

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

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 Library Community Room, November 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

Woody McEvers)	Members of Council Present
Amy Evans)	
Loren Ron Edinger)	
Dan Gookin)	
Dan English)	
Kiki Miller)	

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Widmyer called the meeting to order.

Mayor Widmyer noted that there was a recent controversy over an art piece and he wanted to clarify that the City has a great art program. He thanked the Arts Commission members for their service and clarified that the Commission members followed existing policies that were set forth by the Mayor and Council. He commented that he was disappointed that differences of opinion can't be expressed with civility. He asked that if the Council wanted to amend the policies and/or guidelines that they should provide their input to City Administrator, Troy Tymesen, who will carry it forward to the Arts Commission. Councilmember McEvers stated that in the beginning of the collection of art, the highest controversy was the "Feathers" on Northwest Boulevard, and he has learned that if people are talking about the art, it accomplishes its mission. He said that he has witnessed the negative attacking of the members of the Commission before. Councilmember Edinger said that the Mayor did the right thing to take the piece down.

INVOCATION: Pastor Dave Hoit with the Prairie Ave. Christian Center provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember McEvers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Pesaro, Coeur d'Alene, said that he has been a resident over the past 8 years and has made a previous public comment requesting electronic payment for water and sewer bills payment and noted that he is disappointed that it has not been implemented. He said that he provided examples of three Idaho cities that do electronic billing and payment and believes that the Lewiston example was easy to implement. He also requested the review and revamp of the policy approved by Resolution 06-033 regarding food and alcohol service on Sherman Avenue

and commented that he walks with his 87-year old mother along Sherman Avenue and there have been serious safety concerns with the amount of stuff in the walkway. He believes that there is a lack of code enforcement, and a lack of adequate space, as the 42" clear path is not enough and a height impediment is not included in the policy. Additionally, he believes that the liability insurance requirement does not protect the city. He requested the policy be reviewed before the next season. Councilmember Gookin said that he has talked with the City's Comptroller and the City would have to charge for the electronic payment and noted that the City of Lewiston eats the cost. Mr. Tymesen said that the City uses a different billing software than Lewiston, and the City's vendor is working on a solution.

Ron Deady, Post Falls, said that he has served in the military and is a psychotherapist that worked for the California state prison system. His job was to rehabilitate prisoners and virtually all went back to crime. He created a process that acknowledged that prisoners can't make it on their own, so they would be connected with a mentor; however, it didn't get passed due to the parole board. Based on his experience, Mr. Deady said that he would say "no" to the transition center, and noted that he saw a difference in Lancaster, California where they placed a center. It wasn't just the prisoners that relocated but it also included their families and kids that grew up with the prison system as an influence and he would hate to see it happen here. Mr. Deady said that he recommends the City take a stand against the facility. Councilmember Miller asked if Mr. Deady had any experience in regard to minimum-security prisons. He noted that he was involved in all four levels at the prison; but mostly level four, and didn't see a lot of difference between the levels.

Randy Colbert, Coeur d'Alene, complimented the Planning and Zoning staff members for bringing forward the Coeur d'Alene board game that simulates development of the community. He was impressed with their knowledge and dedication.

Jennifer Drake, Coeur d'Alene, said that she is the current chair of Arts Commission; however, she noted that she was making her own comments tonight. She said that she is a fourth-generation resident, and has spent most of her adult life actively engaged in the betterment of the community. She noted her disappointment in the rapid removal of the public art piece and the manner in which it was handled. She explained that she has studied Soviet and post-Soviet politics history at one of the top international relations colleges in the world, and expressed her defense of the process under which the Arts Commission functions and her opposition to the immediate removal of the piece entitled Marker #11. She read the artist statement on the piece that made reference to the coal industry and the major players throughout the world and that it was not intended to make a statement or take sides but, rather, to encourage discussions about coal and whether its use should continue. She noted that Marker #11 was installed in 2017 and has been sitting there ever since, without comment, until this week, when a conspiracy-focused YouTube channel post was made. Since the posting, hateful comments and death threats have been made toward the Commission members. The vocal minority has not requested an explanation of the artist's intent. The City has not defended the Art Commission, nor contacted her as the Arts Commission chair, which she felt was disrespectful and undermined the Arts Commission. She believes it is harmful to the function of the Commission and that it was an extremely minority opinion that caused such a reaction. She commented that the Riverstone art pieces went through a very public process, and questioned why in a few days Marker #11 was

immediately removed, which was disheartening. She expressed concern about the reaction toward the Commission members and that the threats were acceptable and felt it was a detriment to the community and way of life.

