

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

**JULY 5, 2011**

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 July 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

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

Woody McEvers                 ) Members of Council Absent

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

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was led by Pastor Paul VanNoy, Candlelight Christian Fellowship.

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

**PRESENTATION – MEDAL OF HONOR:** Fire Chief Gabriel presented Firefighters Dylan Clark and Nate Hyder with the Medal of Honor that they received in Boise recently.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**FRESH START ISSUES:** Barb Whitaker, 1523 Front Avenue, expressed her concerns regarding the issues relating to the activities of the patrons of Fresh Start. She requested some help from the City to resolve these issues. Councilman Kennedy noted that about three months ago the City had called a meeting with the neighbors and owners of Fresh Start. As a result of that meeting, five to six action items were established to help resolve the issues and the group agreed to meet monthly to monitor the progress being made. He requested that Ms. Whitaker provide the names of the residents in the area to meet with staff on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Bruning concurred that there are issues that need to be resolved. Councilman Kennedy noted that after meeting with the Board of Fresh Start he believes that they do want to do the right thing. Councilman Goodlander and Edinger voiced their concerns after reading the petitions and letters relating to the patrons of Fresh Start. City Attorney Mike Gridley noted that a charge of public nuisance is a fairly high standard to meet in court as you may not be able to charge Fresh Start for the activities of their patrons.

Meryle Kuntz, 1506 Front Avenue, noted that the Board and owners of Fresh Start want to help

people; however, the average patron does not really want help to rehabilitate. She suggested that the Fresh Start owners put a paid employee on staff instead of homeless volunteers. She expressed her appreciation to the Police Department for responding to all the calls for assistance. Stan Schedler, business owner at 1401 E. Sherman Avenue, expressed his concerns regarding the actions of the patrons of Fresh Start which include urination, sleeping, and panhandling on his property and he voiced his concern for the safety and welfare of his female employees. Sherry McCabe, 1420 Lakeside Ave., commented that in the last two years there has been an increase in the number of people from Fresh Start who are loitering, panhandling and other activities in her neighborhood that she is afraid to go outside of her home and has now put her home up for sale.

BICYCLE LAWS: Roy Wargi, 2022 Coeur d'Alene Ave., voiced his concerns with the lack of licensing requirements for bicycles so the owners can be charged for breaking traffic laws. He also requested that Police patrol the area of 21<sup>st</sup> and Coeur d'Alene to stop the speeders and those ignoring the stop signs.

MCEUEN PARK DEVELOPMENT: Linda Wright, 1018 N. B St., requested that when finalizing the plans of McEuen Park that the City keep the residents in mind when developing the features of the park and suggested using a theme for the park that depicts the heritage of our community and keep the vegetation natural where possible. Julie Clark, 602 Tubbs Hill Drive, requested that McEuen Park have more accessible walkways, retain the existing features of McEuen but sprucing up the park. She explained that since the park plan is a 50-100 year plan why is the City considering the construction of a parking garage since we don't know if people will be driving vehicles in 50-100 years. She suggested that instead of constructing the parking garage on Front Street to build a garage on Lakeside and several other small lots for pocket parking lots. She encouraged that the plan include a vision for the city's heritage.

INTRODUCTION – CUSTOMER SUPPORT REP : Jon Ingalls introduced Vicky Walter who has been hired to be in the Customer Service area for the City. He explained that this is a trial position in an effort to help make existing staff more efficient by assisting customers with basic questions and processing basic forms for a variety of departments.

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

1. Approval of minutes for June 21, 2011.
2. Setting the General Services Committee and the Public Works Committee meetings for Monday, July 11th at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. RESOLUTION 11-022: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR POND OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, WITH RIVERSTONE MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL.
4. Setting of Public Hearing: V-11-4 – Vacation of excess Melrose Street right-of-way for August 2, 2011.
5. Approval of cemetery lot transfer from Pamela and Robert Sarlo to Pamela Sarlo, William Fuchs, Jr. and Tracy Connolly.
6. Approval of beer/wine/liquor license for Lemongrass Restaurant at 309 E. Lakeside.

