

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

August 5, 2025

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 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., there being present the following members:

Woody McEvers, Mayor

Dan English) Members of Council Present
Christie Wood)
Dan Gookin)
Amy Evans)
Kenny Gabriel)

Kiki Miller) Members of Council Absent

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

INVOCATION: Paul Van Noy, Candlelight Christian Fellowship led the invocation.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: MOTION: Motion by Gookin to amend the agenda by, Seconded by Wood to move Resolution No. 25-041, regarding the budget high water mark to after Executive Session.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Wood explained that she supports the motion, as they will be discussing items within Executive Session that might impact the budget. City Administrator Troy Tymesen noted that the high-water mark is the maximum amount available under code, so it would not be able to be raised higher based on negotiations. Councilmember Gookin stated he would like to hear the data before he makes the decision on the Resolution. Finance Director Katie Ebner noted that it appears that there is concern about expenditures; however, the highwater mark is to give notice to the constituents. Any changes to expenses exceeding what is approved would be dealt with through an amendment. She clarified that this action is a procedural part of the budget process and does not lock the Council into this as a final budget amount, as there is an upcoming workshop and a public hearing September 2, 2025.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Sims, Coeur d'Alene, noted that there has been drastic change on Atlas Avenue. 10 years ago the traffic was tolerable, now there are 9,000 cars a day using that one mile stretch, meaning 375 cars per hour, 6.25 per minute. He has previously asked the Council to lower the speed limit. There are 200 households affected by traffic and he believes his sinus and breathing issues could be related to emissions pollution. He does not believe the lower speed limit for the one-mile stretch would impede traffic and would only slow traffic down by one minute. He expressed concern that the City would be liable for medical ailments associated with the emissions pollution.

Ted Turrentine, Coeur d'Alene, expressed concern regarding the employee negotiations, specifically with the amount of sick leave and benefits and offered specific suggestions for cuts. He stated that he does have respect and admiration for the jobs employees do but the Council needs to look at cutting personnel costs.

Mike Gridley, Coeur d'Alene, noted that employees should be compensated accurately and are already paid less than the private sector. They like what they do and care about the community. He wanted to express support of the budget increase and infrastructure items and reiterated that the number one asset for the City is the employees. He thanked the elected officials for being trustworthy.

Sara Welch, Coeur d'Alene, noted that she is the Early Learning Coordinator for United Way and supports Resolution No. 25-042, the grant funding agreement for the United Way childcare program and encouraged Council support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember English shared information regarding the URA Hospital District closure and reviewed the process of how to close an urban renewal district. He requested staff to prepare a resolution of intent to close the district. Noting that this item was not on the agenda, he asked the Mayor to make that request of staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the July 15 and 21, 2025 Council Meetings.
2. Approval of Bill as Submitted
3. Approval of SS-24-03 – Approval of Final Plat – Pinewood Addition.

MOTION: Motion by Evans, seconded by Gabriel to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

ROLL CALL: Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Gabriel Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye. **Motion carried.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 25-1015

Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Providing for the Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025 of the City of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Authorizing the Manner of Sale of the Bonds, Delegating Authority to Approve the Terms, Provisions and Sale of the Bonds, and Providing for Related Matters.

STAFF REPORT: Michael Keith, Zions public finance, was introduced to talk about the bonds related to the public safety bond recently approved. Funds will be used to buy new fire engines and remodel some facilities. He noted that the market for bonds has seen interest rates rise over the past few months. However, there have been concerns regarding tariffs, wars, jobs data, etc. and rates are turning slightly downward. He noted that the rate is not far from what was originally expected. He reminded Council that a survey was completed in February and 60% of the respondents agreed that they would support a tax increase to pay for the bonds and the bond election was approved with 74.87% support. He noted that at a possible 3.12% interest rate, it would \$16.07 per \$100,000 in taxable value to taxpayers. He explained that there is no benefit to waiting to go to market, as the market is unpredictable, so they are targeting to go to market on August 19, 2025. They do a pre-pricing the day before and ensure it is a good market to enter.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Wood asked if they would lock into a timeframe and reanalyze the bonds at some point, with Mr. Keith noting that the bonds are for a 10-year timeframe, which is too short a term to be refinanced. He explained the process that will occur during the day of the sale, including direct contact with staff, who will be able to view the negotiations in real time. September 3, 2025, would be the bond closing date. Councilmember Gookin asked about the 10-year rate graph presented and using the T-bill rate as market predictors. Mr. Keith clarified that there is no direct correlation between those rates; however, they do have an economic impact on the market.

