

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

JULY 16, 2019

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 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

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

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

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Pace Hartfield with One Place provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember McEvers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jerald Frank, Coeur d'Alene, spoke in support of the parking proposal on East Lakeshore Drive as he has had problems gaining access to his yard across the street. He noted that several years ago the City painted some cross hatches in front of the gates and it did not solve the problem of people parking in front of the gates. The property owners have had to put cones, bikes, or their own vehicles in front of the gates to protect the access. He encouraged the Council to approve the request.

Dick Barkley, Coeur d'Alene, noted that he lives on East Lakeshore Drive and spoke in support of the restricted parking at the gates in front of their properties.

Keith Boe, Post Falls, noted that he rents two office spaces within the city and would like to bring back free parking. He believes the parks have been given to the tourists, noting the signs in the parking lot say "thank you for visiting Coeur d'Alene." He does not believe in the use tax for parking at the parks and that citizens with below resources should not have to pay to park. Local citizens should not have to pay to visit public property. He believes the parking is too expensive for single moms or elderly people. Mr. Boe said that Diamond Parking is out of Seattle and has a financial incentive to write tickets. He encouraged free two-hour parking for Idaho residents.

City Administrator Troy Tymesen provided a link to the city's website with parking information and noted that the Parking Commission has been working on the parking plan for many years. The revenue from parking fees is used for maintenance of the parks and parking lots and will be used for one full-time position this fiscal year. He noted that paid parking has been around for a very long time and included the use of parking meters downtown. The fees were changed in February, at which time the fees to park within the McEuen lot were amended to \$1.00 per hour and at hour three the fees are the same. The addition of technology allows options for users to pay via phone and add funds via phone as needed. Mr. Tymesen presented a map of the downtown area parking demonstrating the free and two-hour free parking areas, including the new parking garage. The downtown area includes 2,268 public parking spaces and 1,334 have a free portion to it. There are 699 on-street stalls and 360 spaces at the new parking garage that provide two-free hours of parking. There are also 218 all-day free parking spots around the City Hall campus. He noted that city-owned vehicles have been moved from the campus overnight in order to open up more free parking after working hours. Councilmember Gookin said that with the public pressure, the City should consider other options and he would be in favor of reviewing the parking fee situation. Mr. Tymesen explained that this is the first year the parking garage is open and staff would like to see if it can meet the projections set within the budget, and that the monthly permits for the garage are sold out. However, the Parking Commission is open to a review of fees and performance of the program. Councilmember Gookin asked what it would take to restore the two-hour free parking at McEuen. Mr. Tymesen said that it would be a Council decision. Mayor Widmyer noted that paid parking began in the 1940's and it is an on-going review process through the Parking Commission, who will forward recommendations onto the City Council. The Mayor assured the audience that they will take all public comment seriously and that the item will go back to the Parking Commission for discussion.

Steve Peak, Coeur d'Alene, asked for clarification regarding handicap parking rules. Mayor Widmyer noted that parking is free in any lot at any time for those with a display. Mr. Tymesen also noted that those with a handicap placard can park in any spot, not just the ADA signed stalls.

Skyla Stamsos, Coeur d'Alene, noted that fees are not the only problem as she believes there has been so much change within the community that she doesn't feel heard or treated just and fair. Adaption to change has to happen so fast and she cannot enjoy things the same way as when she was a kid. She noted that she cannot walk with kids so far for the free parking and she cannot afford to park close.

Richard Price, Coeur d'Alene, noted that a complaint he heard is that residents want to get down to the park for lunch or take a walk using less than two hours and they do not want to pay for it because they already pay taxes. He noted that there are no easy answers. He has compassion for the citizens and wonders how to make that happen, since when you make it free parking, everyone will park there and there will not be any stalls left.

Cambria Ramston, Coeur d'Alene, said that the available 2-hour parking is directly in the downtown and people using it are shopping and not attending the park. The stalls are taken up with shoppers and City Hall is a long distance to walk and a deterrent. People parking within a neighborhood causes more issues for the residential streets. She noted that there is not a lot of

parking near the lake itself and said that she used to come down after work for 30 minutes and now does not due to the cost. She does not believe the City Hall lot is convenient.

