

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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Monday, November 2, 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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow City Council October 19, 2020 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Laurie M. Hopkins

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

2. Staff Recognition Report - Gary J. Riedner

3. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

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

5. Farmers Market Costume Contest Presentation – Amanda Argona

6. Citizen Commission Report - Moscow Tree Commission - David Schott / Ellis Eifert

7. Acceptance of Berman Estate Land Donation (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The City of Moscow has been approached by Hoey Graham, Personal Representative of the Estate of Katrina Berman, and John H. Norton, the attorney for the estate. Mrs. Berman's Will provided for a gift of land to the City of Moscow as a small addition to the western side of Berman Creekside Park. The parcel contains approximately 0.36 acres on the western edge of Berman Creekside Park and will add approximately thirty-two (32) feet to the western boundary of the park. This parcel lies directly west of the parcel of land previously donated to the City of Moscow in November of 1996. The proposed 0.36-acre parcel is expected to have similar conditions as the 0.73-acre parcel donated in 1996, encumbered with a conservation easement to the Palouse Land Trust. Under Idaho Law, any donation or transfer of real property to the City must be accepted by the City Council. Parks and Recreation staff recommends acceptance of the Berman Estate land donation. The Administrative Committee reviewed this on October 26 and recommended acceptance.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Accept the Berman Estate land donation subject to a conservation easement.

8. Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 3 of Moscow City Code Regarding Amendments to the Telecommunications Code to Establish Standards for Small Wireless Facilities (ACTION ITEM) - Mike Ray

Telecommunications service providers are currently in the process of deploying new cellular wireless technology, referred to as 5G/small cell, throughout the developed world. 5G/small cell high speed deployment will bring much higher data speeds and traffic through the use of higher-frequency radio waves, which have a shorter range than the frequencies used by previous cell phone towers. Since small wireless facilities have a shorter range, they require a greater number of facilities which are typically located in the public right-of-way. 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 at some point in the future, Staff has worked with the Planning and Zoning Commission to draft an ordinance that addresses 5G/small cell installations in the telecommunications code. The proposed ordinance would define small wireless facilities, re-organize certain sections, make minor grammatical changes, and insert small wireless facility standards. On September 9, 2020, the Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing upon the proposed ordinance and recommended approval to City Council with a minor modification. This item was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on October 12, 2020 and considered on first reading by the Council on October 19, 2020.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the proposed Ordinance on second reading under suspension of the rules requiring a third reading and that it be read by title and published by summary; or consider the Ordinance on second reading; or reject the Ordinance; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

9. Stormwater Update – Kyle Steele

10. Proposal to Develop Plan to Address Potential for Gender-Neutral Restroom Conversion (ACTION ITEM) - Jen Pfiffner

At the request of the Mayor in response to inquiries and encouragement from citizens and the Human Rights Commission, City staff has conducted preliminary research to determine the potential for converting city-owned restrooms to gender-neutral facilities where feasible. Preliminary research has been conducted to determine an approach to address that request. A review of gender-neutral restrooms in Idaho have been completed to provide background on how other municipalities have or have not addressed the conversion process. An inventory of the existing City of Moscow restroom facilities has also been completed. Facilities include City occupied buildings, City owned but not occupied buildings, and City parks facilities. Should staff receive direction to develop a plan, additional considerations initially identified (certainly not limited to) would include safety, privacy, number of fixtures, accessibility, etc. Additional considerations would include costs for conversion.

Staff is seeking City Council direction to develop a phased planning approach for conversion of existing City restrooms to gender-neutral restrooms.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend Council approve development of a phased planning approach for conversion of existing City restrooms to gender-neutral restrooms, or provide staff further direction.

11. COVID / CARES Act Update and Direction (ACTION ITEM) – Gary J. Riedner

Staff will present an update regarding the City's current COVID-19 response, including authorization for reimbursements under the City's CARES Act allocation.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Receive status report and authorize requests for reimbursements under the City's CARES Act allocation, or provide staff direction.

REPORTS

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