

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

March 17, 2020

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, March 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

Woody McEvers) Members of Council Present
Amy Evans)
Christie Wood)
Dan Gookin)
Dan English)
Kiki Miller)

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Wood, to add Item F. (2) Presentations – Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency to the agenda, as an emergency item which was necessary to add to the agenda at this time.

ROLL CALL: Gookin Aye; Miller Aye; English Aye; McEvers Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye.
Motion carried.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Lora Whalen, Director of the Panhandle Health District, presented an update on the Coronavirus in the community. She noted that, globally, the numbers change daily. There are over 180,000 cases with a reportable 7,426 deaths coming from over 120+ countries. In Idaho, they have eight cases, and no deaths. In North Idaho, they have no cases, and are testing. Ms. Whalen commended Kootenai Health for what they have set up in rapid order in the way of testing, with a drive-through testing facility at 2207 Ironwood Drive. Clients that go through the drive-through site need to have a doctor's order and there are some criteria that they need to fit, including travel to one of the affected countries, and being symptomatic.

Yesterday the facility tested 55 or so, and today 141 went through the drive-through testing. Yesterday they started sending the tests to the University of Washington. Panhandle Health is an Incident Command, along with Kootenai Health, and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is also set up. Their partners have been incredible throughout the event. They set up a

hotline two weeks ago where people can call and get their questions answered. The hotline is now open six days a week, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Yesterday they had 345 calls. She noted that the biggest current concern in North Idaho is Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for health care workers and first responders. They are most especially in need of N95, respirators. Ms. Whalen said that the virus is spread by droplet and is very contagious, and that is why the emphasis is on respiratory etiquette, social distancing, washing your hands and, most importantly, staying home if you are sick.

Ms. Whalen explained that the President came out yesterday with “15 Days to Slow the Spread” program. She noted that the virus is brand new, and no one has had any experience with it, making us all susceptible. The data is showing that most people with the virus are going to have a mild illness with flu-like symptoms, fever, cough, and a little shortness of breath. Fifteen percent of folks are going to be pretty ill and will end up in the E.R., their oxygen levels will be low and they may need some oxygen and will be in the hospital. Two to five percent of people are going to end up needing a ventilator and will be critically ill. The vulnerable population are older folks, anybody with an underlying condition, or being immuno-compromised, so those are the folks they are trying to protect. The country is trying to stop the spike for the purpose of preserving hospital beds. Ms. Whalen explained that there is no cure for the disease. They are developing a vaccine, but that is more than a year out. She noted that one change in the President’s directive yesterday is that if someone in your household has the virus, everybody in your household will need to stay home until the virus is cleared. The other thing the President said is that gatherings should be no more than 10 people, so we need to think about how we are going to have meetings and how we are spaced at our tables with social distancing.

The other big point is that the President is asking for 15 days to avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants and food courts. The use of drive through pick-up and delivery options is encouraged. The President is also asking that citizens think about discretionary travel, and to not go into a nursing home. Ms. Whalen said that Dr. Cook, Coeur d’Alene School District Superintendent, asked her to give an update regarding schools. They have all decided to dismiss schools until April 6, and then reevaluate. Dr. Cook also wanted her to share that they are going to start feeding any child that wants to eat starting Wednesday at multiple locations. It does not matter if the child is on free or reduced meals, and they will be fed breakfast, snack and lunch daily. On Wednesday they are also opening for emergency childcare at Ramsey Elementary for K-5 students of health care workers, emergency services and first responders.

Councilmember Miller asked if there was a FAQ page somewhere on Panhandle Health District’s website. Ms. Whalen said that their website has multiple links to multiple facts. The bulk of the phone calls that they are receiving are from people who are worried and are wanting to be tested. She noted that testing should be reserved for those that are symptomatic because it takes awhile to get the testing back, and the test is not an easy thing to do and involves a nasal-pharyngeal swab. She also noted that their medical reserve corps (all volunteers) are the ones who are primarily staffing the calls and they are doing a great job.

Ms. Whalen reminded everyone that they have to go to reliable, trusted sources, and their website is one of them. The Center for Disease Control, the National Institute of Health, and

coronavirus.gov. She noted that there is so much information out there that is wrong and it is fueling some of the anxiety that they are seeing in the community.