Gretchen Dunham, Hayden, said that she has lived in the area for 23 years. She and many other people hike Tubbs Hill and it will now cost them \$40.00 if they go 5 times a week. She noted that she sees older people using the Hill around 6:00 a.m. and is concerned they will no longer use the Hill, due to the cost. Mayor Widmyer said that parking is a financial issue, and is a user fee. There is an increasing demand for parking, costs for maintenance have increased and now it is a discussion of having to pay for costs by increasing property taxes or charging a user fee. He clarified that East Tubbs Hills has a free parking lot for its users. The Mayor noted that there is still a lot of available parking and times when it is full and times when it is not, so it may never be perfect, but the City has gone to great lengths to create more free parking stalls. They have asked employees to park off campus, which created 33 more spots open for citizens and they will continue to study the issue. Ms. Dunham explained that she worries about the slippery slope of more increased fees. Mayor Widmyer noted that the city has a very nice park system and, as they age, they need maintenance and it is a question of revenue and how to best pay for those items. Ms. Dunham stated that years ago she voted for the park system, and if it was known that parking was not going to be free, she would not have agreed to it.

Tracy Baler, Coeur d'Alene, said that she has personally been impacted by the parking situation. When they built McEuen Park, many were opposed to it and there was doubt about the upkeep of the park and increases in future taxes. She noted that she understands the cost but the community was assured the park would be maintained under the current budget. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July she came down to visit friends at 4:30 p.m. and all the roads were blocked to NIC that contains free parking, and the ramification is that cars were parked all along the residential streets just north of downtown. A friend, who is an amputee, could not find parking nearby and could not walk down. She noted that a lot that had parking for \$20.00 was almost empty, even at 8:00 pm. She said that she volunteers for the Ironman race, and arrived on that day to do her service and found \$15.00 event parking and the lot was virtually empty as people parked in the residential neighborhood. She also noted a concern about Diamond Parking receiving a percentage of the ticket revenue. She would like to see something like the state parks system does by offering an annual permit. She also suggested that fees could be enacted from Memorial Day to Labor Day and then exempt thereafter.

Councilmember Miller asked for clarification regarding what was paid to Diamond Parking. Mr. Tymesen explained that in the event of a violation, if the fine is not paid after 14 days, then Diamond gets 35% of the violation and if it goes into collection they do not get the 35% as there is a fee above the ticket price that gets added on to the collection process.

Roger Garlock, Coeur d'Alene, said that he supports Councilmember Gookin's comment seeking support from his peers now rather than kicking it down the road. Councilmember Gookin asked Mr. Tymesen what the next steps are. Mr. Tymesen explained that the input would go to the Parking Commission and they will look at the new parking garage expenses and revenues and expenses throughout the parking system. Councilmember Gookin said that he concurred it should be vetted at the Parking Commission. Mr. Garlock said that locals feel isolated from downtown and not wanted downtown. He also felt fees would have a domino effect in that at

some point there will be a charge in those parts that are currently free. He is concerned with the idea of studying the issues and moving things down the road rather than dealing with it now.

Mayor Widmyer asked Councilmember McEvers about the promise of free parking, as he was on the Council when the McEuen Park discussions took place. Councilmember McEvers noted that the only promise was in regard to free boat parking, and clarified that the current Council cannot bind future councils in stating that it would be free forever. Councilmember Gookin concurred that government cannot promise something in the future that would bind future Councils.

Councilmember Miller asked if there was a current way to track if the lots are being used by more tourists than locals. Mayor Widmyer said that the license plate reading technology will be able to track that data; however, it is not in place at this time. Councilmember English said that he is the liaison to the Parking Commission and noted that they have spent many years researching before making the recommendations and it is never a finished product. He assured the audience that he will make sure the Parking Commission is aware of the comments. He also noted that he was born here and grew up here and finds the City Hall lot just as close as the main lot. He also works for the Area Agency on Aging and works with the disabled community and is tuned into the issues and agrees it is a balancing act. Also, he concurs that when a government can charge a user fee rather than raising taxes they should, and that there are tradeoffs.

Trish Meltzer, Coeur d'Alene, said that she looks at this differently, as she is a former appraiser and sees problems. In regard to the free parking, she noted that people in her age group are not going to walk four or five blocks to shop or go to a restaurant. The 2-hours is good if you want to shop or have a meal, but you cannot do both as it is not a long enough timeframe. Last week she was downtown and paid approximately \$25.00 as she parked at Independence Point. She felt it was easier to go other places, such as Riverstone and Hayden. She noted that, as an older person, she will not use the parking garage.

