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

October 6, 2015 

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 October 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor 
Amy Evans                 ) Members of Council Present 
Dan Gookin                      ) 
Kiki Miller                     ) 
Steve Adams                     ) 
Woody McEvers                   ) 
Loren Ron Edinger             )

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Widmyer.

INVOCATION: The invocation was provided by Pastor Jeff Rinehart with Chi-Ro Community Church of Coeur d’Alene.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Adams.

AMENDMENT: MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Gookin that the Other Business items listed as items 3 and 4 (ZC-1-14 and A-4-14) with applicant Larry Fluet Revocable Trust, be heard at the October 20, 2015 Council meeting. Motion Carried.

Mayor Widmyer announced he will be moving Resolution No. 15-055 forward on the agenda before Public Comments, but will allow for public comments after the staff report is given.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Gookin, second by McEvers, to approve the consent calendar. 

1. Approval of Council Minutes for September 15, 2015.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for October 12, 2015 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
4. Approval of a Cemetery Lot transfer from Rosa Cardwell to Kevin Cardwell for Lot 11, Block 61, Section A, Forest Cemetery

a. Resolution No. 15-052 - 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 DECLARATION OF VARIOUS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT – STREET DEPARTMENT; APPROVING A RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN
AGREEMENT WITH LT. MIKE CALDERWOOD; APPROVING A 6-MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH COMMERCIAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR OFFICE SPACE AT 816 SHERMAN AVENUE; AND APPROVING THE DESTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY RECORDS – LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

ROLL CALL: Evans Aye; Adams Aye; Edinger Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-055

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 3,200 SQUARE FEET OF LAND IN MEMORIAL PARK WITH THE COEUR D’ALENE CAROUSEL FOUNDATION, INC. TO HOUSE AND OPERATE THE PLAYLAND PIER CAROUSEL.

STAFF REPORT: Parks and Recreation Director Steve Anthony explained that the Coeur d’Alene Carousel Foundation is in possession of the original Playland Pier Carousel. During a recent Council workshop, the Council gave direction to staff to move forward with negotiating a lease agreement with the Foundation. The Foundation requested to lease a 3,200 square foot piece of land to locate the Carousel within a Coeur d’Alene Park. The final proposed location is east of the Memorial Field Grandstand which would include the ability to build an enclosure for the carousel. Staff recommends a seasonal lease in the amount of $100.00 per year and 5% of the net profits for a 15 year renewable term. The lease would be from April 1 to October 3, but allows for some limited special event use during the off season. Staff also recommends that the Foundation have a $60,000.00 Endowment Fund before construction begins on the building. The lease requires that any amplification devices/speakers be facing toward Northwest Boulevard to minimize sound to the neighborhood. Mr. Anthony clarified that if the Foundation ever fails to meet the lease requirements or closes, they would remove the carousel at their cost and the building would become the property of the City.

Mayor Widmyer noted that he recently visited carousels in Missoula and Helena in Montana. He noticed that when he was approximately 50 feet away from the carousel he could not hear any of the music. He reiterated that donated funds will be used by the Foundation to build the building. Councilmember Miller asked the Foundation if they will be operating concessions within the building. Mr. Anthony explained that the only concession will continue to be within the Memorial Field concession stand. Councilmember Miller asked if the drawing presented was a part of the master planning public input meetings. Mr. Anthony explained that the carousel was in another proposed location. After a recent meeting with the Fort Ground Homeowners Association, this new location was proposed as a compromise. Councilmember Miller expressed concern regarding the ability of the community to give input on this design. Mr. Anthony clarified that the input received at the public meetings was supportive of the carousel placement in the area, and that the biggest concern has been the noise to the neighborhood. Councilmember Gookin asked for clarification regarding the plaza area outside of the leased area. Mr. Anthony explained that there would be tree plantings and landscaping around the building. Councilmember Gookin asked for information regarding why the carousel was not placed at
McEuen or Independence point. Mr. Anthony explained that during the review of Independence Point it was determined that views and vistas would be blocked and it would not fit in with current uses. View and vistas were determined to be a concern at McEuen as well, and the Foundation was not given the opportunity to ask for placement at McEuen.

