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

# August 16, 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 August 16, 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**: Stuart Bryan with Trinity Church led the invocation.

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

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**: Mayor Hammond noted he was removing the request to appoint Stephen McCrea to the Library Board from the agenda in order to allow more time for interested persons to submit applications.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Fire Department Inspector Craig Etherton said the Fire Department wished to present awards of exemplary action to Hagadone Marina staff and a Marina tenant for services above and beyond for three (3) separate incidents that occurred this summer. The individuals were being presented Exemplary Action Awards for their actions in relation to the Lightning Storm fire at Silver Beach on July 15, 2022, and for two (2) separate boat fire incidents at Silver Beach on July 5, and July 9, 2022. He explained all the awardees had participated in the Fire Department's public education fire extinguisher training classes and that their training and quick actions prevented the fires from spreading. He presented an Exemplary Action Award to Donna Frederick, Reilley Chapman, and Channing Elvidge for their quick actions during the Lightning Storm sail boat incident on July 15, 2022. Jackson Call was presented an award for his guick actions during the July 5, 2022, flash fire boat fire near the fueling station. Christian Ruehl and Shado Nelson were presented awards for their efforts during the Silver Beach boat fire on July 9, 2022. Fire Inspector Etherton thanked Lindsay Oldstead of Hagadone Marine Group for scheduling the training for their employees and mentioned the training was available to anyone in the community. Mayor Hammond thanked Inspector Etherton and the Fire Department for conducting the training, recognizing the individuals, and the awardees for their quick actions. Inspector Etherton noted

that the Fire Department offers fire extinguisher training to any group within the community and encourage citizens to contact the Fire Department to schedule a training.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Councilmember Miller noted the Library will be exhibiting the traveling Idaho State Constitution until August 19, and that the Library Trustees were pleased with the new library hours which were working well and usage was up. Councilmember Gookin said he would like to receive feedback at an upcoming sub-committee regarding the Ironman contract before the renewal came back before Council for approval.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 1. Approval of Council Minutes for the August 2, 2022, Council Meeting.
- 2. Setting of the General Service/Public Works Committee Meeting for August 22, 2022.
- 3. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
- 4. Approval of Financial Report.
- 5. Approval of a Cemetery Lot Repurchase: William Flook, Section RIV, Block A, lot 253, Forest Cemetery Annex (Riverview).

# As recommended by the City Clerk

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

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Diana Sheridan, Coeur d'Alene, stated during the August 8, 2022 Council meeting, a public commenter's microphone was turned off. She said free speech and assembly should be uninhibited, robust, and wide open.

Dan Bell, Coeur d'Alene, said the public should be allowed to speak freely and cutting off speech that may not be popular was not appropriate. He asked that Council consider the constitutional rights of citizens before taking quick action, and read a portion of the police officers oath of office.

Linda Putz, Hayden, said she felt a member of the Arts Commission should be removed based on her personal Facebook page posts and comments she made during meetings. She requested Council ask for the Commissioner Drake's resignation.

Justin O' Connell, Coeur d'Alene, said he wished to thank the Council for the proposed property tax increase in the upcoming City budget and noted many homes in Kootenai County were over assessed.

Cecil Kelly III, Coeur d'Alene, thanked the Council for opening invocations to all faith groups. He said he believed in common courtesy and rule of law.

Richard Dance, Hayden, stated he and his spouse were from the Church of Latter-Day Saints, and were in favor of the changes to the invocation policy. He said there were eight (8) congregations

within the City limits and they would submit one entry into the new lottery system in order to preserve diversity in the invocations.

Kaylee Peterson, Eagle, stated she had heard from people in the community who were afraid of others' Second Amendment rights infringing on their safety, and others' First Amendment rights infringing on their right to live free of harassment, which is why she is running for congress She thanked the Council for upholding citizen rights.

Laura Tenneson, Coeur d'Alene, thanked Council for opening the lottery system and including all faith groups. She said she appreciated Council's work on the invocation sign-ups, and the lottery would create the most opportunities for all faith leaders to participate.

Teresa Borrenpohl, Post Falls, asked Council to take action when comments at the podium signal white supremacy and/or white nationalism. She suggested adding a searchable online database which would make public comments made at Council meetings searchable.

Alicia Abbott, Sandpoint, stated she worked for an organization called the Idaho 97% project. She noted they were seeing an increase in negative rhetoric at meetings, was in support of the updated invocation process, and encouraged the Council to make public statements after the fact.

