

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

JANUARY 15, 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, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

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

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

INVOCATION: Pastor David Bond with the Compel Community Church provided the invocation.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Miller noted that she attended the NIBCA meeting today and heard that they are planning an event with the Department of Labor in April. This event is intended to address the lack of upcoming workforce in the trades through collaborative solutions. Additionally, she noted that the City Administrator would be providing updates regarding the Atlas project and the closure of Lake District in the near future.

The Mayor requested the appointment of Colleen Krajack to the Personnel Appeals Board.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers, to appoint Colleen Krajack to the Personnel Appeals Board. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT CALENDAR: **Motion** by McEvers, seconded by Evans, to approve the Consent Calendar.

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the January 2, 2019 Council Meeting.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Approval of Financial Report.
4. **Resolution No. 19-002 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING THE BELOW MENTIONED**

AGREEMENTS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE INCLUDING: DECLARING TWO POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THEIR DISPOSITION; APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KELLER ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A NEW 12" WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN ON HEDBERG DRIVE AND BOYD AVENUE; APPROVING A STATE/LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE SHERMAN AVENUE & LAKESIDE AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL DESIGN; AND APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR US-95 IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FASTLANE GRANT.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin noted Item C, the State and Local Agreement with ITD for the signal at Sherman and Lakeside Avenues, is something that has been on KMPO's long-range plans for some time. The Council previously approved the submittal of the grant that was recently awarded. The signal will be coming with updated abilities for coordinating the signal in 2021. He thanked the City Engineer for his efforts in getting the City the grant.

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

APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING EQUIPMENT FOR NEW PARKING GARAGE.

STAFF REPORT: City Engineer Chris Bosley explained that the parking garage design and construction included conduit and placement locations identified for installation of electric vehicle chargers, but this equipment was not included in the construction contract. City staff met with Avista, and subsequently Colvico, for options to provide electric vehicle chargers in two of the three available parking spots that have been reserved for this use. From these discussions and an on-site meeting, this affordable solution was brought forward. Staff requests authority for a \$5,662 expenditure to fulfill this need.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers asked why there was no pay back for the use of the electricity. Mr. Bosley explained that the electricity was such a low cost there is no fee for it; however, there will still be a parking fee charged for those stalls. Councilmember McEvers noted that the option for charging stations was in the design plans, and asked why they were not funded within the project budget. Mr. Bosley noted that it was a cost savings measure at the time; however, it now allows flexibility for the City to install the product that works best. The cost to fund this equipment would come from the Parking Fund. He also noted that there are 84 electric vehicles registered in Kootenai County, and in 2017 there were 1064 electric vehicles on Idaho roads. Washington State has 35,000 registered electric vehicles, so this option could be attractive to tourist traffic. Councilmember English commented that he has an employee with an electric car who said that it is less than a dollar a day to charge his car. Due to it being so inexpensive and the availability of funds in the Parking Fund, he questioned why the City would not install all three charging stations. Mr. Bosley noted that they choose two, considering the

expense and that it was a happy medium to start with, but they could go with all three. Councilmember Gookin asked if the spaces would be restricted to electric vehicles only. Mr. Bosley confirmed they will be signed “electric vehicles only” and striped with green paint, but no added enforcement is being requested. Councilmember Gookin asked if other devices could be plugged into the unit. Mr. Bosley explained that the charging stations are specific to vehicle plug in units. City Administrator Troy Tymesen explained that this is being brought forward for Council consideration because it was not included in this year’s Parking Fund budget request. He noted that the fund is in good shape, and that budgeted expenses will continue to be paid out, such as parks getting a percentage of the revenue, maintenance items, and the contract for on-street enforcement. Mayor Widmyer noted that this is a service amenity to the garage, and the City gets lot of tourists from out of the area that would potentially use this amenity. Councilmember English expressed a desire to plan for future needs, and would like to see all three spaces have the equipment purchased and installed.

MOTION: Motion by English, seconded by Miller to approve funding for the installation of three electric vehicle-charging pieces of equipment for the new Parking Garage, at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00. **Motion carried.**

(LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING) V-18-09, VACATION OF A PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, THE 10’ STRIP OF LAND KNOWN AS LOT A, BLOCK 2 OF BENTWOOD PARK THIRD ADDITION IN THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE

STAFF REPORT: Engineering Project Manager Dennis Grant explained that the applicant, Charles R. Harzke, is requesting the vacation of the pedestrian access that adjoins the east boundary of the property located at 1942 E. Preakness Avenue. The pedestrian access was originally dedicated to the City of Coeur d’Alene in the Bentwood Park Third Addition plat in 1982. The two property owners to the east of the proposed area to be vacated have relinquished their interest to their half of the area. The subdivision was to install the sidewalk and the developer chose not to install the access. There is no homeowners association in this subdivision. It is unimproved and not needed by the City as there is no foreseeable use for this 1,615 square feet of pedestrian access. Therefore, the vacation of this access adjoining this lot would not impact the City and would be a benefit to the property owner. Mr. Grant noted that he sent out 33 notices and received six responses with four in support, and two neutral.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember McEvers said that in 1982 they were thinking of pedestrians, so why did they not install the access, and could they get away with not installing it now. Mr. Grant said he was unsure, as there is no homeowners association to maintain it, and no specific person to ask questions. He commented that, today, the City requires the developer to install all the subdivision improvements.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The mayor opened the meeting for public comment and hearing none, public comment was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 19-1000

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, VACATING A PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, RECORDED IN BOOK I, PAGES 413, 413A, 413B, AND 413C, RECORDS OF KOOTENAI COUNTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS A TEN FOOT (10') WIDE STRIP LYING EAST OF AND ADJOINING LOT 9, BLOCK 2, BENTWOOD PARK THIRD ADDITION IN THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 50 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by English, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 19-1000** once by title only.

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

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by English, to adopt **Council Bill 19-1000**.

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

RECESS: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Miller to recess to January 17, 2019 at noon in the Library Community Room, located at 702 E. Front Avenue for a workshop regarding water rates.
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

Renata McLeod, CMC, City Clerk