Michael Browning, Coeur d'Alene, said that he grew up in Seaside, Oregon, and noted that they have an abundance of free parking, but he is not sure how they do it. In 2014 he attended a Halloween cruise, and thought parking was included, but afterward found a ticket on his windshield. On July 4, 2016 he was scheduled to run in the parade with veteran's group after recovering from a femur injury and he had to park at NIC and walk to the parade staging area. He noted that he owns a roadside assistance company and has had issues with Diamond Parking in city lots, such as telling him to hurry with dead batteries and locked keys in car. He feels the City should have two free hours at McEuen or have Kootenai County resident plates be exempt.

Steve Adams, Coeur d'Alene, said that he agrees with the prior testimony, and hates to see fees go up. There is tremendous growth that is economically good, but bad for infrastructure. He feels that the revenue from building permits from new residences should be good enough to cover parking. He does not agree that a Washington company should take their dollars for fees and does not believe there are no local or Idaho-based businesses to do enforcement.

Mr. Tymesen said that the City is regulated by state law in regard to soliciting bids. In 2015, when the City followed the state required bid process, Diamond Parking was the only bid received. He noted that there are not a lot of companies that perform parking services, and that

there is one Boise company that did not bid. Mayor Widmyer explained that he is an accountant so he looks at numbers and said that Diamond takes about 25% of the gross, which includes their payment of labor and repairs to machines, and that they do employ local people. He said that it is a “Catch-22” as he would love to have all dollars stay here and clarified that it would be more expensive for the City to manage it themselves.

Tom Morgan, Coeur d’Alene, summarized that what he is hearing in the room is a feeling of frustration that the parking increase is one more stab when looking at cost of living increases, and that when local children grow up they cannot afford to buy a home. He feels like the City is more concerned with any person driving into town that can afford a house rather than those who cannot afford it. Mr. Morgan said it is an emotional issue and now the park is out of grasp for the community. He noted that people remember how you make them feel and this feels like another stab to those who have been here forever.

Susan Crowe, Coeur d’Alene, said that she has lived here for 20 years and has seen a lot of changes. She expressed frustration with all the complaints heard tonight and said that she understands a parking problem for people with disabilities and children. However, she comes down to the area a lot and is almost 68 years old and believes there have been fantastic improvements and more parking than ever before. And there is free parking all around City Hall and Coeur d’Alene is one of the few towns she knows that still has free parking, and free parking along all the streets downtown. She feels that the city has been accommodating with parking, while still having to pay for the facilities. She noted that McEuen Park is used more now than it ever was. She noted the diversity of people using every part of the park which she believes speaks to how beneficial and beautiful the park is. The area is growing and tourists bring a lot of money to town and they have to deal with it.

Marty Sandford, Hayden, said that he has lived here for four-years when he moved from Boise. He believes that in the future there will be more growth and one thing that excited her when moving here was the skateboard park for kids. She encouraged the City to continue to think ahead for the youth and do not price them out of the use within the area.

Carrie Westbrook, Coeur d’Alene, said she has lived here for four-years and previously lived in Sandpoint. She noted that the City of Sandpoint got rid of Diamond Parking. She expressed concern with the license plate recognition as she still has Bonner County plates and if the city is going to use plate recognition for statistics, they should consider that others may live here but have a different County plate.

Andrew Starbird, Coeur d’Alene, said that he has two kids under the age of three. The kids are very active and he loves the use of the park. A lot of people say that the parking increase of one dollar is just a dollar; however, they live on \$150.00 a week for groceries and it makes a difference. The parking structure is great, but he would be for moving the free parking to McEuen and charging at the parking garage. He said that he would not want his wife to walk four blocks from the parking garage with two children. Additionally, he believes the outcry is for use in evenings and off-peak times. He also believes the fee increase is a slippery slope of future increases.

Chantel Daily, Coeur d'Alene, explained that she visited Coeur d'Alene many times before she moved here and believes Coeur d'Alene is a living dream. The sincerity of the locals drew her into moving here. She was excited to not have to pay for parking, in contrast to where she came from. The parking passes already being purchased is an indicator of those that are willing to pay to park. She believes a lot of locals are feeling a disconnect, and spelling the name of the town wrong on the parking lot sign was very upsetting. Progress is difficult and hard and she thinks locals would like to feel more in control of the progress and feels that the community is losing the heart of what it is during the four months of heavy tourism each year. She believes there needs to be a connection point from government to the citizen.

Councilmember Miller clarified that Diamond Parking corrected the misspelling on the sign within 6-hours and that Diamond Parking was mortified by the sign vendor's mistake.

Councilmember English said that a lot of what is being expressed is the effect of growth. Some of that the City can deal with and control and some of it is out of the City's control, such as housing prices.

