

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT COEUR D'ALENE CITY HALL
September 17, 2013**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene Library Community Room, September 17, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Dan Gookin)	Members of Council Present
Steve Adams)	
Loren Ron Edinger)	
Deanna Goodlander)	(Via Telephone)
Woody McEvers)	
Mike Kennedy, Mayor Pro Tem)	

ABSENT: Mayor Bloem

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy.

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

INVOCATION was led by Robert Feitveit, Elijah House.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENTS TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2012-2013: Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy read the rules of order for this legislative public hearing. Troy Tymesen, Finance Director, gave the staff report reviewed the revenue line items that offset the expenses pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1003. He further said that there is no increase in property taxes and noted that the city had a very strong very good strong year including an increase of \$435,000 in building fees and licenses, a \$233,000 increase in Intergovernment funds above what was anticipated, and a slight increase in the services, and fines and forfeitures line items. Mr. Tymesen said that interest income is less than anticipated by \$31,000. Miscellaneous income includes surplus items that were sold, for a total increase of \$729,225. The total budget increased by \$1,172,435 and Mr. Tymesen reviewed the added expenses that weren't anticipated at the beginning of the fiscal year. The costs are offset by revenues in the General Fund. Mr. Tymesen also reviewed other added expenses out of the General Fund, including impact fees, capital projects, sanitation fund, LID 146, and the insurance fund.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3470
COUNCIL BILL NO. 13-1015**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3462, THE AMENDED ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ~~\$77,176,229~~, 78,348,664 WHICH SUM INCLUDES ADDITIONAL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE IN THE SUM OF \$1,172,435; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho:

Section 1

That Section 1 of Ordinance 3462, is hereby amended to read as follows:

That the sum of ~~\$77,176,229~~, \$78,348,664 be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012.

Section 2

That Section 2 of Ordinance 3462; is hereby amended to read as follows:

That the objects and purposes for which such appropriations are made are as follows:

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GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:			
Mayor and Council	\$ 220,014		
Administration	399,866		
Finance Department	676,928		
Municipal Services	1,369,649		1,395,149
Human Resources	241,663	243,963	
Legal Department	1,428,897		1,439,897
Planning Department	475,512		502,512
Building Maintenance	398,419		
Police Department	9,969,692		10,203,682
Drug Task Force	36,700		71,700
ADA Sidewalks	220,785		
Byrne Grants	149,077		336,077
COPS Grant	69,819		79,819
Fire Department	7,627,429	7,729,672	7,869,087
General Government	192,635	942,635	
Engineering Services	1,238,436	3,203,536	3,213,036
Streets/Garage	2,390,303		
Parks Department	1,665,888		1,694,888
Recreation Department	764,454		775,774
Building Inspection	721,439		731,939
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:	\$ 30,257,605	33,077,248	33,806,473
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND EXPENDITURES:			
Library Fund	\$ 1,278,960		
Community Development Block Grant	267,325		
Impact Fee Fund	613,133	913,133	1,063,133
Parks Capital Improvements	881,215	1,870,524	
Annexation Fee Fund	70,000		
Insurance / Risk Management	264,000		269,000
Cemetery Fund	239,300		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	98,000		
Jewett House	42,000		
Reforestation / Street Trees / Community	68,000		
Arts Commission	7,000		
Public Art Funds	245,000		
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS:	\$ 4,073,933	\$ 5,363,242	5,518,242

ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENDITURES:			
Street Lighting Fund	\$ 570,050		
Water Fund	7,602,289		
Wastewater Fund	18,996,924	19,326,924	
Water Cap Fee Fund	850,000		
WWTP Cap Fees Fund	879,336		
Sanitation Fund	3,285,480		3,415,480
City Parking Fund	575,957	607,728	
Stormwater Management	923,967		
TOTAL ENTERPRISE EXPENDITURES:	\$ 33,684,003	\$ 34,045,774	34,175,774
FIDUCIARY FUNDS:	\$ 2,538,100		
STREET CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS:	770,000		920,000
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS:	1,381,865		1,390,075
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES:	\$72,705,506	\$77,176,229	\$ 78,348,664

Section 3

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one (1) issue of the Coeur d'Alene Press, a newspaper of general circulation published within the City of Coeur d'Alene and the official newspaper thereof.

