

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

June 21, 2022

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 June 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., there being present the following members:

James Hammond, Mayor

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

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was led by Pastor Mitchell Martin of Grace Bible Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Wood led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joel Sweeney, Coeur d'Alene, stated LGBTQIA+ individuals were valued members of the community and deserved love and support from the community.

Justin O'Connell, Coeur d'Alene, stated fireworks display shows were being cancelled nationwide and thanked Council for allowing it to happen this year.

Cara Claridge, Coeur d'Alene, stated she was upset about the drag queen dance portion of the Pride in the Park event. She noted it was offensive to the public.

Ben Cooper, Coeur d'Alene, stated he had previously asked the Council to align itself with the community. He said law enforcement did not support the community equally on June 11, and Americans had a constitutional right to be protected.

Linda Putz, Hayden, read a letter from Billy (drag queen performer) who was unable to attend the meeting. She said drag queen shows were not appropriate for children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hammond stated the Police Department investigated the dancer in question at the Pride in the Park event, and he trusts the Police Department completely, and trusts their judgement to keep the City safe.

Councilmember Gookin said the City charges an event fee and events have a greater impact on the City than the fee currently charged. He said fees should be increased to align with the impact to City services and would like to discuss fees at the next meeting.

Councilmember Evans stated staff should be given adequate time to prepare a proposal in regard to the fee increase discussion.

Councilmember Wood stated she would like events to be assessed for their impact to Police, Fire, and other City Department resources, and would like to look at the number of permits allowed.

Councilmember McEvers said Lake City Center needed volunteers for their Meals on Wheels program and those interested in serving should contact the Center for more information.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the June 2, and June 7, 2022, Council Meetings.
2. Setting of the General Service/Public Works Committee Meeting for June 27, 2022.
3. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
4. Approval of Financial Report.
5. Approval of Final Plat: SS-22-06c, Hanley Lofts Condominiums.
As Recommended by the City Engineer
6. Setting of Public Hearings for July 5, 2022:
 - a. Legislative O-2-22: The City is Proposing a New Chapter Titled Development Agreements within Title 17 (Zoning) of the Municipal Code to Provide for the Creation, Form, Recording, Modification, Enforcement, and Termination of Development Agreements. This Chapter is Pursuant to Section 67-6511A, Idaho Code, and is Intended to Authorize Development Agreements to the Fullest Extent of the Law. Applicant: City of Coeur d'Alene.
7. Setting of Public Hearings for July 19, 2022:
 - a. Legislative A-2- 22 A Proposed +/- 5.9-Acre Annexation from County Ag to R-5; Applicant: Aspen Homes & Development, LLC; Located at 1808 N. 15th Street.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-027

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE HOST VENUE AGREEMENT WITH THE WORLD TRIATHLON CORPORATION AND THE NORTH IDAHO SPORTS COMMISSION FOR IRONMAN®-BRANDED TRIATHLON EVENTS, CHANGING THE 2023 EVENT TO A FULL 140.6 MILE RACE.

STAFF REPORT: City Administrator Troy Tymesen stated he had brought to Council for their consideration an amendment to the Host Venue Agreement between the World Triathlon Corporation (IRONMAN), the North Idaho Sports Commission, and the City, changing the 2023 triathlon event from a 70.3-mile race to a 140.6-mile race. He said the relationship between IRONMAN and the City began in 2003, and IRONMAN events have drawn participants and spectators to the community from all over the world. He noted that participants and spectators brought a financial benefit to the businesses and citizens of the City. He said the most recent Agreement was entered into in 2019, was for three years, and involved a full triathlon (140.6 miles) in 2021, and a half triathlon (70.3 miles) in both 2022 and 2023. He mentioned Coeur d'Alene was considered one of the most desirable locations for IRONMAN events, and as a result, the World Triathlon Corporation believed that a full triathlon in 2023, in place of the half triathlon, would be very successful and welcomed by participants and spectators alike. He said the course would remain the same, but would be ran twice, and the duration of the event would be correspondingly greater, and take more City time and resources. He said the approximate cost to the City for staffing the 140.6 event was \$36,275, and there were no other substantive changes proposed in the Agreement.

Britt Bachtel-Browning, President of North Idaho Sports Commission, said the full race occurred in late June each year, and noted in 2017, after declining race participant numbers, the City and IRONMAN decided to rotate between the 70.3 and 140.6 races. She said IRONMAN had been a good partner, participants rated the course highly, and last year's event had been highly successful. She said there were 3000 athletes signed up for this year's event, 14 countries, and 41 US states were represented. She noted the economic benefit to the community for the full 140.6 event was estimated at \$11-13 million. She said they were partnering with University of Idaho to provide a full economic impact study, with results expected later this year.

