

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

May 7, 2024

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 on May 7, 2024, at 6:00pm., there being present the following members:

James Hammond, Mayor) Absent

Woody McEvers) Mayor Pro Tem
Christie Wood) Members of Council Present
Dan English)
Kiki Miller)
Amy Evans)

Dan Gookin) Member of Council Absent

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem McEvers called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Major Don Gilger of the Salvation Army Kroc Center led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember English led the pledge of allegiance.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Mayor Pro Tem McEvers noted that due to the absence of Councilmember Gookin, the agenda item regarding the discussion on demolition moratoria will be moved to the next Council meeting. Councilmember Miller stated that she spoke with those who wanted to make a public comment on the topic and invited them to either make the public comment at this meeting or come back to the next meeting when the actual discussion is on the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:

BIKE MONTH: Councilmember Wood read the Proclamation declaring May 2024 as Bike Month and it was accepted by Mike Fuller, Vice-Chair of the Ped/Bike Committee. Mr. Fuller said that Mayor Hammond will join the bike to work event from Starbucks Government Way and Neider to City Hall on Friday, May 17. He also invited the Councilmembers and the public to join. He added that they appreciate the support rendered to the biking community.

KROC CENTER DAY: Councilmember Evans read the Proclamation declaring May 9, 2024 as Kroc Center Day and it was accepted by Major Don Gilger, Salvation Army Kroc Center Corps Officer and CEO. Mr. Gilger thanked the Council for recognizing Kroc Center's contribution to the community in the past 15 years. He said that they are looking forward to continuing the great

partnership between the Kroc Center, Salvation Army, the City of Coeur d'Alene, and the residents of Kootenai County who come to the Center every day.

PRESERVATION MONTH: Councilmember Miller read the Proclamation declaring the month of May 2024 as Preservation Month and it was accepted by Anneliese Miller, Historic Preservation Commission Vice Chair. Ms. Miller thanked the Council, especially Councilmember Miller for the support for the Commission. She added that she hopes that the Proclamation will bring more awareness and insight on the importance of historic preservation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Anneliese Miller, Coeur d'Alene, appealed to the Council to consider and ultimately enact a six-month moratorium on the demolition of properties in the downtown infill boundaries as well as buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She stated that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is currently reviewing the downtown overlays to make recommendations regarding height, parking, and floor area ratio bonuses. She added that they are also working on recommendations to revise existing demolition codes as they apply to older buildings. Ms. Miller explained that the moratorium will allow the HPC to complete these projects without the threat of demolition in the interim. Further, she said that the HPC does not intend to invade on property rights, but they simply seek the opportunity to provide property owners with options before a historic building is torn down. She also mentioned that several studies have concluded that the loss of historic buildings is detrimental to the mental health of community members.

Kevin Jester, Coeur d'Alene, thanked the Council for the support that the City provides to the Kroc Center which enables them to sustain their efforts as a viable entity in the community for the past 15 years. Mr. Jester, representing the Advisory Board of the Kroc Center, mentioned that at the beginning of their meetings, they would ask themselves three questions to remind themselves of what they are about – what do we do? how do we do it? and why do we do it? He explained that the Kroc Center is more than just a building but a volunteer army behind the Salvation Army interpreting the community needs and advocating for different programs. He mentioned that they are going through a program called 3rd Grade Swim where they run 1,800 3rd graders through swimming lessons at the aquatic center at the Kroc.

Dave Slover, Coeur d'Alene, shared about his experience as a rideshare app driver where he was given a citation with a fine of \$46.50 for parking, stopping, or standing a vehicle on the roadway outside of a business downtown. He explained that in his 5 years of working as a driver in the area, it was an accepted practice to just have his four-way flashers on and get out of the flow of traffic; however, he was told by the officer that it is wrong practice and gave him a citation. Hence, Mr. Slover requested the Council to establish a loading/unloading zone at downtown Coeur d'Alene for Uber/ Lyft/ Rideshare/ Taxi at a minimum from Friday to Sunday between 5:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. between 4th and 5th Streets on the north side of Sherman. He asked for at least 3 parking spaces in front of Moose Market Lounge and Iron Horse, and one parking space in front of Crickets on the south side of Sherman Avenue, and one space in front of Crafted north side of on Sherman Avenue or on 6th Street. Mayor Pro Tem McEvers asked Mr. Tymesen to work with Mr. Slover on his request.