

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Laurie M. Hopkins
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Monday, July 20, 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 (via video, Brandy Sullivan, Gina Taruscio, Anne Zabala (via video)

STAFF: Gary J. Riedner, Mia Bautista (via video), Bill Belknap, Bob Buvel, Megan Cherry, Amanda Argona, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bettge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council July 6, 2020 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

Minutes presented for approval.

ACTION: Approve minutes as presented.

B. Disbursement Report June 2020 - Sarah Banks

Accounts Payable Report for the month ending June 2020.

ACTION: Approve the Disbursements Report for the month of June 2020.

C. Lot Line Adjustment - 2218 and 2306 Third Street - Aimee Hennrich

The applicant, Rafik Itani, is requesting a lot line adjustment between two properties located at 2218 and 2306 Third Street. The proposed lot line adjustment would reduce the lot addressed as 2306 Third Street from 8,015 sf to 7,328 sf and expand the lot addressed 2218 Third Street from 7328 sf to 8015 sf. The applicant is requesting the lot line adjustment in order to fulfill a purchase and sale agreement which requires lot 5 to have a width of 70ft. The subject properties are located within the Moderate Density, Single-Family Residential Zoning District (R-2). Within the R-2 Zoning District, lots with single-family dwellings require a minimum area of 7,000 sf and a minimum lot width of 60 feet. The proposed lot line adjustment meets both of these standards.

ACTION: Approve the lot line adjustment with no conditions.

D. Lot Line Adjustment - 2355 E Sixth Street and 509 Nadi Court - Aimee Hennrich

The applicant, Robert Stephens, is requesting a lot line adjustment between two lots addressed as 2355 Sixth Street and 509 Nadi Court. The applicant is proposing to expand the existing lot addressed as 509 Nadi Court by 250 square feet, resulting in a total lot size of 13,405 square feet. 2355 E Sixth Street would be reduced by 250 square feet, resulting in a total lot size of 19,446 square feet. The purpose of the proposed lot line adjustment is to accommodate existing developed landscaping. There is currently one accessory structure on 509 Nadi Court and a single-family home on 2355 Sixth Street. The subject properties are located within the Moderate Density Zoning District (R-2), which requires a minimum lot size of 7,000 square feet and lot width of 60 feet. As a result of the lot line adjustment, both lots would meet the minimum lot size and width requirements of the R-2 Zone and the existing structure will meet all setback requirements.

ACTION: Approve the lot line adjustment request with no conditions.

E. EDA Funding Request - Sixth Street Bridge Replacement Project - Alisa Anderson / Bill Belknap

During the Paradise Creek Flood event in April of 2019, the Sixth Street culvert structure near Mountain View Road sustained significant erosion damage that undermined the roadway shoulders reducing the roadway width and significantly damaging the guardrail system. After the flood damage, City Streets staff performed temporary repairs to the roadway surface and placed concrete barriers to compensate for the damaged guardrail system while the City assessed the best options to address the roadway and culvert deficiencies. The width of the culvert crossing is inadequate to accommodate pedestrian sidewalks or bicycle facilities, and the culvert structure includes a collection of three separate culverts of varying size. These culverts do not have adequate conveyance ability to prevent flood waters from over topping the roadway, and they also collect significant debris during flooding events which complicates flood response actions and increases roadway and property damage risk in the surrounding area. Staff is currently seeking approval to prepare and submit a FY2019 Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Supplemental grant application under the Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. Subject to the availability of funds, this investment assistance helps communities devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through construction projects such as this bridge replacement project. The program is designed to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued as a result of natural disasters, such as flooding which occurred in the calendar year of 2019.

The estimated total project cost is \$1,200,000 including \$151,000 for design and \$1,049,000 for construction. Additional costs may include an environmental assessment to meet EDA requirements. This grant opportunity is revolving and open as long as funds are available. The match requirement for this project is 20%. The next review of grant applications is September 1, 2020, and we have been advised by the Idaho EDA Representative to have a request submitted in Grants.gov no later than July 20, 2020, in order to be included in the next review cycle.

ACTION: Approve submission of a Disaster Supplement grant application to the Economic Development Administration for the Sixth Street Bridge replacement not to exceed \$1,300,000 with a required match of 20% or \$260,000.

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

Victoria Seever (Moscow) was excited to see the new public art sculpture and thanked the Arts Department and City for the support of the arts.

3. Third Quarter Financial Report April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 for FY2020 (ACTION ITEM) - Sarah Banks

Staff will present the financial report for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2020 (April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020).