Councilmember Wood asked about the availability of testing, and if there was a concern they will run out. Ms. Whalen explained that they are doing testing if people meet the criteria or if a provider thinks that they need to be tested. Councilmember Wood asked if the health professionals have the supplies they need. Ms. Whalen said that they are low on PPE. The hospitals have a call with the Governor tomorrow to discuss that issue. She noted that it is an issue for first responders as well. Ms. Whalen said that there are a lot of different data points you can look at, but this is going to go on for a while. She noted that the Panhandle Health District hotline for COVID-19 is 877-415-5225, or they can visit the Panhandle Health District website <http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/>.

The Mayor invited Police Chief Lee White, Fire Chief Kenny Gabriel, and Deputy Fire Chief Tom Greif to report.

Chief Gabriel said that it has been a busy week. They have been working diligently with their partners, including the County and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that is up and running right now. Some of the things they have done in the Fire Department is they have completely changed the way they react to a general illness or respiratory call and limit the amount of people that go to the call. They do have a good supply of masks and gowns and are doing their best to stay on top of it. He noted that there is a one billion mask shortage right now and that a lot of the masks are made outside of the country and they are not being shipped in, which will be a problem that continues moving forward.

Chief Gabriel said that they made the difficult decision to limit the community into the fire stations in an attempt to minimize exposure. They are trying to only send information that comes from the Panhandle Health District. He also said that Deputy Chief Greif is the Operations Chief at the EOC right now. Deputy Chief Greif said that all the fire departments in the County got together a couple of weeks ago, and made modifications to their responses for consistency across the County. Their priority is to keep the responders healthy and limit exposures. They have discontinued ride-alongs, senior projects with the high school, and public meetings at Station facilities. Councilmember Wood said that she thinks it is important for them to educate the public about the chain of command as people are looking to the Mayor and Council and the County Commissioners. She asked Deputy Chief Greig to talk about the chain of command at the EOC. Deputy Chief Greif said that the EOC went into effect Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. At this point, Sheriff Wolfinger and Chief Way from Kootenai County EMS are sharing the Incident Commander role and from there it breaks down into operations, logistics, planning, and finance.

Police Chief Lee White said that, externally, the public should notice no decrease in service from the Police Department; however, they have started increasing some of their patrols around stores and supermarkets to discourage some of the inappropriate behavior. Prioritization discussions have taken place, but they are not implementing them at this time. They have encouraged people to take advantage of online services, including making online reports; however, people still have

the opportunity to go to the police station or still have an officer respond under most circumstances.

Chief White said that there are a number of things that are occurring internally that the public won't see. For instance, some of their School Resource Officer duties have been redirected because the schools are not in session right now. All of the functions that are statutorily required and all essential services will continue as usual. They have a number of staffing models that they have created and that will be implemented based on absentee levels that they may see, or depending on the needs of the community. They have a rotation of specialty assignments. The IT staff have conducted testing for all of their equipment to make sure that they can continue to operate as normal for folks who may need to work off site. Areas are being cleaned twice a day. They are taking adequate precautions to make sure that their folks can continue providing service to the community as normal.

MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION 20-021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, FINDING THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS, PURSUANT TO TITLE 46, CHAPTER 10, IDAHO CODE, AND IDAHO CODE SECTION 67-2808; RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY; AND EXTENDING THE DECLARATION FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH IDAHO CODE SECTION 46-1011, IDAHO CODE.

Mayor Widmyer read the full Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency.

Staff Report: Mike Gridley, City Attorney, explained that the Mayor just read an emergency declaration that he is allowed by law to sign. The declaration lasts for seven days, and the resolution asks the Council to extend the emergency declaration for 30 days, which will then be revisited, if necessary, after the expiration of 30 days.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin asked Mr. Gridley to explain what kinds of powers they are we granting the Mayor. Mr. Gridley said that it allows the Mayor to coordinate with staff, law enforcement and public safety to take steps as necessary to preserve and protect the health and welfare of citizens; specifically, they cannot be bound by purchasing/state bidding laws. By adopting the resolution, it also allows them to get into the process of any federal or state assistance through the emergency programs that will be set up.

