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

May 21, 2013

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 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor
Mike Kennedy                       )    Members of Council Present
Woody McEvers                       )
Dan Gookin                           )
Steve Adams                          )
Deanna Goodlander                   )
Loren “Ron” Edinger                 )

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

INVOCATION: Led by Pastor Ron Hunter, Church of the Nazarene.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman McEvers led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION: Signal Box Art - Recreation Director Steve Anthony stated that the Arts Commission had recently worked with local schools to have students design artwork for various signal boxes. Vinyl wrapping technology made it a great opportunity to work with the youth and to digitally reproduce the art onto the utility boxes. Mr. Anthony introduced Mr. Sharnetsky as the Arts Commission member that led this project. Mr. Sharnetsky presented the various signal art selected. Schools involved included Lakes Middle School, Woodland Middle School, Lake City High School, Ramsey Elementary, and Sorensen Elementary. He thanked all the student artists for their hard work. Mayor Bloem thanked Mr. Sharnetsky for his enthusiasm and thanked the artists for their submittals. Councilman Goodlander mentioned that Mr. Sharnetsky has spent many hours working on this project and thanked him for his time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Homestead Avenue Housing: Peggy Harris, 100 E. Homestead, stated that she was disappointed in the City’s approval of a three-story housing facility for low-income disabled persons next door to her. She expressed concern that homeless people will be allowed to live there and that she has lost her privacy in her back yard. She stated that the structure is inappropriate for the residential neighborhood. She is specifically concerned that the lights along the property line are too bright. She is concerned that the property value will not appreciate. Mayor Bloem stated that the lighting issue can be researched. Councilman Gookin requested Ms. Harris leave her contact information with staff.
Lake Coeur d’Alene Drive: Rick Carr, 601 Front Avenue, provided copies of information regarding the Lake Coeur d’Alene Lake Drive acquisition. He owns property east of the Beach House that he plans for future home construction. He provided some history and background regarding the ITD challenge of water front property rights, which led to a Supreme Court case. He was concerned that the presentation yesterday ignored the private property rights. He believes that ITD has provided access for the trail without proper authority, as their easement is for highway purposes only. He believes the Council has incomplete and incorrect information in order to make a decision regarding the acceptance of Lake Coeur d’Alene Drive. He expressed concern that the City estimated the road would only be plowed 11 times a year. He provided a hand out regarding the location of the docks and the proposed boat launch.

Councilman Kennedy stated that he was ambivalent about the acceptance of the land, but felt that someday it would end up in non-state hands. He asked Mr. Carr what he felt the best scenario would be in regard to maintenance of the road and appurtenances. Mr. Carr stated that he believes it is a costly endeavor, and that Eastside Highway District does not want it, which would seem to be the most logical solution. He stated that he believes there is a reason the State wants to abandon it, but does not think the City should take on the increased liability. Councilman Kennedy stated that a constituent commented that this is a similar scenario to Person Field, as there was a lot of discussion over the years, but the purchase/transfer never occurred. In the end, it came to the City at a higher cost. He feels that in looking down the road, based on statements from state officials that they may not want to maintain it in the future, and that the state may be one budget crisis away from being able to maintain it, he wondered how it would come forward. He wondered if a joint powers board/agreement would be an option.

Councilman Edinger stated that he understands that the State cannot just abandon the road if the City and Eastside Highway District do not take it; therefore, the State has to maintain the road. Councilman Kennedy asked if they could go through some sort of de-acquisition process. Mr. Carr said there are so many different types of ownerships along the roadway, so it would not make sense. City Administrator Gabriel stated that ITD has to maintain it unless they transfer to another agency. She did state that they do own some parcels around the roadway that they could surplus by offering it to abutting landowners. Additionally, they could choose to do the bare minimum to maintain roadway and trail. Councilman Goodlander stated that she is also ambivalent about the acceptance of the land. She clarified that the comment Mr. Carr made regarding the garbage cans and restrooms not being serviced on a regular basis would be better maintained by the City, as the City maintain trails very well. Mr. Carr stated that there is a lot of maintenance that does need to occur along the trail and that he wanted to make sure the City knew that there are needs to be addressed. He further stated that if the roadway stayed in ownership of ITD, he felt the plowing was very good, and is sometimes done twice a day with two trucks. Councilman Edinger stated that he got some firsthand information that when ITD offered the land to Eastside Highway District; they did not make the same offer they made the City. He felt that ITD should re-focus on an offer to the Eastside Highway District.

