

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

July 2, 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 July 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

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

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

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Paul Van Noy, Candlelight Church provided the invocation.

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

The Mayor asked Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, Sid Fredrickson to introduce two new employees. Mr. Fredrickson introduced Aaron Camp, as a new Plant Mechanic and Brad Callihan a new Collection Operator.

**PRESENTATION: JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH:** Carson Magee stated that he is 10 years old and has Type 1 juvenile diabetes. He has recently been selected to make a presentation to Congress as the Idaho Delegate. He wants to bring awareness to the disease and seek a cure. He invited the community to join him to walk for a cure to Type 1 diabetes in Riverfront Park on September 22, 2013. For more information, please visit [www.Jdrf.org](http://www.Jdrf.org) or follow his blog at [carsonscruisers.blogspot.com](http://carsonscruisers.blogspot.com).

**PRESENTATION: MCEUEN PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** City Engineer, Gordon Dobler, presented an aerial photo of the current construction site. He provided the following status update: the Front Avenue footings are complete with back wall forms in place; the retaining wall for the bridge to the 4<sup>th</sup> street promenade is in place; excavation for the harbor house is on-going; the basketball court formation has begun; the Centennial Trail has been graded; irrigation for the splash pad is currently being placed; the elevator pit at 6<sup>th</sup> Street has been installed; and a path from the City Hall Parking lot to the Tubbs Hill entrance has been completed. The next milestone is the paving date in November and the project is currently within the budget. Councilman Goodlander stated that the osprey have been nesting in spite of the construction and wondered if the project included the ability to add camera's focused on the

nests in the future. Mr. Dobler stated that the conduit for the camera's was not in the original bid and is seeking conduit to one pole. Councilman Goodlander requested that camera capability be installed to all three nests, as one does not know which nest will be used each year. There have been citizens offering to donate funds to cover the cost of the cameras. Councilman Edinger wondered if the Harbor House construction would prohibit access to Tubbs Hill. Mr. Dobler stated that it would not rather it has enhanced the trailhead. Councilman Gookin asked if the contractor could make the boat ramp accessible before the estimated October reopening. Mr. Dobler stated that he would explore options with the contractor. Mr. Dobler stated that the structures will be substantially complete before winter and the plants, grass, etc. will be installed in the spring. He also stated that there is a security fence around the entire project. Councilman Edinger asked if there would be security on the side during the 4th of July. Mr. Dobler stated that the contractor has hired security and no trespassing signs have been placed around the site.

**PRESENTATION: QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Troy Tymesen, Finance Director stated that the City just ended the 9<sup>th</sup> month of the fiscal year. He stated it was a positive report based on the general fund expenses being consistent with last year's expenses and income is at 56% with property tax funds to come in shortly. Enterprise Funds will go down slightly due to lower parking revenue and sanitation fees. The Building Department has 75 current commercial building permit requests. Councilman Edinger asked is the impact fees will be going into the Parks Capital Improvement Funds to replace funds used for McEuen and Ramsey Parks. Mr. Tymesen stated that there is no budget authority to use those funds for other projects. Councilman Adams asked if the sanitation contract allows for adjustments in fees. Mr. Tymesen stated that the City has kept the fees down as the sanitation contract rates increased. The City held rates for its constituents over time, but the cost to deliver have gone up and it no longer cash flows. Councilman Gookin asked if by increasing the fees it would open up the contract with Waste Management and/or give the City the ability to go out to bid. Mr. Tymesen clarified that increasing fees would not open up the contract and reiterated that the City has not increased its fees over the years.

**PRESENTATION: SALARY SURVEY RESULTS:** Human Resources Director, Pam MacDonald, provided a summary of the salary survey that was started at the beginning of the year. Through a subscription through Northwest Data Exchange. The City was able to access data through an update to the subscription and was able to add some cities not included in the exchange, at a total expense of \$3,400, which was a substantial savings in comparison to past surveys. The market area was utilized for comparison, which includes the area the City recruits too. Salary ranges were found to be within the competitive rates of 5% above or below market rates, which is important for the retention and length of service of employees. The survey results indicated that 50% of the City employees are at the maximum of the salary range and have an average of 17 years of employment with the City. Ms. MacDonald noted that turnover was 9.6% in 2012, including retirements. Total compensation, which includes the benefit package, was found to be less than 1% greater than that offered by survey responders. Councilman Adams asked if those included in the survey were all public sector. Ms. MacDonald stated that this survey only included cities and counties.

