

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT COEUR D'ALENE CITY HALL,
AUGUST 15, 2006

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene City Hall, August 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

Al Hassell)	Members of Council Present
Woody McEvers)	
Deanna Goodlander)	
Loren Edinger)	
Dixie Reid)	

Mike Kennedy)	Members of Council Absent
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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bloem.

INVOCATION was led by Pastor Michael Slothower, River of Life Church..

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Goodlander led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VOLUNTEERS THANKED: Parks Director Doug Eastwood reported that the Parks Department had a booth in the Park last weekend during the Taste of the Coeur d'Alene's in order to obtain survey information regarding the Parks Master Planning project. He expressed his appreciation for all the volunteers who manned the booth including Councilman Edinger, Councilman Hassell, and Councilman Goodlander. Councilman Edinger commended the Parks crew for the great job they did in keeping the Parks clean during the event.

STAFF THANKED FOR SUPPORT: Mac Cavasar, 621 Dollar Street, commended Lee Brainard and the Police Department, Tim Martin and the Streets crew, Kathy Lewis, Susan Weathers, Renata McLeod, Bill Greenwood, Jim Washko and the Fire Department EMT's, Jon Ingalls, and the City Council for all their support and help in making the various races and triathlons such a success in our community.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Reid, seconded by Edinger to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilman Reid noted that she has a conflict of interest on Item 7, Fort Ground Grill and her vote will be abstained from this item.

1. Approval of minutes for August 1, 3, 2006.
2. Setting of the Public Works Committee and General Services Committee meetings for August 21, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

3. RESOLUTION 06-052: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING THE BELOW MENTIONED CONTRACTS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE INCLUDING APPROVAL OF AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AGREEMENT WITH AVISTA FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND APPROVAL OF S-6-03 ADDITION, FINAL PLAT APPROVAL AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR BOLIVAR SUBDIVISION.
4. Acceptance of easement for Sanitary Sewer Lift Station from Northwest Properties, LLC for the Bellerive Development.
5. SS-10-06 – Final Plat approval for Neider Square Condominiums.
6. SS-17-06 - Final Plat Approval for Creekside Meadows Subdivision
7. Approval of beer/wine/liquor license transfer for the Fort Ground Grill and for the Silver Lake Motel.
8. Approval for staff to auction the used 1984 C & CH Aqua Tech Jett Truck on the City website.
9. Approval of bid specifications and authorizing staff to advertise for bids for an emergency generator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
10. Approval of bid specifications and authorizing staff to advertise for bids for polymer equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
11. Approval of bills as submitted to and on file in the City Clerk's Office.
12. Setting of public hearing: ZC-8-06 - Zone Change at 3615 N. Fruitland for September 19, 2006.

ROLL CALL: Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye; Edinger, Aye.
Motion carried.

MICRO-SOCCER FEE CHANGE: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Goodlander to approve the waiver of the registration fee for parents who sign up to coach micro-soccer. Motion carried.

PARK STORAGE BUILDING: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Edinger to authorize the installation of a new storage building at the NE corner of Short and C Streets. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 3264
COUNCIL BILL NO. 06-1024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTIONS 8.25.025 'WATERCRAFT MOORING TIME RESTRICTIONS AT CITY DOCKS' AND 8.25.030 'SWIMMING PROHIBITED AT CITY DOCKS', TO INCLUDE THE DOCK LOCATED AT THE MILL RIVER PARK; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Motion by Hassell, seconded by Edinger to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 06-1024.

ROLL CALL: Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye.
Motion carried.

Motion by Edinger, seconded by Goodlander to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 06-1024 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye.
Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 3265
COUNCIL BILL NO. 06-1020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 2.48.020 REDUCING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS FROM 9 TO 7; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Motion by Reid, seconded by Edinger to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 06-1020.

ROLL CALL: Reid, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, No; Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye.
Motion carried.

Motion by Edinger, seconded by Goodlander to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 06-1020 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Reid, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, No; Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-053

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO ACCEPTING THE BID OF FIRE FACILITIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A STEEL STRUCTURE FIREFIGHTING TRAINING FACILITY.

Deputy Fire Chief Jim Washko presented a power point which showed photos of the training tower facility that will be purchased. He noted that it is hoped that the facility will be completed and ready for the Spring Fire Academy next year.

Motion by Edinger, seconded by Hassell to adopt Resolution 06-053.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Reid thanked the voters for approving the G.O. Bond which allows for the purchase of this training tower.

ROLL CALL: Goodlander, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Reid, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Hassell, Aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET OPTIONS - FY 2006-2007: Finance Director Troy Tymesen reviewed the proposed budget and announced that he had just learned that the City will be receiving \$109,000 less than estimated in new construction revenue. He noted that with the proposed budget the levy rate would be \$4.10/\$1,000 assessed valuation. He reported that the Council had directed him to propose a plan to reduce the 3% increase by 1% which would mean reducing the budget by a total of \$117,865. Mr. Tymesen proposed meeting this decrease by eliminating \$1,000 for the Mayor's Arts Awards, \$6,500 for NLC Dues and Travel, Unemployment Insurance \$13,751, Health Insurance (Building Maintenance) \$17,964, Street Asphalt, Overlay \$30,000 and delay hiring of 3 new Firefighters until January 1st \$48,650. If the Council chose to take a 1.5% decrease a total of \$176,798 would need to be reduced in the budget which would include the items listed above plus eliminating the purchase of a new police car and accompanying equipment for \$50,298 and delay the hiring of the 3 new firefighters until mid-January which would save \$8,635.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Reid noted that if the Council reduced the budget by 1% the Council would still need to reduce the budget by another \$109,000 as noted by above. Troy confirmed that Councilman Reid is correct; however, he suggested that the City would delay hiring vacancies by attrition or hiring other new positions proposed in the budget.

