

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

August 6, 2024

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 on August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., there being present the following members:

James Hammond, Mayor

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

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

INVOCATION: Thubten Chonyi of Interfaith CDA led the Invocation.

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: Motion by Miller, seconded by Gookin, to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 75-206A to deliberate on a labor contract offer. This motion is based on the fact that a negotiation session between the City and Fire Union occurred this afternoon and specific proposals raised could not have been anticipated earlier so as to include an Executive Session on the agenda. An emergency is hereby declared to allow a vote on this motion based on the fact that the Union Board is scheduled to meet tomorrow on the contract proposals. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Denise Jeska, Coeur d'Alene, announced that the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will be holding a wheelchair awareness event on August 16, 2024, starting at 12:00 p.m. She explained that they will be providing participants with a wheelchair and take them around Lakeside, Front Street and Sherman Avenues to experience the obstacles that a person with a disability or on a wheelchair faces every day in getting around the area. She invited the Council to join the activity. Mr. Mike Fuller added that everyone will gather at the Plaza Shop at the end of the activity for inputs.

Marcee Hartzell, Coeur d'Alene, thanked the Council for considering TESH as one of the beneficiaries of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). She stated that TESH serves youth and adults ages 4 to 84 that have an intellectual disability. She explained that they rely on

funds like the CDBG to support their facility. For this year, they requested funding for three projects: irrigation cap, upgrade of IT server, and upgrade of their HVAC system.

Reuben Rodriguez, Coeur d'Alene, noted that Idaho Sunshine will be holding a free healthcare clinic to the underserved on September 19-20, 2024, at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds. He shared that services include medical, dental, vision, hearing, therapies, and other services. He invited the Mayor and Council to attend and tour the event.

Mike Gridley, Coeur d'Alene, thanked the Council for doing an excellent job and render his support on the high watermark budget. He cited that aside from the police, the legal department is also an integral part of law enforcement. Lastly, he invited the Council to support the North Idaho Centennial Trail fundraiser event, Ales for the Trail 2024, on August 17 happening at the city park. He added that this event is in collaboration with the Parks Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Miller thanked the Planning Department for the parking on Sherman event and its use of a grant. She stated that Sherman has a brand-new face with new businesses showing up, food courts, and some derelict gas stations are turning into bistros and coffee shops.

Councilmember English shared information regarding a bulletin from the Governor's office about the issuance of an executive order providing eight weeks of paid family leave for foster parents. He stated that the Human Resources and Legal Department look into it.

Mayor Hammond commended the Streets Department for doing a great job with a new level of street asphalt at Sherman Avenue. He stated that the street project was undertaken in record time with minimal interference.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the July 16, 2024, July 22, 2024, and July 31, 2024, Council Meetings.
2. Setting of General Services/Public Works meeting for August 12, 2024.
3. Setting of a public hearing for August 20, 2024, to hear public comment regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Plan Year 2023 Annual Action Plan Amendments.
4. Approval of a Cemetery Lot transfer from Lary and Jan Field to Daniel Lewis; Section OP, Block 1, Lot 169, Forest Cemetery (\$40.00)
5. Approval of a Cemetery Lot repurchase from Kelli Griffiths; Lot 45, Block 1, Section OP, Forest Cemetery (\$1,000.00)
6. Approval of SS-18-11, Silver Park 3rd Additional Final Plat
7. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
8. **Resolution No. 24-056**
 - a. Authorizing Staff to Enter into Agreements with artists for the ArtCurrents program to be displayed for one year with an optional one-year extension.

- b. Acceptance of a Utility Easement for Sewer Service from Goodwill Industries of the Inland Northwest; property located between 4th and 5th Streets and Spokane and Harrison Avenues.
- c. Acceptance of a Utility Easement for Water Tank Access from Debra Hedberg; property located at 3115 Thomas Lane.
- d. Acceptance of a Utility Easement for Water Line from Nils Rosdahl; property located at 3362 E. Thomas Lane.

MOTION: Motion McEvers, seconded by Evans to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, including **Resolution No. 24-056**.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-057

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM VENDORS FOR PASSIVE WATER SPORTS RENTALS ON CITY PROPERTY AT A NEW LOCATION IN ATLAS PARK.

