

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

November 10, 2025

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d' Alene met in a continued session of said Council at the Coeur d' Alene Library Community Room on November 10, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call a quorum:

Woody McEvers, Mayor

Dan English) Members of Council Present
Amy Evans)
Kiki Miller)
Dan Gookin)
Kenny Gabriel)

Christie Wood) Member of Council Absent

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

Council conducted the hearing for the appeal for the Massage Facility License denial to Dehong Marchtaler, to be located at 408 E. Montana Avenue.

APPELLANT TESTIMONY: Appellant Dehong Marchtaler provided a presentation to Council as to why her license denial should be overturned. Testimony included her admission of a single incident at the California massage facility owned and operated by her, but denial of knowledge of the illegal conduct. However, she apologized for not providing the information earlier and has made changes in her management practices to institute more oversight, integrity and transparency. She presented the testimony of a witness who believes that the appellant is a competent massage therapist and who had no knowledge of any illegal activity at a different facility owned by the appellant in California.

STAFF REPORT: City Attorney Randy Adams presented the City's case, including the timeline of the relevant events, a discussion of the City Code providing for the City Clerk's authority to deny a license for the past misconduct or wrongful behavior in the management of a facility, the revocation of her business license by the City of Porterville, California, and details of the revocation of her California massage certification. Police reports showing arrests of two of her employees for prostitution in California 10 years ago were discussed, as was the fact that the appellant had not disclosed her ownership of at least two massage facilities in California in the application to the City. He cited Municipal Code §§ 5.28.080(B)(2) and (3), and 5.28.080(C)(1), and 5.28.080(D) as sufficient grounds to deny a license.

APPELLANT REBUTTAL: Ms. Marchtaler reiterated her sincere apology for the lack of information provided and that she has learned from that incident and does not run her facility in a way to encourage sex acts or human trafficking. She insisted, despite being provided with dates of

her business license and two police undercover operations, that only one employee was charged with prostitution.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by English to affirm the Denial of a Massage Facility License to Dehong Marchtaler, for a Massage Facility to be located at 408 E. Montana Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin expressed concern that the applicant does not reside in the area, making it difficult to supervise a facility located many miles away. He also noted that his decision is based on the evidence presented during the hearing. Councilmember English noted that there is significant uncertainty regarding her ability to operate a massage facility in compliance with the law, emphasizing the need for safeguards to protect the community and that the Council should base its decision on the information presented at the hearing. Councilmember Gabriel agreed with the motion, citing that the application omitted some information.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Evans, that there being no other business, this meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.