MOTION by McEvers, seconded by Edinger, to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 13-1015.

ROLL CALL: Gookin, No ; Edinger, Yes; Adams, No; McEvers; Yes; Goodlander, Yes; Kennedy, Yes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Edinger, seconded by McEvers, to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill No. 13-1015 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: Gookin, Yes; Edinger, Yes; Adams, Yes; McEvers, Yes; Goodlander, Yes; Kennedy, Yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Charles Buck, University of Idaho, gave a brief update on the CDA 2030 Vision project. The project is making significant progress and they are now preparing for an intensive launch week the week of October 7th. There will be a launch event on the 7th, and then a series of public input events that will be spread across the city on the north, south, and west sides of the city. There is also a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, October 8th, that will be a seminar presented by the survey unit that has conducted a scientifically valid survey of the community with about 75 questions for citizens to relate their ideas for the vision of the community as well as key demographic information from respondents to that survey.

Dr. Buck noted that scores of volunteers from across the community have joined to gather this input for the vision and many hundreds of people have responded with their comments of what they want to see in the community in 2030 and their interest in pursuing this vision.

The project is currently in the phase of collecting information and raising awareness and understanding among the community of this project. With the launch event in October, they will begin to formulate the formalized vision which will occur over the next couple of months. Early next year they will form a team to create an implementation plan. There is a timeline in place and the project manager, Nicole Kahler, has been working very hard to raise awareness and carry them through this phase of the project. A schedule of events is available on www.cda2030.org.

Councilman Gookin commented that he was interviewed by Mr. Gridley and enjoyed it. He asked what kind of a survey was being presented. Dr. Buck said that it was a telephone survey, which has been completed, and included both mobile and land lines. They targeted calling in the neighborhood of 2,500 people with a completed goal of 400. They reached their target calls, with about 425 surveys completed. The survey was about 15 minutes long.

Councilman Gookin said that he is eager to see the results of the survey and noted that the city has never really conducted any kind of survey or demographics to get raw information about where people are. It was his understanding when council hired the communications consultant that some of the money might be used to conduct surveys and he thinks it should be done more often.

Dr. Buck said that the feedback is very interesting and it will be compiled and made available on the website. Councilman Gookin said that he would still like to see a budget and know who is on the executive team. Dr. Buck said that the project management team includes Nicole Kahler, Dr. Buck, Steve Wilson (CDA Chamber President), and Mike Gridley (City of CDA).

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy said that he has noted that the Vision 2030 group has been present at a lot of the recent events and the amount of people that they are trying to touch

is compelling. He thanked Dr. Buck for his efforts.

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

1. Approval of Council Minutes for September 3, 2013.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for September 23, 2013 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
4. Approval of an Outdoor Eating Facility Encroachment Permit for The Country Club, 216 E. Coeur d'Alene Avenue
5. Approval of SS-4-13 – Whitehawk Addition Final Plat
6. Setting of a Public Hearing for October 15, 2013 for O-1-13 – Amending M.C. Section 17.03.040 “Criminal Transitional Facility”
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 13-050**
 - a. Approval of Benefit Plan Changes and Renewal Rates
 - b. Agreement with T. Lariviere Equipment and Excavation, Inc. for the Third and Harrison Intersection Reconstruction
 - c. Rejection of the Tubbs Hill East Side Trail Project Bid from Trio Construction
 - d. Coeur d'Alene Place 20th Addition, Acceptance of installed public improvements and approval of the Maintenance/Warranty Agreement and Security

ROLL CALL: Edinger, Yes; Adams, Yes; McEvers, Yes; Goodlander, Yes; Gookin, Yes; Kennedy, Yes. **Motion carried.**

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no council announcements.

APPOINTMENT: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Edinger, to approve the appointment of Kay Nelson to the Jewett House Advisory Board.

Motion carried with Councilman Gookin voting No.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The Seventh Street and Front Avenue intersection is temporarily closed for construction related to McEuen Park and Front Avenue. There will be no access to the library through the north entrance. There is local access for businesses in both the McEuen and Parkside Towers. Traffic can enter the library parking lot from the Eighth Street entrance only. The intersection will re-open tentatively in two weeks, but it could be three weeks. Detour signs are posted to help drivers navigate the area.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is continuing to meet with interested stakeholders adjacent to the BLM property, commonly referred to as the Four Corners. They have met with about 18 different stakeholders and will make a recommendation to city council probably in about mid-October.