Councilmember Gookin asked if there was anything that restricts getting around the bidding laws to only items related to the disaster. Mr. Gridley responded that he thinks they would need to show a necessity. He noted that the statute talks about acting in response to an emergency and the needs thereof. Councilmember Gookin asked if the Declaration of Emergency affected the open meeting laws or public records requests. Mr. Gridley responded that it did not. He further commented that public meeting and public records laws don't have emergency provisions. He said that they do have the ability to meet the open meeting law by telephone right now as long as they have one person available with a clerk, and the ability for the public to be able to listen to

the meeting in real time. They are working through it right now with the Attorney General's Office. He noted that some states have taken more extensive steps to say that the open meeting law doesn't work in this environment, but Idaho has not done that yet.

Councilmember Gookin said that a lot of the concern that he hears out there would be whether it gives the government authority to close businesses. Mr. Gridley said that, at this point, closure is voluntary. He said that this is uncharted territory in many ways and at this point in time, he doesn't think they have the authority to say that a business must close. It is one of the questions they are still looking at. Councilmember Gookin asked if anything in the Declaration suspends anyone's rights. Mr. Gridley responded that it does not. Councilmember Wood said that they see across the nation where Governors haven't ordered to shelter in place, but Mayors have. She asked if the Declaration would give the Mayor the ability to help people shelter in place if they needed to. Mr. Gridley said that he thinks that they are still at a point of recommending that, but they don't have a definitive answer at this time. He commented that, hopefully, people will recognize the seriousness and will voluntarily take actions as recommended.

Mayor Widmyer said that through the last week to ten days the Council has been very good about giving their input and, hopefully, they have been good at getting information out to everyone. He commented that he thinks the Declaration opens up funding opportunities. The situation is changing by the hour and if there is a serious decision that can be made and they have time to gather the Council together for a special call meeting, that is what he would always want to do.

MOTION by Evans, seconded by Wood, to approve Resolution 20-021, declaring a local disaster emergency.

ROLL CALL: Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye.
Motion carried.

Mayor Widmyer thanked Ms. Whalen and noted that he has been in constant contact with her, Chief White, Chief Gabriel, and Deputy Chief Greif. He further commented that they are in a fight to save lives, and it isn't going to be easy and we must all come together. This is an enemy that you can't see, and we need to follow all our health care professionals' advice. He further stated that the city of Coeur d'Alene is going to do everything they can to get the information from PHD, the Department of Health & Welfare, and the Governor's Office. There is going to be some financial help that is going to come forward too for small businesses and for people who are displaced out of work, and they will get that information out to everybody too. The Mayor said that he and the Council are determined to do everything that the city of Coeur d'Alene can do and he believes that, together, we will beat the virus.

GEORGE IVES RECOGNITION OF SERVICE: Hilary Anderson, Community Planning Director, recognized George Ives for serving on the City's Design Review Commission for 16 years. She noted that he was one of their founding members and mentioned some of the things that the commission has worked on over the years. She also explained that Mr. Ives has also served as Chairman of the Commission since December, 2007. She thanked him for his leadership and for volunteering his time and talent, and presented a plaque.

Mr. Ives thanked staff, noting that it has been his pleasure working with them over the years. He noted that they have had some very contentious hearings, which have always been productive because the exchange of views lets everyone get a clear sense of what is taking place. As they have refined the process, the staff has been excellent and the members of the Commission have been very cooperative. He thanked the City for allowing him to be a part of the planning of Coeur d'Alene.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Lyons commented regarding the midtown restricted parking program, and reviewed survey answers. He noted that the fundamental program is that people don't use the parking lots and it is easier to park on a side street than to walk a block or so, and that is why the Council adopted restricted parking in midtown. He submitted that when you ask people directly affected whether the problem has been fixed and whether the program worked, he thinks the answer is overwhelmingly yes. He noted that there was some comment in the staff report about the opinion being mixed or uneven, but that was in response to questions to a broader audience. Mr. Lyons said that the staff proposal would continue restrictive parking until all the improvements and expansion planned for this summer has been done, and then it would end. He submitted that it is a bad idea because it assumes that the new parking lot improvements and expansion will work to fix the fundamental program. If the parking lots don't work and restricted parking is dead, then they are back where they were a year ago, so he suggested that Council continue the restricted parking program until 60 days after all the improvements. He commented that he agreed that the excessive calling by one person to the police is bad and it must stop, and said that the person now swears that it will stop or it has stopped. Mr. Lyon noted that the midtown infill overlay ordinance the City promised it would encourage development while protecting the surrounding neighborhoods, and that the City would pursue a "sensitive form of development."