Sharon Culbreth, 206 Hubbard Avenue, stated that ITD wants to give the City a white elephant, which is an honor and a burden. She cited examples throughout history of opportunities that caused ruin to the recipient, such as this offer to our City who has an existing overburdened overlay fund.
**Miscellaneous:** Dave Barger, 530 W. Harrison Avenue, stated that liberty requires vigilance and fiduciary responsibility. He recommended the community watch the archive programs regarding disasters in history at publicbroadcasting.org. He hoped the community would learn from history.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Kennedy, seconded by McEvers, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilman McEvers requested that Item 8 be separated for an individual discussion. Councilman Gookin requested that item 4(a) be separated for an individual discussion.

1. Approval of Council Minutes for May 7, 2013.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for May 28, 2013 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 13-029** 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 APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SCHAFFER'S TOWING AND RECOVERY; AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ATLAS WELL BID AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH HOLT SERVICES INC.; AND APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. FOR WWTP PHASE 5C-1 CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES.
5. Designation of Fire Department Only Parking Zone on East Lakeshore Drive.
7. Setting of public hearing - June 18, 2013 for A-1-13; Annexation of 3528 W. Seltice Way
8. Approval of Nine (9) Fire Works Stands for the 2013 Season

**ROLL CALL:** Goodlander, Yes; Gookin, Yes; Kennedy Yes; Edinger, Yes; Adams, Yes; McEvers, Yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-029**

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 APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SCHAFFER’S TOWING AND RECOVERY.

Councilman Gookin stated that he had noted that in 2002 the City utilized a rotation system for tow services. He felt it has been too long to go without reviewing the policy or seeking others to provide these services. Councilman Goodlander stated that they have reviewed the policy over time and that the rotation service was not effective. Captain Childers stated that rotation services is not
effective as to response time and services to calls. The current contract had a clause allowing a couple of extension terms and this extension would be the last two-year extension allowed in the Contract. At the end of the extension, the City would seek bids and he expects a couple companies would respond.

**MOTION:** Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Kennedy to approve Consent Calendar item 4(a) of Resolution No. 13-029.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilman Adams stated that he approved the item at General Services as he knew that it would be coming up for rebid soon. Councilman Gookin reiterated that he believes it has been too long and would like the Council to consider opening it up for bids. Councilman Edinger stated he believes this was reviewed a few years ago and they had some companies in the past that were not up to our standards and that is why they agreed to extend the agreement with Schaffer Towing. He understands they have done an excellent job and believes it is acceptable to review in two years.

**ROLL CALL:** Goodlander, Yes; Gookin, No; Kennedy Yes; Edinger, Yes; Adams, Yes; McEvers, Yes. Motion carried.

**Consent Calendar Item 8. Approval of Nine (9) Fire Works Stands for the 2013 Season**

Councilman McEvers stated that he was frustrated that the companies running the stands come from outside of the state of Idaho. Every year he mentions that he does not like the sale of fireworks in the City and that it is a problem for the police. In memory of his father, he will vote against this item because it is for out of state companies and it drains the resources of the police.

**MOTION:** Motion by McEvers, second by Gookin, to deny the firework stand permits.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilman Goodlander stated that she felt it was a too late to deny the 2013 permits, as these businesses already have their inventory. She agreed that the City should start looking at regulations now for the 2014 season.

