

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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7:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.**

The Moscow Mayor, City Council and Staff welcome you to tonight's meeting. Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in the area, the meeting is open to the public, but is subject to social distancing protocols and masks will be required of attendees. If you do not have a mask, a disposable mask will be provided. The number of attendees at any one time is limited to no more than 14 due to social distancing requirements in Stage 3 of the Idaho Rebounds Plan and the City of Moscow Public Health Emergency Order. 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 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. Links to view the City Council meeting live can be found on the City website, YouTube, Facebook and Spectrum Cable 1301. Thank you for your interest in City government.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION - ARBOR DAY

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council April 6, 2021 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Disbursement Report for March 2021 - Sarah Banks

Staff presented the March 2021 Accounts Payable Report to Public Works / Finance Committee on April 12, 2021. The Committee received the report and approved the disbursements as presented.

ACTION: Receive the Disbursements Report for the month of March 2021, including authorization for use of digital signatures.

C. Second Quarter Financial Report January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 for FY2021 - Sarah Banks

The financial report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2021 (January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021) was presented to the Public Works / Finance Committee on April 12, 2021 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the FY2021 Second Quarter Report.

D. Hamilton-Lowe Aquatic Center Play Structure Replacement Equipment - David Schott

City staff is requesting authorization to purchase a replacement play structure for the Hamilton-Lowe Aquatic Center (HLAC) from Vortex USA in an amount not to exceed \$134,000. The City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide the design, sale, construction, and installation of the play

structure. The legal advertisement was published in the Daily News on October 31, 2020 and November 7, 2020. The RFP was also sent directly to ten (10) aquatic play structure suppliers and posted on the City website. Each aquatic play structure supplier was giving the option to submit two separate proposals. The City received six (6) proposals from three (3) play structure suppliers. Four (4) of the proposals were deemed non-responsive by City staff. Given only two responsive proposals were received by the City, both from Vortex USA, staff opted to bring the two very similar proposals to the Parks and Recreation Commission on January 28, 2021 for their recommendation to City Council. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on April 12, 2021 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the purchase of the Hamilton-Lowe Aquatic Center replacement play structure from Vortex USA in an amount not to exceed \$134,000.

E. Hamilton-Lowe Aquatic Center Play Structure Replacement Installation - David Schott

City staff is requesting authorization to retain WMS Aquatics for the installation of the new Hamilton-Lowe Aquatic Center (HLAC) play structure in the amount of \$54,567.22, and authorize staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount. The City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide the design, sale, construction, and installation of the play structure. The legal advertisement was published in the Daily News on October 31, 2020 and November 7, 2020. The RFP was also sent directly to ten (10) aquatic play structure suppliers and posted on the City website. Pursuant to the invitation of the City, extended through the RFP, WMS Aquatics submitted a proposal based upon the RFP and a March 4, 2021 site visit for the installation of the play structure supplied by Vortex USA. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on April 12, 2021 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Accept proposal from WMS Aquatics, award the contract in the amount of \$54,567.22, and authorize staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount.

F. One World Café Request for Expanded Sidewalk Café Configuration – Gary J. Riedner / Laurie Hopkins

In 2007, the City Council formalized a process for the licensing of sidewalk cafes in the Central Business Zoning District. Minimum standards for all sidewalk cafes are included in the Moscow City Code, including the requirement of maintaining an unobstructed pedestrian access on the sidewalk of not less than four contiguous feet. The owners of One World Cafe, located at 6th and Main Streets, have been working with the University of Idaho, Art and Architecture Design/Build studio to create an updated outdoor dining space around the exterior of the building. Because the nature of the proposal is a more robust, yet still a non-permanent improvement, staff is bringing the proposal to City Council for approval. Tyler Palmer, Deputy City Supervisor of Public Works and Services and Steve Schulte Public Utility Manager-Streets/Stormwater have reviewed the drawings and met with the owners and architect on how this proposal can work within the guidelines of the code, as well as maintaining the safety of the public and ADA requirements. The packet includes drawings that meet the requirements of the City Code and the ability to remove all right-of-way encumbrances with reasonable ease and the prohibition on anchoring into the sidewalk. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on April 12, 2021 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the sidewalk cafe proposal.

