

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday, February 3, 2020

7:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Lambert, Art Bettge, Sandra Kelly, Maureen Laflin, Brandy Sullivan, Gina Taruscio, Anne Zabala

STAFF: Gary J. Riedner, Mia Bautista, Bill Belknap, <insert others>, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Taruscio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council January 12, 2020 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

ACTION: Approve minutes.

B. Transportation Alternatives Program South Main Pedestrian Underpass Grant Application - Bill Belknap / Alisa Anderson

Following the construction of the Troy Highway pedestrian underpass, the City and Moscow Urban Renewal Agency jointly funded a study to assess the feasibility of the construction of a similar underpass on South Main/U.S. 95 just south of the south couplet intersection. The study included conceptual designs, cost estimation, and a wetland delineation of the project area. As previously reported to the City Council, the study indicated the pedestrian underpass construction was feasible and would have negligible impact upon flood elevations within the area. The proposed underpass will enhance non-motorized transportation use of the pathway system and improve pedestrian safety in the project area. The proposed project is supported by the Moscow Pathways Commission, Moscow Transportation Commission, and Moscow Urban Renewal Agency. City Staff have prepared a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application to assist with funding the project which is before the Council for approval. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on January 13, 2020 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve submission of the Transportation Alternatives Program grant application for the South Main Pedestrian Underpass Project.

Bettge moved and Taruscio seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Staff Recognition Report - Gary J. Riedner

None offered.

3. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

None offered.

4. Public Comment and Mayor's Response Period (limit 15 minutes)

Nils Peterson, MFHS, 510 West Palouse River Dr Moscow, been talking about the community land trust to create permanent affordable housing. NW Community Land Source Consortium offered to come in and help launch Moscow as a land trust. March 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the 1912 Center is for realtors and lenders, and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. a public session will be held.

Kelly Zakariasen, 521 N Main St Moscow, PACT EMS, which is a criterial care licensed ambulance service, received a copy of an email from Debby Carscallen. She honored those in EMS. Carscallen's email dated Dec 21, 2019 which in part states ambulance shifts are empty and failing as a volunteer company. She feels the citizens of Moscow are not aware of the dangers they face and deserve to know. Citizens trust their officials to make the best decisions regarding public safety. By what standards do officials measure and evaluate the effectiveness of the system. PACT staffs two to three crews in any 24/7 period and are always in service and capable of meeting the demands of medical services in Moscow. They stand ready to serve.

The Mayor asked Riedner if there had been any incident in which the volunteers have not been able to take care of a patient. Riedner said no. There may have been situations where there may have been a delay but have always been able to staff. That doesn't mean, during vacations mainly, there may have been reduced response time, but the volunteers cover efficiently.

Gerald Warner, 1521 E B St Moscow, gave some background on his life which taught him he could survive most anything. He feels we must all protect our rights in this country. powers of cities are defined by state and federal laws. Local ordinances and resolutions that conflict with state and federal laws can be struck down by the courts. He wants to bring light to some of the ordinances that have created a negative effect on the rights of the citizens. Some lead to vague and questionable interpretation, such as requirements of building a storage unit on a lot; 48-hour parking on streets; parking of certain size tires; and speed limit signs not up to code

5. Citizen Commission Report

No report.

6. Approval of Subrecipient Agreement for the FEMA Advance Assistance Paradise Creek Flood Hazard Mitigation Study Project (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap / Alisa Anderson

Following flooding events in the spring of 2017, in consultation with FEMA officials the City was encouraged to apply for a Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant to identify and construct potential flood hazard mitigation actions to reduce property damage from flooding events on Paradise Creek. After an extended review period and multiple requests for additional information, the City's application was shifted to FEMA's Advanced Assistance Program which is intended to fund advanced studies to assess and identify potential flood hazard mitigation actions. The City was recently notified it has been awarded \$295,200 in grant funding to support the study. The total estimated study cost is \$393,600 with \$98,400 in local match (which includes \$10,000 in pre-application engineering, \$41,600 in City staff in-kind labor match for project administration, and \$46,800 in local cash match). On January 22, the City received the attached subrecipient agreement from the Idaho Office of Emergency Management for review and execution by the City. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on January 27, 2020 and recommended for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the Subrecipient Agreement for the FEMA Advance Assistance Paradise Creek Flood Hazard Mitigation Study Project; or take other such other action deemed appropriate.