Bond Counsel Danielle Quade explained the bond ordinance, noting that it allows the city to move forward with selling the bonds, to fund needed fire equipment and renovations to the fire stations. The 10-year bonds fit nicely with the useful life span of the equipment and facilities. \$16.4 Million is the amount and the notice of sale will be published in the press. There will be a sale agreement signed by the City representatives as outlined in Ordinance. These are tax exempt bonds and there are some requirements outlined for use of the funds for public purposes.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by English, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 25-1015** once by title only.

ROLL CALL: Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Gabriel Aye. **Motion carried.**

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by English, to adopt **Council Bill No. 25-1015**.

ROLL CALL: Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Gabriel Aye. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-038

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DOWL FOR THE RIVER'S EDGE PUD TRAFFIC MITIGATION PLAN

STAFF REPORT: City Engineer Chris Bosley explained that a condition placed on the River's Edge PUD modification south of Seltice Way, and included in the Development Agreement, requires that the owner, River's Edge Apartments, LLC, (Lanzce Douglass), pay to have a traffic mitigation plan completed by the consultant of the City's choice. DOWL is on the City's on-call consultant roster for traffic engineering. The City worked with DOWL to develop a scope of work that addresses the City's concerns regarding additional traffic on Seltice Way. The traffic mitigation plan will identify traffic deficiencies on Seltice Way, specifically at Atlas Road, Riverstone Drive, and Northwest Boulevard, and identify mitigation measures that could be used to address the deficiencies. The developer will pay the city, with the city entering in an paying the agreement out of those funds. The owner is not required to fund the actual mitigation measures identified; however, impact fees can be used for their implementation. Upon completion, River's Edge Apartments, LLC, will reimburse the City for these expenses. Mr. Bosley recommended the City Council approve the Professional Services Agreement with DOWL for the River's Edge PUD Traffic Mitigation Plan.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Wood asked if there was a contract with Douglass, with Mr. Adams explaining that there is a development agreement and that certificate of occupancy will not be issued without signature and payment of the funds. Councilmember Gabriel asked how long the study would take with Mr. Bosley stating it would take a couple of months. Councilmember English noted this would be valuable information. Mr. Bosely noted it would not include funding for the mitigation; however, impact fee funding would be available for improvements and sometimes the developer will pay a per-proportionate share of improvement costs, which are usually low.

MOTION: Motion by English, seconded by Wood to approve **Resolution No. 25-038** – Approving a Professional Services Contract with DOWL for the River's Edge PUD Traffic Mitigation Plan.

ROLL CALL: Evans Aye; Gabriel Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE LADDER TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,981,350.00, AND FOUR FIRE ENGINES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,240,072.00, FROM HUGHES FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC., FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$6,221,422.00 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

STAFF REPORT: Deputy Fire Chief Lucas Pichette explained that in accordance with the G.O. Bond, the two purchase agreements proposed will allow the Fire Department to enter pre-payment

arrangements with Hughes Fire Equipment Inc. for four fire engines and one ladder truck. It was essential to execute these agreements promptly, since build times now estimated at 38 to 40 months only begin once the agreements are finalized. Purchase agreement number one (1) is \$1,981,350 for a (Ladder Truck). The agreement has a \$205,078 discount on pre-payment. In total \$247,658 in discounts. Purchase agreement number two (2) is \$4,240,072 for (4 Fire Engines). The agreement has a \$333,816 discount on pre-payment. In total, \$454,890 in total discounts. In addition, Hughes Fire had a 1% post August increase, which they are waiving for these agreements. Mr. Pichette stated when the purchase is approved, it will be invoiced and 30 days thereafter pre-payment will be due of the combined purchase agreements in the amount of \$6,221,422.00. The Finance Director has reviewed the options surrounding these agreements and found the choice of pre-payment to be in the City's best interests.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gabriel noted that the cost reduction is great, and this is a great company to purchase from based on past purchases. Councilmember Gookin reiterated that it will be 38-40 months for delivery.

