

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

January 4, 2011

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 January 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

Mike Kennedy)	Members of Council Present
A. J. Al Hassell, III)	
John Bruning)	
Deanna Goodlander)	
Woody McEvers)	
Loren Ron Edinger)	

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bloem.

INVOCATION: The invocation was led by Pastor Paul VanNoy, Candlelight Christian Fellowship.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman Hassell.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 10-1027

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING TITLE 5 BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER, TO BE DESIGNATED CHAPTER 5.07, ENTITLED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SERVER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger to bring Council Bill No. 10-1027 forward. Motion carried.

Councilman Kennedy noted that this item has been discussed with the downtown bar owners and was brought forward through the General Services Committee. Since this ordinance affects more bars and restaurants outside the downtown area and who have not had an opportunity to review and discuss this issue he would give the other bars and restaurants an opportunity to review the proposed regulations before the City Council takes action on the Council Bill.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Edinger to table this item and refer it to the General Services Committee meeting on February 21st. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – ANNUAL DISABILITY ADVOCATE AWARDS: Patrick Blum and Virgil Edwards Representing the Disability Action Center presented their annual awards to Pattie McGruder, Dusty Rhodes, Robert Baker, and Albertson's on Ironwood.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

TAXI CALL STANDS: Scott Dimberg, 1008 Mullan Avenue, owner of Scott's Taxi Service, voiced his concern of the proposed call stands for taxis in one location. He believes that allowing taxis to park in the 15 minute parking zones along Sherman is a better plan than having the cabs all in one location. He also proposed that the call stands should be located on all four corners of 4th and Sherman.

TAXI CALL STANDS: Whitney Hall, 1040 E. Mountain, recently purchased Chillers Bar. She thanked the Council for tabling the bartender training issue. She is concerned about not allowing taxi cab drivers to pick up patrons inside the bar. She proposed the City providing a parking lot for taxis.

CHRISTMAS SALES OF LIQUOR: Brent Russell, 6751 W Ben Pointe, questioned why, when there is a law that does not allow the sale of liquor on Christmas, that there are bars in this town that do sell on Christmas. He mentioned that he had checked with Kathy Lewis and she informed him that it is illegal to sell liquor on Christmas Day.

FERNAN LAKE PROPERTY: Ron Ayers, 319 E. Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive spoke in support of purchasing the property on south side of Fernan Lake. Denise Wetzel, 3487 E. Manning Loop, spoke in support of the purchase of the parcel of property south of Fernan Lake.

OPEN SPACE ACCESSIBILITY: Patrick Blum, 8459 n. Sunny Lane, Hayden , spoke in favor of any open space being available to all people with disabilities. Virgil Edwards, 3451 Seltice Way, also spoke in support of providing access to every public venue available to the public. Terra Dunham, 1115 Ironwood Drive, spoke in support of providing access for people with disabilities to all public spaces.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Edinger to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1. Approval of minutes for December 21, 2010.
2. Setting the General Services Committee and the Public Works Committee meetings for Monday, January 10th at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
3. Declaring Building Department Richo Copier as surplus with zero value and authorizing staff to dispose of the copier.

ROLL CALL: McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Deputy City Administrator Jon Ingalls announced that an Open House for the proposed McEuen Park project will be held this Thursday, January 6th, at 6:00 PM, at North Idaho College, Student Union Building, in the Lake Coeur d'Alene Room. For more information, access the city's web site at www.mceuenpark.com or contact Parks Director Doug Eastwood at 769-2252. Please recycle cereal & cracker boxes and junk mail. Partners Blue Bird Recycling and Kootenai County Solid Waste weren't seeing cereal boxes, cracker boxes, and junk mail – all items which ARE recyclable in the program. Please be sure to add these items to your blue cart. Glass and plastic bags are two of the only regular household items the program does not accept. For more information, please call Waste Management at 765-4968. Waste Management of Idaho suspended alley trash and recycling services in Coeur d'Alene. Until otherwise notified, please place your trash and recycling materials in front of your home on your service day. After pick-up, please remove your garbage container from the street so city plows can do their job. For additional information, please call 765-4968. The city is currently in the process of updating its housing needs assessment and seeking information regarding Fair Housing

