okay. Thank you.

McLain: Thank you.

Beach: I'm not sure this is helping or not. This is an aerial of -- this is the property in question right here where my cursor is and the discussion relates to water coming out of the Ridenbaugh and heading northwesterly and collecting in the ditch and that's water that is in question being used to irrigate some of the property here.

Bird: Go up to the north. I think there is a -- I think there is a ditch up to the north that comes down Rolling Hill.

Beach: So, I guess it's my understanding that that's where the water -- irrigation water for this property would, then, come from Five Mile Creek, based on testimony from the applicant.

De Weerd: Okay. Anything further from Council?

Bird: I have none. Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: I move we close the public hearing on H-2016-0037.

Milam: Second.

De Weerd: I have a motion and a second to close the public hearing on this item. All those in favor say aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.**

Bird: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: I move we approve H-2016-0037, include staff, applicant and public testimony.

Milam: Second.

De Weerd: I have a motion and a second to approve Item 8-B. Any discussion from Council? Ma'am Clerk -- I'm sorry. Madam Ms. Holman, will you, please, call roll.

Roll Call: Bird, yea; Borton, yea; Milam, yea; Cavener, yea; Palmer, absent; Little Roberts, yea.

De Weerd: All ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

- C. Public Hearing for Meridian Property Group (H-2016-0004) by Darel T. Hardenbrook Located 1139 E. Fairview Avenue Continued to May 3, 2016**
- 1. Request: Annexation and Zoning of 0.63 Acres of Land with a C-G Zoning District**
  - 2. Request: Modify the Existing Development Agreement (Inst. #109134178) to Incorporate Parcel #S1107120620 As Well As to Modify Certain Other Provisions**

De Weerd: Item 8-C is a public hearing on H-2016-0004. I will open this public hearing with the understanding the applicant requested to continue this to May 3rd. Okay. My time is up.

Bird: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: I move we continue the public hearing on H-2015-0004 until May 3rd, 2016.

Milam: Second.

De Weerd: I have a motion and a second to continue this item to May 3rd. All those in favor say aye. Did I hear all ayes? Okay. All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

**Item 9: Department Reports**

- A. Support Service Department: Update on City Council Chambers Technology Replacement**

De Weerd: Item 9-A is a Department Report from our Support Service Department. There you go. Dave, thanks for coming back.

Tiede: Absolutely, Madam Mayor. Happy to be here. Madam Mayor, Members of the Council, I'm back here tonight to again discuss with you the City Council Chambers technology refresh and to report on our findings regarding the capital project funding. To start off, however, though, I want to give you guys a handout as far as what some of the things could look like. This is just a -- not a comprehensive list of all the different types of technologies that might be addressed in this type of project, but at least give you an idea of where we are coming from. So, to give a brief overview, we are talking about various communication tools within this room from monitors, the microphones at your -- at the dais to -- and the monitor and mikes at this podium. The clerk's desk. Some control systems for the audio visual system. Again more controls. Streaming. The audio visual system back end that controls all the various sounds and audio levels and makes the whole system work together, those are all things that would be covered in this. It would also potentially touch a couple other rooms, the Council conference room. Part of this system and this closet back here also feed that panel, so that has to be addressed, otherwise, that system loses functionality. And, then, also conference room A and B, just because we do have the option to show meetings in those rooms for overflow needs. So, anyway, just to give you a brief idea of what types technology would be addressed with this. Our Finance Department went back to their auditors and also had more internal discussion and came up with these different funding source options. Option A would be applicable for a complete overhaul. The existing communications in this room and other various improvements in conference room A and B and the Council conference room and that funding source could either be -- can either be the General Fund or the Capital Improvement Fund, which is the one that we discussed a week ago. Option B would include a noncomprehensive view of the various items in this room. So, if we decided to pick and choose and say we want to make some improvements, but not all of them -- if we chose to go with that option we would have the General Fund available to us. The Capital Improvement Fund would not be an option in that case. Any questions or clarification on those points?

De Weerd: No. Just clarification that if we are going to replace and do the major overhaul -- all of it at once, you can use the current capital account, which has more than enough to cover the cost. If you choose to only do certain elements of it, a budget amendment would have to come back and it would come solely from the General Fund.

Tiede: That is correct, Madam Mayor. Thank you.

Milam: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mrs. Milam.

Milam: So, what is the reason for that? Is that because it's a dollar amount? This is probably a Todd question.

Tiede: It's probably a Todd question.

Milam: Is it a dollar amount that makes it a capital improvement or is it doing too much all at once as a whole project?

Lavoie: So, Madam Mayor, Councilman Milam, the purpose of the ability to capitalize everything at one time is -- use the concept of if we built this building from scratch would we put all the infrastructure in at the same time. If we can we can capitalize that. If you build or construct a building now and, then, kind of piecemeal little pieces here and there over the next few years, then, you would not be able to capitalize that. So, maybe that helps explain it. That since we are doing it all at one time, we are replacing the infrastructure that you once put into the building in 2008, we are going to replace it all at the same time, therefore, the auditors and we feel that we can capitalize that and use Fund 55 for that purpose.

Milam: Thank you.

De Weerd: Okay. Any other questions from Council?

Borton: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Yes, Mr. Borton.

Borton: What -- Todd, what was the -- the content of that capital improvement fund, what was the fund for to replace that if we were to utilize those proceeds on this the proceeds wouldn't be available for what was originally intended when that was created. Does that make sense? It's a great question.

De Weerd: The original --

Borton: And so we funded -- Madam Mayor? We put X amount into that account to replace certain capital assets, none of which are what we are talking about now. So, if we were to use those funds to pay for this, what capital assets had we intended on replacing from the fund that we can't replace?

De Weerd: The short answer is this is one of those qualifying replacements that it was put in place for and there was nothing specific to it, it was what needs to be replaced.

Borton: There wasn't a list of items that were --

De Weerd: There was nothing detailed and so when these issues started to arise at the time, Stacy -- this is exactly what that capital fund was put in place for to replace capital assets within the building.

Borton: Thank you.

De Weerd: And I think that Todd went through the various steps to verify and make sure he felt comfortable with that as well.