They will be setting up a meeting, hopefully next week, with the Boys & Girls Club to start the discussion about potentially locating the club at Cherry Hill. One hurdle in regard to the Cherry Hill location is that a portion of it is in the flood plain. Councilman Adams asked about the flood plain and Ms. Gabriel said that she thinks they can accommodate the building and that it is her understanding that they would like to have all of the amenities in the Coeur d'Alene building that they have in the Post Falls building. Ms. Gabriel will continue to bring updates to the council as it moves forward.

The city's Communications Consultant, Kristina Lyman, will deliver a presentation to the Council at the October 1st council meeting, which will consist of a review of progress during the last year, and proposed plans and strategies for the upcoming fiscal year.

There will be an Open house for the general public Saturday, October 12th, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at McEuen Park. Park designers, architects, city officials, and engineers will be on hand to answer questions and show off the amenities. McEuen Park upgrades include new public art, a re-designed Veteran's Memorial, an amazing interactive playground for kids of all ages, a new dog park, more user-friendly and efficient public parking, a new Front Avenue promenade with community gathering areas, a natural amphitheater, a new pavilion, a new grant plaza and water promenade, scenic paved trails, and an interactive splash pad with more than a dozen colorful water features. The official grand opening is slated for next spring and most of the landscaping will be installed at that time.

Public Access to the West Tubbs Hill Entrance will be from the parking lot next to City Hall. Pedestrians will have to follow the trail along the base of Tubbs Hill to access the West entrance. The access from 3rd Street along the boat launch will be closed while the contractor is constructing the Seawall overlook in front of the Harbor House. Access from the Boat Mooring Docks near the Third Street Boat Launch does not have access to Tubbs Hill. There is no access to the Resort, Boardwalk, and the City Boat Mooring Docks from the City Hall parking lot due to the Seawall Overlook construction. Contact the city or watch the city's Facebook page or blog for any additional closings.

The city's Executive Team participated last week in the United Way Day of Caring working to sort nearly 2 tons of donated food that will go to area food banks. Due to great teamwork they completed the task in under two hours. Soon the city will launch a giving campaign with the hope of bettering last year's contributions. Last year the city was recognized with an Outstanding Employee Giving Campaign award with donations of nearly \$6,000.

The City received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$62,000 to be used for needed maintenance items at the Jewett House. In the next 14 months the house will be getting a new heating system, interior structural repairs, restored wood floors, the south

side of the house will be painted, painting of the 1st floor interior, roof replacement, and new fencing across the front of the house. An additional \$1,000 was donated for landscaping and plantings.

The city is on track to reopen the boat ramp by October 1st with a gravel access from Front Street to the launch ramps. There could be some possible temporary closures of a day or two for some work and paving later in the month.

Congratulations to Sid Fredrickson, Wastewater Superintendent, who was recently presented the William D. Hatfield Award from the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association. This award is richly deserved. Sid's personal journey and challenge to meet some of the most stringent wastewater discharge standards in the country is clear evidence of the city's impressive contributions to improve the field of treatment.

Congratulations to Coeur d'Alene Fire. The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department has been presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for the year 2012 by the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire and Research Foundation. The award was announced recently by J. William Degan, President of the NASFM Foundation. Since 1994, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized local fire prevention efforts that have contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department qualified for this award in year 2012 because it recorded zero fire deaths in structures during that year. In addition, the department was able to demonstrate the existence of an active and effective fire prevention program and a clear commitment to reducing the number of fires in the homes in the community.

The city is looking for the flood works wall, otherwise known as the dike wall and levy wall. Part of the wall is underground and has been covered over. The top of the wall was discovered near the museum. Ms. Gabriel explained the purpose of the wall for flood protection. By September 30th, all of the flood wall beams and walls will be in place so that they can demonstrate to FEMA that the city has all the parts to the wall, and it works, and everything fits.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy welcomed Jeff Selle, who is the new "City Beat" reporter for the Coeur d'Alene Press.

