1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidinger called the Study session to order at 7:00 p.m.
Councilmember Meyers led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Daryl Eidinger, Deputy Mayor Steve Cope, Councilmember Donna O'Ravez, Councilmember Paul Crowley, Councilmember Luke Meyers, Councilmember Tyron Christopherson.
Excused: Councilmember Stephanie Shook.
Staff Present: Acting City Manager Eric Phillips, Acting City Clerk Jane Montgomery, Police Chief Ed Knutson.

Mayor Eidinger asked Councilmembers to review their individual contact information on the document passed out by the City Clerk. Any changes should be submitted to the City Clerk.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Discussion- Development Code Review Project
Deborah Munkberg – 3 Square Blocks
Acting City Manager Phillips briefed the Council on this agenda item. He discussed Councils decision at the last meeting to look at additional planning work for the remainder of the spring. Development codes were discussed. Discussion ensued regarding concerns expressed at the Council Retreat in regard to commercial development and the mixed use component of development. Council direction was to have Deborah Munkberg from 3 square blocks prepare a scope of services to address these issues. Acting City Manager Phillips asked the Council to brainstorm and come up with feedback for a scope of services and also to advise Deborah Munkberg of their concerns.

Discussion by Council included the following topics:
- Reactions by citizens to development of apartments
- Lack of Restaurants in the City
- Past perceptions about what development would look like in the future versus current development trends.
- Commercial development on Meridian
- Development code changes to encourage commercial development

Acting City Manager Phillips discussed: The current City Code, market trends, opportunities to create incentives to support mixed use, and the draw for commercial development.

Discussion ensued between Staff and Council on how to promote and encourage commercial prioritized development in the right order along the Meridian corridor. The original vision of a town center concept was discussed and how this vision can still come to pass.

Staff will be reviewing the codes. Deborah Munkberg will be scheduled to come to a study session to discuss potential code changes and to identify four or five priorities of the Council. Discussion also centered on how to accomplish Council priorities, one by one, through the open public process.

There was discussion about the relationship between taxes and revenue and types of ordinances that are passed in regard to development which will be in keeping with Community design.
B. Discussion - Review Impact Fee Status (Traffic and Parks)
Acting City Manager Phillips handed out proposed Ordinance No. 15-0438 with Exhibits A and B. Council was briefed on background information for traffic impact fees and park impact fees. Ordinance No. 14-423 amended Ordinance No 13-0391 in regard to traffic impact fees by extending the City’s previously adopted temporary traffic impact fees in August of 2014. Council was also briefed on Ordinance No. 13-0394 which was previously adopted by Council in April of 2013, and which temporarily amended park impact fees.
Discussion ensued between the Council and Acting City Manager Phillips.
Council was briefed on proposed Ordinance No. 15-0438 which would amend Ordinance No. 14-0423 Chapter 4.30 Traffic Impact Fees, by reducing the effective duration of the City’s previously adopted temporary traffic impact fee rates. Council directed staff to place Ordinance No. 15-0438 on the next Council agenda for consideration.

C. Discussion – Change of Governance
Follow-up to the April 7th Discussion/Speaker
Mayor Eidinger started the discussion. He discussed the briefing by Mr. Bob Jean. Mr. Jean had asked the Council if they had identified their priorities, and whether they would be a Council that leads or one that follows. Mr. Jean also mentioned three critical periods of time, now until August, August to December 2015, and January 2016 thru December 2016. Mr. Jean also spoke about the Council setting clear goals and lines of authority. Mayor Eidinger recommended that Mr. Jean walk the Council through the upcoming unfamiliar ground at a future study session. Acting City Manager Phillips informed the Council that Mr. Jean will be on vacation in the month of June but may be available to come back in July in the capacity of a consultant. Council gave direction to Staff to contact Mr. Jean about potential assistance to the City. The Council agreed to pursue having Mr. Jean come back.
Mayor Eidinger also informed the Council that Acting City Manager Phillips had an interview with an HR consultant who was quite interested in working with the City but later changed his mind due to a job offer from another City.
Discussion ensued between Council and Staff in regard to other open positions within the City.
Acting City Manager Phillips informed Council that he had no leads on any interim resources for a Finance Director but he is continuing to work through the two temporary agencies for Finance support. Offers of employment have been signed for two positions; the Administrative Assistant position and the Associate Planner position. Acting City Manager Phillips is working on internal on call services for project support. Additional discussion ensued between the Council and staff.
Deputy Mayor Cope asked Acting City Manager Phillips about any further communications with Mr. Ron Kiene. Discussion ensued between Council and Staff in regard to Mr. Kiene.
Councilmember Christopherson reminded Council of the Annual Shredding event and the Parks Appreciation Day both taking place next Saturday the 25th.

3. ADJOURN

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 8:08p.m.

Jane Montgomery, Acting City Clerk, CMC  Daryl Eidinger, Mayor