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 November 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

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

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

INVOCATION was led by Billy Buisman, Church of the Nazarene.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

STREET MAINTENANCE AND SNOW PLAN: Street Superintendent Tim Martin reported on the progress of this year’s leaf pickup. He presented an overview of the Street Maintenance Department, the 2010-2011 Snow Plan, and how they have taken steps to streamline their operations.

EDUCATION CORRIDOR: JUB Engineers representative Brad Marshall gave a power point presentation on the proposed Education Corridor preliminary infrastructure design project. The proposed phase 1 of this project would extend Hubbard Avenue from Northwest Blvd to River Avenue and College Avenue and also expand River Avenue onto Northwest Blvd. Phase 2 encompasses improvements to Mullan Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MULLAN AVENUE PROPOSED ROUNDBOUT: Karen Larson, 333 Park Drive, voiced her concern regarding residential parking on Park Avenue as well as her concern regarding the creation of a berm in front of her home. It is her hope that if a round-about is constructed that it could be moved further into the street and any finalized plans include the residents in the area.

John Adams, 325 Park Avenue, voiced his concern of the need to remove several heritage trees if a round-about is installed. He also voiced his concern of the city’s ability to plow the proposed frontage driveway in front of the affected homes. He believes that with the extension of Hubbard and River Avenues there probably will not be a need for the round-about at Mullan and Park Avenue.
INTRODUCTION: Police Captain Steve Childers introduced Sarah Cummings, who was hired as a crime analyst for the Police Department.

THANK YOU’S: Rick Currie, 2608 Honeysuckle Drive, thanked the City Council for working with him over the past eight years during his tenure as County Commissioner. Councilman Kennedy commended Commissioner Currie for his dedication to the residents.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Edinger to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
1. Approval of minutes for November 2, 2010.
2. Setting the General Services Committee and the Public Works Committee meetings for Monday, November 22nd at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. RESOLUTION 10-044: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NOS 1 – 3 TO THE CONTRACT WITH ACI NORTHWEST, INC. FOR THE 12TH STREET, 13TH STREET, AND MARY LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
4. RESOLUTION 10-045: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING THE BELOW MENTIONED EMPLOYEE WORK AGREEMENTS OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE AND AUTHORIZING LIMITED BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES NOT REPRESENTED BY BARGAINING GROUPS.
5. Approval of bills as submitted and on file in the Office of the City Clerk.
6. Approval of 2010-2011 Snow Plan.
8. Approval of Cemetery lot transfers from Marie McKinney to Kenneth Repp and from Theodore Kessel, Jr. to Claradell and Robert Wolz.
9. Approval of beer/wine license for Art & Home Center at 1619 W. Lee Ct, and for the Grille from Ipanema at 601 Front Street.
10. SS-5-10 – Final Plat approval for Mort Addition
11. SS-3-07 – Final Plat approval for Sorbonne, 2nd Addition
12. Hawk’s Nest, 4th Addition, acceptance of Carrington Lane Improvements.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:
COUNCILMAN KENNEDY: Councilman Kennedy announced that this week is Homeless Awareness Week and thanked the Coeur d’Alene Charter Academy for their participation by doing a sleep out last week.

COUNCILMAN BRUNING: Councilman Bruning announced that St. Vincent DePaul will be hosting a Soup Off this Thursday at St. Pius with proceeds going to the St. Vincent DePaul warming center. He noted that the warming center will open this weekend due to the forecast of freezing temperatures.
ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: City Administrator Wendy Gabriel announced leaf pick-up started last week. For a day-to-day report of where the crews are working, call 769-2233. Completion is expected by Wednesday, November 24th. At the Chamber of Commerce Upbeat Breakfast on November 9th, the Coeur d’Alene PD was honored with the Chamber of Commerce A+ Award. This award is specifically for the School Resource Officer Division that was nominated by the School District. The Coeur d’Alene Public Library will host a Magic Lantern Show tomorrow, November 17th, at 7:00 PM, with a program that will feature the world of snowflake crystals. Family Reading Night activities with Curious George will be in the Shirley Parker Story Room and the craft room in the Seagraves Children’s Library on the lower level at 702 E. Front Avenue. This week’s safety tip is to remind cyclists that since it gets dark earlier, riders should be as visible as possible by using front and rear lights, and wear bright and reflective clothing. When you ride your bike, assume most drivers cannot see you! The signal at 5th Street and Sherman Avenue has been intentionally put on flash to help make the intersection more efficient. The signal is over 20 years old and is not traffic-actuated. Because of this, vehicles moving east and west tend to sit at a red light when there is no cross traffic. Using a flashing yellow signal where 5th intersects Sherman Avenue, and a flashing red where Sherman intersects 5th Street, will allow cross traffic to proceed when there is a sufficient gap and not have to wait for a “green light.” For more information, please call 769-2216. There are TWO vacancies on our Noise Abatement Board. If you are interested in serving, please contact Susan Weathers at 769-2231 for an application. The Fire Department recently received the 2009 Life Safety Achievement Award from the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research and Education Foundation. She congratulated Mike Ormsby on his recent appointment as a United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington. Prior this appointment, Mr. Ormsby was the City’s bond counsel.

WASTEWATER CAPITAL PROGRAM AND RATE ANALYSIS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Bruning to appoint a citizens advisory committee to provide community input in both the timing and magnitude of the long-range capital improvement program and accompanying rate impacts. Motion carried. Councilman Goodlander announced that if anyone is interested in serving on this committee to contact City Hall.

RCA -1-10 – REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF ANNEXATION – SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 15TH STREET AND BEST AVE: John Stamsos reported that Jay Pelchner is requesting approval of a request for consideration of annexation for a .93 acre parcel located at the southeast corner of 15th Street and Best Avenue. Approval of this request would allow the applicant to make formal application for annexation to the City and denial of his request would require the applicant to wait at least one year before re-applying.

Motion by Edinger, seconded by Kennedy to approve the request for consideration of annexation and permit the applicant to proceed with the formal annexation process. ROLL CALL: Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Kennedy, Aye; Aye; McEvers; Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Bruning, seconded by McEvers to enter into Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345 § J: To engage in communications with a representative of the public agency's risk manager or insurance provider to discuss the adjustment of a pending claim or prevention of a claim likely to be filed.
ROLL CALL:  Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye.  Motion carried.  Motion carried.

The session began at 7:50 p.m.  Members present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator and City Attorney.

Matters discussed were those of claims.  No action was taken and the Council returned to regular session at 8:37 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Weathers, CMC
City Clerk