

March 2, 2026

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met for 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 3:00 PM.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Dan Johnson; Council President Jim Kleeburg (3:03 p.m.); Councilor Kasee Forsmann (3:01 p.m.); Councilor Jessica Klein; Councilor Bryan Moree; Councilor John Spickelmire; Councilor Matt Wright.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments were offered from the public.

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. UPDATE ON THE BRYDEN CANYON GOLF COURSE: Update and presentation regarding current management and operation of the Bryden Canyon Golf Course - Action Item (Parks and Recreation Director Justin Glenn)

Parks and Recreation Director Justin Glenn provided a brief history of the contract with CoursCo for the management of the Bryden Canyon Golf Course. Michael Sharp, CEO of CourseCo, gave an overview of the company's management of the golf course, including revenue and expenses, budget-to-date, non-golf events offered, recent improvements, and customer feedback. Mr. Sharp highlighted accomplishments and the positive partnership with the City.

Councilor Spickelmire requested information on how much taxpayer dollars are put into the golf course, as well as costs for improvements. Councilor Forsmann inquired about whether the golf course could be used as a venue for weddings. Mr. Sharp indicated that a larger event space would be needed, but they currently promote smaller events.

- B. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 4958:** Introduction of proposed Ordinance No. 4958 relating to an amendment of Lewiston City Code Section 21-2 to the definitions of vendors; Sections 21-66 and 21-69 relating to the regulation of temporary vendors; Sections 21-73 and Lewiston City Code Chapter 21, Article XI relating to the regulation of mobile vendors; and Section 31-74 relating to temporary uses of the right-of-way by mobile vendors - Action Item (City Planner Joel Plaskon)

City Planner Joel Plaskon explained that staff have received requests from mobile vendors wishing to operate non-food services within street rights-of-way. Since Chapter 21, Article XI currently only regulates mobile food and beverage vendors, and Section 31-74 covers temporary uses in street rights-of-way, staff are proposing to amend the Lewiston City Code to allow mobile vendor operations — both food and non-food — on private property and within street rights-of-way.

After discussion, Council expressed support for the proposed amendments.

- C. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ZONING CODE AMENDMENT ZA-01-25:** Request from City Staff to reconsider amendments to Lewiston City Code Section 37-153 relating to landscaping - Action Item (City Planner Joel Plaskon)

Councilor Spickelmire asked why the landscaping ordinance was being reconsidered after seven months. City Planner Joel Plaskon explained the original ordinance (Ordinance No. 4942) was developed by the Comprehensive Plan Work Plan Implementation Committee and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, but the ordinance failed by a tie vote at City Council. Since there have been recent related ordinance updates to parking lots, staff is requesting reconsideration and Council input.

After discussion regarding potential business impacts, costs, maintenance, and stakeholder involvement, Council gave consensus to proceed.

- D. INTRODUCTION OF ZONING CODE AMENDMENT ZA-04-25:** Introduction and request for direction relating to proposed amendments to Lewiston City Code Chapter 37, Article XVII, associated with telecommunications facilities and broadband infrastructure to comply with legislative changes - Action Item (Assistant Planner Katie Hollingshead)

Assistant Planner Katie Hollingshead explained that Zoning Amendment ZA-04-25, previously reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, is proposed in response to legislative changes to Idaho Code Chapter 65, Title 67, related to telecommunications facilities and broadband infrastructure. Ms. Hollingshead

provided a redlined version of the proposed code changes and noted that while state law implements shorter review timelines, the City's current permitting timelines are already shorter than those required by the Idaho Code.

After discussion, Council gave consensus to proceed.

E. TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS FOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND PARADES:

Discussion regarding traffic control plans related to public assemblies and parades in Lewiston City Code Chapter 9, Articles IX and X - Action Item (Public Works Director Dustin Johnson)

Public Works Director Dustin Johnson reviewed current City Code requirements for special events, including application procedures, traffic control plans, and enforcement. Mr. Johnson noted concerns with unclear responsibilities in the code and the current practice of the City providing barricades and covering related costs.

Council discussed public safety considerations, event-related costs, and whether event organizers should contribute to traffic control expenses. Council also discussed the possibility of a tiered system to distinguish between community, nonprofit, and for-profit events. After discussion, Council asked staff to gather additional information and bring the item back for further discussion at the April 20th Special Meeting.

F. UNUSED CITY PROPERTIES: Discussion of unused City property, as requested by Councilor Spickelmire at the January 26, 2026 City Council meeting - Action Item (Councilor John Spickelmire)

Councilor Spickelmire raised the topic of reviewing unused City-owned properties and whether certain parcels could be sold or repurposed, with proceeds potentially supporting City needs such as the cemetery fund. Council discussed determining whether properties have current or future City use before declaring them surplus, as well as how proceeds may be allocated or used.

Parks and Recreation Director Justin Glenn noted they are actively reviewing properties to assess potential uses, divestment opportunities, and leasing possibilities. Council requested staff provide a list of identified properties for discussion at the April 20th Special meeting, with Mayor Johnson committing to working with Director Glenn on finding a property for consideration.

- G. **AIRPORT OWNERSHIP AND COSTS:** Discussion related to the City's ownership of the airport and review of the City's airport-related costs for the last four (4) years, including the Fiscal Year 2026 lease costs associated with the airport, as requested by Councilor Spickelmire at the February 2, 2026 City Council meeting - Action Item (Councilor John Spickelmire)

Councilor Spickelmire raised concerns regarding airport ownership, noting that multiple owners can complicate decision-making and result in overlapping costs for taxpayers. Council discussed potential ownership structures, including the City, County, or a special airport district, and the role of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in funding and oversight. Councilor Spickelmire expressed interest in meeting with the Nez Perce County Board of County Commissioners to gather their input and discuss options.

Council agreed that Mayor Johnson and City Clerk Brocke will coordinate with the Nez Perce County Board of County Commissioners to schedule a special joint meeting to discuss the airport.

- H. **BUDGET DISCUSSION:** Discussion of the City's budget, as requested by Councilor Spickelmire at the February 9, 2026 City Council meeting - Action Item (Councilor John Spickelmire)

City Treasurer/Finance Director Aimee Gordon provided an overview of the budget process, including certification, publication deadlines, public hearings, and Council review. Discussion focused on reviewing budget details in advance, providing Council with the opportunity to ask questions and make recommendations before ordinance readings, and understanding department needs and the Mayor's priorities for Fiscal Year 2027. Council was encouraged to submit topics or questions in advance to support productive budget discussions.

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.

None.

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

None.

C. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson read a note from Carolyn Eads stating her gratitude for the Council.

D. AGENDA TOPICS: - Action Item

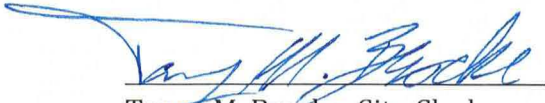
None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Council President Kleeburg and Councilor Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the March 2, 2026 Work Session. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.



Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor



Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk

