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

October 2, 2012

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 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

Loren Ron Edinger  )   Members of Council Present
Mike Kennedy                 )
Woody McEvers                     )
Deanna Goodlander  )
Dan Gookin   )
Steve Adams   )

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was led by Pastor Paul VanNoy, Candlelight Christian Fellowship.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Kennedy thanked Pastor Paul for exceptional funeral services for Mike Darcy.

McEuen Project: Tina Johnson, 601 E. Front Avenue: Was concerned about a quote from a councilmember that the money is going toward a park when it could go toward creating jobs. Ms. Johnson contacted the contractor and found that they have approximately 125 people involved in the project, providing continued and new employment opportunities. Additionally, local supplies are being purchased for this project. She thanked Councilman McEvers, Councilman Kennedy, and the Mayor for owning and employing local workers. Councilman Goodlander stated that she would have loved to be at the groundbreaking but had a family commitment to attend that day.

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

1. Approval of minutes for September 17, 18, 2012.
2. Setting General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for Monday, October 8th at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. CONSENT RESOLUTION 12-038: 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 THE 2012-2013 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN CHANGES AND RENEWAL RATES.

5. Authorizing the Refinancing of Existing Wastewater Bond with Idaho Bond Bank
6. Approval of letter for 11th Street Dock Owners Association

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

APPOINTMENTS – NATURAL OPEN SPACE AD HOC COMMITTEE: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Kennedy, to appoint June McClain to the Natural Open Space Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried, with Councilman Gookin voting No.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: McEuen Park upgrade crews are ahead of schedule. Crews are currently excavating material from the Third Street parking lot and hauling it to a site south of City Hall, and the City Hall parking lot off 8th Street is closed; additionally, the utility drop box in that area is still accessible on the east side of 8th Street. The lower City Hall/Library parking lot will be temporarily closed for about 90 days to allow initial preparations for the McEuen Park project. It was noted that the boat launch was currently open, as well as the boat trailer parking. Look for regular updates on the city’s web site, www.cdaid.org. A City Council workshop will be held Thursday, October 4 at 7:30 a.m. at Parkside towers to discuss the 60% design completion of the entire park project; the public is invited to attend. The City of Coeur d’Alene, along with over 20 other private and non-profit entities, participated in the United Way Day of Caring on September 20th as both volunteers and as a project host. The North Idaho Violence Prevention Committee recently named three (3) Coeur d’Alene Police Officers (Detective Miller, Officer Sterling, and Officer Knapp) as “Super Heroes” for their excellent work and commitment to breaking the cycle of Domestic Violence. On Thursday, October 4th, the Library is hosting a Banned Books Week Read Out at 7:00 p.m. at the Coeur d’Alene Library. “The Lorax,” will be shown in the Coeur d’Alene Public Library, Shirley Parker Reading Room of the Seagraves Children’s Library this Friday, October 5th, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., as the final event in the Library’s Banned Books Week. Parks Superintendent Bill Greenwood received a Certificate of Merit Award from the Idaho Recreation and Parks Association (IRPA) last week, commending him for his dedication and effective leadership. The summer swim season ran 68 days this year. Lifeguards took a headcount every hour of swimmers and sunbathers each day and a total of 10,560 swimmers and 21,130 sunbathers enjoyed beautiful Lake Coeur d’Alene’s City Beach guarded area. This year’s “Name the Storm” contest winners are Bailey Yace with “Rocks and Minerals,” Jordyn Nowoj & Mackenzie Bunting with “Winter Wonderland,” and Jared Harper & Noah Bell with “Sports,” from Canfield Middle School. The “Name the Storm” contest is in its 12th year and helps the city to track and capture data as storms move through the area. Last week the Street crews finished this year’s ADA Sidewalk Compliance program and brought 6,903 lineal feet of sidewalk into compliance; replaced 14,576 feet of sidewalk; and replaced 35 corners with ADA accessibility ramps and a handful of alleyway approaches that were in need of repair. The Coeur d’Alene Public Library will celebrate reading and all things Star Wars with “Star Wars Reads Day,” Saturday, October 6th, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. A presentation and informational forum has been scheduled for October 8th, at 5:00 p.m., in the Library Community Room regarding the
transfer of ownership from Idaho Transportation Department of Lake Coeur d’Alene Drive to the City of Coeur d’Alene. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. The 17th Annual Mayor’s Awards in the Arts will be held on Wednesday, October 10th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Hagadone Event Center. For more information, contact Steve Anthony at 769-2249. A Candidates Forum presented by the Coeur Group will be aired live on CDA TV Cable Channel 19 on October 11th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Candidate’s Forum will be rebroadcast on CDA TV Cable Channel 19 through November 5th. For more information, contact Susan Weathers, Coeur d’Alene City Clerk, at (208) 769-2231. A letter of appreciation from the Armstrong Park Homeowner’s Association was received, thanking the Fire Department staff and Captain Childers, for their wildfire protection plan presentation.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilman Goodlander stated that she spoke to Mr. Wargi prior to the meeting, and wondered if there was an update to his sidewalk request for the Fernan School children. Ms. Gabriel stated that she would follow up with Tim Martin and Mr. Wargi.