**ROLL CALL:** Goodlander, No; Gookin, Yes; Kennedy Yes; Edinger, No; Adams, No; McEvers, Yes. Motion failed with the Mayor casting the tie-breaking vote in the negative.

**MOTION:** Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Adams to approve the firework stand permits for 2013.

**ROLL CALL:** Goodlander, Yes; Gookin, No; Kennedy No; Edinger, Yes; Adams, Yes; McEvers, No. Motion carried with the Mayor casting the tie-breaking vote in the affirmative.

**MOTION:** Motion by Goodlander, second by McEvers for staff to prepare regulations that would discontinue firework sales within the City limits in advance of the 2014 season.

**DISCUSSION:** City Attorney Mike Gridley stated that staff could prepare ordinance language for Council review. Councilman Gookin stated that he is concerned that it would take more police and fire resources to enforce safe and sane fireworks as they already have a hard time enforcing illegal
fireworks. Councilman Goodlander clarified the motion was to just prohibit the sale of fireworks within the City, not outlawing fireworks.

**Motion Carried**, with Adams and Edinger voting no.

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilman Adams thanked the citizens for giving public comment and that Mr. Carr’s comments helped him make up his mind regarding the Lake Coeur d’Alene issue.

Councilman Goodlander informed the community that new Art Current pieces would soon be located at the intersection corners downtown and encouraged citizens to enjoy the art.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**: City Administrator Wendy Gabriel provided an update regarding McEuen Park progress including that crews have dug the hole where the Harbor House will sit near the Third Street entrance to Tubbs Hill. When completed, the Harbor House will stand as an information center and restroom facility. The South Trail at the base of Tubbs Hill is paved. Other park trails are currently being built. Fine grading of the park and work on the back wall of the parking structure continues. The construction site is off limits to the public. For your safety, please do not enter the site even if gates are open. There is plenty of parking downtown; including free spots are at the new lot at City Hall and at Memorial Field along Northwest Boulevard. Maps for parking are available at the Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and City Hall. You can also visit the city’s website at www.cdaid.org. She stated that downtown businesses are open and encourage citizens to patronize them. The Third Street Boat Launch will close June 1st so construction crews can have better access to McEuen Park. The launch will reopen September 30th. The City recognizes this is an inconvenience for boaters who use the launch and have put together an interactive map of other nearby launches that should help boaters this summer. The map can be found on the main page of the City’s website at www.cdaid.org. Maps are also available that detail traffic routes, parking, and available boat ramps during the McEuen Park construction. You can download the maps from our website at www.cdaid.org, or they are also available at local downtown businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, and at City Hall. Please call Dennis Grant, Project Coordinator, with any questions regarding the McEuen project, at 769-2398. Vandalism, including graffiti and broken urinals and toilets, occurred to the City Park restrooms. Damages will run approximately $2,000 to repair. This recent round of vandalism brings the total amount of damages to parks to approximately $12,000 in the month of May alone. She encouraged citizens to keep their eyes open and report any unusual activities to the Police Department. The City of Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission is also seeking artists for a McEuen Park Interactive Sculpture. The Interactive Sculpture will be located at the South/Center Trail Confluence of McEuen Park. The goal for the Interactive Sculpture is to significantly beautify the southern side of the revitalized McEuen Park. Other than having some sort of interactive component, there is no theme to this Call to Artists, allowing for open interpretation and creativity to make a lasting impression on residents and visitors. Information packets are available at City Hall, 710 E. Mullan Avenue, or online at www.cdaid.org. Artist proposals are due by 5:00 p.m., June 21, 2013. Artists with questions are encouraged to contact Steve Anthony, Arts Commission Liaison, at 769-2249. The Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission is seeking artists for public art to be located at the McEuen Park Third