G. South Lift Station Force Main Bid Results and Contract Award - Bob Buvel

The South Lift Station Force Main Project will install approximately 2500 linear feet of 16” sanitary force main from the South Lift Station at South Main and Nelson Avenue to a gravity sanitary line in the intersection of South Main and Styner Avenue. The new force main will replace the existing 10”

force main running under South Main. Portions of the force main have already been installed through developer participation with The Indian Hills Ninth Addition Phase 2 Project and the construction of the new Moscow Police Station. This project will fill in the gaps from Nelson Avenue to Styner. The City published an advertisement for bids on March 6th and 13th, 2021 and the budget for construction in the Capital Improvement Plan is \$600,000.00. Bids were opened on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Five responsive bids were received with bids ranging from \$633,609.31 to \$850,759.00. The low bid was submitted by J7 Contracting. A complete Bid Tabulation is included in the Council packet. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on April 12, 2021 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Accept the low bid from J7 Contracting, Inc., award the contract for the bid amount of \$633,609.31, and authorize staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Staff Recognition Report - Gary J. Riedner

3. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

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

5. Confirmation of Appointment of Jen Pfiffner as Human Resources Director and Oath of Office - Gary J. Riedner / Laurie M. Hopkins

6. Public Hearing: Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 6 of Moscow City Code Regarding Amendments to the Outdoor Lighting Code for Public Art (ACTION ITEM) - Mike Ray

With the installation of the recent Homecoming public art project at the north couplet, there has been some discussion among 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 Arts Department requested that the Planning and Zoning Commission review the current lighting ordinance to see if there's a possibility of providing an exemption from the full cut-off requirement for freestanding 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. The Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance on March 10, 2021 and recommended approval to City Council. This item was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on April 12, 2021.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: After considering public testimony, approve the Ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary; or consider the Ordinance on first reading and that it be read by title; or reject the Ordinance; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

7. Stormwater User Fee Credits and Waivers Summary (ACTION ITEM) - Kyle Steele

The City Council established a Stormwater Utility with the adoption of Title 5, Chapter 19 earlier this year. The utility provides the City with the authorization to equitably allocate the operation, maintenance, improvement, and regulatory compliance expenses of the City's Stormwater Control System to users of the system in proportion to the level and type of services received from the system. It also allows the City to provide for the establishment of a system of stormwater user fees, and requires that the City provide a written system of user fee credits and exemptions to better individualize fees to reflect a customer's stormwater burdens and services. Staff is proposing a system of user fee credits and waivers for management practices and activities that reduce the costs to provide stormwater management related services, reduces a customer's burden on the City Stormwater Control System and therefore receives a lower level of City stormwater services. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee at their

meeting on April 12, 2021 and was recommended for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Adopt the system stormwater user fee credits and waivers, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

8. Lee Newbill Safety Fair Donation Request (ACTION ITEM) - Gary J. Riedner

The Lee Newbill Safety Fair was not held in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic response. This year, the Safety Fair is proposed to be held in some form. Staff discussed several pandemic related issues that could impact a decision by the City to allow the event or allow City employees to participate in the event. Part of that discussion included the possibility that the City could participate in the purchase of bicycle helmets if the event was held. The bicycle helmet program, whereby the Moscow Police Department gives away helmets to young riders, is the center piece of the Safety Fair. The Safety Fair Committee met to discuss several options and MPD Captain Roger Lanier presented the potential for both a revised Safety Fair format, and City participation in the purchase of bicycle helmets for the give away. The Safety Fair Committee decided it was too risky to plan for a full scale Safety Fair at this time, even if it was held later in the summer. The Committee also agreed that going two years in a row without distributing helmets to Moscow children doesn't serve the needs of kids in our community. After deliberations the Committee agreed that several smaller events will be held at the schools to address helmet giveaways. The Safe Routes to Schools program will use a format they have used successfully in the past, and will coordinate with Moscow School District to set up the events. MPD will participate as available with bike and patrol officers and various services clubs will also provide volunteers.

The Safe Routes to School program has \$1000 to contribute toward purchasing helmets and the Safety Fair committee will contribute \$2000. The Committee is requesting the City of Moscow to contribute an additional \$2000 toward the purchase of helmets. The Moscow Police Department will coordinate the purchase of the helmets as the MPD has an established relationship with the vendor. Since the goal has always been to provide helmets to kids before the summer riding season, the funds are requested as soon as possible so helmets can be ordered and distributed. It is anticipated that events will be held in late April and in May before school is out for summer break. It is proposed that funding be provided from Legislative Non-Prioritized Projects (101-010-10-670-16). This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on April 12, 2021 and recommended for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of \$2,000 from Legislative Non-Prioritized Projects (101-010-10-670-16) for purchase of bicycle helmets for the 2021 Lee Newbill Safety Fair, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

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