Blair Williams, Coeur d'Alene, said that she grew up in Hayden Lake and has a Degree in Arts Administration and has been working in arts for 30 years. She serves as a board member for the CDA Arts and Culture Alliance, and a commission member on the Idaho Commission of the Arts, and has held many volunteer positions during her arts career. She noted that she was not speaking on behalf of those organizations; but, rather, for herself. She commented that she carries forward the legacy of Steve Gibbs and the Art Spirit Gallery. In an effort to promote art; specifically, regional art and the conversation associated with art, she wanted the community to know that it has been a success culturally and economically. The Art Spirit Gallery brings in \$300,000 back to the hands of artists annually. Supporting a creative economy is important and she noted her support of Jennifer Drake and Arts Commission. She feels the community can agree to disagree, and referenced an art controversy that the gallery had last year involving a specific piece of art they had displayed for three years. One day a couple came into the gallery and felt it was blasphemous, and the same type of public outcry happened. It was in the Press, there were phone calls, and death threats. The gallery decided to keep the piece on display and conversed with everyone in opposition. She encouraged the Council to consider that, while they are feeling the stress and the pain of those pieces, that there are many in support of them. She hopes the City would consider talking about controversial pieces rather than just removing them.

2019-2020 ANNUAL SNOW PLAN - Streets and Engineering Superintendent Tim Martin gave a brief update on the status of the fall leaf pick-up program, noting that they are about halfway through and have loaded over 500 truckloads. He noted that sometimes there are leaves on the street for a period of time after the trucks have done the removal; and assured the community that while the sweepers take a while to get into the areas, they will continue sweeping the streets until the snow flies. They plan to complete leaf pick-up next week. Mr. Martin noted that the largest change to the Snow Plan is to include newly added streets and subdivisions. A full city-wide plow can be accomplished in average of 29.5 hours. Plowing routes and priority continue to be hospital access (Ironwood Dr.)/emergency vehicle access areas; major arterials (Northwest Boulevard, Downtown, Appleway, 3rd, 4th, 15th, etc.); dangerous hills and curves (Cherry, Tubbs, Armstrong Park, etc.); secondary arterials (7th, North 4th, Honeysuckle, Atlas, includes Julia 911 center etc.); school bus routes; improved residential streets; and then cul-de-sacs. He noted that bare pavement is not the goal of snow removal but, rather, to provide a drivable surface, and he clarified that the City does not plow snow from alleys. He encouraged residents to keep vehicles off the street directly after a storm and to clear their sidewalks and help their neighbors. He noted that the name the storm contest theme is "Names of Cities in Idaho," which means the first official storm will be named "American Falls."

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Miller asked if there are resources for citizens with buried cars in the street that have physical limitations. Mr. Martin noted that in the past they leaned on the Senior Center; however, the center is having difficulty finding help. He said that the Sheriff's office has some help and that the department will help out where they can. Councilmember Miller thanked them for their great work. Councilmember Gookin expressed concern about the abandoned cars and trailers that are often left on the street, and questioned if there is anything

that can be done to motivate their removal. Mr. Martin said that he would like bring a code amendment and/or policy to the Council that would supersede the currently required 24-hour notice. As they encounter abandoned vehicles, staff is noting the addresses and making contact now, in hopes to avoid it being left during the winter.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Edinger to approve the 2019-2020 Snow Plan.
Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Miller noted that parking proposals for the management of the city parking program have been submitted and that a review committee will meet next Monday. She hopes a recommendation will be made at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember English noted that he has knowledge and experience regarding release centers and will be publishing a “My Turn” column in the Press soon with factual information and requests the community keep an open mind. He said that they are a long way from making final decisions and will not force it on a community. Those at the release center would be from our community originally, so they would be coming back to our community in one way or another.

