

Public Works / Finance Committee



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday, March 22, 2021

3:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Maureen Laflin, Anne Zabala (Virtual), Art Bettge

OTHERS: Mayor Bill Lambert, Council Member Sandra Kelly, Council Member Gina Taruscio

STAFF: Mia Bautista (Virtual), Gary Riedner, Taylor Riedner (Virtual), Tyler Palmer, Alisa Anderson, Bill Belknap, Chief James Fry,

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of March 8, 2021 Public Works/Finance Committee Minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Taylor Riedner

The minutes were approved as presented.

2. Monitoring Well Siting Agreement with the Idaho Division of Water Resources (ACTION ITEM) - Tyler Palmer

The Idaho Division of Water Resources (IDWR) has funding available to drill monitoring wells in the Palouse Basin. These wells help monitor and track water levels, recharge, and other pertinent information to our basin. There is an interest in better understanding the Northeast edge of the basin. To this end, IDWR approached the City about installing a monitoring well at Mountain View Park. Staff from Engineering, Water, and Parks met with IDWR staff on-site and agreed on a suitable location. A draft agreement is in the review process for the well, and we anticipate agreement on terms that will protect both parties, and allow for the siting of the well on the Mountain View Park property. If approved, it is anticipated that the well will be drilled before the end of the summer. Staff is currently working with IDWR on an agreement and it is anticipated it will be completed prior to the April 5, 2021 City Council meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of Monitoring Well Siting Agreement with the Idaho Division of Water Resources, or provide staff further direction.

Palmer introduced the item by explaining the City's aquifers and current well locations. IDWR monitors water resources statewide and their aquifer recharge study assists in the sustainability of long-term water supply. A collection of drill cutting samples will help generate a comprehensive report and determine how the aquifers interact with each other. Located west of the restrooms, the easy access will not require the park to be closed and the well will be drilled down to the granite bedrock between 800 and 1,200 feet. There will be a metal tube that comes out of the ground roughly 2 feet high and will not be a hazard for anyone around it. The agreement for this monitoring well has been reviewed by the City's and IDWR's legal team. The anticipated schedule includes a pump test this summer, a well completion analysis and report by fall 2021, and annual monitoring in April and October. The Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council regular agenda.

3. Latah County, Idaho, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (ACTION ITEM) - Alisa Anderson

Latah County has been working with the University of Idaho (UI), Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 10 to update the 2011 Latah County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Members of City staff from Police, Fire, and Grants participated in planning meetings during the development of the new plan which includes

several others cities within the County to include Moscow. The updated plan is called the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The HMP identifies both short and long-term policies and actions that help reduce risk and future losses from hazards. In early 2020, City staff received a request from Latah County to identify and prepare a list of hazard mitigation actions the City may pursue to reduce the risk and impact of hazards facing the community. Inclusion of the mitigation actions in the HMP will allow the City to continue to apply for and receive various grant funds for emergency response planning and equipment and will assist the City in pursuing additional grant funding for the identified projects in the future.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend adoption, support and facilitation of the new Latah County, Idaho, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan through approval of resolution, or provide staff further direction.

Anderson introduced the item as written above. This plan is required to be updated every 5 years and there will be a separate fire plan yet to come as an emergency type plan. The list of projects approved by Council in early 2020 has since been reviewed and accepted by FEMA. The draft resolution in the meeting packet must be approved in order to be eligible for current and future funding resources. Needing no further discussion, the Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the consent agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