Christina Gomez, Coeur d'Alene, asked if the new structure is owned by the City or privately owned. Mayor Widmyer clarified it is owned by the City. Ms. Gomez asked if there is any intention to charge for parking at the new garage? Mayor Widmyer clarified rates and noted that there are two hours free and there is no desire to change that at this time. Councilmember Miller clarified that it does not mean the rates stay in place forever as other Councils can change it.

Hailey Burgman, Coeur d'Alene, noted the discussion regarding recognizing Kootenai County license plates, and said that there are state park system stickers and she would like the Parking Commission to look at that idea and base it as a flat fee. If over two hours, you would still get a ticket or pay for parking. Mayor Widmyer noted other places have some sort of residency proof and stickers and could be looked at by the Parking Commission.

Dan Geiger, Spokane, said that he represents Diamond Parking and has worked with City of Coeur d'Alene for 30 years and believes it does an excellent job in how it runs a city compared to others he sees and does an excellent job managing parking resources. Diamond Parking has been in business for 97 years, and is a Seattle-based company founded in 1922 and operating in about 40 cities, and has had a chance to see how other cities operate. The contract is a public record and they do not get an incentive for writing tickets. It is a neutral rate intentionally with no bonus for writing tickets. Some folks said they do not feel welcome and his experience out of thousands of people that park at that lot is that they do feel welcome and happy to pay. People who do not feel welcome are the ones that do not want to pay based on two hours free for many years. Mr. Geiger noted that their company goes to the Parking Commission meetings and have gone out of their way to ensure 2-hour free parking, which is not as convenient as it once was and the City has gone to great lengths to do that.

Keith Boe, Coeur d'Alene, asked if the City could verify the contract regarding compensation for issuing tickets. Mr. Tymesen explained that there is \$1.00 received within the first 14 days of issuance of the ticket and after 14 days Diamond receives 35% of charges. The increase is based on the mailings and work toward the collection.

Shelley Porsche, Coeur d'Alene, expressed that she did not think it was fair to send a parking ticket to Chapman financial for collection. She asked where the revenue for Live after Five events go. The Mayor explained that is a private event, and the City receives a rental fee that goes into the Parks Department. Ms. Porsche asked what would happen to the free parking if the "white house" moves. She noted that her elderly mom does not come downtown anymore because one has to use a cell phone for parking and she does not operate a smart phone. She suggested the City offer validation like the Resort. She questioned the items being funded through the Parking Fund revenue.

Michelle Dudley, Coeur d'Alene, thanked the City for answering questions tonight and thanked Councilmember Miller for putting facts out there. She questioned how long it would be before Riverstone Park is fee-based. Short-time, two-hour parking for locals to see a fabulous park would be beneficial. She expressed her hope that they are not going to be the next Spokane with inflated rates.

The Mayor thanked everyone for taking time to give comments, and noted that they have been captured in the minutes and encouraged folks to communicate with the City if they did not give comments tonight.

**RECESS:** The Mayor called for a 5-7-minute recess at 7:57 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m.

**HEALTH CORRIDOR UPDATE PRESENTATION:** Ben Weymouth with TO-Engineers provided an update regarding the Health Corridor planning. He noted that they recently completed a community engagement survey and had 105 responses. Some examples of items rated high by the survey participants include safe crossing of Highway 95 and Northwest Boulevard; mixed-use development; availability of parking and sidewalk linkages. Additionally, they held three evening design charrettes that combined input points to come up with a final draft on the final night of the charrettes. Major items discussed included a bridge over the freeway to provide north/south traffic options, as well as right-ins and right-outs at Ironwood and free flow traffic points to aid in traffic congestion. The group talked about straightening out Ironwood and its "s" curve. Many items have details that need to be reviewed and discussed, such as the Fourth Street connection concept and freeway entrance/exits. Mr. Weymouth presented a drawing of the study area and outlined the next steps in the process to include the finalization of the economic feasibility study and master planning efforts.

Councilmember Gookin asked if there was discussion involving public transportation. Mr. Weymouth said they have not talked about hospital-specific public transportation but will continue to talk to the public transportation services and multi-module transportation. Councilmember Gookin suggested that they include bike lanes in the planning efforts. Mr. Weymouth noted a cycle track style lane. Councilmember McEvers asked about straightening out Ironwood and how that would affect Peak Fitness. Mr. Weymouth said there is room but it would be close, and they will be looking at that sort of detail next. Councilmember McEvers asked if there was a model from another similar hospital project with details as to how it happens, how things are moved, and who pays. Mr. Weymouth noted that he did not have

specific knowledge but others on the design team do this for a living and there are multiple examples across the country. Mayo Clinics are held as an example to emulate. Councilmember Gookin asked at what point will financial information be provided. Mr. Weymouth noted that the economic feasibility study is underway and the two paths are coming together and those will be a joint implementation plan presented to the Council at the 90% draft point.

