

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

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, February 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

John Bruning)	Members of Council Present
A. J. Al Hassell, III)	
Deanna Goodlander)	
Mike Kennedy)	
Woody McEvers)	
Loren Ron Edinger)	

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

INVOCATION was led by Pastor Paul Peabody, Grace Bible Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman McEvers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

RFP FOR INDEPENDENCE POINT FOOD VENDING: Debbie Smith, 1113 N. 16th, inquired about the request for proposals regarding the Independence Point food vending service. She asked if Gordon Andrea will be given the opportunity to appeal the City's decision to terminate his lease. Doug Eastwood responded that tonight the Council is being asked to authorize staff to advertise for proposals. After the deadline for submittal, an Ad Hoc Committee will review the submitted proposals and make their recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission, then the General Services Committee, and then on to the full Council. It is anticipated that the award of lease will be brought to the full Council by April 7, 2009.

William Ney, 2340 W. Seltice Way, #332, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, believes that the City has a pretty lousy idea of how to treat concessionaires by only allowing a one-year lease and expecting the food vendor to pay for all the equipment for that one-year contract. He believes that the agreement should be for at least five years.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1. Approval of minutes for January 20, 2009.
2. Setting the General Services Committee and the Public Works Committee meetings for Monday, February 9th at Noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. RESOLUTION 09-006: 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 ZERO VALUE SURPLUS PROPERTY FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT; APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH J-U-B ENGINEERS, INC .

4. Authorizing staff to advertise for Proposals for Food Vending Service at Independence Point.

STAFF COMMENTS: Doug Eastwood explained that the City had received several complaints regarding the existing vendor as well as some workers compensation issues and a report that the vendor had negotiated the Independence Point site as part of the sale of his business. With regard to Mr. Ney's comments regarding a one-year agreement, Mr. Eastwood noted it has been a normal practice for new vendors. Additionally, he noted that this site is located within the "Four Corners" project site which, if this project proceeds, could impact this site for vending. Councilman Kennedy asked if Mr. Andrea could submit an RFP. Mr. Eastwood said that he could.

ROLL CALL: Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMAN KENNEDY: Councilman Kennedy thanked everyone involved in the success of the Special Olympics Torch Run last Thursday. He especially thanked Steve Anthony, Chief Gabriel and Chief Longo for their efforts in making this event such a memorable one.

COUNCILMAN BRUNING: Councilman Bruning updated the Council on the Warming Center, which averaged 20 people per night. He thanked the volunteers who worked there and also those who donated food. He thanked Chief Longo and the City Police Department for the assistance they provided the Idaho State Police during the evening this past week when the roads were so hazardous due to freezing rain. In regard to the Neider Avenue Project, St. Vincent DePaul has received two grants: A HUD 8-11 grant for a 15-unit apartment for people with chronic mental illness, and a HUD-202 grant for a 37-unit senior housing for low income seniors. He noted that construction on the 15-unit apartment complex is anticipated to begin in April.

COUNCILMAN KENNEDY: Councilman Kennedy announced that another meeting regarding the workforce housing project at Midtown has been set for February 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. He noted that an IFHA representative will be at this meeting to answer questions and he encouraged anyone who is interested in this project to attend the meeting.

COUNCILMAN GOODLANDER: Councilman Goodlander reported that last week she attended AIC Day at the Capital in Boise where she met with Mr. Hunter who heads the Idaho Housing Administration and who express his enthusiasm for the Midtown project.

RE-APPOINTMENT – DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Kennedy to re-appoint Tom Messina to the Design Review Commission. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Deputy City Administrator Jon Ingalls announced that a record number of youth have registered for grades K-2 basketball as well as 145 youth have registered for swimming lessons. He noted that the City’s utility bill has been changed and because of the collaborative efforts of the Finance and Municipal Services Department, the City can now scan the bar code and process utility bills in house which saves the City approximately \$2,400 a month. Mr. Ingalls announced that Arbor Day is April 24th and he will be providing more information of the planned activities at a later date. One of the activities is the annual Arbor Day Button Art Contest which is open to both middle and high school students. The deadline for this art contest is March 6th with a \$75 award and a t-shirt to the winner of the contest. Staff is in the planning stages of this year’s Parks Day Celebration. He announced that volunteers are needed for the celebration which will be held July 11, 2009 at Cherry Hill Park, Shaddock Park, and Canfield Mountain Natural Area Trail.

PRESENTATION - BENCHES FOR BUS STOPS INITIATIVE: Jon Ingalls, Deputy City Administrator, presented a request for council support for working on a “Benches for Bus Stops” initiative that would provide Citylink riders a place to sit while waiting for public transportation. He introduced Craig Wilcox, representing the Idaho Panhandle Kiwanis and Public Transportation Roundtable, who has been working with him. Mr. Ingalls presented a power point slide show regarding the Benches for Bus Stops Initiative. He said that ridership on Citylink is growing and they have heard that there is a strong desire to have some basic amenities installed, such as benches. He indicated that Mr. Wilcox has been working with Citylink, KMPO, the CDA Tribe, Disability Action Center, etc., and he has also presented information to the Post Falls City Council, Plummer, and the Lake City Development Corporation. The idea is that the benches would come from donors, with no cost to the city. Advertising would not be allowed on the benches pursuant to city’s Sign code, but a placard would be allowed with the business name only who donated funds for the bench. At this time, they are only looking to put benches at priority stops. Going forward over time they anticipate having benches, bus stops, and bus shelters. Mr. Wilcox noted that they are planning on beginning with 20 benches throughout the area. He noted that they have a local vendor who will produce the benches. Mr. Ingalls noted that in the near future, he will be bringing a Blanket (Master) Encroachment Agreement forward for Council approval.

Councilman Edinger asked who will be maintaining the benches. Mr. Wilcox responded that in order to maintain the benches the idea is to create an adopt-a-bench program which would have someone specific the City could go to; however, ultimately the maintenance of the benches would be up to the City. Councilman Hassell cautioned that whoever they get to maintain the benches would have realize that the benches are located throughout the County.

Mr. Wilcox noted that he would like to have the authorization to move ahead with this project. Councilman Goodlander asked if they are willing to abide by the City's current sign code. Jon Ingalls responded that the current code stipulates the size and information allowed on a donation placard.

Councilman Kennedy noted that the Public Works Committee had quite a lengthy discussion about selling advertising on the benches. He did complete some research and he believes that due to the community service nature of these benches, and to the extent that this is a pilot project, he would support advertising on the benches. Councilman Edinger noted that he would probably not be in favor of advertising but he is in favor of the donation placard.

ORDINANCE NO. 3352
COUNCIL BILL NO. 09-1004

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 LM (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) TO C-17 (COMMERCIAL AT 17 UNITS PER GROSS ACRE) AND PLACING CERTAIN CONDITIONS UPON THE PROPERTY, SAID PROPERTY BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: +/-1.03 ACRE PARCEL AT 4921 & 4971 DUNCAN DRIVE; 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 by Goodlander, seconded by Edinger to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 09-1004.

Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Goodlander and Mayor Bloem disclosed that they have family members that attend Charter Academy.

ROLL CALL: Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Edinger, seconded by Kennedy to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 09-1004 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Hassell that, there being no further business before the Council, that this meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan K. Weathers, CMC
City Clerk