STAFF REPORT: Parks and Recreation Director Bill Greenwood explained that the Atlas Park has some food vendors already, but he thought that it will be a great opportunity to set up a passive water sports rental as he observed that there are people carrying boards and kayaks in the area. He asked the Council to consider creating this new spot which will be in place for the 2025 season.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Miller stated that it will be a difficult place to start putting a commercial launch activity. She added that it's in a current and already congested. Councilmember McEvers inquired if this will happen this year with Mr. Greenwood explaining that it will go out for proposals during fall or winter, be brought back to Council for approval, and then be in place for next summer season. Councilmember Wood shared that this proposal went through the Parks and Recreation Commission, and they are very much in support to bring this to Council for approval. Considering the press article about the misuse of the ADA ramp, Councilmember English said that it would be good to have a partnership with a vendor to keep an eye on people and educate them. Councilmember Gookin asked about the profit the City can make out of this with Mr. Greenwood replying that since it is a short season and not much space, the minimum bid would be about \$3,000.00.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood to approve **Resolution No. 24-057** – Approving a new vendor location at Atlas Park for passive water sports rentals.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Miller stated that while she supports the Parks and Recreation Commission discussion and decision, she personally think that the City has typically under leased valuable lakefront property in Coeur d'Alene. She added that the proposed spot is far from the

ADA ramp, there's current and waves, and there are a lot that could possibly go wrong, hence she is not in support of this proposal.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-058

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING A NAMING AGREEMENT WITH PARKER SUBARU FOR NAMING RIGHTS FOR THE CHERRY HILL PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS FOR A TERM OF TEN (10 YEARS).

STAFF REPORT: Parks and Recreation Director Bill Greenwood noted that the MOU with the Inland Northwest Pickleball Association was modified to convert some tennis courts into pickleball courts. He stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending that the City enter into an Agreement for a 10-year term with Parker Subaru for the naming rights at the Cherry Hill Park Pickleball Courts. He mentioned that Parker Subaru donated \$85,000 for the construction of the new pickleball courts at Cherry Hill Park in exchange for naming rights. Mr. Greenwood presented the sign concept which reads "Parker Subaru Pickleball Courts."

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Evans asked if its Parker Automative Group with Mr. Greenwood explaining that they asked specifically for Parker Subaru and the sign was vetted through their organization. He added that the sign includes the association's logo and the City logo as well. Councilmember Gookin inquired if the sign went through the sign board and Mr. Greenwood responded in the affirmative.

MOTION: Motion by Wood, seconded by English to approve **Resolution No. 24-058** – Approving a Contribution Agreement, for a 10-year term, for naming rights at the Cherry Hill Pickleball Courts.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Wood stated that the Parks and Recreation is in full support of the naming agreement. Councilmember McEvers inquired about what will happen after the 10-years term is finished with Mr. Greenwood explaining that they could either pay again or remove the sign. Councilmember English asked if they will be paying the same amount to renew with Mr. Greenwood responding that it will be based on the term. Councilmember Evans thanked Parker Subaru for the generous donation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-059

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING A DONATION AGREEMENT WITH KOOTENAI COUNTY FOR THE SANISAILOR MARINE PUMPOUT STATION AT THE CITY'S MOORING DOCKS.

STAFF REPORT: Parks and Recreation Director Bill Greenwood requested for the Council's approval for a donation agreement with Kootenai County for the Sanisailor pumpout at the City's mooring docks. He explained that the County decided to retire the pumpout station that has been at the City's mooring dock since 2001. He added that it's a good service to the boating community, so it is proposed that the City assumes the responsibility and takes over the maintenance of the pumpout.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Miller asked if the Wastewater Department has any liability issue tied in with this location with Mr. Greenwood responding that there is none and there was never an issue in the past years.

MOTION: Motion by Wood, seconded by English to approve **Resolution No. 24-059** – Approving a Donation Agreement with Kootenai County for SaniSailor pumpout at the City's mooring docks.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-060

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND REQUIRING NOTICE THEREOF, WHICH NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE PROPOSED EXPENDITURES BY FUND AND/OR DEPARTMENT, A STATEMENT OF THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES TO THE CITY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR, LISTING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES DURING EACH OF THE TWO (2) PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE SAME.