**POLICE VICTIM VIDEO PRESENTATION:** Police Chief Lee White said that they recently completed a crime victims video public service announcement with the professional assistance of Jeff Crowe and Andy Finney. He noted that they hired the Victim Advocate 9 months ago and they have already provided 477 different services that would have otherwise not been available. Chief White thanked the Mayor and Council for support of the program, and noted that the grant was awarded late last year and is currently up for renewal. He believes it has been a very successful program. Councilmember McEvers said that when he first saw the video, he was very moved by it and it made him more aware of those problems in our community.

#### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilmember Miller said that there will be an open house tomorrow in the Library Community Room from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to discuss the Atlas Waterfront property with developers.

Mayor Widmyer requested the appointment of Christie Wood, Jim Lien, and Mike McDowell to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Iris Siegler to the Childcare Commission.

**MOTION:** Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers to appoint Christie Wood, Jim Lien, and Mike McDowell to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Iris Siegler to the Childcare Commission. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by McEvers, seconded by English, to approve the Consent Calendar, including **Resolution No. 19-026.**

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the July 2, 2019 Council Meeting.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Approval of Financial Report.
4. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for Monday, July 22, 2019 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
5. Setting of a Public Hearings:
  - a. August 6, 2019 for V-19-02 - Vacation of a portion of Hanley Avenue right-of-way adjoining the north boundary of Lots 1 - 4, Block 1, Hern Industrial Park and Tax Number 21582 in the City of Coeur d'Alene
  - b. August 20, 2019 – O-1-19 Proposed Amendment to Chapter 17.06, VII. Accessory Use Regulations, Sections 17.06.650 through 17.06.670 of Title 17, Zoning
6. Approval of a Cemetery Lot Transfer from Frank and Donna Favor to Vonnie A. Favor, Niche NCD, Lot 23, Forest Cemetery Annex (Riverview)
7. **Resolution No. 19-026** - Approval of SS-19-05, Charlie's Landing: Final Plat, Subdivision Improvement Agreement & Security Approval.



**ROLL CALL:** Edinger Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye. **Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-027**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO ESTABLISHING A NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, AND INCLUDING PROPOSED EXPENDITURES BY FUND AND/OR DEPARTMENT, AND STATEMENT OF THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES OF THE CITY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR AND LISTING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES DURING EACH OF THE TWO (2) PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE SAME.

WHEREAS, it is necessary, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, for the City Council of the City of Coeur d’Alene, prior to passing the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, to list expenditures and revenues during each of the two (2) previous fiscal years, prepare a Budget, tentatively approve the same, and enter such Budget at length in the journal of the proceedings and hold a public hearing; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coeur d’Alene that the following be and the same is hereby adopted as an Estimate of Expenditures and Anticipated Revenue of the City of Coeur d’Alene for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019:

	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Mayor and Council	232,306	247,765	264,838	264,838
Administration	382,626	349,057	320,169	216,643
Finance Department	1,139,676	1,057,912	1,182,771	1,196,576
Municipal Services	1,644,861	1,788,610	1,881,130	1,818,772
Human Resources	281,626	279,448	387,110	400,097
Legal Department	1,196,573	1,206,832	1,231,937	1,290,632
Planning Department	553,387	640,177	727,982	972,623
Building Maintenance	453,913	488,630	552,832	675,767
Police Department	13,165,412	13,585,672	14,557,464	15,995,975
Drug Task Force	13,097	27,676	100,000	
Police Department Grants	210,860	83,024	115,292	
Fire Department	12,575,064	10,147,902	10,047,296	10,567,453
General Government	1,614,877	1,578,274	86,850	125,750
Streets/Garage	4,538,448	4,471,271	4,926,544	5,034,745
Parks Department	2,092,225	2,120,552	2,301,573	2,495,776
Recreation Department	599,770	748,484	762,423	761,549

