

June 2, 2025

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Work Session in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Bell Building at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. due to technical issues with the audio.

NOTE Just prior to the start of the Work Session, the City's BIAMP system—which manages microphone and audio processing—unexpectedly lost its configuration, resulting in a loss of proper audio function in the Council Chambers and on Zoom. Information Systems & Security staff attempted multiple fixes but were unable to restore full functionality before the meeting began. As a temporary workaround, the Mayor used his phone to connect with Councilor Spickelmire, and Council President Kleeburg connected with Councilor Klein (both participating remotely via Zoom). Information Systems & Security staff continued working toward a permanent solution and expressed their apologies for the inconvenience.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Johnson; Council President Kleeburg; Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Klein (Zoom); Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Spickelmire (Zoom); Councilor Wright.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

A brief recess was called by Mayor Johnson from 3:06 p.m. to 3:08 p.m. due to more technical difficulties.

No citizen comments.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Please note that identifying an item as an "Action Item" does not require the City Council to vote on that item.

A. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH SANITARY DISPOSAL, INC.: Review and direction to staff on the proposed amendments requested by Sanitary Disposal, Inc. doing business as Sunshine Disposal & Recycling - Action Item (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Dustin Johnson requested direction or a recommendation from the City Council regarding proposed amendments to the franchise agreement with Sanitary Disposal Inc. (SDI), as outlined in the Council packet.

Due to recurring technical issues, a brief disruption occurred from 3:13 p.m. to 3:16 p.m. Mayor Johnson and Council President Kleeburg used their phones to connect with Councilors Spickelmire and Klein, who were attending remotely.

SDI President Marc Torre and Regional Manager Brian Coddington summarized the proposed amendments, which include an 18.5% one-time base rate adjustment effective October 1, 2025; a Force Majeure request related to pandemic-associated costs; and updates to language regarding CPI anomalies, local office requirements, container types, and yard waste service.

After Council discussion, Public Works Director Johnson noted staff would proceed with the amendment process.

- B. AMENDED CDBG 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN:** Presentation of amendments to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2024 Annual Action Plan - Action Item (Grant Manager Rose)

Grant Manager Melinda Rose presented the amended 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan, noting the 30-day public comment period will begin on June 2, 2025. She explained that funding could not be awarded to the Salvation Army or Interlink and that funds were reallocated to increase the Home Repair Program due to high demand. A public hearing is scheduled for the July 14, 2025, City Council meeting.

- C. DRAFT CDBG 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN:** Presentation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2025 Annual Action Plan - Action Item (Grant Manager Rose)

Grant Manager Rose presented the draft 2025 CDBG Annual Action Plan, noting \$300,000 in anticipated resources and nine applications totaling \$330,000 in requests. Proposed allocations include: Skyview Estates (\$110,500), Lewiston Schools (\$15,000), Idaho Legal Aid (\$10,000), Administration and Planning (\$30,000), and the Home Repair Program (\$134,500). A public hearing is scheduled for the July 14, 2025, City Council meeting.

- D. REVIEW OF TINY HOME AND MANUFACTURED HOME RECREATIONAL AREA STANDARDS:** Review of proposed amendments to Chapter 23 - Manufactured Home Parks, Tiny House Villages, and Recreational Vehicle Parks as requested by Councilor Wright by motion at the January 27, 2025 City Council meeting - Action Item

Councilor Matthew Wright spoke to his request to place the item on a Council agenda and presented proposed amendments addressing landscaping and recreational area standards. Council members discussed requirements for grass, trees, and green space, with emphasis on flexibility for developers. Assistant Planner Katie Hollingshead referenced Lewiston City Code Chapter 23, which has requirements for recreational areas.

After discussion and feedback, Councilor Wright will review additional developer options and bring them back for future Council consideration.

- E. **TWIN CITY FOODS UPDATE:** Update on Twin City Foods as requested by Councilor Schroeder by motion at the March 25, 2024 City Council meeting - Action Item

Councilor Kathy Schroeder outlined the potential to develop the 11.85-acre brownfield site at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers into affordable housing, commercial space, and walkable neighborhoods. She noted that municipalities and nonprofits may pursue grants to assist with brownfield remediation.

Council discussed concerns regarding the \$3.5 million asking price and the limited likelihood of receiving state remediation funding. Mayor Johnson reported that the city had previously offered \$1.4 million, which was rejected, and that a letter was sent in March 2024 indicating the city was no longer pursuing purchase of the property. The city recently met with Idaho DEQ officials, who indicated limited interest in funding cleanup efforts.

Councilor Forsmann noted that any purchase would require a significant investment of taxpayer funds and raised questions about the potential financial return and economic benefits.

V. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:** Comments shall not be related to an item currently before the City Council or an item that may come before the City Council in the foreseeable future, and shall be limited to comments, not discussion.

Councilor Forsmann mentioned receiving an email about CDBG funds, highlighted their importance, and encouraged reaching out to legislators.

Council President Kleeburg shared a personal update about his wife's knee replacement and the new perspective it gave him on caregiving.

- B. **CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilor Forsmann provided an update on the Public Works Advisory Commission.

- C. **MAYOR COMMENTS**

None.

- D. **AGENDA TOPICS:** - Action Item

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Council President Kleeburg and Councilor Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the June 2, 2025, Work Session. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.




Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor


Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk


Approved
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