STAFF REPORT: Finance Director Katie Ebner requested Council to approve setting the public hearing on September 23, 2024 and the high dollar amount (\$139,438,581) in expenditures for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Financial Plan (Annual Appropriation). She noted that Idaho Code requires the city to set an appropriations ordinance prior to the budget hearing, and with this, the city can budget less than what is presented but not above it, hence she included the 3% property tax increase as well as the 1% of foregone. She stated that the new growth number this year is set at \$77 Million and of that, the City will receive \$180,000. Ms. Ebner clarified that the increase in levied amount does not have a correlation with the taxpayer's tax charge. She explained that income tax is how much one makes and the deductions, whereas the property tax pertains to everyone in the market

situation because the city is levying a set among that can only increase by 3% which is spread among the whole market for the city, and more taxpayers means the burden is less for everybody.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers inquired what the 3% is going to cost with Ms. Ebner responding that it would be about \$800,000 which is very similar to what would have been captured from new growth. Councilmember Gookin asked about the percentage increase for new growth in the City year over year and Mr. Tymesen stated that the assessed valuations did not jump up and is flat year over year. Mayor Hammond stated that it leaves the levy rate at the same level too. Councilmember Gookin requested Ms. Ebner to find out before the budget hearing if the State of Idaho Property Tax Relief Fund will be active this year. Councilmember Wood stated that if the City is doing the addition 1% foregone, that it should go toward public safety. Councilmember Gookin clarified that the item for this evening is to set the high dollar amount. Ms. Ebner stated that the Council will vote on the total property taxes to be certified during the budget hearing. Mayor Hammond emphasized that if the Council takes 3% or 4%, it does not correlate with the taxes going up to 3% or 4%. He added that because of the new growth, the taxes would remain stable or maybe 1% but not the full 3% or 4%, whatever the Council chooses.

MOTION: Motion by Miller, seconded by Evans to approve **Resolution No. 24-060** - setting a public hearing for September 3, 2024, and setting the high dollar amount (\$(\$139,438,581) in expenditures for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Financial Plan (Annual Appropriation).

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

(LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING) APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PLAN YEAR 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

STAFF REPORT: CDBG Specialist Sherrie Badertscher requested Council's approval of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2024 Annual Action Plan for submission to the Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD) for review and approval. She added that the 2024 plan year starts on October 1, 2024, until September 30, 2025. She explained that since 2007, the City has been receiving a HUD grant through the CDBG program which is geared to support low-to-moderate income residents of Coeur d'Alene through specific allowable activities such as: acquisition of real property, relocation and demolition, rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures, construction of public facilities and improvements, and public services that is maxed at a cap of 15% of the City's annual allocation from HUD. Eligible public services activities include mental health services, fair housing counseling, education programs, energy conservation, services for senior citizens, services for homeless persons, employment services, crime prevention, public safety, childcare, health services, and substance abuse services. Ms. Badertscher stated that the 15% cap of the grant for public services is \$44,462.00 for the coming year and the Council has requested in the past that the "Meals on Wheels" will receive a \$10,000 annual grant which leaves \$34,462 for public service activities. She added that 20% of the annual allocation budget goes to administrative costs. The Consolidated Plan goals for 2023-2027 include: maintain and increase housing stock, public facility and infrastructure projects, public services, homelessness assistance, and economic development. Ms. Badertscher mentioned that

they reached out to the community through a public forum, community survey, 30-day public comment period, and a public hearing. The opportunities to provide feedback were advertised through Coeur d'Alene Press notices, public education and government channel ads, City Facebook and website updates, shared community flyers, and ongoing email communications to more than 170 community stakeholders. The survey results revealed that the public facilities and infrastructure projects are the top urgent priority while public services came in second, maintain and increase affordable housing as third, followed by economic development and homelessness assistance. Ms. Badertscher noted that they also asked the community in their survey questionnaire if they are in support of increasing the Emergency Minor Repair and Accessibility Program (EMRAP) funding and they received an overwhelming response in the affirmative. For next year's funding, Ms. Badertscher stated that HUD has notified the City is to receive \$296,418 in grant funding, of which \$10,000 would go to the Lake City Center "Meals on Wheels," \$141,491 for the EMRAP program, \$85,644 for community opportunity grants, and \$59,283 for administration costs.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked if the survey results would affect the direction of the CDBG program with Ms. Badertscher explaining that the community involvement is to ensure that they stay on track with the CDBG Consolidated Plan five-year plan goals and to ensure the strategic plan is still relevant. She stated that last year, maintaining and increasing housing stock came first in the survey but for this year, the top priorities are public facility and infrastructure as well as public services. Councilmember English inquired if the administration fund can be used for actual programs with Ms. Badertscher responding that the \$59,283 is the maximum amount that the City can charge for general administration, but HUD allows to charge for program delivery costs, and if funds remain they could be used for programs. Councilmember McEvers requested more information about funding for housing ownership and rental with Ms. Badertscher explaining that the Consolidated Plan goal of maintaining and increasing housing stock would include support of new housing construction such as acquisition of property, clearance, and getting the land ready for building. She stated that the City is not allowed to use the CDBG funds to actually construct housing, but HUD allows the City to support other non-profits or organizations that are constructing housing as long as it is for low-to-moderate income families. She added that improvements that are allowed include lighting, safety improvements, ADA improvements, water, and sewer, downpayment assistance, and historic preservation of a residential property. The EMRAP program allows for rehabilitation of existing residential housing. Councilmember Wood stated that some people don't have the financial capacity to maintain their porch and inquired if they can be eligible for the program with Ms. Badertscher responding that they can be eligible as long as they fall under the income limits such as for a family of two, it would be \$55,000 maximum income. She added that the application is available online, but they have to physically submit it with their proof of income and home ownership. Councilmember Miller stated that the Housing Solutions Partnership is connecting with the CDBG program to plug in multiple resources to help people and make the grant funding go further. Councilmember McEvers asked if the \$296,418 funding this year is less than the previous with Ms. Badertscher stating that the funding this year is \$62,000 less than last year. She explained that the funding is not guaranteed each year, and it fluctuates depending on how much funding Congress would decide to allocate.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mayor Hammond opened the public testimony portion of the meeting.

