

Moscow City Council



Special Meeting ~Minutes~

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Thursday, April 30, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. All those present for the meeting participated by video.

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

STAFF: Gary J. Riedner, Mia Bautista, Bill Belknap, Jen Pfiffner, Tyler Palmer, Zack Ellis, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lambert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Lambert explained this item was tabled at the April 28, 2020 City Council meeting and is being removed from the table for discussion and possible action.

1. COVID-19 Response Review and Discussion (ACTION ITEM) - Gary J. Riedner

Residents and businesses of the City of Moscow continue to comply with Governor Brad Little's Order to Self-Isolate through April 30, 2020, issued by Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Director Dave Jeppeson as amended on April 15, 2020, and the Public Health Emergency Orders 20-01 and 20-02, issued by Mayor Bill Lambert and extended to May 5, 2020 by the Moscow City Council through Resolutions 2020-06 and 2020-07.

On April 23, 2020, Governor Little held a press conference and issued his "Idaho Rebounds Guidelines for Opening Up Idaho", which describes the current stage of the State's COVID-19 response, referencing the current Order to Self-Isolate. The plan then describes four distinct stages which provide a protocol for opening the economy for the state. Each stage is dependent upon the criteria of the previous stage being met, and sets targets for reopening and/or regulation of different types of activities in order to provide a return to economic activities, while protecting the public from the spread of COVID-19. Each stage of the plan will be re-evaluated every two weeks "against criteria to determine feasibility to advance from one stage to the next". The plan also states that the dates are estimated targets.

The City of Moscow's Public Health Emergency Orders are in place until expiration on May 5, 2020, unless modified, extended or terminated by the City Council through adoption of a Resolution to that effect. At the time the Mayor issued Public Health Emergency Orders 20-01 and 20-02, and those Orders were extended by the Moscow City Council through Resolutions 2020-06 and 2020-07, the Governor had not issued the Order to Self-Isolate, which was issued on March 25, 2020, and was effective until 11:59 pm on April 15, 2020, unless extended or modified. On April 15, 2020, the Order to Self-Isolate was extended until 11:59 pm on April 30. Stage 1 of the Governor's Idaho

Rebounds Guidelines for Opening Up Idaho starts on May 1, 2020 and Stage 4 is expected to complete on June 26, 2020.

The current Guidelines for Opening Up Idaho or Idaho Rebounds Plan are guidelines and the Governor has indicated that he will provide an order on Thursday, April 30, 2020. When that order is issued by the Governor, the City Council may elect to review and modify, terminate or extend its current Resolutions 2020-06 and 2020-07.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Review Governor Little's Rebound Idaho order and determine whether to modify, extend, or terminate Resolutions 2020-06 and 2020-07; or to leave such Resolutions to expire on May 5, 2020; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Riedner said Governor Little issued the Stay Healthy order and protocols. Because staff didn't know what the order would say, a resolution was drafted. Riedner also said a new proposed action was created that would include the termination of Resolution 2020-05 as well. The draft resolution that would terminate resolutions 2020-05, 06, 07 was sent to Council earlier today.

Riedner read through the stages of the order. Governor Little issued advisories as well, which Riedner read. Mayor said Lambert said item 12 states every county and city must post the order on their website, post it at each county court house or city hall, and by providing a copy to any citizen that would like one.

Bettge thanked the citizens for their good work and is in support of terminating the three resolutions. Sullivan said cities have no choice but to follow the order. She feels the governor's advisory group has a great diversity of experts and doesn't think she can find any more valid information by looking online. She feels it is appropriate to discontinue the resolutions now, which would be replaced by the governor's order. Laflin encouraged businesses and patrons to follow the "should's" not just the "shall's". Owners and patrons need to feel confident they are safe. Kelly said it is easy to jump out and throw caution to the wind. She is relieved there are only five cases and no community spread. She congratulated everyone in the City for everything they have done to assist with that. Taruscio echo's everyone's sentiments. She feels this could be awkward but will get us from stage to stage and show accomplishments. Zabala also echo's the Council comments and appreciates all the sacrifices citizens have made. Sullivan feels finish line is in sight but still need everyone to do their part for this is a temporary situation.

Taruscio moved to terminate Resolutions 2020-05, 2020-06 and 2020-07 and adopt a resolution of termination. Laflin seconded.

Sullivan asked the Council to discuss adding something in Section 2 of the resolution to make it stronger. Riedner said citizens must follow the rebound order whether it is in the resolution or not. If a reference to the order is made, the order would need to be attached. Laflin suggested adding Section 7 of the Stay Home Order to Section 2 of the resolution.

Riedner advised the Council they can pass the resolution with direction that staff replace Section 2 with a recital from rebound Section 7. He read that recital of section 7 of the rebound plan. Taruscio agreed to amend her motion to add the recital. Laflin offered the option of adding the entirety of Section 7 of the rebound plan. Sullivan feels there is value to adding the entire section even though it is somewhat repetitious. While they understand they are not binding orders, they are protocols to be successful.

Taruscio, agree to amend her motion to include all of Section 7. Laflin agreed to the amendment.
Riedner read Section 7.d.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Mayor thanked staff, City Council members and the citizens of Moscow.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk




Bill Lambert, Mayor