Roger Smith, Coeur d'Alene, thanked the Council for their service. He noted there was a noise problem on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, with vehicles going in and out of the McEuen Park parking lot. He said he sent a letter to the Police Chief and had received no response. He requested a neighborhood meeting with the Police Department to discuss the issue.

Ben Cooper, Coeur d'Alene, stated he previously noted the unconstitutional arrest of the Patriot Front group, and several pastors in support of CDA Pride and Redoubt Antifa. He said Antifa was involved with the organizing of the CDA Pride event, and the FBI were involved in the surveillance of the Patriot Front group.

Russell McLain, Coeur d'Alene, stated he was a longtime resident of Coeur d'Alene and his daughter was unable to have her wedding in Coeur d'Alene because of the current atmosphere of hate in the area. He was saddened and upset by the current situation and said the community in the past had always been friendly and respectful even while disagreeing.

# 2022-2023 FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE

STAFF REPORT: Finance Department Comptroller Vonnie Jensen gave an update on the preliminary budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. She mentioned the City had received the new taxation and new construction numbers from Kootenai County. She said the Lake District Urban Renewal District (URD) closure equaled \$5.3 Million, with \$3.5 Million being returned to property owners. The preliminary City levy rate is .002% and would generate \$930,000 from the closure of the Lake District. She said the suggested changes to the Preliminary Budget were a decrease in estimated new growth, increase of the highway user tax, liquor tax, prior year property tax collections, and the use of Fund balance. She also suggested a decrease in the street overlay budget item. She noted the increases would not cause an increase to the City's overall property owners

due to the Lake District closure, yet residential property owners may see an increase in property taxes due to the large increases in taxable valuations of residential properties. She also noted some highlights from the budget included an increase for health insurance premiums, merit increases, COLAs, services and supplies, one-time capital funding, and eight (8) new FTE positions.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gookin stated people would see a benefit from the return of the \$3.5 Million from the closure of the URD District, and asked if sales tax had been adjusted in the budget as well, with Ms. Jensen responding sales taxes were higher this year with the number being provided by the state, so she hadn't increased the amount in the updated budget. Councilmember Gookin said he would like to add the overlay funds back into the budget in anticipation of the increased sales taxes and increase the estimate sales tax by that amount to balance. Councilmember English stated the big picture was private property owners were not given the same benefit as commercial property owners in the current tax assessment formula regulated by the state. Councilmember Wood asked about the COLA and how it could be set at 5% when negotiations with employee groups had not been completed, with City Administrator Troy Tymesen responding the City would continue to work towards the 5% and were able to make amendments up to Oct 2. Councilmember Wood stated she would like to include funding for signing bonuses as a line item in the Police Department's personnel budget.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by English, to eliminate the decrease in the overlay budget restoring it to the original amount in the preliminary budget. **Motion carried.** 

**MOTION:** Motion by Wood, seconded by Gookin, to include a line item for the employment expenses be included in the Police Department budget. **Motion carried,** with Councilmember McEvers voting no.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember McEvers asked how adding the signing bonus would affect the 5% COLA and did it stay with the position, with Councilmember Wood responding the funds were already available in the Police Department budget due to salary savings. Councilmember Evans asked for clarification that it was not adding funds to the budget but reallocating funds, with Councilmember Wood affirming. Councilmember English said a signing bonus should be spelled out clearly, salary savings only work while there were vacancies, and ongoing funding would need to be identified. Mr. Tymesen clarified \$80,000 was in the Preliminary Financial Plan (budget) to fund the hiring bonus, under the Official Representation account. Councilmember Wood stated she preferred to have the funds located on the personnel side of the Police Department's budget and recognized as a signing bonus. Councilmember Gookin asked in relation to the Lake District URD closure was the Arts Commission fully funded in the upcoming budget, with Ms. Jensen responding they would continue to receive 1.33% of the capital project expenditures for above ground construction projects completed by the City.