Councilman Hassell asked if they reduced the Street Overlay program by the \$109,000, would we be able to add it back in if additional revenue is received during the year. Mr. Tymesen endorsed this proposal.

MOTION: Motion by Reid, seconded by Goodlander to accept the 1% decrease option including taking \$109,000 from the Fund Balance.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Reid noted that this is in response to the citizens request to reduce the budget. Councilman McEvers suggested taking the Fund Balance to make up the difference in taking a 2% increase. Councilman Goodlander asked what is going to happen when growth flattens. Mr. Tymesen noted that the City has been very conservative in hiring building inspectors. Councilman Edinger was hoping to get the increase down by 1.5% but he realizes that the City already has a lean budget and even by cutting the 3% increase by 1% it is a response to citizens' input.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 3266
COUNCIL BILL NO. 06-1025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO CHAPTER 6.06 KENNELS AND PET SHOPS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 6.06.015, TO ADD AND DEFINE ANIMAL SHELTER, SECTIONS 6.06.025, 6.06.060 AND 0.06.065 TO ALLOW AN AUTHORIZED CITY DESIGNEE TO INSPECT KENNELS OR SHELTERS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Motion by Reid, seconded by McEvers to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 06-1025.

ROLL CALL: Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hassell, seconded by McEvers to suspend the rules and to pass Council Bill No. 06-1025 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: A-4-06 – ANNEXATION/ZONING OF A 3.5 ACRE PARCEL AT 19TH STREET AND NETTLETON GULCH ROAD ADJACENT TO GREYSTONE SUBDIVISION. Mayor Bloem read the rules of order for this public hearing. John Stamos, Associate Planner, gave the staff report.

Mr. Stamos gave the applicants name as Shefoot Investments, LLC, the location as a 3.5 acre parcel located in the vicinity of 19th Street and Nettleton Gulch Road adjacent to Greystone Subdivision and the reason for the request as annexation and an R-3 zoning.

He gave the staff analyses for land use, neighborhood characteristics, Comprehensive Plan, streets, and utilities.

Mr. Stamos reported that on July 11, 2006 the Planning Commission approved the requested zoning prior to annexation and approved the preliminary plat.

On July 28, 2006 78 notices were mailed regarding tonight public hearing with one (1) response being received opposed to the request. Written Comments were distributed for Council review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Steve Cordes, 3517 Wildflower Lane, Hayden, spoke on behalf of the applicant.

Councilman Goodlander asked about the existing roadway through this parcel and the concerns expressed by neighboring residences. Mr. Cordes noted that they plan to continue a roadway.

Councilman Reid referred to a letter from the Smiths that said that their rock wall, trees, shrubs, shed and flower beds are located on the roadway. Mr. Cordis noted that they constructed these on someone else's property.

Ed Price, 1905 E. Nettleton Gulch is an adjoining property owner and co-owner of the property being annexed and commented that the reason he became an investor in this property is to assure that this piece of property only has 5 homes built on this site. He noted that they are working with Gordon Dobler to narrow the roadway to help accommodate Mr. And Mrs. Smith's concerns.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Reid to approve the requested annexation with the R-3 zoning, adopt the Findings and Order of the Planning Commission and authorize staff to negotiate an annexation agreement.

DISCUSSION: Councilman McEvers complimented the applicant for trying to work with the adjoining neighbors.

ROLL CALL: Edinger, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Hassell, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - UPDATING 2003 BIKEWAYS PLAN: Mayor Bloem read the rules of order for this public hearing. Hugo Lecomte, Trails Coordinator, gave the staff report.

Mr. Lecomte reviewed the proposed changes to the 2003 Bikeway Plan as recommended by the Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee. Proposed changes include 15th Street, Government Way, Ramsey Road, Nursery Road/Kathleen Avenue, Atlas Road, Hanley Avenue, Dalton Avenue, Best Avenue and Nettleton Gulch.

Mac Cavasar, Chairman of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee, explained the overall route system's incorporation of Class I, II and III trails.

Councilman McEvers recalled that the issue of removing on-street parking to provide for a Class II bike route and the public's response to this request. Mr. Cavasar responded that these are just recommendations to the Council and the residents can voice what it is they want as a community.

Councilman Edinger asked if the Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee held any public hearings on the proposed Bicycle Plan. City Attorney Mike Gridley responded that the Plan has had two public hearings, one before the Planning Commission and tonight's public hearing.

Councilman Goodlander noted that this is a basic plan to work with and changes could be made; however, she drives 15th Street frequently and notices the number of residents that use the existing portions of the roadway that currently have bicycle lanes.

Hugo Lecomte noted that the County is compiling a County-wide bicycle route system which would incorporate this proposed Bikeways Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Bloem called for public comments with none being received.

Motion by Reid, seconded by Edinger to approve Item O-2-06 the proposed revisions to the City's Bikeways Plan. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Reid, seconded by Edinger to enter into Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345, Subsection C: to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency; and Subsection F: To consider and advise its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation.

ROLL CALL: Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

The Council entered into Executive session at 7:55 p.m. Members present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, City Attorney and Finance Director.

Matters discussed were those of property acquisition and negotiations. No action was taken and the Council returned to their regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

PARK AND RIDE PROPERTY: The Council discussed options for obtaining property for a Park and Ride parking lot.

NEW/EXPANDED URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT: City Administrator Wendy Gabriel presented options from LCDC for a new or expanded Urban Renewal District.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers that, there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan K. Weathers, CMC
City Clerk