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the FY2020 Third Quarter Report, or provide staff further direction.

Banks noted third quarter expenses should be close to 75%. However, expenses are only at 42.85% mainly due to hold back request relative to COVID. Capital projects are underway so typically low at this time. Taruscio moved Laflin seconded to approve the third quarter financial report. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

4. Updated Options/Recommendations for Remaining 2020 Pool Season (ACTION ITEM) - Dwight Curtis

It continues to be the Parks and Recreation Director's recommendation not to open the Hamilton-Lowe Aquatics Center (HLAC) for the 2020 season due to the high risks associated with COVID-19. The close-quartered nature of the facility makes social/physical distancing and masking problematic at best for a general opening. Should the City Council still desire to see some version of a pool season, staff recommends a limited opening of the HLAC specifically for fitness (or lap) swimming. By using the deep pool exclusively for fitness swimming, we can better monitor the number of patrons at any given time, along with appropriate distancing and masking. With the current spike in COVID-19 cases, this still represents some risk, but less so. This item was reviewed by the Public Works-Finance Committee on July 13, 2020 and recommended for further discussion by the full City Council.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Accept staff's recommendation to close the Hamilton-Lowe Aquatics Center for the 2020 season; or in the alternative, recommend accepting staff's recommendation to open the deep pool for fitness (lap) swimming, using the general guidelines addressed in the memo from the Parks and Recreation Director; or provide staff further direction

Curtis explained staff recommendation is still to cancel the 2020 pool season due to the uncertainty in ensuring safety. However, staff put together an alternative opening which could begin on July 22, 2020. The alternative would be for the deep pool only and would close on September 4, 2020. The purpose is for lap swimming only and is scheduled for one-hour blocks. The schedule could be adjusted depending on time depends. Locker rooms and concessions would be closed and the two family restrooms would stay open. Staff would include 2 lifeguards, 2 ticket booth/cleaning staff and one manager. Anticipated patrons is unknown. If a swimmer is accompanied, a chair would be provided and would be required to wear a mask.

Riedner read a letter from Tom Lamar in support of the lap pool opening.

Bettge moved to accept staff's recommendation to open the deep pool for fitness (lap) swimming, using the general guidelines addressed in the memo from the Parks and Recreation Director. Seconded by Taruscio. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Five (5). Nays: One (Kelly). Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

City Council

Farmers Market Commission – Zabala said approximately 1000 patrons attended the Farmers Market and less than fifty people were not wearing masks; one vendor said they were 10% less in revenues; craft and prepared vendors hoping to be participating before students arrive in town.

Moscow Arts Commission – Zabala reported vinyl wrap boxes and the Homecoming public art piece have been installed; status of 1% arts should be at \$36,000 by end of fiscal year.

Moscow Urban Renewal Agency – Bettge said the project at 6th and Jackson is proceeding, with construction in the Spring of 2021.

SMART Transit – Bettge reported the Board is still trying to establish a third route; Dial-a-ride is up and running; sanitation on the buses is going well.

Building Code Advisory Committee – Bettge said the Committee is reviewing the international building codes for adoption.

1912 Center Facility Committee - Kelly reported the ceiling work is complete; HVAC still in progress; seem to be on schedule.

Moscow Pathways Commission - Kelly said September is bike month and the annual bike ride is tentative for now and will consider to be reviewed.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Kelly said most of what the Commission has reviewed has come before Council; 5G discussions continue.

Clearwater Economic Development Council – Kelly said they have youth doing forest service projects; the group also received a grant to

Moscow Tree Commission – Sullivan said the arbor day celebration has been postponed but the Commission is discussing an alternative in the fall so they can still plant a tree in honor of Arbor Day; overview of classes through P&R.

Other events and meetings were reported on.

Mayor

Mayor said city commissions have begun meeting, some via zoom; some of the commissions have vacancies and need volunteers; the Airport Board met and the \$18.3 million from CARES Act will help with the terminal project; Moscow businesses are open and working hand in hand with the City to promote social distancing and wearing masks; FY2021 budget workshop is scheduled for tomorrow with the public hearing scheduled for August 3rd.

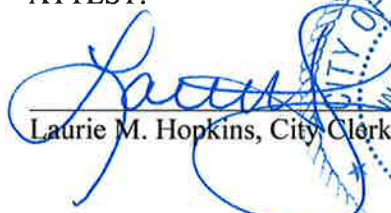
Staff

Riedner said the letter of intent to Division of Finance Management for public safety salaries and should know on the 24th what the numbers look like.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk




Bill Lambert, Mayor