

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Wednesday
February 10, 2021**

7:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E Third Street**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robb Parish (virtual), Chair; Rich Beebe, Joel Hamilton (virtual), Wendy McClure (virtual), Michael Nelsen (virtual), Nels Reese, Victoria Seever (virtual), Dennis Wilson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Gropp
OTHERS: Maureen Laflin (virtual)
STAFF: Jennifer Fleischman, Mike Ray

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of January 11, 2021 and January 13, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Hamilton moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Beebe. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (7). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.
Note: McClure was absent for approval of minutes.

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 resident city for the record and limit your remarks to three minutes.
None.

3. Public Hearing: Proposal for Rezone and Preliminary Plat for Property Generally located at the 1700 Block of Mix Road in the Area of City Impact – LUP2021-0001 and LUP2021-0002 (ACTION ITEM)

1. Proposed rezone of a 13.31-acre area of land located at 1700 Mix Road in within the Area of City Impact from the Agriculture/Forestry (AF) Zone to the Farm Ranch (FR) Zone.
2. Proposed preliminary subdivision plat of a 13.31-acre area of land located at 1700 Mix Road in within the Area of City Impact to create four (4) lots ranging from 3.00 acres to 3.61 acres in size, referred to as the Harvest Hills Short Plat.

The subject property is within the Moscow Area of City Impact. The City of Moscow Planning and Zoning Commission will make a recommendation to the Latah County Board of County Commissioners regarding this matter.

Ray presented the applications for a preliminary subdivision plat and rezone request as described above. The subject property is located a little over a quarter (1/4) mile north of the City limits. The proposed subdivision is adjacent to a railroad right of way along the east side of the property. There was discussion regarding whether the railroad has been abandoned and/or vacated by the railroad company that owns it.

Public Hearing opened at 7:15 PM

Scott Becker (Moscow), applicant's representative, spoke to the inquiries raised about the railroad right of way that is adjacent to the proposed subdivision. He said that the railroad has not been completely vacated at this time. He suggested that once the owners vacated it, half would be awarded to property on the east and half to the property on the west. There was some discussion about why Mix Road is winding on its way north. McClure continued the discussion about the abandoned railroad and whether it could be further developed in the future to make a bike trail. Becker indicated that the railroad right of way is still currently owned by the railroad company, and only portions of it have been vacated.

Mauri Knott (Moscow), Latah County Planning & Building, clarified that the portion adjacent to the subject property is one of the only pieces that have not yet been vacated. There was continued discussion about a possible northern bike trail.

Public Hearing closed at 7:22 PM

Hamilton moved to recommend approval of the Rezone request to Latah County with no conditions, seconded by Wilson. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Hamilton moved to recommend approval of the Preliminary Subdivision Plat to Latah County with the three conditions as recommended by Staff, seconded by Wilson. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Hamilton moved to direct Staff to prepare the Reasoned Statements of Relevant Criteria and Standards for both the Rezone and the Preliminary Plat applications, seconded by Nelsen. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Art Lighting Draft Ordinance (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 has requested 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. The Commission conducted a special meeting on January 11, 2021 and reviewed different lighting options at the Helioterra public art installation. The Commission then directed Staff to prepare an ordinance amending the lighting code to allow up-lighting for public art.

Ray reviewed the history of the Public Art Lighting draft ordinance with the Commissioners as described above. The term 'government' in the ordinance text refers to all state, local, and federal governments. The Commission requested that Staff notice the draft ordinance for Public Hearing at the next available meeting.

5. FY2022 Commission Budget (ACTION ITEM)

The FY2022 budget process is underway and the Commission will need to submit their request.

Ray presented the draft budget for the Commissioners to review which included funds for professional development and continuing education activities. There was discussion about how the funds could be used in the future, included the remaining FY2021 funds.

McClure moved to accept the proposed budget, seconded by Reese. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Transportation Commission Meeting

The next Transportation Commission meeting is scheduled to occur in two weeks, with the latest meeting being cancelled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish was invited to attend the Sustainable Environment Commission meeting, but was unable to attend. He will report to the other Commissioners after attending the next meeting.

Ray gave an update on the number of Land Use Permit and Building Permit applications that the City has received, and also spoke of the upcoming City planning projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Next regular meeting is scheduled for February 24th, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM



Robb Parish, Chair