Councilmember Gookin said that he is the liaison to the KMPO, which deals with transportation. He noted that traffic tends to back up and it is more about a lack of funding; rather than growth. The good news is that the local Chambers of Commerce are reviewing a local method to accelerate the funding of projects and hopes to bring more forward soon. He reiterated that there are plans in place, but a lack of funding.

Councilmember Edinger suggested that the Mayor send a letter to the Coeur d’Alene High School football team congratulating them and wishing them luck at their Friday night championship game at the Kibbie Dome.

Mayor Widmyer requested the appointment of Johnathan Mueller, Anneliese Miller, and Alexandria Marienau for a 3-year term, Robert Singletary, David Walker, and Lisa Straza for a 2-year term, and Walter Burns, Courtney Beebe, and J.A. (Sandy) Emerson for a 1-year term to the Historic Preservation Commission and appoint Ronan Malaghan as Student Representative and Gracie Messier as Alternate Student Representative to the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Miller to appoint Johnathan Mueller, Anneliese Miller, and Alexandria Marienau for a 3-year term, Robert Singletary, David Walker, and Lisa Straza for a 2-year term, and Walter Burns, Courtney Beebe, and J.A. (Sandy) Emerson for a 1-year term to the Historic Preservation Commission and appoint Ronan Malaghan as Student Representative and Gracie Messier as Alternate Student Representative to the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Gookin, to approve the Consent Calendar, including **Resolution No. 19-057**.

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the November 5, 2019 and November 12, 2019 Council Meetings.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Approval of Financial Report.
4. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for Monday, November 25, 2019 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
5. Approval of a Cemetery lot repurchase from Andrea L. Brands, Lot 120, Section H, Forest Cemetery Annex.
6. As Recommended by the City Clerk
7. **Resolution No. 19-057** – 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 APPROVING AGREEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE/WARRANTY OF SUBDIVISION AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS, FINAL PLAT, AND SECURITY TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "THE TRAILS" (S-5-14) AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A DURA PATCH MACHINE FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

ROLL CALL: Miller Aye; English Aye; Edinger Aye; Evans Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye.
Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE HEALTH CORRIDOR DISTRICT WITH IGNITE CDA.

Mayor Widmyer recused himself and turned the meeting over to Council President McEvers.

STAFF REPORT: ignite, CDA Executive Director Tony Berns provided a history of the redevelopment agency, the terms of the existing districts, and provided a geographical presentation of the current districts and proposed health corridor district. He noted that their mission is to bring together resources to achieve Coeur d'Alene's vision of a diverse, sustainable community with healthy neighborhoods, a vibrant central city, a strong regional economy, sustainable, superior public open spaces, and quality jobs and housing for all. In accordance with that mission, he noted the 2019 strategic priorities for the agency, including the creation of the health corridor district. Mr. Berns explained that the review of the district began in 2017, then proceeded with an eligibility report in 2018, and a master plan and economic feasibility study this year. At the October 9, 2019 ignite meeting the draft urban renewal plan was approved, with the Planning Commission approval taking place on November 18, 2019. The long-term public benefits include mobility improvements, infill densification, mixed use development, neighborhood stabilization, and the creation of new public space. Some of the justification for redevelopment includes taking a proactive role in shaping the community, preserving and attracting jobs, growth of the tax base, attracting private investment, and accommodating changing market conditions. He reviewed the public input process that took place over the past five months. Mr. Berns noted that some of the keys to implementation will include a response to market demand, partnership with the hospital and private development,