Belknap introduced the item as written above. Council members commented support for the agreement. Bettge moved and Taruscio seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

7. Latah County All Hazard Mitigation Plan Project List Approval (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap / Alisa Anderson

Latah County is currently updating the 2011 Latah County All Hazards Mitigation Plan which includes and covers all cities within the County. In early January of this year, City Staff received a request to identify and prepare a list of hazard mitigation actions the City may pursue to reduce the risk and impact of hazards facing the community. This request was distributed to the relevant City Departments including Administration, Police, Fire, IS, Public Works Services, Planning, Engineering and Parks and Facilities to compile a list of potential hazard mitigation actions. Inclusion of the mitigation actions in the Plan will allow the City to continue to receive various grant funds for emergency response planning and equipment and will assist the City in pursuing additional grant funding for the identified projects in the future. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on January 27, 2020 and forwarded to the full Council.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the proposed hazard mitigation action list; or take other such other action deemed appropriate.

Belknap introduced the item as written above and highlighted the high priority projects. See attached list. This plan is supposed to be updated every five years but had a bit longer with this update. The City can update and revise them at any point and submit them as an appendix. Getting the items on this list will help as staff gathers information and look for grant opportunities. If a grant is identified for one of the projects on the list, it would come before council for review and approval. Riedner explained staff is proceeding on some of these projects, but adding them to the list gives it a potential for grant funds. Council members commented in support and the importance of being proactive.

Taruscio moved, Kelly seconded to approve the proposed mitigation action list. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

City Council

Parks & Recreation Commission – Taruscio said the highlight of the meeting was hearing a request from Palouse Prairie School for an interpretative sign at Mountain View Park.

Council members spoke on other events, including the Association of Idaho Cities.

Mayor

Mayor Lambert said he participated in an AIC Board meeting where they covered issues in the legislative session, including HB 355 and 353 in regards to property tax opposition; attended a MYAC meeting where Stephanie Allen, Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on the census; attended an Airport Board meeting discussed upcoming projects, terminal possibilities, adding a 7:10 a.m. flight to Seattle and still working on a direct flight to Boise. He will be attending the January 31 Rotary 100th anniversary celebration. He encouraged everyone to attend coffee with the legislators every two weeks at the Chamber. The State of the City address will be 11:30 a.m. at the Best Western on February 19.

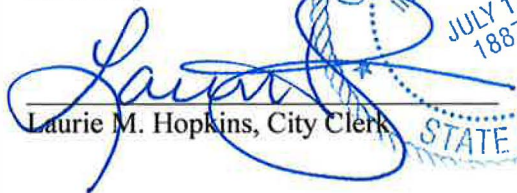
Staff

No report.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk





Bill Lambert, Mayor

Department - Waste Water Reclamation and Reuse Facility

Jurisdiction/Agency	Hazard Addressed	Mitigation Action/Background
City of Moscow - Waste Water	Prevention of untreated waste water effluent release	Identify high risk infrastructure to calculate and identify areas in need of restoration to reduce sewer inflow and infiltration (I & I) during flooding events
City of Moscow - Waste Water	Continuity of sanitary sewer service	Installation of backup power at key area lift stations to maintain continuity of operations during flooding events
City of Moscow - Waste Water	Continuity of sanitary sewer service	Continue capital replacement program and actively identify aging waste water collection infrastructure
City of Moscow - Waste Water	Protection of critical Waste Water Reclamation and Reuse Facility equipment	Floodproof Water Reclamation and Reuse Facility from damage during high-flow flooding events

Department - Moscow Fire Department

Jurisdiction/Agency	Hazard Addressed	Mitigation Action/Background
City of Moscow - Fire	Disaster response readiness	Facilitate continue funding for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff
City of Moscow - Fire	Disaster response readiness	Facilitate continued funding for volunteer fire department training and equipment and community fire prevention awareness
City of Moscow - Fire	Emergency response communications	Update aging emergency radio communication system for the City and Rural Fire District
City of Moscow - Fire	Emergency response coordination	Funding to establish an Emergency Operations Center for the City
City of Moscow - Fire	Disaster response continuity of operations	Emergency generator at Fire Station 2 to power critical infrastructure during disaster events
City of Moscow - Fire	Hazardous material release response	Identify potential sources of HAZMAT storage areas in the event of release
City of Moscow - Fire	Disaster response readiness	Provide upgraded training facility for the Moscow Fire Department and the surrounding agencies
City of Moscow - Fire	Emergency response time preservation	Obtain funding for expansion and renovation of Fire Station 2 to increase resident fire fighter staffing to improve response times and capacity
City of Moscow - Fire	Emergency response time preservation	Obtain funding and location for future Fire Station 4