Bob Small, from Lake City Center, said that he wanted to update the Council on some of the things they are trying to do to continue serving the most vulnerable people in the community. He noted that every day at 6:30 a.m. they start sanitizing and cleaning. At the end of each evening, they go through the same routine again. They have continued their congregate meals, but yesterday they wanted to try something that would help others that want to continue distancing themselves. Starting today they opened a drive through where citizens can drive in and they serve them in their vehicle. It has gone over very well and they had 17 people drive through. The Center has taken a hit financially. The tax aid program has been interrupted for at least two weeks. They spend about two hours each evening trying to find ways to get more hand sanitizer, wipes, etc. The feedback they are getting from the community is fantastic. The Meals on Wheels program has not been interrupted yet. They still have volunteers who are coming to make sure that 110 meals are distributed every day in the community to home bound and disabled seniors.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the February 26, 2020 and March 3, 2020 Council Meetings.
2. Approval of General Services/Public Works Committee Minutes for March 9, 2020.
3. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
4. Approval of Financial Report.
5. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for Monday, March 23, 2020 at 12:00 noon.
6. Resolution No. 20-017 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, FOR: APPROVAL OF BELLERIVE BY THE RIVER FINAL PLAT, SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT AND SECURITY (S-6-19); APPROVAL OF A GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WAY OF NORTH IDAHO FOR A KINDERGARTEN BOOT CAMP WITH PUBLIC SERVICES FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,000.00; DECLARATION OF MINUTEMAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES AS THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GENETEC LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEM FOR USE BY THE CITY'S PARKING ENFORCEMENT CONTRACTOR (DIAMOND PARKING), AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE SYSTEM; APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HANDSHAKE PRODUCTIONS FOR THE 2021, 2022, AND 2023 COEUR D'ALENE CITY PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES; AND APPROVAL OF THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID AND AWARD TO BADGER METER FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW WATER METERS FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Gookin, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, including **Resolution No. 20-017**.

ROLL CALL: Evans Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye.
Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Miller commented that the Library is closed. They are still doing curb-side pickup for books, but she doesn't know how long that is going to continue. Citizens can request a book to check out online, and they need to bring their library card. The Library will have it ready when the citizen drives up so there doesn't need to be any contact.

Councilmember Miller also commented that she has been involved in discussions with CDA Economic Development Corporation, the University of Idaho, and some other venture capital professionals regarding applying for a Capital Challenge grant. The group has agreed to move forward for a preliminary submission and if that moves forward in June, will put a final request in. If the grant is received, it would fill a niche in the community for education and resources for both potential investors and start up businesses with possible future financing mechanisms for regional venture capital and/or angel funding organizations.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF A PRECAST CUSTOMIZABLE RESTROOM STRUCTURE FROM CXT PRECAST PRODUCTS, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT REQUIRED BY IDAHO CODE § 67-2808(2).

STAFF REPORT: Bill Greenwood, Parks & Recreation Director, presented a request that Council declare that there is only one vendor reasonably available, CXT Precast Products, Inc., to provide a customizable precast restroom as replacement for the “Bricks” City Park restroom.

Mr. Greenwood explained in his staff report that the “Bricks” restroom, at the north end of City Park is antiquated and failing, with many maintenance issues as well as difficulty in finding replacement parts. In addition, the foundation is settling enough to cause difficulty for doors to be opened and closed, making entrance to the facility difficult for many park users. There is \$350,000 budgeted for the project, and the cost of the structure is \$263,900 delivered. They will use separate contractors for the demolition, which will cost \$8,500, relocations and hookup of the utilities, which will cost \$21,650, and the apron and sidewalk around the perimeter of the building, which will cost \$11,500.