**PROCLAMATION:** Councilman Kennedy presented the proclamation for July 13, 2013 Parks Day Celebration. Urban Forestry Coordinator Katie Kosanke accepted the proclamation and

provided information regarding the Celebration events. She stated that Sunset Park and North Pines Park are the featured parks this year. Sunset Park is located at 1355 Best Avenue (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.); North Pines Park is located at 1015 Lunceford Lane (6:00 p.m. to dusk). Information can be found on the parks web page at [www.cdaidparks.org](http://www.cdaidparks.org). She thanked the volunteers that help put the event together and assisting the day of the event.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Bloem reminded commenters of the 5-minute allowance for public comment and that matters should be related to City government business.

**Arts Commission Commendation** Bonnie Warwick, 5947 Bellville Drive, stated that she is the Garden Club Chairman. The Garden Club makes community commendations that recognize outstanding contributions and this year they selected the Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission for building exceptional art that is a showcase in the City. The Club felt that the pieces enhance the cultural environment of the community. Additionally, this commendation will appear on the flyers for the garden tour event, which will be held July 14, 2013 (proceeds of which are provided to local charities). Councilman Goodlander thanked the Club for the commendation and stated that she is very proud of the Arts Commission.

**McEuen Park** Tina Johnson, 601 Front Avenue, stated that there are over 60 people working 5 days a week in McEuen Park. Additionally, she noted that there is employment through vendors and that the money from local purchases has positively affected the local economy. She stated that there are people onsite and offsite earning a living from this project and she thanked the Council for their support of the project.

**Vision 2030** Charles Buck, University of Idaho, stated that the CDA 2030 Vision Process kicked off yesterday, July 1, 2013. The logo has been created and will be featured on the various projects throughout the year. The group will have a float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and will work to raise awareness about the project. A survey will take place within the next couple of weeks to launch the project and it will provide the baseline data for the project. The community will find more information at the webpage [www.cda2030.org](http://www.cda2030.org).

**Miscellaneous** Dave Barger, 530 W. Harrison, wished everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He stated that the Federal Drug Administration should be reviewed and provide better benefits to future generations. He expressed concern regarding Agenda 21, banking entities, and with what is going on in Europe.

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

1. Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2013.
2. Setting General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for Monday, July 8th at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m., respectively.
3. **CONSENT RESOLUTION NO. 13-037** 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 APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT WITH

KOOTENAI COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE FOR THE DIAMOND CUP; APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOFMAN PLANNING AND ENGINEERING FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE PROGRAM; APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RUEN-YEAGER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE COEUR D'ALENE FLOOD WORKS CERTIFICATION PROJECT AND APPROVAL OF A RELEASE, ABANDONMENT AND RELINQUISHMENT OF (TIE-BACK) EASEMENT TO NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE (NIC).

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 13-038** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR FINANCING OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE FLOOD WORKS CERTIFICATION PROJECT WITH NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE (NIC).
5. Approval of a Cemetery Lot Repurchase from Martha Dorage; Lot 3, Block 70, Section H, Forest Cemetery

**DISCUSSION:** Councilman Goodlander stated that Ruen-Yeager contract regarding the flood works is another term for the dike road project in which the City is trying to retain trees and this studies will help make that happen. Councilman Gookin expressed appreciation to NIC for helping the community with this project.

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

#### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilman Kennedy stated he recently represented the City at the AIC annual conference. The City received achievement awards for the following projects: point of view cameras with the Police Department; goat weed abatement program; development review team; and the public art program. The final award is the Harold Hurst Award, which is awarded in recognition of outstanding service of an elected official. This year's Harold Hurst Award went to Sandi Bloem.

Councilman Gookin wished everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** City Administrator Wendy Gabriel provided a statement from Mayor Bloem regarding yesterday's demanding standoff situation: *"My thanks go to all involved in yesterday's difficult standoff situation that followed a vicious battery. Unfortunately, sometimes the worst of days demonstrate the best of efforts by our law enforcement and public safety professionals. I am most grateful that this tense and arduous 9-hour standoff ended safely for surrounding residents and our personnel. With virtually every law enforcement agency in North Idaho plus specialized units from Spokane and Spokane Valley involved as well as logistical support from several city departments, clearly evident was the seamlessness by which diverse personnel form into one unified command structure to work towards a common goal. I applaud the dedication and professionalism of our law enforcement personnel who faced a dangerous situation while enduring hours of miserable heat to ensure the best outcome possible. Well done!"* Ms. Gabriel mentioned that on Thursday, July 4, 2013, Coeur d'Alene City Hall,