choices within Coeur d'Alene. Residents can provide input by visiting the city web page at www.cdaid.org and completing the survey, or by printing a hard copy, filling it out, and then mailing it in or dropping it by City Hall, at 710 East Mullan, The deadline for submitting a survey is January 15, 2011. The City of Coeur d'Alene continuously accepts applications and holds them on file for one year for the following positions: Police Officer, Secretarial/Clerical, Janitorial, Library Clerk, and Attorney. For applications and job information, please visit our website at www.cdaid.org or call the Human Resources Department at 769-2205. The Ped/Bike Safety Tip is when riding bicycles in inclement weather, avoid surfaces like tire tracks in the snow, metal bridges, painted lines, or metal plates. They are often slippery. Try to cross at a 90-degree angle. Also, remember to use your brakes often and early. Kudos to the Street Maintenance Department for their efforts last week to clear nearly a foot of snow that fell from the year's 4th major storm – a storm dubbed “Debbie Sue.” Online practice testing, job search skills, and career resources are available through the Learning Express at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library. Also, a link labeled Test Prep – GED, etc. is available at www.cdalibrary.org. The site includes interactive skill-building courses in math, reading, and writing, as well as a broad range of practice tests based on official exams such as the ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB Core, EMT Basic, firefighter, police officer, and paramedic exams. Basic computer literacy help sessions will resume at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library which are scheduled to begin January 11 as part of the joint Library Foundation-North Idaho College Re-Tool Box Program. For more information, please contact the library at 769-2426. There are two vacancies on the city's Noise Abatement Board. Please contact Susan Weathers at 769-2231 for an application.

RESOLUTION 11-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO CREATING A TAXI CAB PICK UP / DROP OFF “OPEN STAND.”

STAFF REPORT: Captain Steve Childers, presented a proposal of an evening taxi parking zone on the east side of 4th Street from Front Avenue to Sherman Avenue from 10 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., seven days a week. Capt. Childers noted that this request is being recommended by the Parking Commission in conjunction with input from the Downtown Association and the Police Department. The purpose of the designated evening taxi parking zone is to consistently provide a central location where patrons' downtown can access transportation that is convenient and reliable. In addition, the proposed taxi parking zone is designed to provide an option for transportation and increase public safety while working with the bar/restaurant owners. The taxi service must be licensed with the City. There would be less than \$100.00 spent on signage. Cars that are parked in the taxi zone would be cited; however, there could be the option of towing.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bruning to adopt Resolution 11-001.

ROLL CALL: Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Edinger, Aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 3399 COUNCIL BILL NO. 10-1026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 5.56.100 TO CREATE DESIGNATED TAXICAB “NO PICK-UP / DROP-OFF ZONES”; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING

A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bruning to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 20-1026.

ROLL CALL: Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, No; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Edinger, seconded by Kennedy to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 10-1026 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Edinger, Aye; Hassell, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Bruning, Aye. Motion carried.

LAND PURCHASE – SOUTH SIDE OF FERNAN LAKE: Doug Eastwood is requesting approval to enter into a purchase agreement for 7 acres of land on the south side of Fernan Lake adjacent to the 47 city owned acres. Mr. Eastwood explained that this parcel of land was platted for residential housing and is in the city limits. The land owners approached the City about a year ago to see if they would be interested in acquiring the land as the economy and the housing market had taken a down-turn. This land is one of the flattest parcels on the hillside and it would create the ideal access, or trail head, for the adjacent city owned property. The property was originally listed at \$750,000 prior to the down economy. The City had it appraised at \$475,000 and the owners have agreed to a \$462,500 selling price. Staff would propose to put \$150,000 down and pay the remainder over five years at \$62,500 per year. The funds to pay for the property would come out of the Parks Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Eastwood added that the number one request by CDA Citizens has been for more open space acquisition and access. Since 2006 this has been an adopted recommendation to acquire hillsides, waterfront and other properties for public use. The City surveyed the public in 2008 when they updated the Parks Master Plan and did a confirmation survey this past summer to see if the public priorities remained the same. The seven acres would provide a trail head with off street parking and allow the public to safely walk on a proposed trail system. The City also has an opportunity to provide ADA access on the upper part of these additional seven acres so anyone that desires to enjoy the spectacular views and vistas can do so.

Motion by Goodlander, seconded by Bruning to authorize staff to negotiate a purchase agreement for the 7-acre parcel adjacent to city owned property on the south side of Fernan Lake. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Hassell, seconded by Bruning to recess this meeting to January 13th at 12:00 noon at Fire Station No. 2 for an Off-Street Parking workshop. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Weathers, CMC
City Clerk