Mr. Anthony explained that IRS 990 form will be provided to the City and profits will be determined based on that data. Councilmember Gookin asked how the endowment amount and hours of operation were determined. Mr. Anthony explained that those items were negotiated with the Foundation and the endowment is equal to three years of operating capital.

Councilmember McEvers noted that this was the first time he has seen the roadway plan. Mr. Anthony clarified that this is a new road plan that is scheduled to be presented at the next Council meeting. Councilmember Evans noted that the sound issue is addressed within the lease, so there should not be music spilling out of the building.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by Adams, to approve Resolution No. 15-055, approving an Agreement with the Coeur d’Alene Carousel Foundation for lease of land within Memorial Field Plaza.

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding sound restrictions within the park and bandshell. City Attorney Mike Gridley confirmed that there is nothing in the Ordinance regarding hours of operation outside of a residential zone but there are policies that regulate hours within the park. Mr. Anthony noted that the Parks Department owns and utilizes a decibel meter. Councilmember Gookin asked for information regarding pedestrian safety on Mullan Avenue and Ironman setup. Mr. Anthony noted that the proposed roadway plan changes Mullan from five lanes to two lanes and a plaza area around the roundabout will be more pedestrian friendly. Although he has not discussed options with Ironman, there should be ample area to accommodate them. City Administrator Jim Hammond explained that a ball game or concert is different as they are broadcasting to a crowd, versus background music to carousel riders. Mr. Gridley explained that the regulations within a residential zone provide a timeframe for higher decibel use from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Other regulations pertaining to amplified music say that it shall be unlawful for anyone to amplify sound within the City in a manner that disturbs the peace of a reasonable person and/or is audible beyond 50 feet. The lease clearly says that there will be no broadcast of music outside of the building.

Councilmember Adams noted that as a young boy he rode the carousel and it was very exciting to have it return. He thanked the Foundation and those willing to donate. He believes that the Foundation will be great neighbors and believes that the lease has the language needed for enforcement of sound issues. Councilmember Miller expressed concern that this is a lease for development within a park before a development plan of the park has been approved. However, it will be within the bounds of the existing park area, so it is not dependent upon other development in order to move forward. Mayor Widmyer reiterated that this development will occur with private dollars and that this project was brought forward by citizens that care and it demonstrates what the community is about.
ROLL CALL: Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; Evans Aye; Adams Aye; Edinger Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carousel:

Rita Sims Snyder, Coeur d’Alene, explained that she represents the Carousel Foundation and presented some historical photographs of the carousel. She noted that John and Pat Foote gifted the carousel to this community and thanked those who provided donations and support; specifically Welch Comer and Steve Anthony. She reiterated that the Carousel Foundation is a non-profit and that the carousel is fully intact and restored. She believes this is the only known carousel to come back to a community after so many years away. The Foundation thinks this is a great proposed location and that it is better than McEuen, due to the Northwest Boulevard exposure. She clarified that the Foundation would abide by all city ordinances. The grandstand and trees will offer a sound buffer. Fundraising has always been dependent upon where the carousel was going to be located. She announced that local benefactor, Bud Ford, has offered to match funds up to $500,000 until December 31, 2015. Please send donations to P.O. Box 170, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83816.

Marlow Faulkner, Coeur d’Alene, expressed concern with the noise, as she lives in front of the park. The park currently does not allow amplified sound prior to noon and wondered why the carousel could not conform the same way. She also questioned why the start of the Lease was April as she felt it should be May. She suggested that the building be built with brick to further absorb the sound. She does not feel the City enforces the sound code in the City Park. She further suggested that the building should have openings at the front and not the back. She noted that many of the neighbors have not seen this plan before.

Roger Snyder, Coeur d’Alene, said he was pleased that the carousel has been restored. He expressed concern regarding the hours and dates of operation and that they will operate under other special events. He believes that the number of hours of music would constitute a nuisance. Under the existing noise ordinance the neighborhood often hears amplified noise, even behind closed doors. He suggested that the Council add a sentence to say “In order to ensure quiet enjoyment of the homes; the sound should not be audible in the residential neighborhood.”

Cathy Simms, Coeur d’Alene, expressed happiness that the carousel is coming back to Coeur d’Alene. The Foundation has been patient with the determination of a location and she felt that this is the perfect location. She thanked Mr. Anthony for his work and Bud Ford for his generous offer.