Milam: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mrs. Milam.

Milam: So, are you looking for --

De Weerd: Direction.

Milam: -- direction or --

Tiede: So, at this point, Madam Mayor and Council Member Milam, Members of the Council, at this point our options are a complete overhaul or select improvements and depending on which direction we go, timeline and whether or not we do it now or come back later as an enhancement are all questions that we can ask. But our recommendation at this point would be to proceed with doing a complete overhaul of the chambers and other affected areas with this capital fund that is currently available.

Milam: I agree.

De Weerd: And so your -- the next step would be getting direction from City Council to move forward with preparing the documents and putting this out to an RFP?

Tiede: Yes.

Cavener: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Cavener.

Cavener: David, one of the topics you touched on last week -- and, I apologize, I'm just now getting this and I haven't had a chance to review each item, but we had talked about improving the webcasting stream. I didn't see that reflected in here. Is it in here? I just haven't had a chance to see it yet or is it not included in this?

Tiede: Council Member Cavener, I do not know if that is actually reflected on this, but this list is not comprehensive. This is just a quick -- you know, items that we -- but we do intend to cover the streaming portion as well.

Cavener: Follow up, Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Uh-huh.

Cavener: Can you talk -- regardless, it sounds like whichever way we go there is going to involve some coordination maybe from other departments or other people within City Hall. Can you talk to me a little bit about what that process will look like, so that after it's all said and done we don't come back and say, oh, we -- if we only would have known we would have also asked for X.

Tiede: Fair enough. At this point that we would be starting an RFP process and we would be involving the Clerk's Office, Finance from an RFP standpoint, and other departments as they request to be on there. We have spoken with facilities as well, just because there is an electrical impact and things of that nature. They would be involved. If there were other stakeholders that wished to be involved we would definitely involve them. I think I would open that up for -- you know, for them to say, hey, is this something that we want to be involved in and participate with. But we want to make sure that we are getting a product in the end that's going to meet all the needs and we, obviously, want to make sure that we have adequate training and other things of that nature in place.

De Weerd: I think that they spent a lot of time getting it to this point, trying to understand the uses, the needs, where the failures have been, where the deficiencies are by the user groups of it. That's how you got to the point we are in today. So, that participation has already led to what is in front of you. The next step would be getting it out to bid, getting it built, and, then, as David said, doing the training, so that the users know how to use it.

Holman: Madam Mayor?

Cavener: And Madam Mayor, if I may?

De Weerd: It's like tennis.

Cavener: Yeah. Specifically to that point, which is why when -- when items that were covered last week aren't reflected in this sheet, I have these type of questions on who is being involved in that discussion, because I -- if the plan after this is to go out to bid, what are we going out to bid for? If we haven't involved the people to say these are the -- the needs for this specific room, then, we are going out to bid for items that we may have to go out to bid at a later point in time and that would not be part of a capitalized budget item at that point.

Tiede: Council Member Cavener, if I may, we have gathered those requirements. This list does not include requirements, this was basically a part list of what a vendor could say, hey, look, here is some of the parts that we would include in a project like this. I have those requirements and they are documented and those are, again, gathered from our stakeholders that we met with and prepared those and prioritized them. That's what we would be basing our RFP on.

Holman: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Ms. Holman.

Holman: Madam Mayor, Council Members, Council Member Cavener, yes, that's -- we did do that at the very beginning of the process before we met with any vendors. We met with all departments that come in here and use this equipment and Kristy Vigil, who is a business analyst in IT, put all of those things together. It was a wish list of everything everybody could ever want to the moon and back and, then, we kind of narrowed that down a little bit, but we have all of that data that we have gathered and spent -- I don't remember how many separate meetings we had, but it was quite a few. So, I hope that that answers your question.

Cavener: Somewhat. Thank you.

De Weerd: Okay. Anything -- any other questions from Council? Okay. So, we are looking for a motion to direct staff to move forward with the RFP and with that process.

Milam: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mrs. Milam.

Milam: I move that we go -- go out for an RFP for the complete overhaul immediately and use the capital improvement funds.

Bird: Are you done?

Milam: I think so. Anything else we --

Bird: Second.

De Weerd: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Ms. Holman, will you call roll.

Roll Call: Bird, yea; Borton, yea; Milam, yea; Cavener, yea; Palmer, absent; Little Roberts, yea.

De Weerd: All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

**B. Finance: 3% Property Tax and Transfer of Funds to the Public Safety and Capital Improvement Funds for the FY2017 Budget**

De Weerd: Item 9-B is under our Finance Department. Am I reading that right? There is a hundred slides?

Bird: A hundred slides?

Lavoie: Good evening, Madam Mayor, Members of the Council. Councilman Bird, there is 142 slides for you. Small print.

De Weerd: All small print.

Lavoie: Yes. Well, again, thank you for giving us the opportunity to present to you the continued discussions on our April I guess roadshow of the fiscal year 2017 budgetary items. Today what we will do is we will present to you what we have explained or informed you about over the month so far. We will discuss the authority that governs the city and on how we calculate property taxes. We will actually get into how we calculate property tax, show you guys how we do this. And, then, we will also discuss -- show you the estimated 2017 property taxes that we are looking at right now. Then we will look at the considerations of why we should take the three percent or not take the three percent and, then, we will look at the financial impacts to the city if we do not maximize the ability of utilizing the three percent level tax and, then, we will wrap up a presentation with what we have discussed this month with the roadshow and discuss where we are going next week. So, again, we have presented two presentations to you so far. So, this is the third of the three roadshow events. We have one more to come, that's next week, and that's going to be the wrap up session. Again, the -- the items that we have presented to you so far this month are large budgetary impacts and, again, we are trying to present to you information to allow us proper guidance, so when the Mayor and the rest of the departments present to you a balanced budget, we have the proper guidance and direction from you and we would like to present this information to you so you could have some time to digest it. There is a lot of information involved and, again, as we stated, we will come back to you next week with the final day of the roadshow. So, again, this is a summary of what we presented so far. April 5th we presented to you the compensation plan. On April 12th we discussed the healthcare benefits outlook for us. And today we are on the allowable three percent property tax discussions. Again, the three presentations are all for informational purposes. We are not looking for direction. But next week we will present to you the wrap up. We will be looking for

