

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANDPOINT CITY COUNCIL
May 1, 2019

OPENING Mayor Rognstad called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 5:32 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in the Council chambers at City Hall, 1123 Lake Street.

ROLL CALL Council members Aitken, Aispuro, Darling, Williamson and Eddy were present. Councilwoman Ruehle was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Rognstad led the Council and the public in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jane Fritz, not a City resident, urged City Council to reconsider the Canada Goose Management Action Plan Cooperative Service Field Agreement previously approved by Council on February 20, 2019, via Resolution No. 19-10 and to consider other solutions, such as "Away With Geese". She hopes to reopen the discussion with a specific agenda item on the June 5, 2019, regular meeting agenda.

Steve Tillberg, Sandpoint resident, stated the following: At their March 20, 2019, meeting, City Council approved a zone change for his property at 405 Schweitzer Cutoff Road in Sandpoint. Thereafter, airport owners made false statements to the Mayor regarding their zone change application. They asked for a meeting with the Mayor, and he flatly refused. As a result, the Mayor vetoed their zone change, and they were not given an opportunity for input or to address any concerns the Mayor had regarding the zone change. Mr. Tillberg then submitted written statements to the City Council from himself and Maureen Tillberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rognstad made the following announcement: On March 20, 2019, after consideration of the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and the criteria and relevant standards of Idaho Code and Sandpoint City Code, City Council granted the request by Maureen and Steve Tillberg for a zone change from Residential Single-Family (RS) to Mixed Use Residential (MUR) for two parcels totaling 8.49 acres. On April 17, 2019, City Council passed Ordinance No. 1361, which adopted this rezone. The next day, on April 18, based in part on my belief that we should have provided additional opportunity for public comment in a hearing before City Council prior to Council making a final decision on this rezone, I vetoed the Ordinance. During the meeting on April 17, I announced my intention to veto the Ordinance and instructed that any Council member who wanted to schedule a special meeting to overturn my veto should contact the City Clerk for inclusion on the next Council agenda. No special meeting has been requested and, at this time, I would like to announce that I am scheduling a public hearing for the June 5, 2019, regular Council meeting for the purpose of allowing additional public comment on this matter and allowing Mr. Tillberg's case to be heard again. The Notice of Public Hearing will be published in the Bonner County Daily Bee in the coming days.

City Administrator Jennifer Stapleton announced that the City and consultant GreenPlay, LLC, would be holding a public forum the following evening, Thursday, May 2, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Hive downtown, at which time the public will have the opportunity to provide input on the current state of parks and recreation in Sandpoint and the community's vision for the future of parks, recreation, open space, and trails throughout the City and in coordination with our greater region. All are welcome, and the youth are encouraged to attend and participate, along with parks users and stakeholders. Committed to a broad-based public process, in addition to the public forum, the City and GreenPlay are meeting with focus groups and holding stakeholder interviews with approximately 50 individuals.

She also reported that there is much activity throughout town, particularly downtown, preparing for the coming summer season, beginning with the annual Lost in the 50s weekend, with several tasks and cleanup projects planned to conclude by May 15:

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- Demolition of the burned buildings at First Ave. and Bridge St.
- Delivery of 110 hanging flower baskets to be installed on light poles (as opposed to utility poles), with a new plan for baskets throughout the downtown core and new hangers fashioned by the Streets crew.
- Project on Main St. from Gunnings Alley next to the Panida Theater, west toward Jeff Jones Town Square, taking utility lines and transformers running along that section and the key intersection at Main St. and First Ave. underground this spring, prior to the start of Phase 2 of the Downtown Revitalization Project, scheduled for Second Ave. on Cedar St. to Church St. on First Ave. This project involves installing underground vaults in the sidewalks, resulting in no impact to vehicle traffic, but sidewalks will be blocked for about the next week or so.
- Underground meters are being replaced throughout downtown. Any resulting sidewalk damage and demolition will be fixed prior to May 15.
- Street re-striping is currently being scheduled, most likely for this coming weekend.
- The Streets crew and City Arborist have been going through town, auditing trees, checking for stop sign blockage and other line-of-sight issues at intersections, with resulting tree trimming taking place prior to May 15.
- The Streets and Parks crews have been assessing all elements downtown, including planters and signage, conducting a full audit of all cleanup work needed prior to May 15.

Patience is appreciated during this very busy time, with all of the divisions in the City teaming up to complete this work by May 15.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. MEETING MINUTES (*approval of City Council minutes; acknowledgment of all others*)
 - 1. City Council, April 17, 2019 (Regular Meeting)
 - 2. Planning and Zoning Commission, April 2, 2019
 - 3. Historic Preservation Commission, March 19, 2019
- B. BILLS in the amount of \$407,498.05 for regular payables.
- C. RESOLUTIONS
 - 1. **Resolution No. 19-25** – Clarification Regarding the Connect Services Agreement with Bigbelly, Inc.