APPROVAL OF iROBOT SWAT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Captain Steve Childers and Sergeant Dan O'Dell presented a request for authorization to purchase the iRobot 110 FirstLook. Captain Childers said that the purchase was budgeted this year in the amount of \$9,000, but after the budget was approved and after looking more closely at the robot the SWAT team felt that it was not a usable robot for them. After more research they decided on an upgraded iRobot model with a cost of over \$20,000 with a rebuild kit so that when you are out in the field, you are able to quickly interchange the parts. Captain Childers explained that the robot can be deployed into a SWAT/search warrant environment where officers need to go in and take someone into custody who has committed a crime. It is actually four cameras with a remote control apparatus and can be inserted in a number of ways – it can crawl up or down stairs, and can be thrown

through a window and automatically upright itself. It will provide video and audio communication with the suspect and the PD. The PD is requesting to use some asset forfeiture money to purchase the iRobot. Captain Childers noted that \$11,500 of the cost would come from asset forfeiture funds, and the remaining \$9,000 would come out of the budgeted SWAT fund.

Captain Childers explained that the SWAT team is a multi-agency team and the host team is the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department. In the last seven years they have been involved with about 36 SWAT call outs, and about 8 to 10 of those have been called back. They have also done some other details involving the Western Governor's Conference, Aryan Trials, special events, the vice-president's visit, and some recent events downtown. Because it is a joint team, the team deploys throughout the county. When the SWAT team is called, it is a reactive situation.

Mayor Pro Tem asked a question about funding, and the benefit to the county and asked Captain Childers to explain the mutual aid component. Captain Childers said that each department outfits their own officers. The county purchased new sniper rifles that they own, although the city has officers that are being trained in that specialty. The county also has ballistic shields, pole cameras, and other hand tools and vehicles, and the vehicles that the SWAT team uses are county vehicles. There are different types of devices that are deployed in a SWAT incident, all purchased by the county. Each agency comes to the table with different items, but the officers are all outfitted alike and deploy as a unit. The equipment they have is that is jointly used comes from both agencies.

Captain Childers noted that this past week the City of Post Falls was able to acquire a surplus armored vehicle, which is something that will be jointly used throughout the county.

Captain Childers presented a brief "first look" video of the iRobot. He noted that the city has used a robot over the past 18 to 24 months two different times. Both times, the robots came from Spokane. One robot is a larger scale robot and is very expensive, which also has a lot of resources that need to be brought with it. The other robot is a small portable robot. That robot, along with the larger one, was just deployed on the recent 7th Street call. There are no other robots in the area but because the city is a joint agency with Kootenai County, they and Post Falls have access to the robots. Captain Childers explained that there has been no cost to use the robot from Spokane and they are more than willing to come over and assist, however there is more than an hour delay and usage would depend upon availability.

Captain Childers explained that there is a six month warranty on the iRobot, but from what he has researched, there is virtually no maintenance. They would buy the repair kit that comes with the robot, so that they would be able to take care of anything that needed to be done with the machine.

Councilman McEvers asked if this size of a machine would have worked on the Ramsey and 7th Street calls. Sergeant O'Dell said that it would have worked to some extent in

that the robot could have been deployed inside the apartment and located the suspect, but it could not have opened the door, etc.

Councilman McEvers asked if multiple people could operate the robot. Sergeant O'Dell said that they will probably all be trained on the operation of the robot, but it is a relatively simple remote control. Captain Childers said that the reviews he read said that the robot was rugged and easy to operate. It has a joy stick remote control and is very user friendly, especially to some of the younger officers.

MOTION by Edinger, seconded by McEvers, to authorize a budget line adjustment to purchase the iRobot SWAT Equipment as presented.

DISCUSSION:

Councilman Gookin said that he would be voting against this as he sees it as more of a want than a need. He feels that if it was a really crucial item, other agencies would have it. He mentioned that a paint ball set was purchased a few years ago by the PD for tactical training for officers and he hasn't seen it used yet.

Captain Childers said that the paintball set is not "paintball" but is actually rubber ammunition and reusable. It is used a couple of times a year for inservice training at the Police Training Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy said that the General Services Committee recommended approval of the request by 3 to 0. He noted that he would rather put police officers' safety before everything else and thinks that we need to be careful that we not suggest that the police department is spending money on paintball guns when there is a lot more to it. He further said that he has a lot of confidence in the police department and their expenditures.

Councilman Edinger expressed disappointment that there was not a demonstration of the iRobot at the meeting and asked if they would come to a future council meeting and give a demonstration. Captain Childers said that they looked into the possibility of bringing the robot to the council meeting but that the shipping and insurance for the demonstrative is expensive.

Motion carried with Councilman Gookin voting No.

CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW OPTIONS FOR THE LONG RANGE PLANNING OF THE SPOKANE RIVER CORRIDOR INCLUDING THE OLD ATLAS MILL SITE:

Mike Gridley, City Attorney noted that one of the priorities of people who live here is access to the water. The Spokane River Corridor property, including the Old Atlas Mill Site is some of the last area in Coeur d'Alene that will be developed. The thinking is that as the properties develop and the railroad corridor gets acquired, they will need to decide how they want to use it. The goal of the committee would be to look at the

corridor and then make recommendations to the council regarding pros and cons, ideas, and options that might be developed on the property.

Councilman Gookin asked if the committee would just be concentrating on the one area or would it cover the entire “coast.” Mr. Gridley said that they would be looking at the Atlas Mill Site, and the railroad property that runs through the mill site to the Washington Trust site, and then back to the Mill River area and on to Huetter. One idea they have been working on for several years is creating a River Trail (ped/bike path) that would follow the railroad. There have been other concepts that have been proposed, including fishing piers, and canoe and kayak launching, etc.

Mr. Gridley confirmed that the city has the authority to annex halfway across the river, as was done in Mill River. As to the other side of the river, there are no proposals or plans to annex.

Mr. Gridley explained that the railroad property varies between 60 and 120 feet wide running parallel to the Spokane River. The best way would be to figure out a way to acquire the property. There are different angles to work with exchanges and things, but somebody is going to have to buy it. One of the things that will probably come up for discussion is the vacant property that has been sitting for a number of years. The thing that has prevented development is the railroad running through it. If the railroad property is acquired, then they could deal with the owners of the property who own the actual waterfront. There have been discussions with the Lake City Development Corporation regarding assisting the city to acquire some of the property and then expanding the Mill River park, which is heavily used in the summer.

Councilman Edinger asked if the property could be condemned. Mr. Gridley said that it could be condemned, but the city would still have to pay for it. He noted that the railroad is working on updating an appraisal on the property using more current property values and he should have that in another month or so.

MOTION by McEvers, seconded by Kennedy, to direct staff to establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the purpose of reviewing and recommending options for community use and access in the Spokane River corridor from Huetter Road to the BLM property in Riverstone.

DISCUSSION:

Councilman Adams asked about Roger Smith Mr. Gridley said that he has not heard directly from Mr. Smith but he has heard from a few interested people. He asked the council if they had any guidance for him on the composition of the committee and noted that he is not sure if Mr. Smith is here year round, but he can certainly see if he is available.

Councilman Gookin said that he would like to modify the motion to recommend that the committee include an offer to Mr. Smith, and also ensure that KEA (Kootenai Environmental Alliance) is a member of the committee. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy said

that he didn't think it was necessary to modify the motion but if the council had ideas for the committee composition, to let staff know.

Councilman Gookin withdrew his request to amend the motion but said that he thinks that Kootenai Environmental Alliance should definitely be on the committee and an offer to should be made to Mr. Smith and that Mr. Smith should be kept apprised and receive minutes from the meetings, etc.

Mr. Gridley suggested that the Mill River Homeowners Association might also be interested. Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy suggested that the BLM would be a good group to involve as well. Janna Paronto was suggested and railroad personnel. Mr. Gridley said that there are no local railroad personnel, but he will keep them advised. The US Bank Call Center and the Kootenai County Waterways Association were also suggested.

Councilman Gookin asked what kind of influence this committee would have on the annexation agreement. Mr. Gridley said that it would be an advisory committee so the council could look to them for advice.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers, that there being no further business, this meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy C. Ferguson, Deputy City Clerk