Building Inspection	959,708	878,822	960,120	962,737
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>	\$ 41,654,429	\$ 39,700,108	\$ 40,406,331	\$ 42,779,933
	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Library Fund	1,563,835	1,628,119	1,724,388	1,785,766
Community Development Block Grant	111,746	145,382	408,854	597,467
Impact Fee Fund	1,101,900	515,319	521,500	360,000
Parks Capital Improvements	195,569	1,710,251	131,500	564,500
Annexation Fee Fund	193,000	398,240	286,000	99,000
Cemetery Fund	319,703	305,729	389,955	369,627
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	156,534	156,141	207,000	191,500
Jewett House	15,429	11,998	30,955	28,853
Reforestation/Street Trees/Community Canopy	3,392	101,472	110,000	111,000
Arts Commission	76,675			
Public Art Funds	88,712	176,117	348,500	369,300
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS:</b>	\$ 3,826,495	\$ 5,148,768	\$ 4,158,652	\$ 4,477,013
<b>ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Street Lighting Fund	658,543	688,247	650,050	706,000
Water Fund	7,771,847	8,714,812	12,197,334	14,621,311
Wastewater Fund	19,609,963	21,470,818	19,759,659	16,672,037
Water Cap Fee Fund	205,902		1,700,000	3,900,000
WWTP Cap Fees Fund	596,206	620,850	1,000,000	1,250,000
Sanitation Fund	3,291,781	3,829,307	4,154,083	3,959,644
City Parking Fund	603,382	787,125	289,880	1,375,011
Drainage	899,681	1,028,625	1,799,624	1,821,546
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE EXPENDITURES:</b>	\$ 33,637,305	\$ 37,139,784	\$ 41,550,630	\$ 44,305,549
FIDUCIARY FUNDS:	2,790,838	2,974,754	2,961,960	3,250,041
STREET CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS:	3,359,601	416,590	731,000	1,611,812
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS:	931,104	1,379,681	876,931	878,932
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES:</b>	\$ 86,199,772	\$ 86,759,685	\$ 90,685,504	\$ 97,303,280
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
Property Taxes:				

General Levy	19,353,373	19,756,440	19,906,067	20,910,045
Library Levy	1,562,216	1,617,578	1,689,288	1,743,616
Fireman's Retirement Fund Levy	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
2006 and 2008 G.O. Bond Levy	894,420	899,949	876,931	878,932
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES:</b>	<b>\$ 22,060,009</b>	<b>\$ 22,523,967</b>	<b>\$ 22,722,286</b>	<b>\$ 23,782,593</b>
	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
<b>ESTIMATED OTHER REVENUES:</b>				
Interfund Transfers	3,620,599	4,805,617	6,294,930	8,865,140
Beginning Balance	42,806,074	43,480,736	23,418,751	25,335,773
Other Revenue:				
General Fund	17,161,734	18,222,417	16,964,034	17,795,224
Library Fund	35,173	54,183	35,100	19,150
Community Development Block Grant	111,745	145,382	408,854	597,467
Parks Capital Improvement Fund	172,301	1,927,396	164,000	178,248
Cemetery	182,200	187,951	187,000	187,488
Annexation Fee Fund	458,526	189,923	1,000	80,000
Impact Fee Fund	840,271	1,068,853	870,000	885,000
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	3,563	(6,252)	20,000	50,000
Jewett House	16,964	24,515	16,000	19,000
Reforestation	91,829	77,010	3,000	6,000
Street Trees	5,521	6,633	84,250	83,000
Community Canopy	2,664	1,195	2,000	2,000
Public Art Funds	118,193	134,145	104,000	104,000
Street Lighting Fund	531,082	538,295	558,152	575,000
Water Fund	6,060,777	6,446,295	7,891,619	6,277,400
Wastewater Fund	9,788,926	10,662,775	14,930,251	11,550,767
Water Capitalization Fees	1,087,709	1,298,519	1,000,000	1,250,000
WWTP Capitalization Fees	1,931,112	2,842,234	1,360,000	1,300,000
Sanitation Fund	4,131,448	4,258,138	4,211,000	4,330,000
City Parking Fund	525,574	632,034	496,566	748,475
Drainage	1,043,326	1,053,884	1,032,088	1,045,329
Fiduciary Funds	2,319,688	2,801,500	2,728,500	3,024,800
Capital Projects Fund	2,082,853	431,164	142,500	804,500
Debt Service Fund	13,731	15,302		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:</b>	<b>\$ 95,143,583</b>	<b>\$101,299,844</b>	<b>\$82,923,595</b>	<b>\$ 85,113,761</b>
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>	\$ 22,060,009	\$ 22,523,967	\$ 22,722,286	\$ 23,782,593
<b>OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES</b>	95,143,583	101,299,844	82,923,595	85,113,761
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	\$ 117,203,592	\$123,823,811	\$105,645,881	\$108,896,354