guidance and direction from you, Council, so that the Mayor can develop a balanced budget with the proper guidance and direction. So, with that we will get into some exciting reading here. So, if you guys are bored I highly recommend going to the state statute and really diving into this exciting stuff. We are going to talk about state statute 63-802. I know it sounds exciting, but what this is -- this discusses the city's guidance to how we can calculate property taxes and within 63-802 it states that the city may increase the property tax funded portion of their budgets by up to three percent and that's the primary focus of our discussion here. Again, you can see we can talk about new construction and annexation, but that's an automatic fee for our property calculation, so we are going to focus on the three percent -- up to three percent allowable property tax calculation. Again, if you really enjoyed that reading, this one is pretty suspenseful. It's Idaho State Statute Code 63-301. This one discusses a new construction rule. What this states is that Ada County has a responsibility of informing the cities by the first Monday in June of the construction value that has been added to the city's tax roll since last June. So, every June they give us a tax roll of our taxable value. Then what we do is we have the ability to add the taxable value since the report from last June into this calculation. We will dive into that a little bit more, but, again, just more suspenseful reading if you're looking for some good reading material tonight. So, with that we now know where to go for some exciting reading. We are going to discuss how do we collect -- or how do we calculate the property taxes. There are four components to the city's property tax calculation. The first one is what we call base property taxes and base property tax is all governed by those state statutes that we have discussed. It's the highest approved certified amount of taxes levied in the past three years. So, the last three years that we have had fiscal years for them we could take the highest amount of property taxes that the county has approved and we make that our current base. So, if the highest was last year, we will just make that our current year base property tax. Then we have what we are discussing here -- or not discussing -- informing you on, so we could discuss next week is what we call the three percent allowable tax. Again, cities can take up to three percent of the base property tax and increase their property tax for this fiscal year. So, what we mean by that is we know what our base property is. We have determined that. We can multiply up to three percent against that number. So, if the number was one hundred and we decided to take three percent, we can add three dollars to our property tax base to make it one hundred and three. Again, we will go through some realistic numbers here in a second, but that's what that means. They give us the opportunity to increase the base property taxes by up to three percent by just doing a mathematical calculation of zero, one, two or three percent. The next two items we discussed in the state codes, it's the new construction increase and the annexation increase. Again, these are mandated by the state. We can automatically adjust our property tax based on the laws that are written. We are looking to informing more about the three percent allowable tax, but just to give you an idea, the new construction, which we discussed, that's the new construction value that has been added to the city since the last June report. Again, as we know, we are a growing city, things are

being developed, so new items are being added to our tax roll every day, so we have the ability to capture what has been added to our tax rolls since last June and the same thing with annexation. As you annex new property they let us know what value of property has been added to our tax rolls since last June, so we can play catch up and add that to our property taxes as well. So, when you add all four of those components, that is how we generate the City of Meridian's annual property taxes to be levied.

De Weerd: Todd, before you move on, just a question for Ms. Holman. The Clerk's Office is -- is -- kind of goes through a process to make sure that those annexations that happen and as the DA's are signed, that those properties are reflected on -- on the property rolls; right?

Holman: Madam Mayor, yes. We go through and I keep track of them -- or now the Clerk's Office, we keep track of them on a spreadsheet throughout the year. Do annexations and rezones for other purposes just to make sure the zoning is correct. But now actually when I get the ordinances, we send them to one of our GIS -- member of our GIS team up in IT and actually check the math and make sure everything is correct and they will e-mail me back and say yes. So, we are getting that at the beginning of the year once everything rolls over and is correctly reflected in the map, then, yeah, they are checking them.

De Weerd: Okay. So, there is a process in place for that. Thank you.

Lavoie: Thank you. So, now we know how property taxes are calculated. We can go ahead and take a look and see what the 2017 property taxes are estimated at. Please note that all these figures on this slide are just estimates, they are projections, they are not a hundred percent finalized, because we will not get the report from Ada County until the first Monday in June. So, again, these are just estimates. But as we have noted, we have a base property tax. That number represents the highest levy amount that the city has -- City of Meridian has represented and has been approved over the past three years. So, that number is determined based on what we have done in the past three years. So, we know that number is fixed. What we are presenting here is three percent. If you take the 26 million and multiply it by three percent that's the value we can add to our property taxes for fiscal '17. Again, we can go up to that amount and those are -- this is the particular item we are going to try to inform you about, so we can get guidance from you next week. New construction. This represents the amount of property taxes that the city will be able to increase its property taxes for fiscal '17. Again, these are estimates by Ada County -- I worked with Ada County. They have provided me just estimates. So, not until June -- first Monday in June we will be able to finalize that number. And the same thing with this number. This is just an estimate, but this is the amount of property taxes we would be able to increase based on annexation since last June. So, if you add up all four components that we just discussed, this would be the proposed estimated 2017 property taxes for the City of Meridian at the moment. Again all

estimates, all projections. So, I was hoping that Councilman Palmer was here, but we will go ahead and move forward. He likes Joe, so the question is what would Joe pay if we took the three percent tax.

De Weerd: I think you need another name than Joe. I keep looking at Joe and saying what would Joe like.

