

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

July 3, 2018

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 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

Loren Ron Edinger) Members of Council Present
Dan English)
Woody McEvers)
Dan Gookin)
Kiki Miller)
Amy Evans)

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

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

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

AIC ACTIVE SHOOTER INTEGRATED RESPONSE AWARD: Fire Chief Kenny Gabriel and Police Chief Lee White noted that the City was awarded an Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) award for public safety for the active shooter integrated response team training that the City jointly conducts. Chief White noted that law enforcement response to active shooting is always evolving and seeking better methods of getting the EMS people in to the scene faster. Battalion Chief John Morrison presented a video of one of the trainings conducted at the local elementary school that demonstrated the ability of EMS to work with law enforcement to evacuate victims. He gave kudos to the law enforcement task force and noted that during the training they made the EMS team feel secure. Councilmember Miller expressed appreciation and noted that she was very proud of the program. Additionally, she noted that one of the recent AIC training sessions was about risk assessment teams at schools, which demonstrated that they are paying attention to ongoing changes in society and noted that joint forces with law enforcement and schools have proven better success rates at identifying these issues before they happen. Mr. Morrison noted that they received much of the program information from their partners in Spokane, Washington. Councilmember McEvers asked if the EMT's carry guns to such calls. Mr. Morrison noted that the benefit of this joint response is that law enforcement will handle the security role and the EMT's will carry lifesaving equipment. Councilmember English noted that when he was in school they performed nuclear bomb drills, which were worthless if a bomb were to actually go off. However, this program is something that our kids could realistically encounter and if it makes a difference in lifesaving, then he is glad to see the efforts. The Mayor thanked the team for all they do.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ruth Pratt, Coeur d'Alene, noted that she is a resident of the Riviera Walk area within Riverstone. She expressed concern about the proposed accesses into the Atlas Mill site and removal of the existing trail. She noted that there is heavy traffic on Northwest Boulevard and a new road could become an alternative to the boulevard and cause high traffic through the neighborhood. She wanted the Council to know that the concerned neighbors are monitoring this closely and maintain their strong opposition to the removal of mature trees along the trail and the relocation of the existing trail. Relocating the trail would be greater than 2% grade and making it difficult for residents in wheel chairs, strollers, bikes, and scooters. She requested they keep the existing trail. Councilmember English noted that he wished he would have made a comment at the last Council meeting, but he wanted to clarify that he is concerned with anything that would affect the disabled community's use and he will keep it on his radar. Councilmember Gookin asked for clarification regarding the land exchange with ignite cda. Mayor Widmyer clarified that the land exchange is not complete, so the City still owns the property the neighborhood is referring too as the Tilford property. Councilmember Gookin asked if the traffic study currently being conducted would assess the possible continuation of Tilford Lane. Mayor Widmyer noted that the traffic study is on Seltice Way and Northwest Boulevard for the development of the Lanzce Douglas property, Atlas Mill site and a possible secondary connection into Riverstone, being a more comprehensive study.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Edinger, to approve the consent calendar.

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the June 19, 2018 Council Meeting.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Approval of the General Services Committee Meeting Minutes from the meeting held on June 25, 2018.
4. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for July 9, 2018 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
5. Setting a public hearing for July 17, 2018 for various fee amendments including clarifications, increases, and deletions to fees for the Planning, Municipal Services, Wastewater, and Water Departments
6. **Resolution No. 18- 035** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING THE BELOW MENTIONED AGREEMENT AND OTHER ACTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S PERSONNEL RULE V (COMPENSATION) AND RULE XI (ATTENDANCE AND LEAVES), AND APPROVAL OF AN IDAHO COOPERATIVE MOBILIZATION AGREEMENT WITH THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS (IDL).

ROLL CALL: English Aye; Edinger Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; Evans Aye.
Motion Carried.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember McEvers wished the state of Idaho a happy birthday from its 1890 establishment.

Councilmember Miller noted that she was at the AIC conference last week and felt they had a lot of good material and provided a report to the City Administrator for distribution.