Department - Moscow Water Department

Jurisdiction/Agency	Hazard Addressed	Mitigation Action/Background
City of Moscow - Water	Maintenance of fire suppression capability	Replace fire hydrants older than 40 years to improve operation for emergencies
City of Moscow - Water	Maintenance of potable water supply	Continue capital replacement program and actively identify aging water distribution infrastructure (water mains)
City of Moscow - Water	Maintenance of potable water supply	Perform maintenance on all well pumps and controls based on hours of operation and/or as per manufacture specifications
City of Moscow - Water	Preservation of high-pressure zone water delivery	Perform maintenance based on hours of operation and/or as per manufacture specifications
City of Moscow - Water	Maintenance of fire suppression capability	Replacement of three aging water booster stations including installation of backup power generation to meet fire flow requirements and continuity of fire protection during power outage
City of Moscow - Water	Maintenance of potable water supply	Perform maintenance and inspections on all water storage facilities every two years
City of Moscow - Water	Maintenance of potable water supply	Annually update System (SCADA) control software and control features
City of Moscow - Water	Maintenance of potable water supply	Operate and maintain all distribution valves and replace damaged valve stacks.

Department - Moscow Police Department

Jurisdiction/Agency	Hazard Addressed	Mitigation Action/Background
City of Moscow - Police	Protect large crowds from vehicle-borne threat or terrorist act	Provide barriers at Sixth & Main and Third & Main to reduce vehicle threats at downtown community events
City of Moscow - Police	Lack of central command post to communicate during hazardous event	Equip police department training room with command post equipment in case of an emergency (furniture, radio, computer capabilities, monitors, etc.)
City of Moscow - Police	Emergency response communications	Update aging emergency radio communication system to improve City radio coverage and interagency communications

Department - Moscow Streets/Stormwater

Jurisdiction/Agency	Hazard Addressed	Mitigation Action/Background
City of Moscow - Streets/Storm	Stormwater and flooding	Create capital replacement program and actively identify aging/failed stormwater infrastructure
City of Moscow - Streets/Storm	Stormwater and flooding	Conduct a comprehensive study of Moscow's Creek systems including Paradise Creek and Hogg Creek to identify problem areas and develop plans and projects to mitigate flooding
City of Moscow - Streets/Storm	Stormwater and flooding	Assess, plan for and fund the replacement of bridge and culvert structures that are substandard, deteriorating, or are an obstruction in flooding events
City of Moscow - Streets/Storm	Stormwater and flooding	Acquire easements and develop access points and pathways to allow for maintenance and emergency repairs of drainage facilities
City of Moscow - Streets/Storm	Stormwater and flooding	Perform comprehensive assessment of the condition of City-owned stormwater infrastructure
City of Moscow - Streets/Storm	Hazardous high wind weather	Develop a response plan for wind events
City of Moscow - Streets/Storm	Hazardous weather roadway damage prevention	Continue to support the pavement management program and actively maintain roadway system to prevent premature damage
City of Moscow - Streets/Storm	Disaster response continuity of operations	Install a backup power generator for City Shop facility which acts as a command post during flooding, wind storms and snow removal situations, and houses the City's fuel system

Department - Information Systems		
Jurisdiction/Agency	Hazard Addressed	Mitigation Action/Background
City of Moscow	Emergency response communications	Update radio repeater infrastructure
City of Moscow	Emergency response communications	Replace mobile and portable radios that are beyond their useful life
City of Moscow	Communication outage from cut fiber	Add City-wide wireless network for redundancy
City of Moscow	SCADA outage from cellular network outage	Build fiber to utility sites

Department - Administration

Jurisdiction/Agency	Hazard Addressed	Mitigation Action/Background
City of Moscow	Continuity of governmental operations	Ensure preservation of public records by moving City record storage facility to a location not prone to flood damage
City of Moscow	Continuity of governmental operations	Scan all critical public records with redundant digital storage
City of Moscow	Continuity of governmental operations	Assess and install security systems at all critical governmental facilities
City of Moscow	Continuity of governmental operations	Install a natural gas backup power generator at the Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center (HIRC) which is designated as an emergency shelter for the City. It is critical that the facility be operational during any emergency but the HIRC currently has no backup power source in case of electrical outage.