

Public Works / Finance Committee



Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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3:00 PM

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

The Moscow Mayor, City Council and Staff welcome you to today's meeting. The meeting is open to the public but due to the continued presence of COVID-19 cases in our area, we encourage those that have not received the COVID-19 vaccination, to continue to keep 6-foot physical distance from non-household members and wear face coverings when distance is unable to be maintained. 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 and limitations may be placed on the time allowed for comments. If you plan to address the Committee, you will find a list of "Tips for Addressing the Council" in the door pocket outside the City Council Chambers. Citizens wishing to comment on business on the agenda may also communicate with the City Council through email (council@ci.moscow.id.us). Please note that Council Committee 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of June 14, 2021 Public Works/Finance Committee Minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Taylor Riedner

2. Sanitation Rate Study Proposal (ACTION ITEM)- Tim Davis

The Sanitation Department has initiated discussions with FCS Group, Redmond Washington, to develop a scope of work to perform a cost of service rate study update. The methodology and policies established in the 2012 Sanitation comprehensive rate study and 2016 Sanitation rate study update will be used to inform this update. This rate study update will evaluate the sanitation system in total along with stand alone evaluations of the collection system and solid waste processing system. This update is driven by the upcoming disposal contract negotiations set for 2022-2023 between the City of Moscow and Latah County, the cities of Bovill, Deary, Genesee, Juliaetta, Kendrick, Potlatch and Troy. It will also allow the City to recalibrate the sanitation rates with information from some of the newer programs, such as roll cart collection and single stream recycling that were initiated after the initial rate study to evaluate if the cost of service has shifted from past rate study findings. Staff will form a Citizen Rate Study Committee, made up from a range of different customer classes, to review the rate study processes and findings. Staff has requested that the rate study update be completed by November 1, 2021. FCS Group will provide both a draft and final report to the City upon conclusion of the study. FCS will also prepare materials for and facilitate presentations to the Citizen Rate Committee and City Council on study assumptions, methodology, results and recommendations. The estimated budget from FCS Group to perform the rate study update is \$42,485.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the professional services agreement with FCS Group to perform the cost of service rate study update or provide staff further direction.

3. Amendment to Joint Operating Agreement for the Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport (ACTION ITEM) – Gary J. Riedner

City Staff is recommending an amendment to the Joint Operating Agreement for the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport that was executed on July 22, 2014. Upon further review of the Agreement and the

requirements listed in I.C. 67-2328, the duration of this type of agreement must be specified. Previously, all joint operating agreements have been in perpetuity and provide for a method for either party to terminate the agreement should either party deem appropriate. This proposed amendment is to provide for the inclusion of the duration, “in perpetuity”. No other terms of the agreement are being modified.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the amendment of the joint operating agreement or provide staff further direction.

4. Sale of Current Police Station to University of Idaho (ACTION ITEM) - Gary J. Riedner

On May 21, 2019, citizens of Moscow approved the City of Moscow's proposal to issue municipal bonds to construct a new police services facility, remodel the current police facility for use as an office building, and make minor improvements to the Paul Mann Building located to the west of City Hall. On Jun. 15, 2020, the City of Moscow purchased the Haddock Building, located at the southeast corner of Washington and Fifth Street, from Gritman Medical Park, LLC, for the price of \$875,00. The purchase of the Haddock Building includes off street parking and represents significant savings over the estimated remodel costs of the current police facility. With the purchase of the Haddock Building, City Council expressed interest in selling the existing police facility since it would no longer serve the needs of the City, and was approached by representatives of the University of Idaho.

Idaho Code Title 50, Municipal Corporations, Chapter 14, Conveyance of Property, allows a city to convey real property to another governmental entity without the requirement of holding an auction if the City Council determines it is in the city's best interest to convey the property. The University of Idaho, which qualifies as a tax supported governmental unit per the requirements of I.C. 50-1403(4), has transmitted a letter of intent to the City of Moscow, noting an interest to purchase the property.

The soon-to-be-vacated Moscow Police Station facility located at 118 E Fourth Street, is approximately 9,000 sq. ft. in size and has an appraised value of \$975,000.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend the City Council declare its intent to sell the Moscow Police Station facility located at 118 E Fourth Street to the University of Idaho for a declared value of \$975,000 and direct staff to schedule a public hearing for July 19, 2021; or provide staff further direction.

5. Parks Staffing Proposal - Gary J. Riedner

Increased services levels and a lack of available staff has led to a historical review of Parks service and staffing. Research shows that as service hours required for City of Moscow Parks Properties has increased, staffing levels have decreased. This review highlights the need to shift from relying on seasonal staff to adding full-time staff to meet current Parks properties service demands. It is proposed to add two additional full-time Parks Maintenance Workers while reducing the number of seasonal hours relied upon to meet the current needs for all parks. This would result in an estimated increase in full-time wages for Parks of \$98,342 with a reduction in part-time wages for Parks of \$94,454 (FY20 budget of \$186,680 to proposed FY22 budget of \$92,226). This shift will provide for the appropriate staffing level to meet the needs of the existing Parks Facilities in Moscow, appropriately meeting the service needs of the City.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the proposed staffing adjustment, or provide staff further direction.

REPORTS

Staff Report (if needed)

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