Courtney Schwagler, Vice-President of North Idaho Sports Commission, said the IRONKIDS race was highly supported at both races (70.3 and 140.6) and there were 200 entries available to low-income kids. She noted there was incredible support for the kids' event and it gave kids an opportunity to train and get healthy.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Wood asked if the cost to the City was closer to \$40,000, and were additional staff from the Streets and Parks Departments needed in addition to Fire and Police, with Mr. Tymesen responding some staff were already scheduled and were not included in the cost, and additional staff were required during events. Councilmember Wood asked what the cost to the host was, with Ms. Bachtel-Browning responding \$62,250 for the 70.3, and \$125,000 for the 140.6. Mr. Tymesen noted the event had been very successful, and brought large returns to the community, and cost discussions could continue when negotiating the next contract.

Councilmember Wood stated moving forward costs to the City should be considered when discussing future contracts. Councilmember McEvers asked about the impact to the City for the 70.3 and 140.6 events, with Mr. Tymesen responding the 140.6 event lasted longer and went into the night and may impact those traveling southbound. Councilmember Miller asked if the economic impact study would be assessing the 70.3 event in relation to City costs for fire, police, streets, etc., with Ms. Bachtel-Browning responding they could build that request into the study. Mayor Hammond said Council should consider that when the IRONMAN races began it was a non-profit and was now a large organization, and not all businesses benefitted from the event. Councilmember English noted he didn't feel there would be a large impact by changing next year's race to a full event. Councilmember Evans said she was supportive of the efforts to bring the race to the community, and it was a positive and healthy addition that brought the community together. Councilmember Gookin stated he was opposed to the contract change as he had IRONMAN fatigue. He said the event was now owned by a Chinese international corporation, and didn't feel bringing wealthy people into the area was good for the local community. He said the event organizers should pay the costs of having the event in the City. Councilmember Wood stated she saw the value to the community, yet would like to recover a portion of the City costs associated with having the event. She asked if the contract amendment was time sensitive, with Mr. Tymesen responding the event coordinators were hoping to announce the change to the 140.6 event at the race this coming weekend. Mayor Hammond asked if the contract was final, with City Attorney Randy Adams responding whether Council approved the amendment or not, the contract would still go through the end of next year. Councilmember English noted he would like to look at City costs when a new contract comes forward next year.

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by English, to approve **Resolution No. 22-027**, Approving the First Amendment to the Host Venue Agreement with the World Triathlon Corporation and North Idaho Sports Commission for Ironman Branded Triathlon Events, Changing the 2023 Event to a Full 140.6 Mile Race.

ROLL CALL: McEvers Aye; Gookin No; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Miller Aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-028

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COEUR D'ALENE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CERTAIN CITY PARKING LOTS FOR THE 2022 FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY.

STAFF REPORT: City Accountant Stephanie Padilla stated she had brought to Council the annual lease of selected City-owned parking lots to the Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) on the 4th of July to generate revenue that would be used exclusively to defray the cost of the community fireworks display. She said in the past, the City had leased individual City-owned parking lots to the Chamber on the 4th of July. This will be the eighth year of the partnership. She noted this year's proposal from the Chamber, recommended by the Parking Commission, would allow the Chamber to lease selected City-owned parking lots from the City for \$9.00 per space, which was the same charge as last year. She said the lease would generate revenue for the City's parking

fund. The Chamber was proposing to charge \$20.00 per car for parking on the 4th of July in order to generate income to assist with the cost of the fireworks display, which was estimated at \$30,000.00. She noted the Chamber would be taking on more responsibility for the traffic control expenses that day and would be paying for over 20 traffic flaggers. On the 4th of July, 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., the lease would include the parking lots at Independence Point, the Museum, Memorial Field, McEuen Park, City Hall, the Library, and the 4th Street Parking Garage. She noted the City would reserve space at Independence Point for the police command trailer and at the Lower City Hall lot for personnel staging for the Police Department. The Parking Fund, which receives no property taxes, is the recipient of parking lot fees and, with this proposal, there would be no negative impact to the revenue anticipated from use of the City-owned parking lots. 40% of the net income from the Parking Fund goes to the Parks Capital Improvement Fund, which is used to develop parks. She said the Chamber anticipates the Independence Day event parking gross income should be in excess of \$10,000.00, which would be used to defray the cost of the community fireworks display. The revenue generated by the Chamber through this partnership would go to a dedicated fund for the community fireworks display. She mentioned the Chamber did not have a direct method to collect funds for the annual celebration.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin asked if the City received any revenue from the lease, with Ms. Padilla responding the City received approximately \$13,000, which helped with public safety costs during the event. Councilmember McEvers asked if the parking stall charges were increased, with Ms. Padilla responding the parking fee was the same as last year. Councilmember Miller asked what the counts were last year, with Ms. Padilla responding the City did have numbers yet it was difficult to assess the numbers as a parking pass was issued and some people could park at multiple areas throughout the day. Councilmember Miller noted she saw multiple empty spots last year, asked if all garage spaces were leased, and could the top level be utilized as a fireworks viewing location. Ms. Padilla said all garage spaces were part of the lease and the Chamber was considering the option of a viewing level. Councilmember Wood said the Chamber had been asked in previous years to allow the Police and Fire Department staff's use of their restroom facilities, and would they be allowed again this year, with Ms. Coppess responding they would be made available this year.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Evans, to approve **Resolution No. 22-028**, Approving the Lease Agreement for City-Controlled Parking Spaces to the Chamber of Commerce on the 4th of July to Generate Revenue to Help Pay for the Cost of the Community Fireworks Display.