parking, and early project successes. He reviewed the potential resources and expenditures for the district. He noted that in the event the district does not move forward there would be potential that development would not optimize sites, could take considerably longer and be more costly, development could stagnate and be more challenging related to traffic and building vacancies, there would be less funding for community benefits and missed opportunities to increase future tax base for overlapping districts.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin questioned why the plan notes fifty years to accomplish items, while the district is only good for twenty years and wondered if the plan can be accomplished within the twenty years. Mr. Berns explained that they can't afford to do the fifty-year enhancements, as they can only afford the first twenty-years of projects, mostly due to the parking structure need. Councilmember English asked what Kootenai Health's role is in the funding. Mr. Berns noted that they are proposing payment in lieu of taxes, estimated at \$7.3 Million over the 20-year horizon and also contributing to street development and open space. Councilmember Gookin noted that he agrees with many of the projects; however, he expressed concern regarding the lack of specificity in the plan. He also questioned the language that states if the City tries to modify the plan, it has to obtain permission from the creditors should the agency have any debt. Mr. Berns explained that they have had these issues arise in the past and if there is a modification to the financial instruments, they have to seek the creditor's permission and/or enter into a new agreement with that financial institution. He noted on page 113 of the Master Plan document there is a list of specific items by year, outlining the projects over the twenty years. Councilmember Miller asked for clarity regarding the financial obligations and the City's limit to make amendments and if the section binds future councils. Legal Counsel for ignite, Danielle Quade, explained that they cannot bind future councils; rather, the section is an acknowledgement that the plan calls for the district to borrow money and that it is a requirement from the lending institutions and ability of the agency to repay debt. Councilmember Gookin asked if the inability of the Council to make amendments affects small changes like the addition of a traffic signal somewhere. Ms. Quade noted that the Council can come forward and make a request to the Board to add it through a plan modification but there is still a need to balance funding to repay debt.

Councilmember Miller asked for clarity regarding Section 8 that notes the City would not allow the Council to designate itself as an agency board. Ms. Quade explained that it is intended to distinguish that the Board and Council are separate legal entities. Councilmember Gookin asked for clarification regarding vacant and underused property, and obsolete buildings and questioned why they are not specifically listed in the plan. Mr. Berns explained that it would depend on what public improvements are taken in the future; for example, the straightening of Ironwood Drive. During the project period they would look for underutilized property and did not include a master list in the master planning exercise. Councilmember Gookin questioned the road demonstrated in a location where the senior center currently exists. Mr. Berns noted that the map is an optimistic mobility design and clarified that they will have to work around properties that will be for sale. Councilmember Gookin reiterated that he feels the plan is vague because they provide maps that may or may not be completed. Mr. Berns noted that they have provided the best of what and when projects may arise, and noted that they cannot give specifics on how much something will cost 10 years from now. He said that feasibility study Table 9, note preliminary phase years 1-3 projects and funding, then on page 10 it outlines years 4-7, again listing projects

and funding amount, then Table 11 outlines years 8-15 projects and prices and the final phase of years 16-20 projects and price tag.

Councilmember Gookin asked about the intent to use eminent domain, as it is noted within the plan as the district is authorized to do so. Mr. Berns explained that the Board has had power since 1997, and has never used it and always looks to the open market to acquire property. He noted that he cannot say they will never use it, as they have the authority. Ms. Quade reiterated that she does not expect it to be used under the current Board, but it is a power they have. Councilmember Gookin noted the non-conforming uses part is noted within the participation section and should not be there. Ms. Quade explained it is included in the event a property owner was seeking some sort of redevelopment benefit. Councilmember Miller questioned the relocation element, and if the agency has the ability to fund relocation and if it has ever been done. Ms. Quade noted that it is under the heading of owner participation agreement, meaning a financial incentive to help pay for public improvements and confirmed that they have agreed to cover costs in a residential property that takes place over time, such as at the Ice Plant project. Mr. Berns noted an example of avoiding eminent domain occurred at the parking garage project location, as they purchased properties as they became available, and it came down to the last piece, who they worked with generously.