Street Entrance. The goal for the piece is to significantly beautify one of the primary entrances of the revitalized McEuen Park. It is meant to be a piece of public art visually enjoyed by visitors to the park, as well as a feature of the park that can be seen by passersby. Located at a busy thoroughfare of the park and neighboring street, the area around the art will receive a lot of vehicle and foot traffic as visitors enter and exit the park. Submission Deadline is June 21, 2013. To download and print the Call to Artists, visit our website at www.cdaid.org, or call Steve Anthony at 769-2249 for more information. Nearly eleven years ago, the Coeur d’Alene City Council passed an ordinance allowing youth representation on City Boards, Commissions, and Committees. If one is interested in serving as a student representative, visit www.cdaid.org and print out an informational letter and application form. Deadline for Applications is May 31st. The 2013 Summer Arts for Youth program begins in June. This award winning arts program for youth is sponsored by the Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission. Please visit our website at www.cdaid.org to download the complete brochure. On Saturday, our Recreation Director, Steve Anthony, represented the City and Specialized Needs Recreation at the Grand Opening of Sports Authority. Corporate officials presented Specialized Needs Recreation with a check for $1,000. Citizens continue to be strong supporters of the City’s recycling program. In April, 346,466 pounds of refuse that would have been sent to the County Landfill were recycled. She thanked the community for their efforts to recycle resources, as they are making a difference. The City of Coeur d’Alene is asking Time Warner Cable subscribers for feedback on CdA-TV Channel 19, the City’s government and public education channel. The Committee wants to know who is tuning in and what specifically they are watching, in an effort to provide desired programming. Channel 19 currently airs Coeur d’Alene City Council meetings, SD-271 Board meetings, North Idaho College Board meetings, City of Hayden City Council meetings, “Coffee with the Mayor” and other city and education-related programming. Viewers can share their feedback in a survey posted on the City’s website at www.cdaid.org. The simple 10-question survey will be available until June 28th. The goats have returned to eat the weeds at the City water tank, booster station, and well sites. They are starting at the reservoirs and booster stations then moving on to the wells in a couple weeks. North Idaho College/Patrol Academy held its graduation on May 10th. Training officers in North Idaho rather than at the P.O.S.T. Academy in Meridian, Idaho allows the City to use its own instructors from the Police Department and other local departments. In addition, the recruits get to go home at night and on weekends, which aids in helping single parents to enter the law enforcement profession. Four Coeur d’Alene Police Department Officers graduated from the 13-week academy and now start the Field Training part of their ongoing training. She congratulated Rylee Phillips, Jacob Rodgers, Jacob Nielsen, and Ashley Caiafa. Ashley was elected Class President by her peers and gave an address during the graduation ceremony. The City’s Building Services Department would like to inform contractors and homeowners that there will be no building, mechanical, or plumbing inspections performed on Tuesday, May 28th, in the City of Coeur d’Alene jurisdiction due to required staff training for continuing education credits on the 2012 International Building Code Accessibility Requirements. Please call the Building Department at 769-2267 for more information. This morning, area public safety agencies put on a Mock DUI Crash for the benefit of students at Lake City High School. Patrol units from the CDA PD, KC Sheriff’s Department, Idaho State Police, CDA Fire Department, and Air 1 all participated. The PD participates in the event each year in an effort to educate our young people about the hazards of drinking and driving.
RESOLUTION NO. 13-030

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER LEASE WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, FOR PREMISES AT HARBOR CENTER.

MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander, to adopt Resolution 13-030.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Kennedy stated that this lease has gone on for a number of years, and believes in the partnership with University of Idaho and that the higher education partnership is vital to the citizens. Additionally, our Wastewater Treatment Department supports this partnership and the location is right. Councilman Gookin stated that he agrees that education is important but does not believe it is a part of the City’s mission statement, as it is a responsibility of the state. The City has other responsibilities such as the streets. He stated that he has spoken with Dr. Buck from the University of Idaho and thinks it is great that they are here. The building is owned by Wastewater and the General Fund and he believes that the City should not be a landlord. The proper thing to do is to sell the building to the University. Councilman Kennedy stated that the state funds for education are at an all-time low, and it would be a burden for the state to find the money to purchase the building owned by the public to sell to the public. Discussion ensued between Councilman Kennedy and Councilman Gookin regarding political philosophy.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger to call for the question. Motion carried with Gookin voting no.