Patty Jester, Coeur d’Alene, explained that she talked with someone who works near Spokane’s carousel and he noted that he could hear the music within the building, without open windows, all day long. She is in favor of the carousel but questions the location over McEuen Park, as McEuen has parking and a playground for the children without the worry of crossing a city street. She also expressed concern with accommodating Ironman.
Sharron Culbreth, Coeur d’Alene, said that she moved into the Fort Ground neighborhood because of the noise and activity, and believes it is very positive. She believes it is the best placement of the carousel.

Chris Numbly, Coeur d’Alene, said she has been a member of Foundation since its beginning. Location has been the main discussion within the Foundation and they looked at Riverstone, McEuen, and felt any place within those parks would face heavy objection. They are looking at the four-corners as the historical ball field is there and feels this will be another historic landmark for years to come. She noted that the support from the community has been overwhelming and they have received many community thanks. She requested the Council vote in favor of the lease.

Karen Lawson, Coeur d’Alene, explained that she lives at the northwest corner of the park. Most of the people love the carousel but the neighborhood is cautious about noise pollution. She is constantly complaining to NIC about the noise from the ball games and that the city ordinances are mostly ignored. Most people do not understand what the city requires. She concurred that the Foundation is working hard to mitigate the noise concerns.

Mary Landers, Coeur d’Alene, explained that she lives within the Fort Grounds and moved there in 1986. She does not think the neighborhood is too noisy. She misses the past uses no longer allowed within the neighborhood. She is in support of the Carousel placement.

Deb Cordes, Coeur d’Alene, noted that she lives within the Fort Grounds across from the park, and has lived there for 17 years. She is fan of the carousel and thinks it belongs in the historic neighborhood. When the city issues a permit for amplified sound for the bandshell she can hear it within her home, so the existing sound ordinance does not keep the sound out of their homes. She knows that those sounds only last for a few hours so her concern is with the wording in the lease regarding compliance with the city’s noise ordinance which does not protect the homeowners. She would like some assurances within the lease.

Marc Faulkner, Coeur d’Alene, said he has mixed feelings as he supports the carousel, but is frustrated because this is the only time that the City has not come to the Fort Ground Homeowners Association. He believes there is no guarantee that they are not going to hear this music. He predicts that the carousel will be out of business within five years.

**RECESS:** The Mayor called for a 5-minute recess at 7:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:34 p.m.

**3rd Street Boat Ramp:** Keith Peila, Coeur d’Alene, expressed concern regarding 3rd Street boat ramp operations. He expressed frustration that the parking costs have gone from $6.00 to park to $15.00. He believes the Diamond parking ticket machine should be thrown away. He believes the 3rd Street ramp is the best ramp on the lake, but it is ridiculous that the City charges so much more than other area launches. Additionally, he noted that rental boats and jet ski rentals are dominating the dock. He noted that the launch fee envelopes are missing a receipt tab. He mentioned that the Honeysuckle Beach meter is better. Finance Director, Troy Tymesen stated that the rates have not changed, and that the double parking fee is what should have been charged.
in the past. The original McEuen Plan did not include the launch, so the City is seeking improvements to the collection of the launch fee. Mayor Widmyer noted that there is free parking next to City Hall.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Gookin announced that the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO) is looking for volunteers, residing within Kootenai County, to serve on the KCATT committee which makes recommendations regarding transportation within the County. There are five non-voting member openings available. If you are interested please visit www.kmpo.net to access the application form.

Mayor Widmyer asked for the appointment of John Bruning; Adrienne Cronebaugh; Micheal Walker, and June McClain to the Natural Open Space Committee.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers to approve the appointment of John Bruning; Adrienne Cronebaugh; Micheal Walker, June McClain to the Natural Open Space Committee. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-053

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO ADOPTING THE 2010 TRAILS AND BIKEWAYS MASTER PLAN, AS AMENDED, TO IDENTIFY VARIOUS ADDITIONAL BIKE Lanes.