Lavoie: Well, Joe Citizen, then. So, if we were to take the three percent and if these estimates were 99 percent accurate, this is what it would look like for every 100,000 dollars worth of valued property -- taxable property. So, if he happens to have a home that's valued exactly at 100,000 dollars after any deductions and adjustments, we would estimate that these payments would show up on his tax roll. So, as you can see, the three percent allowable tax that we are kind of focusing our attention to, he would pay \$9.78 for every 100,000 dollars of taxable value. But, again, if Ada County makes any adjustments to the assessments, they will adjust accordingly. Again, just know that these are all just estimates based on the numbers that we have today. So, now we are going to move on to considerations, why we should take the three percent property tax. I could just leave it here. The city has grown, because you guys all know that. You guys approve it, you see it, but there are some other considerations we want to take into effect when we make the decision on what percentage we should take for the allowable three percent. So, again, on April 4th -- sorry. I apologize. April 5th we presented to you the compensation plan, the financial impact that we were facing in 2017. We presented on April 12 the compensation impacts from a financial standpoint that the city is facing for fiscal 2017. We also have a capital improvement plan. We have a five year and ten year capital improvement plan and, unfortunately, right now it's fiscally not constrained and what I mean by that is cannot pay for all the items on the CIP plan at the moment, so with that we need more property taxes if we wish to satisfy the CIP plan as it stands today. Another consideration for taking the three percent is the cost of doing business. We see it every day. We have inflation. We have a level of service that the citizens desire. For Joe citizen he expects to have so many police officers on the field -- or out in the field. He expects to have a response time by the police department. He expects to have so many acres per, you know, thousand population. So, these are all cost of doing business considerations that we need to take into consideration for our three percent allowable tax. Future growth of the city. Again, property taxes pay for the future growth, i.e., the Home Court. You know, we are going to add a new level of service, so property taxes will pay for the Home Court. A new park. Property taxes pay for the maintenance of a new park. Maybe there is a public safety training center shooting range. Again, property taxes are going to have to pay for the maintenance and the ongoing needs of the training -- of the shooting range or training facility. Again, more considerations of why a three percent -- again, we are promoting a three percent for fiscal '17. Intergovernmental cost burdens. Again, Ada County, state, other transportation agencies that we partner with, they may decide to impose some fees on us, so we will have to pay for that with property taxes. Again, federal and

state mandates, we hear it every day, healthcare changes, property tax changes, urban renewal district changes, you know, these things all have an impact on property taxes, be it -- have them gained or lost, they all impact property taxes and, again, the very last sentence is we all know that the city is growing every single day. So, again, those are all just considerations for us to take into thought when we decide if we are going to take up to three percent. So, another question is what happens if we don't take the three percent? As we showed you on a couple slide ago, 781,000 is our projected maximum allowable three percent increase to our property taxes. If -- once the city establishes a base line, which we described, that base line is used for all future property taxes going forward. Therefore, if the city were to forego the 781,000 dollars in fiscal '17, all future base line property taxes would be less by 781,000 for all future years, because we could not get that back. It's a one time increase and that's your new base line. So, with that said, if we do not take the 781,000 in fiscal year 2017, it will be 781,000 dollars less. If we didn't take that and over in fiscal '17, in five years that would accumulate to 3.9 million dollars in lost or foregone property taxes for the City of Meridian, because every single year you would lose out on 791,000 dollars as your base line property tax calculation. It's a compounding effect. I can answer any questions if that doesn't make sense or makes sense. So, again, it has a compounding, ongoing effect. I just showed you five years. You can do the math for ten, 15, it just keeps getting larger and larger. What I have attached at the bottom is an Ada County report that they provide the city every year. This represents fiscal year 2015 and just want you to focus the far right, the circle. This represents what cities and the county has foregone since -- I would imagine over the last 15 years. As you can see not many cities forego the property taxes. It's a vital part of the city to be able to continue to deliver the level of service -- level of services that they have determined and cities do not have many revenue streams to access -- increase revenues for. So, again, the -- just for informational purposes I think the City of Meridian is the highest on that list, but, again, in this case we are not looking -- this is just for informational purposes only. We are still promoting that we should take the three percent due to all the considerations, but, again, I just wanted to show you it's not foregone very much by many cities. So, as a wrap up, again, on April 5th we presented to you city compensation, April 12th we presented to you healthcare, today we presented to you the allowable three percent tax calculations. Next week we are going to be presenting to you a wrap up of what we presented to you the last three weeks and at that time we look for you as Council to provide us guidance, direction on where the Mayor and the rest of the executive branch should go with the proposal of this fiscal year 2017 budget and with that I stand for any questions. Again, we are here all week for us to answer any questions before the next meeting. HR is available as well to help you answer any questions that you have before the April 26th meeting.

De Weerd Your slogan is so corny. Where everybody counts.

Lavoie: Corny, but it's great.

De Weerd: Yes.

Milam: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mrs. Milam.

Milam: Todd, just to clarify, the 26 million is the highest of the last three years, but we are getting a new number in June; is that correct?

Lavoie: Madam Mayor, Councilman Milam, that 26 million will represent the highest amount of approved levied taxes that we have had over the last three years. So, what happens in June does not impact that number. That number is what's considered our base line. So, what's happened in the past, that is considered our new base line. The June data represents your new annexation and your new construction roll. So, those numbers will impact fiscal '18's consideration. So, that number 26 represents the last three years cumulative.

Milam: So, that number is --

Lavoie: Is.

Milam: -- what it is.

Lavoie: Is. I agree.

Milam: Thank you.

De Weerd: Any other questions from Council? Thank you.

Lavoie: Thank you.

De Weerd: They are saving it for next week.

**C. Community Development: Ada County Highway District (ACHD) Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Update and Discussion About Fairview Avenue**

De Weerd: Okay. Item No. 9-C is under our Community Development Department.

Hood: So, Madam Mayor, I'm going to ask Justin Lucas to come up. If you all may recall here three weeks ago or so when we were doing priorities for this year to send to the Ada County Highway District, we had a discussion about Fairview Avenue and the intersection at Locust Grove and Fairview and we talked about having someone from ACHD -- I think Gary Inselman's name came up and I sent

an e-mail to Gary and Justin -- I think Justin drew the short straw. So, I kind of gave him a little bit as a background on -- as Council was going through priorities the question about seven lane Fairview come up. I have also asked him just to give a -- just a pretty quick, brief update on ACHD's CIP, their 20 year plan. So, I'm going to stop talking and focus on getting to his presentation up.

De Weerd: You don't have any jokes for us while you wait?

