

CITY OF HAUSER, IDAHO

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

July 23, 2008

6:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Olita Johnston

Roll Call of City Council Members – Councilmember Bill Madigan, Councilmember Rich Danford, Councilmember Carmen Miller

The Council President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a quorum present. This was a workshop session and no decisions were made.

Council President Johnston introduced Undersheriff Tad Leach and Kootenai County Commissioner Rich Piazza to make a presentation on the Kootenai County Public Safety Facilities Plan. The Undersheriff explained that the facilities plan was comprehensive and did not include just the jail expansion. Mr. Leach provided the Council with statistics on population and the crime rate increases. He also provided statistics for future jail overcrowding and the costs associated with transport of prisoners to other locations.

Commissioner Piazza explained that the proposal included improvements to the Courthouse Complex, an underground parking garage and sufficient room for motor vehicle and drivers licensing departments to move to the jail complex. This move will provide additional parking at the County Administration Complex.

Undersheriff Leach and Commissioner Piazza stood for questions from the public and the Council. Questions from the public centered around the cost associated with the project. Commissioner Piazza discussed that this issue would be placed on the ballot for a ½ cent sales tax for the public to decide. Mr. Leach stated that if the issue was not on the ballot this year or failed, then it would be over four years before the issue could be addressed again. The Undersheriff left pamphlets and brochures for the Council to read and requested that they support the ballot proposal.

Jaime – Lake A Syst Program Update – Jaime Davis introduced herself and stated that she represented the Hauser Watershed Coalition. She is part of the coalition that is facilitating demonstration projects for Hauser Lake. She explained the project and requested that the City consider hosting a demonstration project at City Hall. She requested that the City Hall be used on August 9, 2008 for a classroom project to plan a stormwater management plan and that in subsequent meetings an onsite demonstration project would be conducted at City Hall. The stormwater specialist Tom Freeman would conduct the workshop. There were questions from the Council. Mr. Madigan questioned whether how the City would benefit from the project. Ms. Davis stated that the City hall could be used as a project site and that the stormwater plan may be

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implemented on that location. Councilmember Danford stated that the Watershed Coalition member John Wallis was already advertising the meeting, however no location had been advertised. There was a consensus of the Council to allow the Watershed Coalition conduct their stormwater planning workshop at City Hall on August 9 2008.

Review of Edgewood Development Agreement – The Planning Consultant presented the draft development agreement for Edgewood, a preliminary approved 17 lot subdivision. There was a brief discussion from the Council. Ms. Howell stated that she hoped to have the development agreement completed and signed by the applicant for the August 13, 2008 public meeting. Mr. Madigan questioned Ms. Howell about the project and was frustrated that the Council would not be making a decision on preliminary approval of the subdivision. Ms. Howell explained that the Development Code provides a process for approval of subdivisions within the City and the Planning Commission had already made the preliminary decision. She explained that the development agreement on how the improvements would be made and when was up to the Council. There was additional discussion from the Council.

Budget Workshop 2008-2009 – The Clerk/Treasurer distributed the budget sheets for the workshop. There was a discussion from the Council on the fund balance savings account. Councilmember Danford asked about the status of the financial statements and the Clerk/Treasurer mentioned that the accounting firm Magnuson – McHugh was continuing to work on the statements to correct the inaccuracies.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council President adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

Cheri Howell, Clerk

Council President, Olita Johnston