Councilmember Miller asked if the original health corridor footprint was larger. Mr. Berns confirmed that it included more area within the residential neighborhood, the Garden Hotel area, and some parcels in the Lake District. Councilmember Miller noted that she believes the community is looking for affordable places for service workers to live, and wondered if that could be included in plan. Mr. Berns confirmed it can be within the plan and that they understand the missing middle and strive to provide affordable housing within districts and when opportunities arise they work with them. Councilmember Miller asked if the agency has the ability to work with entry-level home ownership and if the plan can encourage it. Ms. Quade noted that she does not believe it is prohibited, and that typically they would work with a developer and there are tax credit subsidies for home ownership. Mr. Berns noted that the language can be added; however, he is not sure how they can bring it to fruition. Councilmember Gookin noted that on page 9 of the Feasibility Study, Table 6 outlines an economic forecast and wondered if it included the conservative approach of anticipating a recession. Mr. Berns confirmed that they do not know what or when it will happen; however, their approach has been conservative. Councilmember Gookin noted that the city contributions are noted to include storm water enhancements, open space, and Ironwood Drive and wanted clarification of what that includes. Mr. Tymesen noted that the funding will be in the 2023 plan and is intended to work on the storm water redevelopment in the area and the other income streams are an opportunity in that area over the years. One could be local option from the registration fee being proposed and some could be in the form of a park. He noted that this information is within the planning documents and funding would be brought forward on an annual basis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Councilmember McEvers opened the meeting for public testimony.

Steve Wilson, Coeur d'Alene, noted that he hopes the Council would be open to the economic opportunities within the corridor. He does not believe it is realistic to expect total specificity in a long-range plan.

Jeremy Evans, Coeur d'Alene, noted he is the Executive Vice President of Operations at Kootenai Health. In the Council packet there was a Board resolution, from Kootenai Health, in support of the urban renewal district. He noted that they have been an active participant and supporter of the health corridor master plan and feasibility study. They believe that continued investment in the infrastructure aids their neighbors, will foster continued job growth and will bring a significant economic return for the community. They understand that they will be asked to fund a portion as outlined in the documents.

Elaine Price, Coeur d'Alene, spoke in opposition as she is concerned about having four districts at the same time and worries about how it will affect the future of taxes. In reading the report, she noted that the hospital felt they were being price gouged and is concerned about eminent domain. She noted that she would like clarification regarding the \$300,000 base price, and that the newspaper noted a different base value of \$117,000. She also wondered if the residential areas will be left alone.

Eileen Johnson, Coeur d'Alene, said that she would like to note that bigger is not necessarily better and this is too much. She cannot believe Kootenai Health would be enlarged in such a way. She wondered why they can't have another campus far north, and felt this would disrupt a lot of people. She wants to have choice in health care as she does not want Kootenai Health to be the only choice. She requested that the council vote no and expressed concern about the conflict of Councilmember English sitting on the ignite board.

David Passero, Coeur d'Alene, noted he is more neutral but leaning toward being against the corridor. He wants the Council to proceed with caution and believes the hospital is getting off easy and they will be benefiting greatly. He is concerned about the hospital being able to tax. He confirmed that traffic is bad on Ironwood and Highway 95 and the Lincoln Way intersection, and feels the traffic flow would be increased even more. Mr. Passero also noted that affordable home ownership is a concern.

Derek Miller, Coeur d'Alene, said that he is the Executive Director of Facilities and Support Services for Kootenai Health. He clarified that the hospital is not getting off easy, as this is a health care corridor plan, which will include widening streets, additional bike trails, improving access through the corridor, in addition to the hospital expansion plans they will be completing over the years at their own expense. He believes it is important that they have a corridor with complementary uses, such as missing middle, and how people get through the corridor area and how to decrease ambulance time to the campus.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked Mr. Evans if the hospital can tax. Mr. Evans confirmed that the hospital can tax; however, they have chosen not to do so since 1995 and they have no desire to do so. Councilmember McEvers asked about the taxes paid on buildings within the hospital campus. Mr. Evans explained that certain buildings are tax exempt; however, several buildings are leased and the property owners pay taxes on those properties.