Councilman Kennedy wanted to recognize that Dick Epstein, a City Councilman from City of Dalton, was in the audience.

ORDINANCE NO. 3450
COUNCIL BILL 12-1017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 4.05.030 ADDING DEFINITION OF THE LIBRARY PARKING LOT; 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.

Councilman Kennedy stated that this is a housekeeping item that will clarify the legal description for the two-hour parking enforcement area. There will be a minimal cost for codification. The Library Director had mentioned that since the two-hour parking enforcement began, turnover in the lot has occurred, which was the intended result. Councilman Gookin questioned if this had anything to do with LCDC ownership of the property and if that issue had been resolved. Troy Tymesen, Finance Director, stated that it is a separate issue and that the County had cleared up the tax assessment issue.

Motion by Kennedy seconded by Adams to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 12-1017.

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

Motion by Edinger, seconded by Kennedy to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 12-1017 by its having had one reading by title only.
ROLL CALL: Kennedy Aye; McEvers Aye; Adams Aye; Edinger Aye; Gookin Aye; Goodlander Aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 12-039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION.

Motion by Edinger seconded by Gookin to adopt Resolution 12-039. ROLL CALL: Adams Aye; McEvers Aye; Goodlander Aye; Gookin Aye; Kennedy Aye; Edinger Aye. Motion carried.

A-4-12 –FINDINGS AND ORDER – 1354 SILVER BEACH ROAD. Motion by Goodlander seconded by McEvers to adopt the Findings and Order as presented. ROLL CALL: Adams Aye; Edinger Aye; Goodlander Aye; Gookin No; Kennedy Aye; McEvers Aye. Motion carried.

PRE-QUALIFICATIONS FOR PHASE 5C.1. Motion by Kennedy seconded by McEvers to authorize the advertisement for pre-qualification for Phase 5C.1. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - Vacation of Portions of Rights-of-Way in the Merriam Park Addition and Relinquishment of Remainder Portion of College Drive and Carline Avenue (aka Garden Avenue) to North Idaho College.

Mayor Bloem read the rules of order for the public hearing. Gordon Dobler, City Engineer presented the staff report. Previous vacations and Quit Claims left some areas out that were recently brought to light and this action will clear up those oversights. Mr. Dobler stated that there are two types of actions requested. In the attached drawing, the items are held out as follows; Vacation areas are noted by double cross hatching and Quit Claims are held out by single hatches. Eighteen mailings were sent out; one response in favor was received. Councilman Gookin clarified that none of the noted areas are within the Fort Ground residential areas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Bloem called for public comment with no public comments being received.

Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Kennedy to approve the vacation of public rights-of-way in Merriam Park Addition and relinquishment of the remainder portion of College Drive and Carline Avenue (aka Garden Avenue) to North Idaho College. ROLL CALL: Edinger Aye; Adams Aye; McEvers Aye; Goodlander Aye; Gookin Aye; Kennedy Aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Goodlander seconded by McEvers to enter into Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345 §C: To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property, which is not owned by a public agency and I.C. 67-2345 §F, To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications and legal option for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.
ROLL CALL: Goodlander, Aye; Gookin, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Adams, Aye; McEvers, Aye. Motion carried.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. Members present were the Mayor, City Administrator, City Council, City Attorney, Human Resource Director, Finance Director, and Deputy City Administrator.

Matters discussed were those of labor negotiations and Johnston claim. No action was taken and the Council returned to its regular session at 7:30 p.m.

JOHNSTON CLAIM: Motion by Edinger second by Adams to approve the settlement with Don Johnston for the claim filed regarding the Atlas Warehouse, as recommend by City Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Kennedy to recess to October 4th at 7:30 a.m. in the Parkside Towers Conference Room for an update on the McEuen Park Project and then to October 8th at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room for a presentation on the Proposed ITD Property Transfer. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:32 p.m.

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Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Renata McLeod,
City Clerk Apprentice