

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION



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Council Chambers
206 E 3rd Street

Call to order

1. Approval of minutes from August 12, 2020 [ACTION ITEM]:

ACTION: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

2. Public Comment

(Time limit 15 minutes. Members of the Public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the Agenda nor currently pending before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Please state your name and address for the record and limit your remarks to three minutes.)

3. Public Hearing: Legislative Hearing Providing for the Amendment of Moscow City Code Title 4, Chapter 3; Providing for the Amendment of the Telecommunications Code to Establish Standards for Small Wireless Facilities [ACTION ITEM]:

Telecommunications service providers are currently in the process of deploying 5G/small cell wireless technology throughout the developed world. 5G high speed deployment will bring much higher data speeds and traffic, but requires small cell installations to accommodate the data demand. Telecommunications services are largely governed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Telecommunications Act, but local governments are allowed to adopt certain regulations at the local level. With the likelihood of 5G/small cell deployment in Moscow, Staff has been working on drafting an ordinance to address them in the Zoning Code. The draft ordinance was presented to the Sustainable Environment Commission at their regular meeting on June 16, 2020 to discuss a unified recommendation with the Planning and Zoning Commission. The SEC voted to recommend that the Planning and Zoning Commission proceed with the current ordinance and the SEC will continue to research health effects and the changing legal landscape to potentially make recommendations in the future.

ACTION: After conducting the public hearing and consideration of testimony received, recommend approval of the proposed Ordinance to City Council with no conditions; or recommend approval of the Ordinance with modifications; or recommend denial of the Ordinance; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

4. Public Art Lighting Discussion [ACTION ITEM]:

With the installation of the recent public art project, there has been some discussion amongst Staff regarding the lighting of public art in the City. Currently the majority of lighting is required to be full cut-off with up-lighting only permitted in certain circumstances. The Art Department would like to request that the Commission review the current lighting ordinance to see if there's a possibility of providing an exemption from the full cut-off requirement for public art.

ACTION: Discuss the potential code amendment and provide staff further direction if necessary.

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5. Review of Draft Sign Code Status [ACTION ITEM]:

The Supreme Court Case, Reed vs. Town of Gilbert, in 2015 clarified when municipalities may impose content-based restrictions on signage. There are various places within the Sign Code which apply content-based restrictions and need to be amended to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling. Staff has started to convert portion of the sign code into table format and will review the progress with the Commission.

ACTION: Review the draft Sign Code and provide Staff further direction as deemed necessary.

6. Transportation Commission Meeting Report

ACTION: Receive report and provide staff further direction if necessary.

7. Announcements

ACTION: Read any correspondence received and provide staff further direction if necessary.

Adjourn