ROLL CALL ON MAIN MOTION: Gookin, No; Kennedy Yes; Edinger, Yes; Adams, No; McEvers, Yes; Goodlander, Yes. Motion carried.

REMOVAL OF ALLEY GARBAGE SERVICE BETWEEN MELROSE AVENUE AND MEDINA AVENUE, NORTH OF EMMA AVENUE: Councilman Kennedy explained the need to close the alley garbage service stems from a request of Waste Management due to safety concerns. Driveways are available for the effected parties and will be used for garbage pick up.

MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger, to authorize the removal of alley garbage service between Melrose Avenue and Medina Avenue, North of Emma Avenue. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-031

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO APPROVING A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JENNIFER CORIO FOR CREATION AND INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC ART AT 4TH STREET AND KATHLEEN AVENUE ROUNDBOUGHT.

MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander, to adopt Resolution 13-031.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Goodlander explained that the art maquette on display is a model of the art that will go in the round about and that it was selected by a citizen committee.
ROLL CALL: Kennedy Yes; Edinger Yes; Adams Yes; McEvers Yes; Goodlander Yes; Gookin No. Motion carried.

DESIGN REVIEW FEE REVIEW:

MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger, to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance to set the applicable fee for design review.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Gookin stated that he is confused about why this came forward. Assistant Planner Tami Stroud stated that this came forward as a tickler item, based on a motion made by the Council in 2010 requesting staff bring this item back for discussion in three years and three years have passed. Councilman Gookin clarified that this fee would apply to all projects within the zone that meet the requirements. Ms. Stroud confirmed that was true and reiterated there was one project that has met that criteria.

Motion Carried, with Goodlander voting no.

ORDINANCE NO. 3464
COUNCIL BILL NO. 13-1010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING 5.08.140 TO AUTHORIZE SALES OF LIQUOR BY THE DRINK ON MEMORIAL DAY, THANKSGIVING, SUNDAYS AND DAILY UNTIL 2:00 A.M.; PROVIDING REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Adams to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 13-1010.

ROLL CALL: Kennedy Yes; Edinger Yes; Adams Yes; McEvers Yes; Goodlander Yes; Gookin Yes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Edinger to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 13-1010 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Kennedy Yes; Edinger Yes; Adams Yes; McEvers Yes; Goodlander Yes; Gookin Yes. Motion Carried.
ORDINANCE NO. 3465  
COUNCIL BILL NO. 13-1009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.25.030 TO ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SERVED AT RIVERSTONE PARK GAZEBO, THE JEWETT HOUSE, CITY PARK AND MCEUEN PARK BY PERMIT ONLY; 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 Kennedy, seconded by Edinger to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 13-1009.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Gookin had previously express concern when discussions took place to allow alcohol at Jewett House as he believes the City should allow alcohol consumption at all parks like Post Falls, rather than adding exception. He stated that this was a step in the right direction. Councilman McEvers agreed that baby steps were a good start.

ROLL CALL: Edinger Yes; Adams Yes; McEvers Yes; Goodlander Yes; Gookin Yes; Kennedy Yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Kennedy to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 13-1009 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Edinger Yes; Adams Yes; McEvers Yes; Goodlander Yes; Gookin Yes; Kennedy Yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Adams to request staff to review and recommend regulations allowing consumption of alcohol at all parks, with input from the Police Department. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF A GRANT FOR TWO POLICE PATROL POSITIONS:

Staff Report: Chief Longo and Sgt. Tilson provided a presentation regarding the Community Oriented Policing Service (C.O.P.S.) Grant program. The C.O.P.S. program was first approved in 2009. This became a method of funding police positions during the economic downturn. The proposed grant will cover up to $125,000 in wages for three years, with the fourth year required to be paid out of non-grant funds. The need for the positions began in 2008 when four patrol positions were frozen, and two positions are still frozen. During the past 10 years calls for service and crime statistics show a 22% increase, the Department has seen increases in special events, and an increase in population. He provided an overview of the grant requirements and reporting. Sgt. Tilson reiterated that the positions would be used in patrol, increasing the ratios of officers to public.
MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander to approve the submittal of a grant request for two patrol positions.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Kennedy stated that staff levels are not easy to balance, and these grants are not always permanent, so it makes funding over time manageable. More police on the street is needed and helpful. Councilman McEvers questioned if the 2009 grant worked the same way as this proposed grant. Finance Director Troy Tymesen stated that the grants were the same and that leveraging dollars is an efficient way of managing staffing levels. He clarified that the City does not know when these grants are going to be available, so they have to be responded to quickly. Councilman Gookin stated that he understands that there are strings that come with a grant; however, the City needs the police positions and he will support this item. Councilman Adams stated that he has made his position clear, and clarified that as a fundamental fact government does not produce anything; therefore it has nothing to give. Anything the government gives away it must take from somebody else to do, therefore violating their rights. He believes it is a liberty and moral issue. He believes modest restructuring within the budget could cover the positions.

Motion carried with Adams voting no.

CITY PARTICIPATION IN CDA 2030 COMMUNITY VISIONING PROCESS

Staff Report: Mr. Gridley stated that one of the side benefits of being involved in this process is meeting people throughout the community. Mr. Gridley stated that the request is coming forward from the organizing group to assist with the funding needed to complete the visioning project. The budget is estimated at $150,000 over a twelve-month period. It is still the consensus of the group that the City should not lead this endeavor; however, it is an important part of the process. Most cities would fund the project in its entirety, but the planning group has garnered funding from other sources and is asking for a 20% commitment, which would be $30,000. Dr. Charles Buck (University of Idaho), the leader of the planning group, stated that from the university perspective they are excited to be involved and have the ability to bring the university resources to the community. The connection to the community is important to their success.

Councilman Edinger asked where the money would come from within the City budget. Mr. Gridley stated there were funds budgeted toward an east Sherman study that have not been used and at this point in the year are likely to not be used. He does believe that the East Sherman Project will come forward as a priority in the visioning process. The Legal Department has funds in a professional services line item, and another funding option would be unanticipated revenues from building permits.

Councilman Kennedy asked Mr. Buck if he has reached out to the public policy committee for use of research interns. Mr. Buck stated that they have listed the resources they could utilize within the University and will start making contacts soon, including the public policy group.

MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by McEvers to approve the City participation in the CDA 2030 Community Vision Process in the amount of $30,000.
DISCUSSION: Councilman Gookin stated that he has been involved in this project and has kept an open mind, but had concerns that not all of the community has been involved, and also with the budget. Additionally, he is concerned that historically studies like this are completed and parked on a shelf. Mr. Gridley stated this process is viewed as a community-wide process, including the Coeur d’Alene Tribe. It is intended to allow everyone to participate in the process and engage in government in a positive way. He clarified that it is hard to say what will come out of this, but what is different about this is that it is designed to have action plans including specific dates and achievement of goals prioritized by the community. Councilman Gookin recommends that they strongly utilize Dave Yadon as a leading planner in the state.

Motion carried with Adams voting No.


Staff Report: Sherri Wastweet, Grant Administrator with Panhandle Area Council, presented a summary of the Plan Year 2012 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The City received $262,325 in funding for the Plan Year 2012, which was utilized for the repayment of the 106 Homestead property purchase, Emergency Minor Home Repair Program, Harrison Avenue Sidewalk Program, and Administration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Bloem called for public comments with none being received.

MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by McEvers to approve the Plan Year 2012 CAPER for submittal to HUD. Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by McEvers that, there being no further business before the Council, this meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

______________________________ Sandi Bloem, Mayor

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