Lucas: Madam Mayor, Members of Council, at ACHD we are not funny. For the record, Justin Lucas representing the Ada County Highway District and business address is 3775 Adam Street in Garden City, Idaho. I appreciate the opportunity to come and provide you with this update on our capital improvements plan and discuss one of the key corridors that traverses the City of Meridian. I will go through some slides here. There will be quite a bit of information as usual. If you have questions just jump right in. I'm not trying to give a sermon here. I'm glad to take questions as they arise. I find that's oftentimes the best way to address them. So, please, feel free to interrupt me at anytime. So, what is the ACHD capital improvement plan? This plan outlines ACHD's roadway and intersection needs for the next 20 years. It is modified on a four year basis typically, in conjunction with the Communities In Motion update that COMPASS does. So, it's part of that Communities In Motion plan, which is the long range regional transportation plan for the two county area. There are projections that are made related to demographics and where the people -- we think the people and the jobs are going to be over the next 20 years and so your Comprehensive Plan is a grand vision, but it is not constrained by time, so it's kind of a build out scenario of your area of impact. But when COMPASS does the -- the work on -- on the demographics, we have to constrain it by time, because we are trying to make -- trying to figure out what improvements are needed in a certain time frame. In this specific instance it's 20 years. That work is done in very close coordination with city staff and is based on kind of the best guess of where the growth is going to be. Is it a perfect process? No, it is not. But it is the process that we have and it can be difficult to project where -- where growth is going to go.

De Weerd: Well, Justin, I can tell you that there was a lot of buzz in response to the meeting you had on the widening between Cherry Lane and Ustick on Meridian Road and I had a bunch of questions today at three different locations -- meetings I attended. Why it takes three years to -- because you're doing it now, it won't be built until 2019 and I basically told them ACHD years are like a dog, for every one of their years it equals seven; right? So --

Lucas: Not quite seven, but -- yeah. Thank you, Madam Mayor, for fielding those questions. We get those questions all the time. On a project like that specifically that -- there is the design year and it takes quite a bit of time to design a project.

De Weerd: I did hear that, as well as the right of way.

Lucas: The right of way phase, which oftentimes there is legal issues associated with purchasing right of way by a government from a private property owner and that can be a lengthy process also that has to be complete prior to construction. So, that three year window that we typically have is not atypical in the transportation industry. Have we built projects faster? Absolutely. Have we built projects slower? Absolutely. So, thank you.

De Weerd: I was just helping you with your joke for the evening.

Lucas: So, what I do want to highlight as part of that -- that -- what we do with COMPASS is there is -- there is a model that's created that takes these jobs and households, they are plugged into this model and it projects based on the projected growth where the travel demand will be. Now, the current model is pretty focused on the automobile and there is a lot of -- there can be criticism of that, but that is the one area where there has been a lot of data, there is a lot of information about how to project automobile trips. There are some emerging models that we use for pedestrians and bicycles in transit, but those will be likely incorporated into upcoming -- upcoming models that we have. But for the purposes of the CIP it is primarily a document about roadways and intersections. And worth noting, this is a key element of our impact fee program. One of the reasons ACHD originally created the CIP was because we, back in the '90s, wanted to have an impact fee and to have an impact fee you have to have a capital improvements program for -- per Idaho Code. So, I think I hit most of the basics there of how -- what the CIP is in general and if you have any questions I can certainly take those. Whoa, went forward way too far. Let's see here. There we go. So, then, a little bit more detail. That's kind of the creation of the plan and what does it actually say? So, first it describes existing deficiencies. So, we look at the system, how it's operating today, and if a roadway is operating at a deficient level, we -- today, we can't charge impact fees for something that is not up to our current level of service and you deal with this with parks and other things. It's the same exact concept. So, after we do that we define the impact of new development and it's all about trips and trip lengths and where people are going and there is quite a few calculations that go into that, but we are able to define those impacts. We also in the CIP list constrained road segments. Now, those are some -- there are some road segments in our valley where for various reasons there has been a decision not to expand them beyond their current configuration and those are described in the CIP. We, then, use resource allocation levels from the ACHD strategic plan, which helps us define long term how much money we will be available to spend on all these projects and, then, list the projects. There is a map and a list and it shows you what they are and how much they are going to cost and typically there are more projects than we have funding. That's just the fiscal reality that we are in, much like I just heard that you guys find yourselves in often, there is more projects than funding. So, those are, then, listed as funded and unfunded and we are going through this process right now. There will be a new CIP adopted this year and your city staff

participates very closely in the process that goes through each of these steps as we define this plan. So, that's kind of a general overview. I did talk a little bit about constrained road segments and I wanted to get in -- I understand there is some questions about Fairview Avenue and how it may fall into this picture and I will certainly -- you can pause me at anytime, but Fairview Avenue, just to give a general overview of what it is, it is identified as a mobility arterial. As you're very aware, Fairview goes all the way across the county. It does change into Cherry when you get to Meridian Road and I live on that side, so I live off Cherry, I don't live off Fairview and so that -- that road goes all the way down and it's an important corridor for our county. It carries a lot of traffic, that's one thing. It also has a lot of business activity along it. It's probably one of the most active business corridors that we have in our -- in our county and within the City of Meridian also. So, on this corridor when we put all this stuff in, all these demographics and jobs and we are looking out to 2040, 2035, what we are seeing is that the demand on Fairview Avenue is for a seven lane facility and so that's based on all of these traffic -- the traffic numbers that we -- that we use. So, there is a model demand. You know, the current demand on Fairview is -- is what it is, there are several intersections that don't function very well. Certain times of the day Fairview Avenue is a very congested corridor. You could argue some of the sections as you go further into the city of Boise around the Cole intersection, you could maybe make a case that it needs to be seven lanes today. As we travel down further into Meridian it's probably not as bad, but there are times when it's pretty congested out there. So, the way we are kind of looking at it today, there is the Meridian to Locust Grove section and the Locust Grove to Eagle section. Those two sections have some different characteristics. Both of them, though, show a need for seven lanes going out at the end of our CIP. And, then, there is some key intersections in this corridor. The Meridian-Main-Fairview project that was completed with the split corridor, that was designed to receive seven lanes, so it was built in that configuration to receive the seven lanes that are projected long term. Fairview and Eagle, I would say is complete for now, because that, obviously, intersection received quite a bit of enhancement through some coordination with Center Cal and that is a big intersection, that's the busiest intersection in the state of Idaho and it is complete, but I say for now, because I tell you in my lifetime here I'm sure there is going to be further improvement to that intersection, whatever they may be, because of the volumes that are projected. And, then, Fairview and Locust Grove, which Caleb had mentioned, that is a project that is scheduled in our current integrated five year work plan to begin design in the next few years in 2020. Construction has not been identified. And so that's kind of the -- and when that intersection is designed and expanded it would be typically designed and expanded to accommodate those -- those through lanes -- the future through lanes that -- that are expected on Fairview Avenue. So, as we do this, I mean there is questions about, well, you know, why would we need, you know, seven lanes or three travel lanes in each direction on Fairview Avenue and I think it's a really legitimate question and I what talk about -- I give this -- similar speeches all the time like this and what I say typically is it's hard to imagine what this valley is going to look