STAFF REPORT: Trails Coordinator Monte McCully explained that there are several updates to the Trails and Bikeways Master Plan; however, they will not be ready until early winter. This proposed amendment is timely as the bike lanes can be installed with the city’s fall roadway projects. The additions to the plan would include lanes on 4th Street on the east side from Safeway to Harrison; Hubbard Avenue from Lincoln to NW Blvd; Lincoln Avenue from Harrison to Idaho; and Potlatch Hill Road from Coeur d’Alene Lake Drive to the Fernan Lake Natural Area trailhead. The addition of these bike lanes will close gaps in connectivity in the bike lane network. Mr. McCully clarified that he sent notices to the businesses along 4th Street and received no feedback. On Hubbard Avenue there are three property owners involved and one stated that he was not in favor of removing the on-street parking, but does have a parking lot. Along Harrison there is a mix of commercial and residential uses, and he received one response in favor. Next year the City will be applying for the Bike Friendly Community designation at the Silver Status level and closing these gaps is one of the requirements to achieve that status. The City Street Department is gearing up to begin fall stripping and these lanes could be included during that time with minimal additional costs.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by McEvers, to approve Resolution No. 15-053, approving amendments to the 2010 Trails and Bikeways Master Plan.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin commented that he believes that the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee should report direct to the City Council and should cover
transportation issues such as sidewalks and accessibility concerns. Councilmember Adams asked for clarification regarding the lanes on Potlach hill. Mr. McCully explained that they will ensure that the vehicle travel lanes will be 12 feet wide.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-054

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH ARMSTRONG MARINE FOR A THIRTY TWO (32’’) FOOT VESSEL – FIRE BOAT.

STAFF REPORT: Fire Chief Kenny Gabriel explained that the public safety bond was approved in May and he is now requesting the purchase of the first piece of equipment authorized by that bond. Bids were accepted and Armstrong Marine, Inc. was the low bidder at $402,104.47, which includes a two year warranty. The additional equipment will be approximately $18,000. The budgeted amount for this item was $450,000. The purpose of the boat is to fight fires and aid patients directly on the boat, which requires the boat to be able to go into shallow water. The boat will have a version of side scan sonar and will be able to see if something is below the water surface, as well as night sonar.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Adams, to approve Resolution No. 15-054, Acceptance of bid and purchase approval of a 32’ Fire Boat from Armstrong Marine, Inc.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin asked for additional information regarding marina fires noted within the staff report. Chief Gabriel explained that thieves have been going through boats and shooting flare guns directly in the air, landing upon the boats, starting fires. Councilmember Gookin questioned how mutual aid with other fire departments will work with the boat. Chief Gabriel explained that the department would consider each request to determine if they could provide aid and still service the City of Coeur d’Alene. The boat will be housed at the 11th Street Marina until they can find a year round location.

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

A-2-15 ANNEXATION OF BURLINGTON NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY – HIGHWAY 95 TO HUBBARD - Pursuant to Council Action on July 21, 2015

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans to approve the Findings and Order for A-2-15 Annexation from County Industrial; +/- 9.33 acres of former Railroad property lying near Highway 95 and extending to the Hubbard Street right-of-way, annexation from County Industrial (I) to City C-17 (Commercial at 17 unites/acre). Motion carried.
COUNCIL BILL NO. 15-1023
ORDINANCE NO. 3522

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO AND DECLARING TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PORTIONS OF SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 11 AND THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 50, NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN; ZONING SUCH SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PROPERTY HEREBY ANNEXED; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans, to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 15-1023.

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

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans, to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill 15-1023 by its having had one reading by title only.

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

ZC-1-15; 3113 N GOV’T WAY – MILLER DEVELOPMENT - Pursuant to Council Action on May 5, 2015

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans to approve the Findings and Order for ZC-1-15; +/- 1.78 acre parcel at 3113 Government Way from R-12 (Residential at 12 units/acre) to C-17 (Commercial at 17 units/acre.) Motion carried.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 15-1024
ORDINANCE NO. 3523

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ACT OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 1691, ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, BY CHANGING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM R-12 [RESIDENTIAL AT 12 UNITS/ACRE] TO C-17 [COMMERCIAL AT 17 UNITS/ACRE], SAID PROPERTY BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: A ± 1.78-ACRE PARCEL AT 3113 GOVERNMENT WAY; 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: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans, to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 15-1024.
DISCUSSION: Councilmember Miller clarified that she was not related to the Miller Development approved by this action.