Mr. Greenwood further noted in his staff report that, after investigation, it was found that CXT is the only precast company that can provide a customizable design to fit their needs for design and layout to including changing rooms. The new restroom will provide a nice addition to the park, with much less maintenance costs. The new facility will create better ADA access, as well as changing rooms for NIC women’s softball (the City’s partner for the Memorial Field Grandstand remodel. He said that the restroom would be a prefabricated, precast building, like the one at Landings Park. They chose the color and motif on the rock because they thought it would fit very well in the park. There would be two separate changing rooms for both teams. The Ladies and Men’s rooms would each have five commodes.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Widmyer asked if the changing room would have direct doors into it. Mr. Greenwood responded that there would be doors on the east and west; however, the entrance into the restroom is separate. Mr. Greenwood noted that the changing rooms would be strictly for NIC’s games; however, that doesn’t mean it won’t change in the future. Councilmember Wood commended Mr. Greenwood for his work on behalf of North Idaho College. She said that it will be life changing for the girls’ teams and appreciates that it will come on board soon. Councilmember Gookin asked why the facility is being replaced. Mr. Greenwood explained that after they had to retool the Memorial Grandstands project due to it being overbudget, and a Title IX concern, they determine this would be the best fix. Councilmember Gookin acknowledged that he had asked Mr. Greenwood earlier about the restroom at Person Field, and how it was worse shape than the restroom facilities in City Park. He commented that it seems that Person Field keeps getting pushed to the back of the line. Mr. Greenwood said that they can certainly look at it this budget year and see what we can do to fund another facility at Persons Field.

Councilmember Wood explained that Title IX is essential, and that it requires that females are given the same opportunities as males, and the same kind of facilities. The entire project came about because NIC provided \$150,000 check to the City to focus on the Memorial Grandstands. The changing rooms were going to be a part of the Memorial Grandstands, and then it changed. She commented that Mr. Greenwood, Administration and the Mayor got busy looking for other ways to accommodate the partnership, and that's what the proposal grew out of.

Mr. Greenwood commented that there are a lot of changes that can go on at Persons, and that this type of unit might work well there, just by excluding the changing rooms. He also noted that the City Park restroom also has some ADA issues in that the doors are a little narrow and the foundation is settling to the degree that they can't really open the doors easily.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by English, to approve **Resolution No. 20-018;** declaring CXT Precast Products, Inc. as the Sole Source Provider for the purchase of a customized modular restroom to replace the "Bricks" City Park Restroom.

ROLL CALL: Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye.
Motion carried.

The Mayor announced that the Ground Disturbance Permit item was removed from the Council Meeting agenda.

RESOLUTION 20-019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, EXTENDING THE MIDTOWN PILOT PROJECT FOR CERTAIN PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL PARKING ONLY AREAS.

STAFF REPORT: Hilary Anderson, Community Planning Director, presented a request that Council direct staff to continue the Midtown residential parking permit program until improvements are made to the Midtown public parking lots, or provide other direction to staff.

Ms. Anderson explained that the City Council adopted a one-year pilot program for resident-only parking in Midtown at their April 2, 2019 council meeting. As part of the Resolution, it was required that 66% of the residential use property owners participate, which they did receive. Signage was installed on the effected blocks on April 9th and the vehicle tags were sent out. Six homes participate and each home can receive two of the vehicle tags. Administration of the program is similar to the Fort Grounds permit program. Ms. Anderson reviewed the boundaries of the program. Ms. Anderson noted that they looked at different options for enforcement, including Diamond Parking and Northern Security. They made a determination at that time that it made the most sense for the Police Department to do the enforcement, recognizing that priority calls would have to take priority over the program.

Ms. Anderson commented that the public parking lots are being used. The City also worked on acquiring the additional residential property on 3rd street, with plans of expanding the parking lot off of 3rd street. They have a commitment from ignite cda to purchase the lights for the public

lots, and are going to re-pave, stripe, and add lighting and new signage as well. They have bids for demolition of the home on 3rd street so they are ready to take action to improve the public lots. The project will be done this year. Ms. Anderson said that also added the midtown parking lots to the City's GIS mapping. Trinity Lutheran also added the option for the public to park in their lot, so they are working with Diamond Parking. They have also added Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) on 4th Street, which helps with safety.