Amanda Krier, Coeur d'Alene, stated that she is the Executive Director of Safe Passage which is a free and confidential agency that works with people who have or are experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking. They also cater to children who have experienced physical and sexual abuse. She explained that they requested funding assistance for their safe shelter roof repair and kitchen renovation to make their facility more accessible, bigger, and able to house as many people as possible.

With no other comments received, Mayor Hammond closed public testimony.

MOTION: Motion by Wood, seconded by English to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Plan Year 2024 Annual Action Plan. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-061

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) EMERGENCY MINOR HOME REPAIR AND ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM (EMRAP) GRANTS TO BE INCREASED TO A MAXIMUM OF TEN-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) FOR ROOF REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT.

STAFF REPORT: Mrs. Badertscher requested an increase of the CDBG Emergency Minor Home Repair and Accessibility Improvement Program (EMRAP) grant policy from \$5,000.00 to a maximum of \$10,000.00 for roof repairs or replacement. She stated if homeowners need to transition from septic or water well systems to City sewer or water or replace failing sewer laterals, they can access grants of up to \$20,000.00. She noted that there are a few applications from low-income homeowners that need roof repair or replacement, but they are unable to bridge the gap in funding between the \$5,000 grant amount and the actual cost which is close to \$10,000 to \$12,000. Ms. Badertscher stated that the survey result revealed that a majority of the community is in support of increasing the grant amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 specifically for roof repairs or replacement.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked if the homeowners can choose the roof supplier with Ms. Badertscher explaining that it will go through the City procurement process requiring a minimum of three bids and awarded to the lowest bidder. Councilmember McEvers raised the possibility of beneficiaries selling their house after having the roof repaired. Ms. Badertscher stated that the City has no specific requirement that the owners have to stay in their home, but they are asked about their plans during the informal interview and are informed that the program is meant for homeowners to stay in their home. She added that it maybe something that the City would start requiring before spending money on improving homes. Councilmember Miller clarified that the EMRAP is only for residential improvements and will not overlap with grants the nonprofits request for roof repair. Ms. Badertscher stated that the nonprofits should apply for public facility funding.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Miller to approve **Resolution No. 24-061** – Approving an amendment to the Emergency Minor Home Repair and Accessibility Improvement

Program (EMRAP) policy to increase the grant amount from \$5,000.00 to a maximum of \$10,000.00 for roof repairs and/or replacement.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-062

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING GRANT AWARDS AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PREPARE CDBG AGREEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING: WITH SAFE PASSAGE FOR PROJECTS SUPPORTING PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS; AND WITH TESH, INC., & UNITED WAY OF NORTH IDAHO FOR PROJECTS SUPPORTING PUBLIC SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NON-COMPETITIVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH LAKE CITY CENTER FOR "MEALS ON WHEELS;" AND AUTHORIZING THE REALLOCATION OF REMAINING GRANT FUNDS FROM TESH'S PLAN YEAR 2022 TO COMPLETE ITS PLAN YEAR 2024 PROJECT.