MOTION: Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Evans to approve **Resolution No. 25-039** – Approving two purchase agreements with Hughes Fire Equipment for four fire engines and one ladder truck in the total amount of \$6,221,422.00.

ROLL CALL: Gabriel Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-040

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$48,409.79), FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE SOLIDS HANDLING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

STAFF REPORT: Capital Program Manager, Wastewater Department Mike Becker presented the staff report to Council explaining that the Wastewater Treatment Facility Projects are typically long and progressive projects. Understanding that the facility must remain operational at all times, HDR Engineering, Inc. was hired to assist the city from conceptual design, through construction, and eventually to the project close-out of the Solids Building Improvements Project. On August 18, 2020, the city executed a PSA (Res. 20-045) for HDR's preliminary engineering design. This was for the prequalification of manufacturers and the procurement of a new centrifuge. Further noting that several amendments have been approved to conduct final engineering and design of the centrate tank cover, larger biosolids loadout, conveyors and a second floor for future dewatering equipment. On May 2, 2023, the city awarded and secured an agreement with Apollo, Inc., to construct this project. Amendment #5 is for additional services requested in the amount of \$48,409.79.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Evans to approve **Resolution No. 25-040** - Approving Amendment No. 5 to the Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering,

Inc., in the amount of \$48,409.79, for additional Programming Work associated with the Solids Handling Improvements Project.

ROLL CALL: Gabriel Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye. **Motion carried.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 25-1014

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 8.20.010, 8.20.020, 8.20.030, AND 8.20.050 OF THE COEUR D'ALENE MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF SECTION 8.20.040 OF THE COEUR D'ALENE MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A NEW SECTION OF THE COEUR D'ALENE MUNICIPAL CODE, § 8.20.080; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

STAFF REPORT: Building Official, Ted Lantzy explained that in 1974, the City passed Ordinance No. 1379, establishing regulations regarding the safety of public, semipublic, and private swimming pools in Chapter 8.20 of the Coeur d'Alene Municipal Code. A minor amendment was made to M.C. § 8.20.010 in 2003, removing the words “of at least” from the phrase “surrounded by a fence of at least six feet (6') in height.” In 2006, M.C. § 8.20.060 was repealed. That section had provided: “Private swimming pools shall be located in the back half of the lot, provided that the distance from the front right of way line need not exceed seventy-five feet (75’). Chapter 8.20 has remained unchanged for the last fifty-one (51) years. The City has adopted the International Building Code, which now includes the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code. Provisions of the International Code conflict with the City Code. Mr. Lantzy said that in some respects, the City Code is too restrictive and does not take into consideration modern technology. He stated staff recommends several amendments to Chapter 8.20 in order to bring the City regulations in line with the International Code, and to provide more consistency and flexibility. First, the amendments make it clear that the regulations apply not just to swimming pools, but to spas and hot tubs, consistent with the International Code. Second, there are specific regulations in the International Code regarding the design and construction of fences and barriers which should be adopted by reference. Third, the proposed amendments require a self-latching device on all gates and specifies the location of such a device. Fourth, the amendments require compliance with the International Building Code for structures related to spas and pools. Fifth, § 8.20.040 is deleted as it is duplicative of § 8.20.020. Sixth, the amendments allow a lockable safety cover, compliance with ASTM standards, in lieu of a fence. Under the International Code, such covers provide a measure of protection equivalent to a fence and can be used when there is insufficient room for a fence with required setbacks surrounding a spa or pool. The amendments make it clear that the standards in the International Building and Mechanical Codes are applicable where not in conflict is Chapter 8.20. The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code provides comprehensive guidance to ensure the safety of spas and swimming pools without being unduly restrictive. Making the City Code consistent with the International Code is reasonable and based on practical considerations. Further, many properties in Coeur d'Alene that are being developed have insufficient space to erect a fence on all sides of a spa or pool at least five feet from the edge of the

spa or pool as required by current Code. The City previously prohibited the use of a pool cover to substitute for a fence. However, technology has advanced to make a lockable pool cover, compliant with certain engineering standards, a safe alternative to fencing.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gabriel asked if we adopted the international code which references the pool code, could we just reference that code, with Mr. Lantzy noted it is adopted by reference, but the municipal code contains additional regulations. Councilmember English noted that the number of pools is less compared to spas and asked how much impact the code will have for spa owners. Mr. Lantzy noted that spas are already regulated under the pool and spa code and the city code. Mayor McEvers asked if spa owners would have to install a fence, with Mr. Lantzy noting that a cover would be a substitute requirement. Councilmember Wood noted that spa covers are heavy, and this amendment aligns the codes.