**STAFF REPORT:** City Comptroller Vonnie Jensen noted that the proposed resolution sets the public hearing date and the high dollar amount (\$97,303,280) in expenditures for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Financial Plan (Annual Appropriation). The financial plan is an estimate of revenues and expenditures for the upcoming year. The expenditures are classified by department, as well as by fund or service, and the revenues are classified by source. Included in the budget as per Idaho Code 50-1002 are actual revenues and expenditures from the prior two fiscal years, budgeted revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year, and proposed revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Jensen began with a list of what was already cut from the first proposed budget, those cuts equaling \$744,971. The revenue includes a 3 percent increase in property tax revenue (\$655,361), new growth from property taxes (\$402,945), but no foregone property taxes are being requested. She reviewed the prior year's new construction impact. The current Fund Balance is \$9,799,963, which is 24 percent of expenses. She clarified that several expenses will be paid out within this fiscal year, bringing the year-end Fund Balance to \$5,772,195 at September 30, 2020. Ms. Jensen noted that over the past ten years the Fund Balance has ranged from 12 percent to 24 percent. This year, staff is recommending capital items be funded through the Fund Balance (in the amount of \$1,000,573). She noted that the proposed budget includes an additional 2.74 full-time employees (FTE), with a cost of \$187,130. Additionally, Ms. Jensen reviewed the estimated levy rate for 2019 (including the 3% property tax) at \$4.64 compared to 2018 at \$5.51 and provided an example of the impact to a house valued at \$300,000 showing an increase of \$29.82 per year. However, if the property had no increase in valuation the cost would be a decrease of \$66.00 per year. She reviewed the capital expenses that will be paid out of the Parking Fund. Highlights include a turf vehicle, pick-up truck, Ramsey Park irrigation system, and Tubbs Hill wildfire mitigation. Ms. Jensen reiterated that the highwater mark resolution sets the highest a Council can set the budget in September but it can be lowered.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Edinger asked where the funding was for Person Field development. Mr. Greenwood explained that it was not budgeted this fiscal year but is on the long-range plan, as the restrooms and ADA elements are very expensive. Councilmember Gookin noted that he does not like increasing taxes; however, he will be voting yes to this item.

**MOTION:** Motion by McEvers, seconded by Edinger to authorize **Resolution No. 19-027**, Setting the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and scheduling a public hearing for September 3, 2019.

**ROLL CALL:** Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Edinger Aye. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Widmyer recused himself for this item, due to a conflict of interest.

### **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION REGARDING SP-1-19**

**STAFF REPORT:** City Attorney Mike Gridley explained that the City received a request from Terry Godbout to reconsider its decision on the June 4, 2019 appeal hearing for SP-1-19. He explained that the request for reconsideration does not raise any new issues of fact or law that were not previously raised and considered at the June 4, 2019 public hearing on the appeal. Therefore, he recommends that the request for reconsideration be denied.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gookin asked for clarification regarding an e-mail received by the parties regarding other requests for reconsideration moving forward, while this one is not recommended to move forward. Mr. Gridley explained that another request for reconsideration, on another item, was received by the City recently. There was a misstatement that it was moving forward and at this time it is being reviewed and will be brought forward to the City Council at a later date to determine in the same manner as this request. Mr. Gridley stated that this is not being recommended to be reconsidered as Mr. Godbout references the same reasons as previously given at the hearing. Councilmember McEvers stated that he does not remember this type of request coming up in the past. Mr. Gridley explained that the state legislature added this language to the code in 2016, which makes sense if a commission makes a mistake, then there is an avenue to reconsider and hold a new hearing. Councilmember Miller asked if the statute states that the purpose has to be included in the request. Mr. Gridley clarified that it requires the requester note specific deficiencies, which they said were the same ones already presented. Mr. Gridley explained that the Council's decision is to determine if they want to reconsider their position or not based on the information provided. Councilmember Miller asked if the Council would still need to be definitive that they disagree with a Planning Commission finding in order to reverse the decision. Mr. Gridley explained that the Council could say that they changed their mind, or could vote to re-hear the hearing and would have to make findings different from the Planning Commission. Councilmember Miller said that she believes the Council reaffirmed the Planning Commission findings on June 4, 2019 and no new evidence was presented.

