

No: 24-

Date: December 18, 2024

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SANDPOINT

TITLE: AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR CITY BEACH PARKING LOT AND DOCK IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS: The parking lot at City Beach serves a public boat launch that meets the needs of both recreational users and emergency response agencies, providing vital access to Lake Pend Oreille;

WHEREAS: The City Beach parking lot has not been repaved in over 30 years, with its degraded condition posing both an inconvenience and a safety hazard to boaters using the public launch, as well as to other residents and visitors accessing City Beach facilities;

WHEREAS: The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Waterways Improvement Fund (WIF) supports the creation and improvement of parking areas for boating purposes, making this project eligible for WIF funding;

WHEREAS: There is a growing demand for boat moorage at City Beach, demonstrated by an annual waiting list of residents seeking boat slips, while the existing docks are aging and in need of replacement;

WHEREAS: Anticipated additional increased demand for moorage, driven by the development of a new hotel near City Beach, further highlights the need for dock improvements, including potential extension of the dock facilities into the Sand Creek channel to better serve the community and accommodate boaters;

WHEREAS: Multiple concepts have been proposed over the years for the replacement and extension of the City Beach docks to modernize these facilities and address the growing moorage needs of residents and visitors;

WHEREAS: The proposed project includes repaving and restriping of the City Beach parking lot to improve safety and usability for boaters, as well as engineering and design for upgraded and expanded dock facilities to meet the community's needs and enhance access to Lake Pend Oreille;

WHEREAS: These improvements would modernize the boating infrastructure at City Beach, ensuring the facilities meet current and future demand and supporting local tourism, recreation, and economic development;

WHEREAS: Acceptance and use of any awarded grant funds will require a minimum 5% local match from the City, which would be budgeted under the Parks Capital Improvement Fund in the next budget year, FY2026, with engineering and design work anticipated to begin in 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: City staff is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Waterways Improvement Fund, seeking funding to repave and restripe the City Beach parking lot and conduct engineering and design for the replacement and extension of dock facilities at City Beach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to apply for this funding.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ward, City Clerk