Ms. Anderson also provided an update on the Midtown Development Project. She said that ignite cda selected the Midtown Ventures, LLC project for the property that is just north of the Capone's area, adjacent to the public lots on 4th Street. Their latest concept was presented to ignite on February 19th. They have scaled the project back quite a bit; removed the top floor, changed the number of square footage for commercial uses and the residential count to 25 apartment units. One unit will be on the ground floor to meet the ADA accessibility requirements. The commercial part will now be under 5,000 square feet, and they have added some additional parking as well, for a total of 53 spaces. They are also including about 5,200 square feet of green space. Ms. Anderson reviewed the midtown parking survey results. She noted that about 39 people participated in the survey, including a mix of residents participating in the pilot program and residents who were not, patrons, organizations, businesses, and "other" (persons who lived in midtown and worked there, or lived in midtown and were patrons, etc.) There was a mix of results. Most of the residents that are in the pilot program felt like the situation was improved, and some thought not significantly. Ms. Anderson noted that the streets are for the public as well, so the survey was not just for the pilot program because they want to see the overall impact. They also wanted to find out why people are using or not using the public parking lots. Those who are using the lots said that convenience is the biggest factor. For those that do not use the lots, some people thought it was an inconvenience. They also heard that the lots are maybe not as well signed as they could be, and that oftentimes they are full. Survey participants were asked how well they think the program is working, and the majority response was that it is working poorly. From the staff perspective in looking through the results, it is not a win-win, or a perfect program.

Ms. Anderson said that the area did receive a lot of calls, and noted that 40% of all of the calls city-wide related to parking were for this area, on one street. From the Police Department perspective, that is a significant drain on resources and it is concerning if the program is going to continue either as pilot program or in perpetuity that they could expect a similar drain on resources. Staff's recommendation is to extend the pilot program until the parking lots are improved, and Ms. Anderson also asked for any suggestions regarding improvement of signage. They are looking at changing out the signs when the program expires, with something that says it is a "congested area" and directing people to the public parking lots which are a block away. Ms. Anderson said that the Streets & Engineering department is also currently looking at two parking signs, one for each of the entrances of the two public parking lots, that would be backlit so that they would be visible at night, and there is interest in doing some more creative, artistic, visible signs as well.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Widmyer asked if staff knows the identity of the three permit holders who would not repurchase a permit. Ms. Anderson said that the survey was created for anonymous responses, but they could try and figure it out. Mayor Widmyer said that he thinks it might be important moving forward, and commented that they don't want to force a residential

program onto someone that doesn't want it. Councilmember Wood said that Council is interested in solving the issues in midtown and have been working with the neighbors. She noted that is open to Mr. Lyons' proposal, and commented that she spent 26 years with the Police Department, so she is well aware of the kind of calls for service that are a priority. She thanked Mr. Lyons for coming out on behalf of his neighborhood, and proposed that Mr. Lyons take a message back to them that it is intolerable to go on with that kind of a call load, and that if it were to continue in that way, she thinks that council would be forced to shut down the pilot program.

Councilmember Evans asked if the citizens who have been making excessive calls been coached that it has crossed the line of appropriateness. Ms. Anderson said that she understands that they have, but there have been additional calls since the coaching. Chief White commented that conversations were held several times with this resident, and the calls continued. His understanding is that the calls have dropped off dramatically since one of the councilmembers had another conversation with that individual. However, as of March 11, they have had a total of 85 parking calls throughout the city and 23 of them still came from that same individual. Some of the problem is that Diamond couldn't do the enforcement because it was after hours. After hours is when the Police Department is at their busiest, so oftentimes it is taking away from other more proactive activities that they would be engaged in. Councilmember Gookin said that he had met with the individual, and asked if have the calls have continued. Chief White said it was his understanding that from January 1 to March 11 there were a total of 23 calls, and 14 were specifically from that one individual. He confirmed that since he didn't have the specific dates of the calls, theoretically the calls could have stopped since the date that Councilmember Gookin spoke to the person.