Councilmember Gookin noted that the base value of the district will be set by the County at the time the district is created. Councilmember English said that we would all like a lot of certainty and that is why it is a plan not written in stone. Things may change over time, such as the economy or people who want to sell later. The hospital is a community hospital, which is a dying breed and should be looked at as an asset in the community. Councilmember English further noted that nobody can promise eminent domain will never be used, but he cannot imagine a reason for it to be used, and that law can be changed at a state level.

Councilmember McEvers asked Mr. Berns to clarify information regarding the base value and if there is an issue with having four districts open. Mr. Berns confirmed that the County will set the value at the time the district is created and that a city can have as many districts as they would like, as long as they don't exceed 10% of the valuation of the city. Mr. Berns also clarified that the plan notes that the existing neighborhoods are left as is, other than including traffic calming techniques. Councilmember Evans noted that during the community workshops the neighbors participated and were active and vocal in the process of protecting and improving the neighborhoods. Mr. Berns also clarified that as the district matures the values of the property will increase with improvements, and the first step will be a traffic study.

Councilmember McEvers asked if the district's debt will include local bank loans, that are paid back over time. Mr. Berns noted that they can also borrow from another urban renewal agency, which they did for the Atlas District. Discussion ensued regarding the authority of eminent domain and what authority level the Council has. Ms. Quade clarified that the Agency has statutory authority. Councilmember McEvers would like to make it be known that they do not want them to use eminent domain. Councilmember Evans said that she would support the Council making its wishes known.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Miller to encourage the Urban Renewal Agency to not use eminent domain and to prioritize entry-level housing ownership. **Motion Carried.**

Council President McEvers asked the Clerk to read the title once and table the item until December 3, 2019.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 19-1018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO, APPROVING THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE HEALTH CORRIDOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, WHICH PLAN INCLUDES REVENUE ALLOCATION FINANCING PROVISIONS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION TO COUNTY AND STATE OFFICIALS AND OTHER TAXING ENTITIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE OR SUMMARY THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECESS: Councilmember McEvers called for a 5-minute recess at 8:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:31 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING FOR FEE AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION, BUILDING, FINANCE, MUNICIPAL SERVICE, PLANNING, PARKS AND RECREATION, POLICE, AND STREETS AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS.

STAFF REPORT: Municipal Services Director Renata McLeod explained that the City is required to hold a public hearing for proposed fee increases in excess of five percent (5%) pursuant to Idaho Code 63-1311A. While some of the fees are simply being clarified and/or removed, which is not required to be included in the public hearing, it is staff's desire to keep all changes together for ease of tracking. The Administration Department requests an update to the public parking fee structure. The Parking Commission and the City Council agreed to a seasonal pass for City and Kootenai County residents for a 2-hour parking period at McEuen and Memorial. Additionally, they agreed to remove event parking other than on the 4th of July and to clarify the McEuen monthly pass. The fees reflect those recommendations. The building permits have traditionally been based on the valuation of the project. The fees were originally set in 1997 through the Uniform Building code, then amended in 2003 through the International Building code. The Building Department has discussed the valuation fee changes with NIBCA and found them to be in alignment with the County and the City of Post Falls. They were discussed at the October NIBCA meeting and they are requesting the prior valuation fees be repealed and the newly proposed fees be enacted. Additionally, they would like to level the building and mechanical inspection fees to \$50.00. Previously, one was \$47.00 and the other was \$53.00; however, they are completed by the same inspector at the same wage rate. The Finance Department proposes a 5% increase in the street light fee, which equals a \$0.14 increase. The fees are being increased to cover increased costs in electrical and repairs. Proposed fees for film production permits were reviewed at the October 14, 2019 CDATV Committee meeting. Most film companies are coming to town with a much smaller crew and no need for closure of streets and/or sidewalks. The CDATV Committee reviewed the fee structure and believe it is in line with current uses. Additionally, the Municipal Services Department reviewed the staff time utilized for business licenses and permits and have requested some increases based on actual time utilized for the issuance of those licenses. Additionally, the reinspect fee for sign inspections should be consistent with the building department re-inspect fee, as they are the staff that provides the inspection. The department has created some additional categories related to burials, removed some fees that are no longer offered, and raised and lowered a few based on actual staff time needed for the service. The Recreation Division is requesting increasing fees based on staffing costs, as well as an increase to league fees that has not occurred since 2005. Sponsorship fees have been reorganized to limit the number of categories with some increases. Ms. McLeod noted that the city code notes that violations of the overall code shall be a misdemeanor unless an infraction violation is specifically noted. The Short-term rental code states the violation fee would be set by Resolution of the Council. It was not included in the last fee update, so it is a housekeeping matter. Additionally, the department would like to begin charging a re-inspect fee, set the same as the Building Division fee in order to provide consistency through the City. The Police Department is seeking increase fees for the program to equal current pay and overtime costs associated, as well as benefit and department expenses. The program began in 2015, and is utilized when an event/private business requests police presence, and/or traffic control, while not being an emergency, such as security at a large event. The program is not intended to take away from needed resources, but only as resources are