MOTION: Motion by Wood, seconded by Evans, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 25-1014** once by title only.

ROLL CALL: Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Gabriel Aye. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION: Motion by Wood, seconded by Evans, to adopt **Council Bill No. 25-1014**.

ROLL CALL: Gookin Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Gabriel Aye. **Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION 25-041

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING A NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, AND INCLUDING PROPOSED EXPENDITURES BY FUND AND/OR DEPARTMENT, AND 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 AND LISTING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES DURING EACH OF THE TWO (2) PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE SAME.

STAFF REPORT: Finance Director/City Treasurer Katie Ebner explained Idaho code requires that the City Council approve an appropriations ordinance each year. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish a ceiling for expenditures and disclose the potential property tax revenue necessary to balance the budget. The financial plan or budget is the guide and detailed report for establishing these numbers. She said the financial plan is an estimate of revenues and expenditures for the upcoming year. The expenditures are classified by department, as well as, by fund or service and the revenues are classified by source. Included in the budget document as per Idaho Code 50-1002 are actual revenues and expenditures from the prior two fiscal years, budgeted revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year, and proposed revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. The revenue includes \$31,607,354 in property tax revenue – an increase of \$2,866,455 over the previous year. This increase includes the levy for the newly approved 2025 Fire Bond payment, estimated at \$2,150,000, new growth of \$301,775, a 3% increase over taxes levied this fiscal year of \$835,702, and recovering 1% of foregone taxes of \$291,148. This resolution is

intended to serve as a “high water mark” for the budget, with the understanding that further budget development may result in a final amount that is lower, but not higher. She noted that the high-water mark includes a 3.5% wage increase for employee contracts and that the deficit stands at \$2.1 Million Dollars.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gabriel asked what the fund balance is, with Ms. Ebner noting that she estimates it at \$15 Million at the end of the year. There was a decrease in the fund balance from last fiscal year due to onetime expenses. She would like to ensure that the city does not go into reserved fund balances and that the budget looks good for the next fiscal year; however, it is important to look at ongoing expense while planning for FY 26/27.

MOTION: Motion by Wood, seconded by English to approve **Resolution No. 25-041** - setting of a public hearing for September 2, 2025, and setting the high dollar amount (\$152,558,290.00) in expenditures for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Financial Plan (Annual Appropriation).

ROLL CALL: Gabriel Aye; Gookin No; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye. **Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION 25-042

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WAY OF NORTH IDAHO TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF SERVICES IN THE CHILDCARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

STAFF REPORT: Community Development Specialist Sherrie Badertscher explained that each year, the City of Coeur d’Alene administers the Community Opportunity Grant, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This grant supports projects that benefit low and moderate-income residents and neighborhoods within the City. In August 2024, City Council allocated \$34,462.00 from CDBG Plan Year 2024 for United Way of North Idaho to support its Childcare Scholarship Program. This program is designed to assist the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population, which are working families who struggle to afford basic necessities despite being employed. Currently, the Childcare Scholarship Program provides up to \$350.00 per month to income qualified Coeur d’Alene residents, for a maximum of three (3) consecutive months, resulting in an average award of \$1,050.00 per household. This support has been impactful; however, the rising cost of childcare and the overall increase in the cost of living in the Coeur d’Alene area have significantly reduced the effectiveness of this assistance. United Way reports that families are spending up to 50% of their monthly income on childcare and, even with the current scholarship, childcare could still consume approximately 30% of a family’s income. These figures highlight the growing financial strain on working families and the need to enhance the level of support provided. She said to better meet the needs of local families and ensure the continued effectiveness of the Childcare Scholarship Program, United Way has requested the following program amendments; allow multiple scholarships per household for families with more than one child requiring care; and increase the maximum monthly scholarship amount per child to reflect current childcare market rates. These changes will enable United Way to more effectively support

ALICE families, reduce financial stress, and promote economic stability for working parents in our community.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Wood noted that it is a sad topic, as parents are in an impossible situation. She asked if any of the funding goes outside of the city limits, with Ms. Badertscher explaining that funds can only pay for Coeur d’Alene families, but United Way has other funds for those outside the city limits.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood to approve **Resolution No. 25-042 - Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Grant Funding Agreement with United Way North of Idaho to expand the scope of services in the Childcare Scholarship Program and authorizing staff to execute the amended agreement.**

ROLL CALL: English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Gabriel Aye; Gookin Aye. **Motion carried.**

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PLAN YEAR 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.