7. Approval of beer/wine/liquor license for The Seasons of Coeur d'Alene at 209 Lakeside Ave

Motion by Hassell, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

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

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

COUNCILMAN GOODLANDER: Councilman Goodlander complimented the Chamber of Commerce for one of the best fireworks shows and parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilman Hassell also complimented the Police Department for an excellent traffic plan after the fireworks.

COUNCILMAN KENNEDY: Councilman Kennedy asked residents to remember that during the construction of the Education Corridor the Fort Ground Grill is still open.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** City Administrator Wendy Gabriel announced Specialized Needs Recreation (SNR) is currently holding Camp All-Stars "Summer Break" Day Camp through August 19<sup>th</sup>. The day camp is provided for young people, ages 4 to 21, who have special needs and/or developmental disabilities. Camp runs Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you would like more information about Camp All-Stars, call Angie Goucher at 755-6781. 2011 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the Mullan Road – the route from Fort Benton, Montana, to Walla Walla, Washington, that would become one of the west's major transportation corridors. Robert Singletary will discuss this engineering feat and the life of Captain John Mullan at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow, July 6<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Room at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library. The city's Wastewater Utility will begin the 2011 Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) project this week. The contractor for this project is PEC, Inc., The process involves the insertion and curing of the liner material from existing manholes and no excavation is required. Signage, barricades, and other traffic control devices will inform the traveling public of the obstructions and every effort will be made to mitigate any inconvenience. With a few exceptions, all work will take place during daylight hours from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the project will be completed by mid-August. Please direct any questions or concerns to Jim Remitz, Utility Project Manager, Wastewater Department. The city soon will re-install the signal at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Sherman Avenue. Parts have been ordered so that it will be a demand-actuated signal. At the recent Association of Idaho Cities Annual Conference, it was announced that the city's application for "Parks Day Celebration" was selected for the AIC's City Achievement Award. Parks Day will be held this coming Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, and is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Parks Day Celebration. This year the celebration will be at Johnson Mill River Park, Central Bark off-leash Dog Park at Northshire Park and the CDA Soccer Complex. Also, at the AIC Annual Conference, the City of Coeur d'Alene received three HONORABLE MENTION City Achievement Awards: for the ADA Sidewalk Hazard Abatement Program, for its Technical Rescue Team, and for its Citizens on Patrol program. The American Legion chose CDA Detective Crystal Miller as its 2011 Police Officer of the Year and CDA paramedic Scott Dietrich as its 2011 Firefighter of the year, an award honoring those who exemplify "outstanding service to their community." The theme for Summer Reading is "One World, Many Stories"

bringing an international flavor to the activities. The library will also host the “World Festival Summer Carnival” on July 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Gabriel announced that that on July 12<sup>th</sup> the City Council will be holding a joint meeting with the Cd’A Tribal Council and on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall the Council will hold a budget workshop. She thanked all Public Safety employees who assisted with the security for the Western Governors Conference held in the City this past week.

**PUBLIC HEARING – EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY FOR BOUNDARY LINE**

**ADJUSTMENTS AT RIVERSTONE PARK:** Mayor Bloem announced the rules of order for this public hearing. Deputy Parks Director, Bill Greenwood gave the staff report.

Mr. Greenwood reported that when Riverstone Park was constructed, a section of the pedestrian path from John Loop to the pond loop trail, and a section of the pond loop trail were both located on Lot 11. As now delineated the paved trail meanders off and then back on to park property twice where it is adjacent to Lot 11. Lot 11 is scheduled to be developed this year and the owners are requesting to have the boundary corrected before construction begins. He noted that by adjusting the property lines between Lot 11 and Riverstone Park it will clarify ownership of the paved trail and ensure continued public access to the existing walkways in the park.

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

**MOTION:** Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bruning to approve the proposed exchange of property and authorize staff to proceed with the real estate exchange. **ROLL CALL:** Kennedy, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Bruning to enter into Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67- To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property, which is not owned by a public agency.

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

The session began at 7:15 p.m. Members present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Matters discussed were those of labor negotiations.

No action was taken and the Council returned to their regular session at 7:40 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger to recess to July 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Coeur d’Alene Tribal Council at the Lake City Center and then to July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for a budget workshop in the City Hall former Council Chambers. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Weathers, CMC  
City Clerk