other city offices, and facilities would be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. Emergency calls for Police, Fire, and Streets can be made by dialing 9-1-1. Other city facilities have emergency numbers and can be reached if the need arises; Sewer Back Up 769-2241, and Water 755-9729. City of Coeur d'Alene garbage pickup will also be delayed by one day. City Hall and other facilities will open Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. For more information, call 769-2300. She reminded citizens that when packing a cooler for an afternoon at the City's parks or beaches this summer that no alcohol or glass beverage containers are allowed. It's illegal to throw, carry, or possess any glass beverage container and any container holding alcohol, opened or not, in any park, beach, natural area, playground and playfield that the City of Coeur d'Alene owns, leases, or maintains, according to City Code. It is also illegal to make, use, or have any open fires in those locations, except in designated barbeque areas. Fireworks on public property are also illegal, unless it is an authorized public display. A free shuttle bus is available in Downtown Coeur d'Alene through September 1<sup>st</sup>. The shuttle will pick up passengers at the south lot at City Hall and at the graded lot on Northwest Boulevard near Memorial, with stops along the way at Lakeside & 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lakeside & 4<sup>th</sup>, and Lakeside and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. The loop will repeat from 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday – Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Look for the special downtown bus that says "Welcome to Coeur d'Alene." Work to reinstall the Landings Well has begun. As you recall this well suffered a catastrophic disintegration on May 17<sup>th</sup>. All major components of the well system needed to be replaced as a result. Due to the diligent efforts of the Water Department staff, the typically long lead components – normally taking months to procure – were sourced and delivered in record times enabling work to start Monday with completion estimated on July 5<sup>th</sup>. This has been a "race against the clock" to ensure customers water needs are fully met. The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was held on June 27<sup>th</sup> in Coeur d'Alene. Law enforcement has long been the Guardians of the Flame for Special Olympics. The Police Department was represented by Detective Rory Johnson, Detective Nic Lowry, and Chief Longo. Law Enforcement raised \$33 million last year for Special Olympics programs and athletes. Kudos to our community-minded Chief Longo for giving up part of his past Saturday to participate in the "Walk in Her Shoes" event sponsored by the North Idaho Violence Prevention Center. The aim of the event is to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence and raise funds for violence prevention programs. Specialized Needs Recreation (SNR) received a grant of \$2,500 from the Herbert D. McAvoy Fund of the Idaho Community Foundation. The funds will benefit over 300 children who have special needs by providing top quality activities and events. SNR would like to thank the Idaho Community Foundation for their very generous grant and ongoing support. Specialized Needs Recreation is a non-profit organization that provides recreational opportunities for youth and adults who may have difficulties participating in other programs due to disabilities or physical, mental, or emotional challenges. If you would like more information about SNR, call Angie Goucher at 755-6781 or visit the SNR website at [www.snridaho.org](http://www.snridaho.org). Coeur d'Alene's Building Department continues to set the gold standard for the State of Idaho. Not only is Coeur d'Alene Building Official Ed Wagner serving his second term as Idaho Association of Building Official (IDABO) but reaching the pinnacle of 100% Internal Code Council Certifications demonstrates the professional commitment to public safety, diverse knowledge of construction safety codes and a high level of self-initiative by Coeur d'Alene Building's staff. Being professionally certified by the Code Council provides a nationally recognized credential that will only enhance the services provided to our community. Our Building Services Director, Ed Wagner, recently submitted a proposal to the State Building Code

Board to include residential flagpoles to be included in the list of work that is exempted from the Residential Code requirement for a building permit. The Building Code Board approval the proposal and it will be included in the next legislative session packet from the State Department of Building Safety. The enormously popular City Park Concert Series is in full swing with Barry Aiken & North Point providing Latin Rhythms and Salsa this Sunday. These concerts in the park are held every Sunday during the summer months, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Rotary Lakeside Bandshell in CDA City Park. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and come out for a great time and great music. Lifeguards are busy staffing the City Beach. The Recreation Department will have guards on duty 7 days a week, weather permitting, through August 18<sup>th</sup>. The guarded hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion** by Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander to recess to July 15, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. where the Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a meeting to hear public input regarding the future use of Person Field. The City Council will attend only to listen and will not otherwise participate. **Motion carried.**

The meeting recessed at 7:30 p.m.

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Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Renata McLeod,  
City Clerk