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

April 2, 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, April 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor
Carson Anderson, Honorary Mayor
Woody McEvers (Members of Council Present)
Amy Evans
Dan Gookin
Kiki Miller
Loren Ron Edinger
Dan English

CALL TO ORDER: Honorary Mayor Carson Anderson called the meeting to order.

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

Proclamation declaring the Month of April as Fair Housing Month – Mayor Widmyer proclaimed the Month of April as Fair Housing Month and read the Proclamation. Community Planning Director Hilary Anderson accepted the proclamation. She noted that the City is co-sponsoring fair housing training in Spokane, WA. on April 11, 2019. More fair housing information is available on the city’s website under the “Residents” tab.

Proclamation declaring the Week of April 8-12 as Week of the Young Child - Mayor Widmyer proclaimed the Week of April 8-12 as the Week of the Young Child and read the Proclamation. Program Coordinator with Panhandle Health District and Childcare Commission member Samantha Tuskan accepted the proclamation. She thanked the City on behalf of the Childcare Commission as education in the early years lays the foundation for school readiness.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Miller reminded the community that the City is hosting a free Coeur d’Green compost weekend April 20-22, 2019 at 3500 N. Julia Street.

Councilmember Evans noted that there are vacancies on the Arts Commission and any interested person may apply on-line the city website at: www.cdaid.org/volunteer.

Mayor Widmyer thanked Carson Anderson and his mother for his outstanding job as honorary Mayor and encouraged him to run for the office of Mayor after college.
CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Miller, to approve the Consent Calendar.
   1. Approval of Council Minutes for the March 15, and March 19, 2019 Council Meetings.
   2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
   3. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for Monday, April 8, 2019 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING A MIDTOWN PILOT PROJECT FOR CERTAIN PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL PARKING ONLY AREAS.

STAFF REPORT: Community Planning Director Hilary Anderson noted that the parking study conducted in September of 2018 by Rich and Associates noted the core area of Midtown to include the area within Boise Avenue to Reid Avenue, including Montana and Roosevelt Avenues. Some of the recommended parking solutions included improved public parking lots and the creation of a residential parking zone. Staff has created a pilot residential parking program, for a term of 12 months, within the core area to include 66% participation required per block, and a $30.00 per year permit (for two tags). Ms. Anderson noted that many meetings have been held with the residents and business owners. The core area residents are supportive of the pilot project; however, the business owners and residents on 5th Street have expressed concern with the proposal. She noted that enforcement would be done thorough the Police Department based on priority needs, as private enforcement would be very cost prohibitive. Ms. Anderson noted that staff would provide a status update to the Council in six months.

Ms. Anderson outlined additional recommendations for the area to include remove the hours (11 p.m. - 6 a.m.) from ignite cda’s (ignite) parking signs; however, overnight parking will still be prohibited. Staff is working with ignite to fund and install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at the 4th/Roosevelt and 4th/Montana crosswalks. They have encouraged Midtown stakeholders to form an Association for future coordination and communication. Staff is looking at the potential to install parking lot signage, additional speed limit signs on 4th Street, and having the public parking signs lit for better visibility. Staff continues to look for ways to acquire additional property to expand the Midtown 3rd Street Public Parking Lot. Ms. Anderson noted that she and Mr. Tymesen have met with Trinity Lutheran Church regarding possible shared parking opportunities. She noted that ignite has made a decision on the Midtown development proposal that will include additional parking. The Streets Department will install lights in the 3rd Street and 4th Street public parking lots and will move forward with further discussions regarding the implementation of a Loading Zone on 4th Street. Based on the feedback from the stakeholder meeting held on March 29, 2019, the majority wanted to create an association.
DISCUSSION: Councilmember English asked for clarification regarding the 66% participation requirement. Ms. Anderson noted that one block has two property owners and both would need to participate. The other two streets have three property owners, which means two would need to participate. Councilmember McEvers asked if the City has a cost estimate for the projects. Ms. Anderson noted that Streets Superintendent Tim Martin has been repurposing street lights and they will be working with ignite to purchase new lights and the flashing beacons and parking lot improvements. However, she noted that she is not sure of costs associated with signage. Mayor Widmyer noted that ignite has heard that there would be some cost sharing and some funds will come from the City’s Parking Fund. Councilmember Miller noted that she attended the stakeholder meeting and felt there was a good cross-representation of people from the residential and commercial zones. She noted that two important items were that this is a unique set of roads for the pilot project as it does not include the entire neighborhood, so it will be interesting to navigate. Secondly, she heard that there is potential for a paved alley and felt that would help a lot of businesses.

MOTION: Motion by Miller, seconded by Edinger to approve Resolution No. 19-010, Establishing a Pilot Project for Residential Parking-Only Permits in certain blocks in Midtown.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED: Councilmember Gookin thanked Ms. Anderson for working on this and cautioned the neighbors that enforcement will be an issue as the Police will be busy with other calls and not always able to address a parking issue. Councilmember English said that he would support the proposal as it is a pilot project and he looks forward to the 6-month update.

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

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by Miller to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 ((b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student; and (c) To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

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

The City Council entered into Executive Session at 6:26 p.m. Those present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Clerk, and City Attorney. Council returned to regular session at 7:14 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by English to accept the decision of the Personnel Appeals Board made on March 29, 2019. Motion Carried.
ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gookin, seconded by English that there being no other business this meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Steve Widmyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Renata McLeod, CMC, City Clerk