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Gookin, seconded by Miller, to defund CDA2030. Motion later withdrawn.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Miller said she was not in support of the motion to defund CDA2030 at this time, yet she was not supportive of funding them as-is, and said there were changes occurring at CDA2030 through new leadership and updated goals. Councilmember

Gookin said the work done at CDA2030 was okay, yet they could operate as a City committee, not an outside organization, and asked what the benefit was for the City. Councilmember Evans agreed it would be great to hear from CDA2030 on a regular basis, she was in support of their work, and the work they completed on the City's Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember English said he was not in support of defunding CDA2030, but changes were warranted. Councilmember Miller stated the creation of CDA2030 was based on the Bend, Oregon, 2030 organization which had gone through a transition and had evolved. She said with the restructuring of CDA2030, she would like to stay the course in order to give them an opportunity to retool. Councilmember McEvers asked if other cities supported CDA2030 financially, with Councilmember Gookin responding the biggest donors were the City's Urban Renewal Agency and the City. Councilmember Evans noted they had many sponsors in addition to the main donors.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-037 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

STAFF REPORT: Comptroller Vonnie Jensen stated the City Council annually amends the original appropriations ordinance for unanticipated expenditures. She noted the budget amendment showed increases in expenditures due to carryovers of projects, state and federal grants received, drug forfeiture funds, funding received in FY 2020-21 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), funding from ignite cda, and miscellaneous additional items. She said additional revenues of \$862,348 had been received in the General Fund to cover the increased expenses for the fiscal year, and \$776,951 was coming from the designated fund balance. She noted the majority of the designated fund balance was being amended for overlay funds carried over from the previous fiscal year, and drug forfeiture funds were used for the purchase of an armored vehicle. She requested Council approve Resolution No. 22-037, amending the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget to increase the budget by a total of \$3,207,899.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-037**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022, INCLUDING PROPOSED EXPENDITURES BY FUND AND/OR DEPARTMENT, AND A STATEMENT OF THE AMENDED ESTIMATED REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES AND THE AMENDED TOTAL AMOUNT FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CITY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE SAME.

WHEREAS, it is necessary, pursuant to Idaho Code § 50-1003, for the City Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene, prior to passing an Amended Annual Appropriation Ordinance, to prepare a proposed amended Budget, tentatively approve the same, enter such proposed amended Budget at length in the journal of the proceedings, publish the proposed amended Budget, and set 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 Amended Estimate of Expenditures and Anticipated Revenue of the City of Coeur d'Alene for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021:

		FY 2021-22
	FY 2021-22	<b>AMENDED</b>
	BUDGET	BUDGET
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:		
Mayor and Council	\$269,845	\$269,845
Administration	223,074	223,074
Finance Department	1,298,646	1,298,646
Municipal Services	2,221,228	2,221,228
Human Resources	434,882	434,882
Legal Department	1,313,540	1,313,540
Planning Department	714,518	714,518
Building Maintenance	702,899	803,449
Police Department	18,107,761	18,248,609
Fire Department	11,547,576	12,271,026
General Government	47,180	47,180
Streets and Engineering	5,170,563	5,818,514
Parks Department	2,617,467	2,631,467
Recreation Department	755,417	755,417
Building Inspection	1,004,364	1,016,864
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:	\$46,428,960	\$48,068,259

	FY 2021-22 BUDGET	FY 2021-22 AMENDED BUDGET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND EXPENDITURES:		
Library Fund	\$1,796,065	\$1,800,565
Community Development Block Grant	550,372	550,372
Impact Fee Fund	769,000	1,129,000
Parks Capital Improvements	465,460	617,460
Annexation Fee Fund	175,000	175,000
Cemetery Fund	414,040	414,040
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	166,500	166,500
Jewett House	26,353	26,353
Reforestation/Street Trees/Community Canopy	120,000	120,000
Public Art Funds	461,300	461,300
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS:	\$4,944,090	\$5,460,590
ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENDITURES:		
Street Lighting Fund	\$658,900	\$748,900
Water Fund	12,306,910	12,306,910
Wastewater Fund	24,913,490	25,389,490
Wastewater Property Management		26,100
Water Cap Fee Fund	2,650,000	2,650,000
WWTP Cap Fees Fund	3,840,853	3,840,853
Sanitation Fund	4,562,297	4,622,297
City Parking Fund	1,718,619	1,718,619
Drainage	2,121,738	2,121,738
TOTAL ENTERPRISE EXPENDITURES:	\$52,772,807	\$53,424,907
FIDUCIARY FUNDS:	\$3,276,235	\$3,276,235
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS:	1,400,000	1,800,000
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS:	878,408	878,408
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES:	\$109,700,500	\$112,908,399
		FY 2021-22
ESTIMATED REVENUES:	FY 2021-22	AMENDED
Property Taxes:	BUDGET	BUDGET
General Levy	¢21 001 020	¢21 001 020
Library Levy	\$21,801,829	\$21,801,829
	1,622,045	1,622,045
Fireman's Retirement Fund Levy	250,000	250,000
2015 G.O. Bond Levy	878,408	878,408
TOTAL REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES:	\$24,552,282	\$24,552,282