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

LEGISLATIVE - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR PLAN YEAR 2022.

STAFF REPORT: CDBG Specialist Chelsea Nesbit asked Council to approve the submittal of the CDBG 2022 Annual Action Plan to HUD. She said the City of Coeur d'Alene receives an annual direct allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and every year were required to complete an Annual Action Plan (AAP), inviting the public to attend a public forum, prior to drafting the plan, to identify needs and then allowing the public four-weeks to share comments on the posted draft plan. She said the 2022 Annual Action Plan forum was held on June 7, 2022, in person and Via Zoom, followed by an online survey. She noted there were four-weeks of public comment held between May 20, 2022, and June 21, 2022, culminating to an opportunity for the public to comment at the June 21, 2022, Public Hearing. She said the draft 2022 AAP was advertised to the public in a Coeur d'Alene Press notice, City social media, website updates, the City's June newsletter, CDA TV, and emails to 189 community stakeholders. She mentioned the draft 2022 AAP outlined how the City intends to spend the CDBG funds and fulfill its program reporting requirements. She said authorizing the item would allow staff to include public comments and any changes from Council, and submit the 2022 Annual Action Plan to HUD for official review. She noted that pending acceptance of the Plan by HUD, staff would move forward in implementing the agreed upon goals and funding suggestions and the funding agreement. She said the City's 2022 CDBG Plan Year begins July 1, with the Plan Year 2022 allocation being \$349,112. She gave an overview of the key terms, how activities were selected each year, eligible activities, public service activities, planning goals, citizen participation, public comments, priority level-high needs identified at the public forum, and the following breakdown of the proposed funding for projects based on greatest community needs identified in the 2022 Annual Action Plan public forum, and 2022 Annual Action Plan Survey:

- Sidewalk Accessibility/Repairs (\$5,000)
- Lake City Center Annual Meals on Wheels Grant (\$10,000)
- Emergency Minor Home Repair and Accessibility Program (EMRAP) (\$69,822)
- Community Opportunity Grants (\$194,467)
- Administration (\$69,822)

Mayor Hammond opened the public hearing portion of the meeting, and seeing none, closed the public hearing.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin asked about the carryover and was money still in any of the accounts, with Ms. Nesbit responding only the sidewalk fund with approximately \$20,000. Councilmember Gookin asked if the sidewalk project could be contracted out, with Mr. Tymesen responding it was difficult to hire outside contractors for the small individual jobs, and they found City crews were the most economical option. Councilmember Gookin mentioned the sidewalk portion should be removed and funds used elsewhere. Ms. Nesbit noted there were sidewalk improvements already identified and funds were dedicated to the projects. Councilmember English stated he would like to increase the Meals on Wheels program funding. Councilmember Wood asked if public safety and crime and fire prevention programs were eligible to apply for

grant funds, with Ms. Nesbit responding they could apply if they met the requirements. Councilmember McEvers said the Meals on Wheels program funding had increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and he said it was very beneficial, yet the EMRAP program was very beneficial as well.

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by Gookin, to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan for Plan Year 2022.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: IDAHO CODE 74-206 (C) TO ACQUIRE AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT OWNED BY A PUBLIC AGENCY.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by McEvers, to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (c) to Acquire an Interest in Real Property Which is not Owned by a Public Agency.

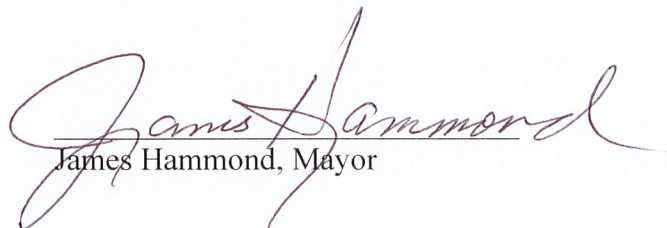
ROLL CALL: Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sherrie L. Badertscher
Executive Assistant


James Hammond, Mayor