like when there is, you know, a million people living in it and what the traffic looks like now versus what it could look like when you let's say double the size of the City of Meridian, it's going to be a lot more -- even with enhancements to transit, biking and pedestrian modes, even with those things there are still going to be a lot of demand for drivers on the roadway. So, my first point is consider the long term needs. The CIP and these decisions we make are long term. They are not short term. We are not actively going out and trying to build a seven lane Fairview Avenue today. It's not within our integrated five year work plan and isn't slated to go in. What we do have the opportunity to do, though, is potentially through development preserve right of way and ACHD has been an advocate of this for many years and will continue to be, because through the development process we have a willing seller and I will tell you when you're buying right of way and you have a willing seller, it's the best time to buy the right of way, because they want to sell you the property. If you were trying to buy right of way and there is not a willing seller, that can be a very difficult process. So, what happens for the public is it saves money when you preserve right of way before the improvement. It also provides options in the future. When you preserve right of way for a seven lane facility potentially, I mean per our CIP it says we are going to build those seven lanes and I don't -- I'm not going to back off that position, but let's say ten years down the road there was some other idea that comes up, let's say a transit opportunity or something else, all of those things require space within the right of way and if you keep a constrained section, it can be difficult to get that space. So, I can just say that. And I just highlighted that this is only preserved through new development or major redevelopment. If you have someone who is putting a business into an existing building on -- on Fairview Avenue, we are not asking for right of way, even if there is redevelopment of a property oftentimes we are not asking for right of way, it's only major projects where right of way is -- where we are seeking that right of way. And just to clarify, you know, per commission direction ACHD is not actively pursuing corridor level widening or access management at this time along Fairview Avenue and that's decisions that have been made recently and -- and that's kind of the current status of Fairview. We are pursuing some pedestrian projects and some other enhancements, but they are not focused on widening and the one thing you will see is periodically we will bring forward an intersection like Fairview and Locust Grove and when those are built they are big projects, they are expensive, and they are built for the future, oftentimes after they are done people go, wow, this is a huge intersection and it is, but these intersections are built for the future. So, that was kind of my presentation today. I can certainly take any questions. I will throw up a map of the sections of Fairview that we were talking about today, but that's just -- hopefully I was able to answer some of the questions, maybe not, maybe I made it worse.

De Weerd: Council, any questions?

Bird: I have none.

Cavener: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Cavener.

Cavener: Just one question, Justin. And I assume when you say access management -- I remember very soon after I was sworn in ACHD had some public hearings about right-ins, right-outs along Fairview. It was somewhat contentious. I assume we are talking about access management -- you're referring to that type of an issue?

Lucas: Madam Mayor, Councilman Cavener, yeah, I didn't write medians on this slide, because anytime someone from ACHD says medians you got to watch your back and so -- but, yes, there are many different forms of access management, consolidating driveways is one of those things. Strategic u-turns, medians, raised medians, actually restricting a left in to a business, absolutely. Or a residence, whatever it may be. So, there is various things, but, yes, that is a very contentious issue. It's not just contentious in Meridian, Idaho, or Boise, it's contentious all over the country. But there are -- you know, there is a lot of benefits to medians and if you go other places there are whole corridors where you can't turn left and good luck. But it just depends on the -- the situation and the different communities that they find themselves in.

Cavener: Thank you. Appreciate it, sir.

De Weerd: Justin, at a joint meeting with the Council and the ACHD commission, it was -- we had a discussion about the rail corridor and how -- the importance of that corridor addressing east-west movement and needs and if that could relieve the pressure on Fairview, so seven lanes wouldn't be needed for, you know, decades to come. Is that still an idea? Is that something that will be pursued? Where are things at with that?

Lucas: So, Madam Mayor, Member of the Council, yeah, I think at that joint meeting ACHD -- the commission -- and I was there -- you know, was very supportive of any activity along the railroad corridor. I'm participating with City of Meridian staff. I'm on the new work group that was created by COMPASS to dig deeper into this railroad corridor and look at it as a regional transportation issue. So, I think there is progress being made there. Absolutely. Now, how that will affect Fairview Avenue -- could there be effects? Absolutely. Have we totally calculated what those are and what those benefits could be? I don't -- I don't think so. Because it really depends on what happens on the railroad corridor, which is somewhat to be determined. I will be honest, if it's purely a bike and pedestrian corridor, the -- the length of trips that people are taking, you know, in the valley, you know, make it difficult for the cyclist or the pedestrian to ride that far to work. If it's some kind of future transportation choice, such as some type of high -- high level transit option, certainly those things can have an effect on adjacent corridors and all of those things will be played out. Will we have those

answers by the time this CIP is adopted? Probably not. But, fortunately, we adopt -- we revise this every four years and as new information comes in and is input into those models, this directly reflects those changes.

De Weerd: Thank you. Anything further from Council? Thanks, Justin.

Lucas: Thank you.

De Weerd: Thanks, Caleb, for getting this on there.

#### **D. Police Department: MADC (Mayor's Anti-Drug Coalition) Update**

De Weerd: Okay. Item 9-D is under our Police Department. Kendall is here with the Mayor's -- or the Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition.

Nagy: Good evening, Madam Mayor, Council Members and community members as well. I'm Kendall Nagy, I'm here with the Meridian Police Department. I am the substance abuse prevention coordinator at the department and I'm also the director of the Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition.

De Weerd: Kendall, can we make sure you have -- you speak into the microphone.