ESTIMATED OTHER REVENUES:	FY 2021-22 BUDGET	FY 2021-22 AMENDED BUDGET
Interfund Transfers	\$10,518,451	¢10 979 451
Beginning Balance	24,214,160	\$10,878,451
Other Revenue:	24,214,100	25,401,111
General Fund	20,148,354	21,010,702
Library Fund	16,891	21,391
Community Development Block Grant	550,372	550,372
Parks Capital Improvement Fund	175,153	305,153
Cemetery	195,324	195,324
Annexation Fee Fund	175,000	175,000
Impact Fee Fund	567,000	567,000
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	10,000	10,000
Jewett House	12,353	12,353
Street Trees	80,800	80,800
Community Canopy	1,500	1,500
Public Art Funds	138,300	138,300
Street Lighting Fund	620,500	670,500
Water Fund	6,677,500	6,677,500
Wastewater Fund	12,557,800	13,033,800
Wastewater Property Management		26,100
Water Capitalization Fees	1,165,000	1,165,000
WWTP Capitalization Fees	1,515,000	1,515,000
Sanitation Fund	4,457,000	4,517,000
City Parking Fund	850,500	850,500
Drainage	1,058,000	1,058,000
Fiduciary Funds	3,017,950	3,017,950
Capital Projects Fund	551,000	603,000
TOTAL REVENUE OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:	\$89,273,908	\$92,481,807
		FY 2021-22
SUMMARY:	FY 2021-22	<b>AMENDED</b>
	BUDGET	BUDGET
PROPERTY TAXES	\$24,552,282	\$24,552,282
OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES	89,273,908	92,481,807
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$113,826,190	\$117,034,089

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the same be spread upon the Minutes of this meeting and published in two (2) issues of the Coeur d'Alene Press, seven (7) days apart, on August 24, 2022, and August 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing on the Budget be held on the 20th day of September, 2022, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m. on said day, at which time any interested person may appear and show cause, if any, why the proposed amended Budget should or should not be adopted.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood, to approve Resolution No. 22-037, Approving the Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and Scheduling a Public Hearing for September 20, 2022.

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-038**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING THE LHTAC/LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL (LHTAC) FOR THE 2022 LOCAL CHILDREN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (CPS) PROGRAM PRAIRIE TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT.

STAFF REPORT: City Trails Coordinator Monte McCully said the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) announced a "no-match" grant in the amount of \$250,000 for building sidewalks, trails, and safe crossings for children to safely walk or bike to school. The Parks Department applied for the grant and was sent a notice of the award in July. He said the project would also include adding a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at Huetter and the trail for additional safety. He said in 2008, the Prairie Trail was constructed through a combined effort by the City, ignite cda, the KROC Center, and the Centennial Trail Foundation. At the time, the newly constructed trail covered four (4) miles from Beebe Boulevard to Huetter Road, although the first mile was later redesignated as the Centennial Trail as it was a better route than existed at the time for the Centennial Trail. He noted the trail had become increasingly popular among trail users and had some of the highest trail user counts in the City. He said the Parks Master Plan and the KMPO Non-Motorized Plan had called for extending the Prairie Trail to Hwy 41, creating links from Coeur d'Alene to Post Falls and Rathdrum. He mentioned the City limits and the trail ended at Huetter Road, but the old railroad line extended another 1.16 miles to Meyer Road. He said the section of the railroad line came to ignite cda through a series of loans and defaults on those loans, and was eventually gifted to the City due to a land swap that occurred between the railroad and the Centennial Trail Foundation. The Trail Foundation has pushed to extend the trail for several years and an anonymous donor gave \$50,000 to help with the project. He said the funds for the Prairie Trail Extension and RRFB would come from the following sources: Children Pedestrian Safety Program Grant \$250,000.00, and Centennial Trail Foundation \$50,000.00, for a total of \$300,000.00. He said the gravel base and asphalt costs were estimated at \$184,000, and earthwork and subgrade costs were estimated at \$100,000. The RRFB, crosswalk paint, signs and posts were \$10,000. He requested Council accept the 2022 Children Pedestrian Safety Program Grant for the extension of the Prairie Trail from Huetter to Meyer Road, and authorize the extension which would include adding a RRFB crossing light on Huetter Avenue.