Councilwoman Williamson moved for approval of items A-1 through C-1. **Councilman Darling seconded the motion.**

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman Ruehle	Absent
Councilman Aitken	Yes
Councilman Aispuro	Yes
Councilman Darling	Yes
Councilwoman Williamson	Yes
Councilman Eddy	Yes

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Council present.

OLD BUSINESS

D. PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN KICKOFF PRESENTATION

City Administrator Jennifer Stapleton introduced Tom Diehl from GreenPlay, LLC, who reported that they are in town on a public engagement mission, asking questions and gathering information as follows:

- Length of residency, seeking both longtime and new residents
- Current parks and recreation strengths
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- Additional activities desired
- Underserved areas and citizens

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- Ideas for funding
- Identifying key stakeholders
- Identifying key issues and values
- Identifying priorities
- Seeking comments, suggestions and feedback

As they conduct interviews and gather information, they want to be clear that no decisions have been made, and they are here to seek public input. The City has also prepared a two-page flyer about parks and recreation in Sandpoint, which GreenPlay is sharing with everyone they meet. Next steps will include continuing a tour of the City's parks and facilities, looking at four specific parks in detail, conducting a level of service analysis, community surveys, mailed to 3,000 random households, along with an open-link survey and a demographics study. They will return in August/September for findings and visioning and again in October/November, at which time they will present a draft Plan.

Ms. Stapleton added that, as the seat of Bonner County and our Parks and Recreation program serving not only citizens of the City but families and members of the community throughout the region, the City is coordinating with our neighboring jurisdictions, including Bonner County and other cities within the County as stakeholders and encouraging members of the community at large to participate in this process.

E. RESOLUTION NO. 19-26 – HONORARY STREET SIGN PROGRAM

Sue Graves from the Sandpoint Historic Preservation Commission reported that the Commission received a request from the Mayor to help establish a policy for addressing requests to honor historically-significant contributions to the community. The Commission realized that there are many ways to honor these contributions, such as naming parks or other facilities, providing plaques, and installing honorary street signs. Upon the recommendation of the Commission, each program should have its own policy. As the result of a recent request, the first policy the Commission recommends is the Honorary Street Sign Program, which would provide a means to honor current and past Sandpoint residents, groups, programs, events, and sites that have made civic, charitable, educational, cultural, or business contributions to the community by identifying a Sandpoint street or portion of a street with the name of an honoree. The honorary street name would supplement the actual street name, would not change the actual and permanent street name, and would not require residents and businesses fronting the street to change their addresses.

In general, the Commission has several recommendations for judging an application for an honorary street sign, and there was considerable discussion to ensure the criteria is not too broad and not too limiting. A site, event, or individual must be of known historic, geographic or cultural importance to the City, responsible for accomplishment of local, regional, national or international significance, someone with a distinguished career or notable humanitarian achievement made while a resident of the City, a clear geographical relationship to the street or area of interest to the nominee, and a clearly-defined record of local community or public service.

The honorary street sign would remain for a maximum of five years, with renewal allowed upon submission of a new application. The applicant must receive approval of at least 50% of the property owners abutting the sign location. Honorary signs will be brown with white lettering, consistent with other historic signage, and placed either above or below the permanent street sign. The Commission believes that including the word "honorary" above the sign lettering will be important to further differentiate from the permanent street sign. All costs for the sign and maintenance will be borne by the applicant.

The Commission is unanimous in recommending approval of this policy.

Mayor Rognstad thanked the Commission for their work on this policy.

Councilman Aispuro moved that City Council approve the proposed resolution, Honorary Street Sign Program. **Councilman Darling seconded the motion.**

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A roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Aispuro	Yes
Councilman Darling	Yes
Councilwoman Williamson	Yes
Councilman Eddy	Yes
Councilwoman Ruehle	Absent
Councilman Aitken	Yes

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Council present.

F. RESOLUTION NO. 19-27 – SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANDPOINT AND LOCAL 2319, IAFF

Human Resources Director/Risk Manager Nicole Goes reported that adoption of the new biweekly payroll system resulted in the need to amend the current bargaining agreement with the fire fighters' union.

Councilman Eddy moved that City Council approve the proposed resolution, Supplemental Agreement Between the City of Sandpoint and Local 2319, IAFF. **Councilman Darling seconded the motion.**

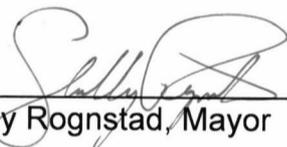
A roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Eddy	Yes
Councilman Aitken	Yes
Councilwoman Williamson	Yes
Councilman Aispuro	Yes
Councilman Darling	Yes
Councilwoman Ruehle	Absent

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of Council present.

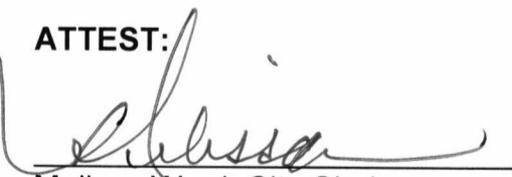
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rognstad adjourned the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.



Shelby Rognstad, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Ward, City Clerk