available and will be cost neutral to the City. The Streets and Engineering Department is recommending fee increases based on actual staff time utilized to complete the work associated. In some cases, the actual time spent exceeds the fee charge, but it was felt that it could be gradually increased to bring it up to actual costs over the next couple of years. All other fees would remain the same.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked about the parking lot fees for the 4th of July. Mr. Tymesen noted that the City leases the lots to the Chamber for the 4th of July. The City continues to get the \$7.00 per hour and the Chamber gets the additional event fees they charge during that day, which helps with the fireworks display costs. Councilmember Gookin asked about impact fees. Ms. McLeod noted that the impact fees are based on a study and are not included in the request. Mr. Tymesen noted that the Planning staff are reviewing impact fees with the Comprehensive Plan study and it will be coming forward. Ms. McLeod noted that staff is looking at methods for calculating annexation fees and will bring that forward at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Mayor opened the meeting for public testimony.

Eileen Johnson, Coeur d'Alene, noted that growth is supposed to be paying for itself; but she does not feel that is occurring. She feels like fees like the lighting fee and drainage fees are hammering the taxpayers. Councilmember Gookin noted that the fee is paid by the user, not the tax payer. Ms. Johnson clarified she is not opposed to the user fees.

Ted Lantzy, Coeur d'Alene, said that he wanted to clarify that the building fee adjustment is amending a fee that came from the 1997 Building Code and the new fees will be based on a newer code from the International Code Council. The building valuation data provided has been reduced by 20%, which creates a new threshold from what builders would pay as they come through the door. They still will go off the builder value if it is higher and this will bring others up if they are valuing low.

Richard Price, Coeur d'Alene, said that he is concerned about enforcement, as he recently had to get a sign permit and experienced concern with the insurance requirement. His insurance company did not have a clue about what he was talking about when he asked to list the city as an additional insured. He researched signs throughout the City and found there many more A-frame signs than permits issued. He believes the City would benefit from additional code enforcement.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin said that he gets asked a lot about enforcement, and concurs that the City needs more code enforcement officers; however, it is expensive to add personnel. He noted that there is a lot of sign movement within the city, and encouraged people to call in to report these things. Councilmember Miller asked for Police Chief White to clarify their program regarding off-duty police and hourly rate, employee related expense and the patrol car rate. Chief White explained that he took the average rate of an Officer on overtime for the rates and that the vehicle costs are covered through a separate fee. For example, if a request was made for an officer outside of a Target store on Black Friday, they may not have a need for a patrol car.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-058

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING AND AMENDING CERTAIN CITY FEES.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans to approve **Resolution No. 19-058** approving fee amendments within the Administration, Building, Finance, Municipal Service, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Police, and Streets and Engineering Departments.

ROLL CALL: Gookin Aye; English Aye; Edinger Aye; Evans Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gookin, seconded by McEvers that there being no other business this meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renata McLeod, City Clerk