STAFF REPORT: CDBG Specialist Sherrie Badertscher requested Council approve funding and authorize staff to enter into Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award agreements for Plan Year 2024 (PY24) with Safe Passage and TESH, Inc., for public facility improvements, and United Way of North Idaho and Lake City Center for public service activities. She added that Council is also requested to approve reallocation of TESH's PY22 remaining grant funds which is needed to complete their PY24 project. She explained that the four agreements for funding fall under the public facility and infrastructure projects, and public services which are part of the CDBG Consolidated Plan goals for 2023-2027. Ms. Badertscher mentioned that the community survey results ranked public facilities and infrastructure projects as the highest priority followed by public services. She added that the community is also in support of keeping the funding for the annual Community Opportunity Grant. She stated that the Volunteer Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee recommends allocation of funding for the following: Safe Passage in the amount of \$21,728.00 from PY24 funds, for public facility improvements to replace the roof and remodel the kitchen at their confidential Safe Shelter for survivors of domestic violence with an additional recommendation of \$76,848.00 from the PY23 funding which will be brought forward at the next Council meeting via a separate agreement; TESH, Inc., in the amount of \$29,454.00 from PY24 funds, for public facility improvements which includes the replacement of the HVAC A/C unit, IT server upgrades, and to separate the irrigation water service from the domestic service as well as reallocating the \$14,934.00 of unused award funds from TESH PY22 grant award which will fund the PY24 request in full; United Way of North Idaho in the amount of \$34,462.00 from PY24 funds, for their childcare scholarship program which supports the community's ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population; and Lake City Center in the amount of \$10,000 for the "Meals on Wheels" program. Ms. Badertscher emphasized that the agreements will be executed only when the City receives notification of funding availability from HUD.

MOTION: Motion by Wood, seconded by Evans to approve **Resolution No. 24-062** – Approving of Funding and Authorizing Staff to Enter into Grant Award Agreements with Safe Passage, TESH,

Inc., United Way of North Idaho, and Lake City Senior Center, and Reallocate TESH's PY22 Previously Awarded Remaining Grant Funds Needed to Complete Their PY24 Project.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Wood stated the grant funding will definitely make a huge difference especially for the beneficiaries of United Way of North Idaho where young working parents are unable to afford childcare. Councilmember McEvers inquired if an organization benefitted multiple times in a row with Ms. Badertscher explaining that Safe Passage's last grant award was in 2019, and TESH was awarded in 2022. She stated that the funds are limited, and the Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee has to go through all requests and rate them in terms of priorities, urgency and other funding that may be available. For Safe Passage, \$21,728.00 is requested from PY24 funds and \$76,848.00 from the PY23 funding in order to pay for the entire grant request. She added that TESH has skipped a year and did not receive any funds from PY23, but they have funds from PY22 and requested funds from PY24. United Way of North Idaho received some of the special covid funding in 2022. Councilmember McEvers stated that he cannot recall a request for home acquisition assistance. Ms. Badertscher stated that there were no proposals received of this nature and this is one of the challenges in the program that while it provides for downpayment assistance to home buyers, there are no organizations coming to the table to manage that. Councilmember Gookin asked Ms. Marcee Hartzell of TESH, Inc. about the article that came out in the paper and Ms. Hartzell stated that technically, TESH never shut down but paused services in certain areas for a period of time. She explained that they now have a full staff, which includes 22 employees hired in the last eight months. Councilmember Gookin inquired how many clients they were serving with Ms. Hartzell responding that they have multiple programs such as the adult day therapy program currently serving 25 clients full-time; the community services have 10 clients; vocational services serve 8 clients; and about 30 clients for job coaching. She added that she is now on her third year at TESH and has implemented a lot of changes. She mentioned that there were some staff who left and decided to open their own agency which she says is a good thing because there is a huge need to help individuals that have intellectual disability in Kootenai County. Councilmember Gookin appreciated that TESH is back on track with a solid program and stated that he is happy to support it.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: MOTION: Motion by Miller, seconded by Gookin to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206A(1)(a) to consider a labor contract offer or to formulate a counteroffer.

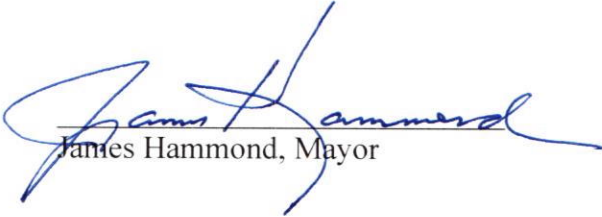
ROLL CALL: McEvers Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Miller Aye.
Motion carried.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. Those present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney.

Council exited Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. Matters discussed included consideration of a labor contract offer and counteroffer.

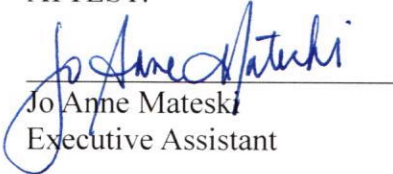
ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gookin, seconded by McEvers that there being no other business, this meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



James Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jo Anne Mateski
Executive Assistant