

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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Monday, August 17, 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. Minutes presented for approval.

ACTION: Approve minutes.

B. Disbursement Report July 2020 - Sarah Banks

Accounts Payable Report for the month ending July 2020.

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

C. CARES Act Idaho Commission on the Arts Grant Application - Megan Cherry

The Idaho Commission on the Arts is facilitating the disbursement of CARES Act Round 1: Relief for Organizations funds to all current recipients of its Entry Track and Public Programs in the Arts grants. The Arts Department is a participant in both grant programs, and has been assigned funding in the amount of \$4826 to support operations in FY21. This opportunity

requires the completion of a simple application followed by final reporting at the end of the fiscal year. If Council approves this application, the funding will support the presentation of a third exhibition at the Third Street Gallery during the year.

ACTION: Direction to staff to complete ICA CARES Act Round 1: Relief for Organizations grant application.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Staff Recognition Report - Gary J. Riedner

3. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

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

5. MPD Body-Worn Camera Proposal (ACTION ITEM) - Gary J. Riedner

The Moscow Police Department has been employing a Community Policing model which emphasizes education over enforcement and acts as a basis for professional, ethical and respectful law enforcement. This Community Policing philosophy has been employed for many years and as a result the MPD continues to support high standards of fairness, integrity, compassion and transparency. The use of individual body-worn cameras by law enforcement has increased over the past several years, and as the memo from Chief James Fry indicates, use of body-worn cameras has been identified in MPD's strategic planning process. Further, body-worn cameras have several advantages, including providing additional evidence, enhancing transparency of contacts between officers and community members, and increasing accountability of all parties to a law enforcement contact.

The memo in the Council meeting packet discusses the various factors to be considered when making the decision to deploy body-worn cameras, in addition to the funding of a body-worn camera initiative. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on August 10, 2020 and was forwarded to the full Council for discussion, with a recommendation for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the purchase and deployment of body-worn cameras by officers of the Moscow Police Department, including approval of funding proposal, all as included in the memo from the City Supervisor, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

6. Draft Revision and Acceptance of Updated L-2 and Appropriation Ordinance (ACTION ITEM) - Gary J. Riedner / Sarah Banks

At the August 3, 2020 City Council meeting, Ordinance 2020-07 (the FY2021 Appropriations Ordinance) was approved under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that ordinance be read by title and published by summary. The City Council also authorized the Mayor to execute the L-2 property tax certification in the aggregate amount of \$7,276,525.

As staff reported at that meeting, Governor Little had proposed the Public Safety Grant Initiative, which provided funding for public safety payroll expenses to city and county governments

that agreed to participate in the Initiative and further agreed to provide the resulting savings as property tax relief to the taxpayers of the participating units of local government by foregoing the taxes that would otherwise traditionally have been collected. The City Council had approved the filing of a Letter of Intent to participate in the Initiative. The City of Moscow was notified that it had been approved to receive \$1,646,816, in Public Safety Grant Initiative funds, which includes 3% allowed Administrative Expenses, and Moscow Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) increment, both of which are deducted from the amount to be used for property tax relief.

At this time staff has not been advised of the amount of MURA increment. This amount is necessary in order to revise the City's FY2021 Appropriations Ordinance, as well as the final L-2 Property Tax Certification.

The final date for submittal of the L-2 to Latah County is September 10, 2021. Staff has attached drafts of the revised Appropriations Ordinance and L-2 for illustrative purposes. If information is received on Monday, August 17, the final documents will be submitted for City Council approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Review the draft revised Appropriations Ordinance and L-2 Property Tax Certification and provide staff direction.

REPORTS

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Staff

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