Councilmember Gookin said that the impression he gets is that the neighbors want the program to continue. He noted that he thinks the parking lot lighting will help and hopes that the neighborhood signage can remain. Councilmember Evans said that she is uncomfortable with the drain on resources that will continue if the pilot project is extended, especially during this time. She asked if they put up the "congested area" signs, would it still be by permit only. Ms. Anderson clarified that once the permit program expires the signs would be changed out, to no longer state permits are required. Councilmember Miller clarified that this is test program, and that is why Council is reviewing it at this benchmark. She commented that when you have the actual participants not being unanimous that they would renew their permit or even wanted the program to continue, that doesn't tell her that it is overwhelmingly successful. She said that it feels to her that the City has built a huge amount of time and resources. She also thinks data is skewed with one person overwhelming the calls, and creating an issue where there shouldn't have been one, but thinks that canceling the program when the public parking lots come online makes the most sense. She commented that if there is signage, there is habit built. People know there was permit parking in that area so they will be more amenable to going to a different area already since a pattern has been created. She said that her feeling is they did their job, they fulfilled the request and tried it, but it has been an overwhelming amount of study and work and it is not a unanimous, wildly successful program.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood, to approve **Resolution No. 20-019**, approving an extension of the Midtown Parking Pilot program until improvements are made to the Midtown public parking lots, plus sixty days, and then the pilot program would be terminated.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin clarified his motion that when the parking lots come online, the program would continue for an additional 60 days, and then would end. The signs would be changed out when the pilot is done. He commended Ms. Anderson on her excellent staff report.

Councilmember Gookin said that they get a lot of pressure from other neighborhoods about restricted parking, and he really doesn't want to keep on doing it. He commented that he doesn't like going to visit other towns where you see signs on the street where it says permit parking only, and that going down that path would not be something he would want to do.

Councilmember Miller said that there are other neighborhoods involved and it is a public street. You have to do what is fair to all of the neighborhoods.

ROLL CALL: Wood Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Evans Aye.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, DECLARING ITS INTENT TO EXCHANGE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE LOCATED ON BLACKWELL ISLAND IN THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO, FOR REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ACTIVE WEST DEVELOPERS LOCATED BETWEEN LACROSSE AVENUE AND LAKEWOOD DRIVE IN THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO, AND TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE EXCHANGE.

Staff Report: Troy Tymesen, City Administrator, presented a request for Council to declare the City's intent to convey Kootenai County Parcel number C-0000-014-4150 to Active West Developers in exchange for Active West Developer's Parcel 3 & 4 of the former Union Pacific Railroad right of way between Lacrosse Avenue and Lakewood Drive and set a public hearing date for April 7, 2020 for further consideration of the conveyance/exchange. Mr. Tymesen explained that the City owns 1.83 acres of land located on Blackwell Island, identified as Kootenai County Parcel number C-0000-014-4150. Active West Developers is under contract to acquire the former Union Pacific Railroad right of way in Riverstone between Beebe Boulevard and the US-95 Bridge. Parcels 3 and 4 of the UP right of way are needed by the City to construct the extension of Lacrosse Avenue to Lakewood Drive. The City and Active West Developers are proposing to exchange these properties for the mutual benefit of each party. Active West Developers will also pay One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$131,000) to the City. The exchange as proposed is for equal value, and is mutually beneficial to both parties.

Mr. Tymesen said that the City would use tax assessed valuations. The property the City owns at Blackwell Island is valued at \$300,000. Active West would take \$169,000 for the square footage that the City needs to acquire to build the road on, and thus the difference would be \$131,000. They would also like to bring ignite cda into it as the go forward. The land trade would provide much improved ingress and egress into Riverstone, and would be good for public safety.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Wood asked about the public hearing process. Mr. Tymesen said that the City has a restricted way in which it can move its lands. Transfers are the easiest way and the public gets to comment on those types of transactions.

MOTION by Gookin, seconded by English, to approve **Resolution No. 20-020**, declaring intent to exchange real property with Active West Developers, and setting of a public hearing on April 7, 2020, pending, for the consideration of said property exchange, of city-owned land on Blackwell Island for Parcels 3 & 4 of the former Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way between Lacrosse Avenue and Lakewood Drive.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin clarified that the reason he added “pending” to the motion is because they are unclear of the status of the April 7th Council Meeting, and so it may be postponed. There will be a notice in the paper.

ROLL CALL: English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Miller, that there being no other business this meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Ferguson, Deputy City Clerk