

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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4:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.

The meeting was called to order at 3:58 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Sanders, Chair; Erin Bacon (virtual), Randy Baukol (virtual), Mary DuPree (virtual), Joel Hamilton (virtual)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Calabretta, Brian Johnson, Mike McGahan
OTHERS: Jeffrey Hicke (virtual), Tina Hilding (virtual), Anne Zabala (virtual), Janet Zarate (virtual)
STAFF: Bill Belknap, Jennifer Fleischman

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2021 (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

DuPree moved for approval of the minutes as written, seconded by Hamilton. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

None.

3. Commission Communications

Belknap went over some City updates for the Commission; covering the Mountain View Project at 6th and Joseph, Sixth Street Bridge replacement, and D and Main Street turn signal modification projects. He also spoke about the LHSIP projects for Third and Sixth Streets, North Jackson Parking Lot Reconstruction project, and the Paradise Pathway Lighting and Reconstruction projects.

4. Sustainable Environment Commission's Climate Action Working Group Climate Change Impacts Assessment (ACTION ITEM) – Mary DuPree

The City of Moscow Sustainable Environment Commission's Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) has prepared a Climate Change Impacts Assessment for the City of Moscow. The CAWG would like to present this information to the members of the Transportation Commission and discuss its findings and gather the suggestions of the Transportation Commission as the city moves forward to formulate mitigation and adaptation strategies.

DuPree introduced two co-workers from the Sustainable Environment Commission's Climate Action Working Group (CAWG): Jeffrey Hicke and Tina Hilding. Hicke followed the introductions with a presentation on the Climate Change Impacts Assessment for the City of Moscow, as described above, and

then Hilding expanded on the collected data and reviewed the purpose of CAWG. She presented sample plans from two different cities to possibly model transportation plans from. Hilding requested input from the Commission of any information or suggestions that could possibly be pertinent or helpful for the Working Group moving forward.

The Commissioners discussed traffic, transportation means and the impact therein, around schools, and a public transit system between Pullman and Moscow. CAWG and the Commission asked Staff about the City moving from gasoline and diesel to primarily electric fleet vehicles. Belknap explained that the police and city fleets are currently transitioning to hybrid electric vehicles. Installing public charging stations for electric vehicles is being discussed by the City.

The Commissioners will consider the request for more information and ideas and send a response back to CAWG after the next meeting in April.

5. Continued Discussion Regarding E-Bike and E-Scooter Policy Development (ACTION ITEM) – Bill Belknap

Last winter, the Commission conducted a review of the relevant State of Idaho and City statutes and regulations pertaining to electric assist bicycle and electric scooters in light of the recent increase in use of these devices within the community. The Commission developed general framework for the use of E-Scooters which is currently under development and review by the City Attorney's office. The City recently received requests from two vendors to deploy E-Scooters within Moscow and Staff will provide a report and update to the Commission.

Belknap reviewed the background of the policy development, as provided above, after explaining that both Lime and Bird have recently requested to operate in Moscow. Moscow Police Department was included in the development of the policy, but wasn't concerned with regulating e-scooters based on speed, but would enforce it if it became a hazardous problem. The City Attorney is working on drafting a set of standards regarding the operation and policies surrounding e-scooters, as well as a license agreement between the two ride-share programs and the City. Belknap presented some guidelines compiled by National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) that will impact the license agreement between a shared micro-mobility company and the City of Moscow. Commissioners expressed gratitude for Staff's work on the policy development and license agreement and had no other comments.

6. Neighborhood Traffic Calming Device Policy Development (ACTION ITEM) – Bill Belknap

Over the last year staff have received multiple requests for the installation of traffic calming devices in different locations within the community which has led staff to identify the need to develop a standardized process and approach to addressing traffic calming device requests. Staff has completed preliminary research on the topic and wanted to begin the discussion on the topic with the Commission.

Item was postponed until the next scheduled meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM



Robert Sanders, Chair