STAFF REPORT: Community Development Specialist, Sherrie Badertscher explained that the City of Coeur d’Alene (City) receives an annual direct allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Plan Year 2025’s (PY25) annual allocation will be \$290,998.00 based on notification from HUD. Every year the City is required to complete an Annual Action Plan (AAP), inviting the public to attend a public forum prior to drafting the plan to identify needs and allowing the public a minimum of 30 days to share comments on the posted draft AAP. The PY25 AAP forum was held in person on June 25, 2025, followed by an online survey. The City provided 33 days of public comment between July 3, 2025, and August 5, 2025, culminating in an opportunity for the public to comment at the August 5, 2025, Public Hearing. The draft PY25 AAP was advertised to the public in the following ways: Coeur d’Alene Press notice, City’s social media, website updates, in the July Municipal Milestones newsletter, CDA-TV, and emails to 184+ community stakeholders. The draft PY25 AAP outlines how the City intends to spend its CDBG funds and fulfill its program reporting requirements and is available for review in person at City Hall and on the City’s website: <https://www.cdaid.org/78/departments/planning/cdbg>.

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

Nancy Phillips noted that she is the Executive Director of Lake City Center, who operates the Meals on Wheels program. She noted that they have delivered more than 45,000 meals to homebound seniors in our community. She thanked the City for its previous and on-going funding, noting that it is integral to their program. The funds are used to purchase food and \$10,000 provides 1 month worth of food and noted that they serve 120 seniors in Coeur d’Alene.

Heather Somers, noted that she is the Executive Director of elementary education for the Coeur d’Alene School District, who is an applicant for the McKinney-Vento program. This Federal law Act ensures educational stability for homeless children. The mission is to remove barriers for students to receive equal education to students with stable housing. The program includes free

lunch, immediate registration in school without paperwork, and strives to keep them in their school of origin. The program is confidential and provides consistent support and allows the student full participation in school. Many shelters restrict boys over the age of 12 years old, so emergent housing funding is needed to provide alternatives.

Scott Ferguson noted that he is the Executive Director of St. Vincent De Paul and thanked that City for the funding for their roof through the CDBG program. Additionally, the investment in the women's shelter through the block grant. He noted that 125 women were provided services in the past year, and 109 were able to find stable and affordable housing.

Lisa A. Brock stated that she is the Building Manager of the Grove, an independent senior housing facility located on the orchard ridge complex. They have 154 units that will be able to get updated electrical panels with this year's CDBG grant. The average resident is female 79 years old, with an income of \$21,000 per year. This housing complements other services/providers in the community.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin requested that the funding to Lake City Center's Meals on Wheels program be increased to \$20,000, due to cuts at the federal level. Ms. Badertscher noted that she would have to move funds from another line item, with Councilmember Gookin suggesting funds be moved out of the EMRAP line item. Councilmember Wood concurred with the request as people are struggling to buy groceries. Councilmember English said it is an important program to give social contact as well. Ms. Badertscher confirmed changes will be made to the budget and public comments will be added to the Annual Action Plan submittal to HUD.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Gabriel to approve the submittal of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Plan Year 2025 Annual Action Plan.

ROLL CALL: Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Gabriel Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye. **Motion carried.**

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f), to communicate with legal counsel for the City to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated; and, pursuant to Idaho Code I.C. §§ 74-206(1)(j) and 74-206A(1)(a), to deliberate on a labor contract offer or to formulate a counteroffer.

ROLL CALL: Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Gabriel Aye; Gookin Aye; English Aye. **Motion carried.**

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Those present were the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, Finance Director, and Human Resource Director.

Council exited Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

RECESS: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood, to recess to August 13, 2025, at 12:00 noon in the Library Community Room, located at 702 E. Front Avenue, for a Council Workshop to discuss the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.