

Treasure Valley Coalition of Councils

Date: 31 July 2024

Location: Trolley Station, 310 Cornell Street, Middleton, Idaho

Time: 6:30 PM

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call.

Meeting was called to order at 6:52

Roll Call, all members of Middleton City Council present

Councilman Christiansen gives invocation

Councilman Kiser introduces himself and speaks to the importance of communication and learning between local government representatives and thanks Councilman Christiansen's wife for setting up the event, food and drink.

Councilman O'Meara speaks about the importance of coordinating on common problems and communicating on common issues we all face such as traffic and infrastructure.

Councilman Murray speaks about the importance of direct communication between local government and the need to begin thinking of our communities and all within them as ecosystems and discussing and planning with neighboring cities.

Councilman Christiansen remarks on his observations when visiting other cities council meetings and the many common challenges we face and how we may work together and raise our voices to the legislature.

Councilman Murray read cancellation email from Councilman Hallyburton of Boise City Council to the group.

Councilman Kiser discusses issues with overcrowding at our schools, the Middleton School Capacity Ordinance and opens the floor to discussion with other members.

Councilwoman Jangula discusses Nampa being underpopulated and schools being closed.

Councilwomen Stead discusses Meridians approach to school issues, studies conducted, capacity. Meridian has taken capacity and capabilities of schools into account when considering land use applications.

Council noted that it had failed to go around the group and do introductions. Councilman Kiser introduces himself, Councilman O'Meara introduced himself, Councilwoman Lynette

Enrico of Marsing introduced herself and spoke about Marsing and its challenges, the need for infrastructure. Councilwoman Liz Strader of Meridian introduced herself and spoke about the challenges facing Meridian. Councilman Matt Biggs of Kuna introduced himself and spoke about Kuna, it's growth, need for infrastructure and school investments. Councilwoman Natalie Jangula of Nampa introduced herself and spoke about the town and would like to speak about HB 389. Councilman Bill Jacobs of Garden City introduced himself and spoke about the challenges facing Garden City, no room to grow, planning only infill, commercial and high density residential. Garden City has had success with winery's and fashionable commercial and hospitality. Council President James Page with Garden City introduced himself and spoke about roads, state highways and county highway. The strain on infrastructure from all the people who pass through Garden City. Most crime in the city is transitory, from those passing through. Councilman Mark Christiansen introduced himself and spoke about his involvement with city affairs and reasons for running. He mentioned that Middleton needs commercial and industrial. Councilman Murray introduced himself and asked to begin discussing issues.

Councilwoman Jangula asked to discuss HB 389. She discussed Nampa's budget, HB 389's impact on that process and legislative interference in City affairs. Councilwoman Stead discussed HB 389's impact on the City of Meridian, both cities have budget short falls and funding issues due to this piece of legislation. The group discusses various facets of the bill and the budget process.

The group discussed the need to work together and coordinate to effect legislative change and initiative. Group discusses coordinating with legislators like Representative Skaug to fix some legislation. Group discusses infrastructure strains with issues like wastewater treatment and the cost to cities.

Group discussed the effect of rapid development on taxing districts. Group transitioned to discussing strain on local schools, Councilman Murray spoke about Middleton's School Capacity Ordinance. Councilwoman Stead discussed the state of schools in Meridian. Group discussed the lack of communication and coordination between various government and taxing entities and the impact on citizens lives, infrastructure, taxes and quality of service delivery.

Group discussed the Association of Idaho Cities, the Local Land Use Planning Act and the importance of communicating and learning from each other.

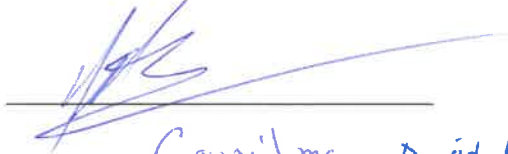
The group discussed school facilities funding, capacity and the need to legislative change to uphold article IX of the state constitution. Problems with school choice legislation and the burden of bonds on taxpayers within the district, but out of district students taking up room but not paying on bonds.

The group discussed Urban Renewal districts, successful uses of those districts and their importance in local government to spur economic development. Legislative plans and threats to do away with them and the damage that would do to cities.

Group discussed frustrations with ITD and county highway districts and the need for new and improved roads to ease traffic concerns and increase safety. The group discussed the need for more public transit options to ease traffic as well. Some things like light rail are not feasible at this time, but more investment in bus and specialty transportation, even to smaller towns and rural areas.

Group discussed future meetings of the Treasure Valley Coalition of Councils and other cities possibly hosting future meetings. Kuna, Meridian and Garden City volunteered to possibly host the fall meeting. Councilman Jacobs suggested we invite a representative from the AIC to attend the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM



Councilman - David Murray