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

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans, to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill 15-1024 by its having had one reading by title only.

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

ZC-4-15- 3502 N FRUITLAND LANE – CDA ENTERPRISES - Pursuant to Council Action September 15, 2015

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by McEvers to approve the Findings and Order for ZC-4-15; +/- 2.16 acre portion of a parcel fronting Fruitland Lane North of Neider Avenue West of U.S. Highway 95 from R-17 (Residential at 17 units/acre) to City C-17 (Commercial at 17 unites/acre). Motion carried.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 15-1025
ORDINANCE NO. 3524

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ACT OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 1691, ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, BYchangE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM R-17 (RESIDENTIAL AT 17 UNITS/ACRE) TO C-17 (COMMERCIAL AT 17 UNITS/ACRE), SAID PROPERTY BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: A PORTION OF A PARCEL FRONaING FRUITLAND LANE NORTH OF Neider AVENUE WEST OF U.S. HWY 95 MEASURING 2.16AC+/-. 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: Motion by Evans, seconded by McEvers, to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 15-1025.

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

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by McEvers, to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill 15-1025 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; Evans Aye; Adams Aye; Edinger Aye. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION NO. 15-057

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING RATE ADJUSTMENTS AS PROPOSED BY DELTA DENTAL, BLUE CROSS OF IDAHO PPO TO INCLUDE VISION, GROUP HEALTH OPTIONS, UNITED HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE, AND LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE, AND MAGNUSON, MCHUGH & COMPANY, P.A. FOR THE FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT.

STAFF REPORT: Human Resource Director Melissa Tosi explained the Medical Review Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments and rate changes. Additionally, pursuant to negotiations held with the Lake City Employee Association, Police Association and Fire Union the changes are amendable to all employee groups. Ms. Tosi reviewed the estimated costs associated with the changes, specifically the Group Health Option medical plan which resulted in significant premium cost savings to the city.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers noted that he was glad to see that all three groups worked together to achieve these changes.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution No. 15-057; Approving Benefit Plan amendments and renewal agreements with Group Health Options, Blue Cross of Idaho Dental, United Heritage Life Insurance and Long-term Disability, Magnuson, Mchugh, and Co. Flexible Spending Account, and Gallagher Benefits HRA/VEBA Service Group and Reliant Behavioral Health.

ROLL CALL: McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; Evans Aye; Adams Aye; Edinger Aye; Miller Aye. Motion Carried.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AT WALNUT AVENUE AND 7TH STREET FROM NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE.

STAFF REPORT: Finance Director Troy Tymesen explained that an opportunity has arisen to accept a transfer of property from North Idaho College, known as the Old Coeur d’Alene Armory located east of 7th Street at the dead end of Walnut Avenue. This property is a 2.3 acre parcel with an existing 8,513 square foot building. Costs associated with this transfer would include that the City become responsible for utility costs and maintenance of that land and building. The State Board of Land Commissioners will remain the owners of the land with the City acting as the steward of the land. Therefore, the city must use the building in a community-minded way. Mr. Tymesen explained that staff has been working with the Museum of North Idaho to find a replacement for their storage facility along Northwest Boulevard and this would be an appropriate location for the Museum storage as well as Street Department storage.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Miller to direct staff to negotiate the transfer of property located at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and 7th Street with North Idaho College.
DISCUSSION: Councilmember Miller asked if the Museum would need use of the entire parcel. Mr. Tymesen explained that the Museum was not interested in the fenced area so it might be storage for Ironman equipment that is currently stored at the City’s Ramsey property. Mr. Tymesen reiterated that the City would not be vested owners of the property, but would be stewards of the property. Councilmember McEvers commented that he felt it was nice to be able to aid the Museum and feels it is a great opportunity.

Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by McEvers to enter into Executive Session as provided by Idaho Code 74-206 Sections (c) To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; and (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

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

The City Council entered into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. Those present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, Finance Director, and City Attorney. Council returned to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Miller, seconded by Adams, that there being no other business this meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Steve Widmyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Renata McLeod, City Clerk