

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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Monday, June 15, 2020

7:00 PM

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

The Moscow Mayor, City Council and Staff welcome you to tonight's meeting. This meeting is open to the public, but is subject to social distancing protocols as recommended in Governor Little's Stay Healthy Guidelines, so the number of attendees at any one time may be limited, and masks will be required of attendees. If you do not have a mask, a disposable mask will be provided. We appreciate and encourage public participation. For regular agenda items, an opportunity for public comment is sometimes provided after the staff report. However, the formality of procedures varies with the purpose and subject of the agenda item; therefore, the Mayor may exercise discretion in deciding when to allow public comment during the course of the proceedings and limitations may be placed on the time allowed for comments. Citizens wishing to comment on business that is not on the agenda will be provided the opportunity to do so during the public comment item on the agenda. If you plan to address the Council, you will find a list of "Tips for Addressing the Council" in the door pocket outside the City Council Chambers. Pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation relating to the conduct of public meetings during the COVID-19 crisis, the meeting will be broadcast. Citizens wishing to comment on business on the agenda are encouraged to communicate with the Mayor and City Council by phone or email (council@ci.moscow.id.us) in order to respect social distancing protocol. Please note that Moscow City Council meetings are televised, videotaped and/or recorded. Thank you for your interest in City government.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council June 1, 2020 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

Minutes presented for approval.

ACTION: Approve minutes.

B. Approval of Moscow City Council May 18, 2020 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

Minutes presented for approval.

ACTION: Approve minutes.

C. Disbursement Report May 2020 - Sarah Banks

Staff will present the Accounts Payable Report for the month ending May 2020.

ACTION: Sign the Disbursements Report for the month of May 2020.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

3. Public Hearing: Howard Street Right-of-Way Vacation (ACTION ITEM) - Bob Buvel

On December 9, 2019, the City received a letter requesting the vacation of a portion of the Howard Street right-of-way (ROW) located south of Homestead Street and north of East E Street. A copy of the letter is included in the packet. The request was made by Mr. Neil Brown, who is the owner of 704/706 East E Street, which abuts the subject property. A vicinity map of the proposed vacation area is shown on the Notice of Public Hearing attached herein. The notice of the hearing was advertised in the newspaper of record and mailed to properties within 300 feet of the subject ROW and all franchise and other utility providers were also provided notice. Due to the COVID-19 meeting restrictions, the hearing that was previously scheduled for the May 4 Council meeting was delayed until June 15 to allow public testimony and participation. All electronic comments received for the prior hearing date have been included within the packet.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Hold a public hearing pursuant to the revised procedures adopted in light of the COVID-19 pandemic response, to accept public testimony on the matter of the Howard Street ROW Vacation request both in person during the public hearing and by way of receiving emails and letters in advance of the hearing, consider such testimony, and approve the vacation request by adoption of the Ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that the ordinance be read by title and published by summary; or consider the Ordinance on first reading; or deny the vacation request; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

4. Farmers Market Report - Amanda Argona

5. 2020 Artwalk Recommendation (ACTION ITEM) – Megan Cherry

Moscow Artwalk has a 16-year tradition in this community, and it is one of the favorite features of summer event programming. In late April, City staff chose to postpone Artwalk until September rather than canceling it altogether. This was based on a hope that virus conditions would shift in such a way that community celebrations like Artwalk would be possible. Since that time, virus infection rates and guidance from the Governor's office have pointed to the reality that continuing plans for Artwalk 2020 carries two risks: that public safety concerns may eventually force an event cancellation or that social distancing and other safety measures would require extensive and unappealing shifts to the event's identity. In light of the ongoing risks associated with COVID-19, the best approach would be to cancel the event for 2020. This recommendation is made with recognition for the special place this event holds in the community, and the Arts Department is dedicated to Artwalk's continuation into the future.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Cancel Artwalk 2020 or take such other action deemed appropriate.

6. Haddock Building Purchase Agreement (ACTION ITEM) - Gary J. Riedner

On May 21, 2019, the City held a bond election to authorize the City to issue general obligation bonds to fund general governmental building improvements, including the construction of a new Police Services Facility, renovation of the existing Fourth Police Station on Fourth Street to office space, as well as minor repairs to the Mann Building adjacent to City Hall. Associated Architects was retained to prepare a preliminary building plan and cost estimate for the Fourth Street Building

remodel. The building renovation costs were estimated to cost approximately \$1.5 Million.

Recently, City Staff became aware that Gritman Medical Park, LLC was preparing to sell the Haddock Building located at 504 S. Washington Street. The Haddock Building was constructed in 1985 and includes 7,500 square feet of office space, 1,400 square feet of storage space within a partial basement, and 15 off-street parking spaces. Gritman has offered to sell the Haddock Building to the City for \$875,000. The cost of acquisition and renovation of the Haddock Building is estimated at \$1.3 Million as compared to \$1.5 Million for the renovation of the Fourth Street Building. In addition, the City Council could direct that the Fourth Street Building be sold, which would further reduce the acquisition and renovation expense. The property acquisition and renovation will be funded with a combination of bond proceeds as well as general fund capital accumulation and has been accommodated in the draft FY2021 budget. Staff is seeking Council approval of the purchase and sale agreement for the Haddock Building in the amount of \$875,000.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase the Haddock Building from Gritman Medical Park LLC in the amount of \$875,000; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

7. Whitcom Update - Gary J. Riedner

8. City COVID-19 Response Update - Gary J. Riedner

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