Mayor Widmyer requested the appointments of Jennifer Drake, Trudy Elliott, and John Bruning to the Arts Commission.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Edinger, to appoint Jennifer Drake, Trudy Elliott, and John Bruning to the Arts Commission. **Motion carried.**

ATLAS PRELIMINARY URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES CONCEPT

STAFF REPORT: City Administrator Troy Tymesen noted that the presentation was provided at the last City Council meeting. He explained that in partnership with the City, ignite cda is completing the Atlas Development Feasibility Study (“Feasibility Study”) that is intended to identify the potential Atlas site development that will result in the preservation of the waterfront as public open space; development of sufficient land sales and tax increment revenues to re-pay the City for all, or a portion of the City’s land purchase cost and fund necessary site infrastructure improvements that will facilitate land sales; and to create a unique and desirable development that reflects our community values and balances the economic realities of the site. ignite cda will use the Feasibility Study to develop the URD Plans for expanding the existing River and Lake URD’s and creating a new Atlas URD. To expand/create the URD’s, the URD plans must be approved by the ignite cda Board and presented to the City Planning and Zoning Commission; approved by the City Planning and Zoning Commission and presented to the City Council; and approved by the City Council. He noted that for efficiency, ignite cda is seeking the City Council’s approval in concept of the preliminary boundaries to confirm, early in process, that ignite cda and the City’s strategy for URD boundaries are in alignment. If the preliminary boundaries are acceptable, the City Council is requested to approve the boundaries in concept. The plan is to expand the Lake District to cover the waterfront public space because that area will generate a very small amount of tax increment and the Lake District’s term will expire in 2021. Additionally, the plan includes expansion of the River District, which currently has the largest funding capacity, to cover a portion of Phase 1 to fund Phase 1 site improvements. Phase 1 site improvements will allow a variety of product types (townhomes, single family, apartment, and commercial) to develop which the market study has determined can be more quickly absorbed than a single product type. He noted that within Phase 1 land sales and River District tax increment will be used to fund future phase infrastructure improvements and repay the City’s land purchase cost. The new Atlas District covers a portion of Phase 1, all subsequent phases and the proposed River’s Edge development. The Atlas District will have the longest life providing the greatest opportunity for anticipated tax increment, along with land sales revenue, to fund infrastructure improvements and re-pay the City’s land purchase costs.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked how the River District runs along the property as it appears to be a shoestring. Mr. Tymesen explained that it is not a shoestring and that it does connect into Seltice Way. Councilmember Gookin clarified that the request is to move forward with a new district and the expansion of the Lake and River Districts. Mr. Tymesen confirmed that this action is to confirm to staff the Council's desire to move forward with making those changes. Councilmember Gookin noted that he felt that the Council already approved this concept. Mayor Widmyer noted that the item at the last Council meeting was solely on the agenda as a presentation and that they could not have taken action at that meeting. Councilmember Miller asked if the Council was to consider the boundary map and not the phasing map. Mr. Tymesen confirmed that the phasing plan map will continue to change so it is the boundary map that the Council is to consider.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Miller, to recommend staff move forward with the proposed Urban Renewal District adjustments and creation of the new Atlas District.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin said that he hopes this is enough for ignite cda to move forward and felt it should be a priority and asked their staff to present to the Council next time.

Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2018 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT TO PURCHASE 8 NEW MOTOROLA APX 6000 PORTABLE RADIOS FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TEAM.

STAFF REPORT: Police Chief Lee White explained that he is requesting the Council allow the Coeur d'Alene Police Department to apply for and accept, if awarded, a 2018 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant through the Kootenai County Office of Emergency management to purchase eight new Motorola APX 6000 portable radios for the School Resource Officer Team. The request will be for \$48,313 (including accessories and factory programming). He noted that the Department has long relied on two-way radio communications as part of the daily duties and tasks, and that a majority of the current radios are obsolete. Soon the obsolete radios will be considered "end of life," which means no repairs or replacement parts will be available. The SHSP Grant has specific objectives of which replacing portable radios for the SRO program would qualify. SROs are stationed in the majority of public schools including the middle and high schools. Schools are considered "soft targets." SROs who are properly equipped to handle threats along with effective communications to connect them to other resources including police, fire, and EMS make their critical mission easier to accomplish, particularly in the event of an emergency.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked if these radios would be the same as ones already in use. Chief White noted that these will function a bit differently but look the same as other radios and function better.

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by Edinger, to approve the acceptance of the FY 2018 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant to purchase eight new Motorola APX 6000 portable radios for the School Resource Officer Team. **Motion carried.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

Renata McLeod, CMC, City Clerk