**MOTION:** Motion by Evans, seconded by Miller, to approve **Resolution No. 22-038**, **Approving** the Agreement with LHTAC for the 2022 Local Children Pedestrian Safety Program, Prairie Trail Extension Project.

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

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked if there were any utilities planned along the trail, with Mr. McCully responding there were no utilities along the trail and they were not planning to add any at this time. He noted there were still railroad tracks along the last 600' of the trail and they would request an easement to remove them. Councilmember Wood thanked Mr. McCully for going after the grant funds and said she was fully supportive of the resolution to accept the grant. Councilmember Gookin stated he was uncomfortable spending money outside the City and asked if there were other projects within the City the grant funds could have been used for; such as to install addition flashing beacons or crosswalks, with Mr. McCully responding they were specifically looking at trails. Mr. McCully noted the grant was available each year and in two years they could apply for the grant again and look for locations within the City to install flashing beacons, etc. Councilmember Gookin asked if the Streets Department would be completing the work, with Mr. McCully responding he had bids from private contractors yet the Streets Department could do the work if needed. Councilmember Gookin said he strongly objected to the Streets Department doing work outside City limits, and recommended hiring independent contractors. Councilmember Evans thanked Mr. McCully for his work to obtain the grant.

# APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INVOCATIONS POLICY TO ALLOW ANY NON-PROFIT FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION WITHIN KOOTENAI COUNTY TO PROVIDE THE INVOCATION BEFORE A COUNCIL MEETING.

STAFF REPORT: Municipal Services Director/City Clerk Renata McLeod said she and City Attorney Randy Adams had brought forward modifications to the City's invocation policy to allow any non-profit faith-based organization within the City to give the invocation before City Council meetings. She explained that on March 22, 2022, the City sent a notice to area churches that the City was encouraging greater participation in the invocations before City Council meetings. The notice invited representatives to sign up on a "first come-first serve basis" to provide an invocation at one of the meetings, with scheduling to be effective through the remainder of the year. At its June 7, 2022, meeting, Council discussed invocations and the following motion was passed: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood, to continue the custom of invocations before Council meetings by incorporating a lottery system and allowing all established churches within Kootenai County the opportunity to give an invocation. On July 27, 2022, Councilmembers Gookin and Wood hosted a meeting to obtain input from members of the area's faith community. From that meeting, refinements to the policy were proposed. The faith community requested clarification that invocations may only be provided by an organization that is non-profit, and that individuals include the listing of the name and number of their organization's non-profit registration. Additionally, a request was made to clarify that those included in the lottery must be affiliated with a faith-based organization or church. She noted they would advertise the opportunity to register for the lottery, ensuring adequate notice was provided to all, and would establish a 30-day open registration period. She said staff recommends the use of the City's web page portal for the

registration. She said the recommendation would be the first date for invocations under the lottery system be January 3, 2023 (the first meeting of the year). She said the electronic registration would continue to have the following affirmation, pursuant to legal recommendation: Invocations may contain sectarian language---in other words, the prayer can be specific to a religion, faith, person, etc., an invocation should not seek to proselytize (convert or seek affirmation) anyone, an invocation should not disparage other faiths, an invocation should not threaten those with different beliefs with hell, damnation, or other punishment, an invocation should not be politically biased, the invocation would not be edited or approved by the City, and invocations should be solemn and respectful in tone. She mentioned the proposed timeline would be Sep 1-30 registration period, Oct 10 lottery/notifications, Jan 2023 begins.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood, Approving an Amendment to the Invocations Policy Allowing any Non-Profit Faith-Based Organization within the City of Coeur d'Alene to Provide the Invocation Before a Council Meeting with the deadline the start of the fiscal year and allowing the CDA Tribe to choose their date preference.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember English stated he felt the evolution of the process was good and he was supportive of the lottery system. Councilmember Gookin clarified the lottery would be only faith-based registered non-profits within the City, and an invitation would be made to the CDA tribe to perform at least one invocation each year. He said there would be one (1) entry per non-profit, and the start should be as soon as possible, and to forego invocations until the lottery system was set up. Councilmember McEvers asked if the lottery could get stacked, with Councilmember Gookin responding the organizations he had met with had affirmed they would submit one (1) entry from each church, yet each individual organization could apply. Councilmember Wood said the timeline was important to Council and the faith-based community, and should be ran to coincide with the City's fiscal year which starts on Oct 1, 2022.

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

James Hammond, Mayor

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sherrie L. Badertscher Executive Assistant