

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

April 16, 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 April 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., there being present the following members:

James Hammond, Mayor

Woody McEvers) Members of Council Present
Christie Wood)
Dan Gookin)
Dan English)
Amy Evans)

Kiki Miller) Member of Council Absent

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

INVOCATION: David Bruyette of Mountain Lakes Bible Church led the Invocation.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Hammond provided an update regarding the Roosevelt Inn, noting that he had a meeting this week with someone who is very interested in purchasing the Roosevelt Inn. He added that Councilmember Gookin is also working on a secondary strategy.

Councilmember Gookin noted that he wanted to amend the agenda and make a parliamentary move to allow the public to speak on the Marriott Hotel appeal and that Municipal Code (MC) 17.09.340(C) should be suspended. He pointed out that the public will be allowed to speak but it will not be used by the Council as a basis in their decision.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood to amend the agenda to suspend MC17.09.340(C) and allow public comment on the agenda item regarding the Marriott Hotel appeal.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Evans sought the advice of the City Attorney, Randy Adams, to which Mr. Adams replied that the Municipal Code is very clear that no testimony and no new evidence may be presented to the Council for the Marriott appeal. He added that it would be a violation to the code to allow for public comment on it because that is presenting new evidence as well as a potential violation of the applicant's right to due process. Councilmember Wood shared

that in her experience as NIC Board Member, not allowing the public to comment has caused a lot of grief, and she would like to err on the side of caution and allow public comment. Councilmember English stated that he is not going against the advice of the legal counsel but asked the Council to look at the code that needs to be amended. Councilmember McEvers asked if amending the code would be amending the rule, and Mr. Adams explained that it is not on the agenda for this meeting, but the Council can amend the code at a future meeting. He said that the City can set the process by which the DRC runs its meetings and by which the appeal is conducted. He pointed out that as of now, the code states that there will be no new testimony and no new evidence is allowed. He added that the code does not specify when the Council must hear the appeal, so they could postpone the appeal hearing to a later date.

ROLL CALL: McEvers No; Gookin Aye; English No; Wood Aye; Evans No. **Motion failed.**

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION: Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester, accepted the Proclamation declaring April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day. He shared that Re-Leaf CDA 2024, which is a free planting program for the public, will accept applications until the end of March. He said that on April 29, they will start planting 65 trees such as black tupelo, english oak, greenspire linden, emerald sunshine elm, and kousa dogwood for power line areas. He added that a local resident, Bonnie Warwick, donated a 10-year-old bristle cone pine from her yard and this will be relocated and planted during the Arbor Day celebration at Atlas Park on April 26. Mr. Goodwin noted that it's the City's 40th year of receiving the Tree City USA award and 18th consecutive year of receiving the Growth Award. He stated that there will be local students who will volunteer to plant trees during the Arbor Day celebration. He added that there will be free donuts and coffee from Sun Valley Tree Service, tree raffle, and seedling give aways in partnership with Arbor Day Organization of North Idaho. Councilmember McEvers inquired if the City is adding new trees or just keeping specific trees in certain areas, to which Mr. Goodwin replied that the Urban Forestry office in partnership with the Urban Forestry Committee maintain an approved tree list and they try to keep every genus in our forest at below 20% of our urban canopy. He added that they keep the list updated to keep the genus from getting too heavy and to ensure maintaining a diverse forest, hence, they also experiment with different species to find suitable replacements.

WORLD WISH DAY PROCLAMATION: Michelle John, Make-A-Wish North Idaho Manager, accepted the Proclamation declaring April 29, 2024 as World Wish Day. She thanked the Council for helping them raise awareness and grant wishes of local kids. She shared that they have a new office located in Post Falls but they are serving all the North Idaho Wish kids. She said that they will be holding the Walk for Wishes event on June 1st at Riverstone Park.

IDAHO GIVES WEEK PROCLAMATION: Mark Tucker, Executive Director of United Way of North Idaho and Board Member of Idaho Gives, accepted the Proclamation declaring April 29 to May 2, 2024 as Idaho Gives Week. He stated that it's a week-long celebration that will start on April 29 at the Human Rights Education Institute (HREI). He encouraged everyone to go to their website, idahogives.org, to donate.