Nagy: Yes. I'm a mover, so just remind me if I step away.

De Weerd: Okay.

Nagy: So, I requested to be put on the agenda tonight for two reasons. First and foremost to say thank you to the Mayor, to Council for supporting the coalition over the years. Very strong foundation has been put in place and has grown and flourished over the years and in my first year in my position I have had the opportunity to travel across the county and gain perspective on other coalitions and what it takes to get them up and running and, then, sustain that and what we have here in Meridian is very unique and very successful. We have a strong collaboration, a strong foundation, and it couldn't be done first and foremost without the support of Council and the Mayor. So, I want to say thank you on behalf of myself and, more importantly, the coalition members and the community members. The other thing that I wanted to do this evening, since I'm here, is give you an update on the coalition and things that have been going on over the past year, some new things and what we are looking for in the future and I will go ahead and start with last year -- I have the website pulled up for you. We redid the identity and branding of the coalition to more closely align with the city and the community members within it. We -- the logo is -- obviously is similar to the city's logo and we changed it to Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition to be more encompassing of the entire community. In our marketing material that we have

created, the website -- we have a tri-fold brochure that has been distributed to you. Our social media, we also have a promotional video. All of those items emphasize our tips for parents, our events and programs, and our prevention and support resources. So, that not only are we an identity and a group of people out in the community, a coalition itself, but we are offering services to community members and helping educate and prevent throughout the community. One of the other emphasis -- emphasis in creating these marketing materials with providing a platform for two way communication. So, we are sharing our information and education throughout the community, but we also have opportunity for community members and coalition members to provide feedback to us, ideas and requests for other events or information. Some of the way that we have done that is you can e-mail us directly through the website. We also have -- you can subscribe to our blog, which is a new feature that we put into place this year. One of our school resource officers writes a blog called The Resource and he takes information from a collaboration of all the SROs and officers at the police department on what the current trends are and what we are seeing on a regular basis within the schools and the community and writes about that in the blog, which is a good way for parents and community members to be up to date on what we are seeing and also to have tips on how to either have discussions with their kids or kind of give them a heads up on what they should be discussing with family members, especially, obviously, youth. Let me check my notes. So, we have continued the majority of the events and programs that were in place when I came into my position and we have also made enhancement to some of those. An example for our upcoming spring clean Meridian that is this weekend, we have put in place a mobile prescription drug take back. We also have the drop off box at the police department and this will be a way that we can get out in the community and go to community members that are not mobile and so when people call in and request that we do pickups for spring clean Meridian at their house, they can -- they will be asked whether or not they have prescription meds that they would like to dispose of and we will go to that house with an armed officer and properly -- take those for them so that we can properly dispose of them and they are -- then, they are not around in the house, reducing the availability. The kids that are abusing prescription meds say that they are readily available throughout the community and this is one of our efforts to reduce that availability. Another example of some of the enhancements in the collaboration throughout the community -- I recently spoke at the Mayor's senior advisory board -- I kind of took longer than I thought. I checked in with Ken and was I doing good on my time and it produced lots of questions from the senior advisory board, which was very good conversation and that's very hard for me to step away from and I have had follow-up conversations -- multiple ones with Larry Kelly and I will be speaking at the senior center about prescription drug disposal and these are the kinds of things that I absolutely love in my position, working throughout the community to understand how it is that I can help in prevention education and fostering those community partnerships. Another example of that -- I spent over an hour on the phone last week with a gal who worked for West Ada School District and she actually wrote the original alcohol

and drug curriculum for the district and she will be working with us to see what we can do to bring that more up to date and collaborate with the district. Very early signs of that and that conversation. So, as we are looking ahead we use our -- we have three models that are part of our strategic plan and we focus on prescription drugs, marijuana, and alcohol and reducing the use of those and, then, along with that in our models we are data driven, so we have a changed community survey assessment that was done this last year. We also have a bi-annual school survey and, then, police department data and, then, several others that help guide us in the data and help us to understand if our efforts are being successful or not and so we can tweak those as needed. We also do an assessment of the coalition itself with the National Guard drug task force and they come in and they assess -- do an assessment called the Kaizen or Kaizen -- I flip-flop back and forth on that one. And that lets us know what the coalition members -- what their knowledge base and if they have been involved in part of the process and where we can, then, turn around and increase our efforts to make it a success coalition. So, the exciting part of what we have planned for the next year is unleashing of our natural high campaign. Has anyone heard of it yet? Okay. Well, you will. Besides right now. We are partnering with Drug Free Idaho, which is the coalition in Boise and it is based out of California and it's an activity, sport, or art form that makes you feel good inside and out and we will be at the events throughout the community with a booth where we set up and we have a white board, so that community members can write down what their natural high is and, then, we take a picture of them and depending on the length of the event -- if it's a long enough event and where you have equipment, we can put together a short video and show it at the end of the event. If it's not, then, we still take those pictures and we will put them on our social media and it starts the discussion of -- even between generations sharing hobbies and things that are fun to do together and puts a positive spin on having those discussions with family members about making good choices and doing things that are healthy and natural that can still make you feel good. An example of work -- we are putting together a -- we are having a production company that we have hired that are currently putting together a PSA that we will roll out in the fall, an example of what we have done. We have over -- between 30 and 40 different activities that youth within Boise and Meridian do. These youth have been selected based on making good choices and we will have short little clips that we will put together in a compilation showing these kids and the different things that they do throughout the community. I'm very excited to have C.J. Stern as one of our natural high ambassadors. She's just 15 -- she will be 16 here I think next week and she races at the Meridian Speedway. Very impressive. Good head on her shoulders. Well spoken. So, we are really excited to have her as a part of the coalition, as well as we look to expand our youth involvement. Let's see. And, then, as I wrap up, just growing our representation from the different sectors in the community is one of our goals as we move into the next year. It's always great to expand that, so that when we go into our policy efforts and our new programming, we can, then, have that representation throughout the community and, then, also those sector representatives can communicate back to us what it

is that they would like to see or if there are any gaps in the prevention education throughout the community. That's my summary. I wanted to keep it short and sweet. The website just pulled up for you. I would love for you to share it. We would love to have you at our once monthly coalition meetings. They are the third Thursday of the month. We send out twice monthly e-mails. I won't do any more and I will take you off if you decide that that's too much -- with our meeting minutes, which is a great way to keep informed and read through and see what we have covered and learn about new resources. I'd stand for any questions.