**MOTION:** Motion by Miller, seconded by Edinger, to deny the request for reconsideration of decision regarding SP-1-19 as no new evidence was presented. **Motion carried.**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-028**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING A PROCESS TO CREATE NO PARKING ZONES IN FRONT OF EACH YARD GATE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST LAKESHORE DRIVE BETWEEN 11TH STREET AND 15TH STREET.**

**STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Gridley explained that the properties on East Lakeshore Avenue between 11th and 15th Streets are unique because the waterfront portion of the properties are separated by a City street. Therefore, property owners can only access the water-front property for lawn maintenance and other personal use from gates located along East Lakeshore Drive. These south side of the street properties have allowable on-street public parking. However,

when people park in front of the access gates to the private waterfront property it creates a problem for the property owners to get lawnmowers, wheel barrows, etc. on to their property. Residents of this portion of East Lakeshore Drive have requested that “No Parking” be painted on the street in an approximately 4 foot by 6-foot box in front of their gates. The effect would be similar to the City’s parking ordinance that prohibits parking in front of a private driveway. There would be a minor expense to paint “No Parking” on the street. The City would enforce the violations as they do other parking violations. He suggested the program require the property owners to contact the Street & Engineering Department in writing and designate one access point to be marked. The Resolution would help to eliminate an ongoing source of contention, confusion, and inconvenience for the property owners trying to access their property and citizens parking on East Lakeshore Drive.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gookin asked if the enforcement would be through Police or through the Citizens on Patrol program. Mr. Gridley said that it could be Police or Code Enforcement as he is not sure about the Citizens on Patrol program. He noted that council’s action would provide the code to make it legally enforceable.

**MOTION:** Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers, to approve **Resolution No. 19-028**, Establishing “No Parking” in front of yard gates on the south side of East Lakeshore Drive between 11th Street and 15th Street.

**ROLL CALL:** Gookin Aye; English Aye; Edinger Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye. **Motion carried.**

**LEGISLATIVE HEARING FOR A-3-19 -A PROPOSED 6.125 ACRE ANNEXATION FROM COUNTY RURAL INDUSTRIAL TO R-1 ZONING DISTRICT; LOCATION: 4176 E. POTLATCH HILL ROAD; APPLICANT: VIRGINIA TATE.**

**STAFF REPORT:** Senior Planner Sean Holm explained that the applicant Virginia Tate is requesting annexation of 6.125 acres zoned from County Rural Industrial to City R-1 (Residential 1 unit/acre) zoning on the property located at 4176 E. Potlatch Hill Road. Mr. Holm noted that this request has been filed in conjunction with a short plat application to subdivide the property into 4 parcels. He explained the past water line easements and water service to the Armstrong Park area and the Hillside Ordinance regulations that would apply. Mr. Holm noted that there are four findings required for the annexation as follows: that the request is or is not in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan; that public facilities and utilities are or are not available and adequate for the proposed use; that the physical characteristics of the site do or do not make it an acceptable request at this time; and that the proposal would or would not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood. He presented the surrounding zoning, land uses, and applicable Comprehensive Plan objectives and provided staff input regarding the finding categories including traffic.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:**

The City Clerk swore in the applicant before testimony was given.

**APPLICANT:** Peter Smith noted that he was the applicant's representative. The staff report and ordinances confirm that the annexation should be approved. It is a low impact annexation and would add some fire suppression to the area. He noted that there is a settlement agreement included in the packet and asked that the annexation be approved.

Closed public comment.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by Edinger to approve A-3-19 -A proposed 6.125 acre annexation from County Rural Industrial to R-1 zoning district; Location: 4176 E. Potlatch Hill Road; Applicant: Virginia Tate, to direct staff to negotiate an annexation agreement, and to develop the necessary Findings and Order.

**ROLL CALL:** English Aye; Edinger Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye. **Motion carried.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-029**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT [A-3-19] WITH VIRGINIA L. TATE, FOR THAT PORTION OF HER PROPERTY NORTH OF E. POTLACH ROAD AND E. SKY HARBOR DRIVE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE AGREEMENT.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by English to approve **Resolution No. 19-029**, Annexation Agreement with Virginia Tate for the annexation of 6.125 acres at 4176 E. Potlatch Hill Road to be zoned from County Rural Industrial to R-1 zoning district.

**ROLL CALL:** English Aye; Edinger Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye. **Motion carried.**

#### **COUNCIL BILL NO. 19-1007**

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO AND DECLARING TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PORTIONS OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 50, NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN; ZONING SUCH SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PROPERTY HEREBY ANNEXED; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by McEvers, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 19-1007** once by title only.

**ROLL CALL:** Edinger Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by McEvers, to adopt **Council Bill 19-1007**.

**ROLL CALL:** Edinger Aye; Miller Aye; McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye. **Motion carried.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Woody McEvers, Council President

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Renata McLeod, City Clerk