Bird: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: Great report, Kendall, and I -- we have got some great programs in Meridian, but this is one program I think that has been as much for the community as any program going and I'm so thankful that Tammy, when she was elected, got this started and, then, our police officers bought into it and we have had great leaders like yourself take it, it's -- it has been a blessing to this community and I just appreciate all the hard work you guys do and I know the time -- and I would encourage anybody that hasn't been to their Thursday meetings -- I used to attend quite a bit, but I guess I have got lazy in the last year or so, but I would encourage you to go and listen to them. It's a program that benefits from one year old to 100 years old. I mean it's a program and these people do a great job of getting the message out to the community and I can't thank you enough and I think -- I think we see it in our community within our teenagers that you have had a definite effect on it.

Nagy: Madam Mayor, Councilman Bird, I thank you very much for the compliments and as you know it takes a large team to lead anything successfully and I'm very appreciative to be serving in this position. I'm passionate about prevention. It sounds kind of cheesy. My counter part is Hugs Not Drugs. So, we make a good team within our hearts the prevention work that we do and not to take for granted the collaboration that it takes to make it work and are very appreciative of that, so thank you.

De Weerd: Any other questions or comments?

Cavener: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Cavener.

Cavener: A question and, then, a comment. I would echo Councilman Bird's comments. I know you weren't looking for feedback, but I love the branding. I think it's fantastic and I was fortunate enough to attend the spring break event out at The Village and just want to applaud you. I mean authentic youth engagement is so important and you're really connecting with young people on the way that

they want to connect with and I think that's really one of the reasons why the program has continued to be so successful. You touched on two survey results, a youth survey and I didn't hear what the -- I couldn't recall what the other one was titled.

Nagy: The change community easement perhaps?

Cavener: Yes.

Nagy: Yes.

Cavener: It would be great if you wouldn't mind -- I know I would like it, I don't know if anyone else would like it, I would love to see a copy of those results and --

Nagy: Absolutely.

Cavener: -- be able to dive into that. I think there is some knowledge to be gained there.

Nagy: Definitely.

Cavener: Thank you again for your report.

Nagy: Madam Mayor and Cavener, I would like to thank you for the compliments and I will make sure that I follow up and get those -- the data that we have for you.

Cavener: Great.

De Weerd: Well, I would like to thank you as well and certainly Lieutenant Colaianni. When Mr. Bird referenced the support of the Police Department, it is a critical piece. When we started the coalition we didn't necessarily have the buy-in by the Police Department and it was just another Mayor's program and it -- the goal was always to have it seen as a partner to what law enforcement did, to build that community base and -- and the coins in the pot, you know, that -- that really helps support our law enforcement, because without law enforcement, the treatment and the prevention, they cannot do it just those two alone. So, it's that three legged stool, so to speak, that has been critical to the success that MADC has had in our community and as something that others have really used as a model, a foundational piece to start their own efforts. It's been amazing to really see how many other coalitions have launched because of the help and guidance certainly under Lieutenant Overton as well and what he brought to being an asset, a resource to the community. So, really, you're part of something that -- that has had ripple effects, not only in the community, but into the state and the nation as a whole.

Nagy: Absolutely. As I finish up, I would like to -- oh, sorry. I was going to play the video that we had produced working with C.J. There we go. Yes. Perfect. Thank you so much.

(Video played.)

Nagy: There you have it. I'm working with the district to see how we can get little snippets like this in -- either as part of their morning announcements at each school, if they do video announcements. I'm working on it, so -- thank you for your time.

**Item 10: Future Meeting Topics**

- A. Joint City Council and Meridian Development Corporation meeting regarding the results of the survey performed on behalf of the Chamber Steering Committee regarding establishing a multi-purpose conference and performing arts facility in Meridian on May 10th at 5:30 pm.**

De Weerd: Okay. Item No. 10 under Future Meeting Topics. Council, I see that there is a request to have a joint City Council-MDC meeting regarding the results of the survey that is being performed by the Chamber steering committee regarding the multi-purpose conference and performing arts facility. The request is for May 10th at 5:30. Does that work for everyone?

Bird: That's our workshop.

De Weerd: Oh.

Bird: We could do it right afterwards.

De Weerd: That should work for everyone; right?

Bird: It should for me.

De Weerd: Okay. Good enough. We will get that set then for 5:30.

**Item 11: Executive Session Per Idaho State Code 74-206 1(f): To Consider and Advise Its Legal Representatives in Pending Litigation**

De Weerd: Item 11 is Executive Session.

Bird: Madam Mayor?

De Weerd: Mr. Bird.

Bird: Move we go into Executive Session as per Idaho State Code 74-206(1)(f).

Borton: Second.

De Weerd: I have a motion and a second to adjourn into Executive Session. Ms. Holman, will you, please, call roll.

Roll Call: Bird, yea; Borton, yea; Milam, yea; Cavener, yea; Palmer, absent; Little Roberts, yea.

De Weerd: All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (8:01 p.m. to p.m.)

Bird: I move we come out of Executive Session.

Milam: Second.

Borton: Second.

De Weerd: I have a motion and a second to come out of Executive Session. All those in favor say aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

De Weerd: Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Bird: So moved.

Milam: Second.

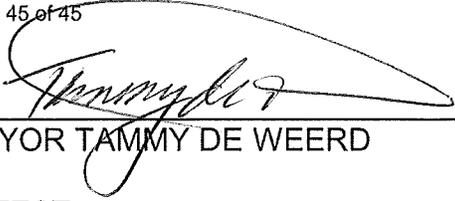
Borton: Second.

De Weerd: All those in favor?

MOTION CARRIED: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSENT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT P.M.

(AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS)

  
MAYOR TAMMY DE WEERD

5 / 3 / 16  
DATE APPROVED

ATTEST:

  
JACY JONES

