

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Thursday
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4:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Sanders, Chair; Randy Baukol, Ben Calabretta, Rebecca Couch, Mary DuPree, Joel Hamilton, Mike McGahan
MEMBERS ABSENT: Erin Bacon
OTHERS: Gina Taruscio
STAFF: Bill Belknap, Jennifer Fleischman

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2021

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Hamilton moved for approval of the minutes as written, seconded by Couch. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Calabretta, Couch, DuPree, Hamilton, Sanders (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: (2) Baukol, McGahan. 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. Continued Discussion Regarding of Proposed Bicycle/E-bike/E-scooter Licensing Requirements – Bill Belknap

During the Commission's last meeting, the Commission discussed the merits of continuing the requirement to license bicycles within the City. The Commission requested staff to collect additional information for the Commission's review and consideration.

Belknap reviewed the proposed licensing requirements that were discussed at the last meeting, noting that Moscow Police Department has agreed to make it only a voluntary requirement for residents and the City Attorney will also be updating City Code to remove mandatory bicycle licensing.

E-scooter vendors have their own licensing requirements so that they can keep track of maintenance and other needs for their scooters. MPD reported that there has been an average of 60-90 licenses sold annually. The licensing requirement section in the proposed Shared Mobility Device agreement was removed.

4. Review of Proposed Shared Mobility License Agreement Template and Geofencing Boundaries – Bill Belknap

The City has seen recent interest in the deployment of shared mobility devices (E-scooters) within the City by two scooter companies. Staff has prepared a draft license agreement for shared mobility providers that would regulate their operations and standards of performance. The Commission reviewed the Agreement at the last meeting and the one remaining item for discussion was speed reduction zones that would be geofenced to reduce potential conflicts with pedestrians.

Belknap explained the proposed geofencing map for the Shared Mobility Device agreement, asking the Commissioners for input on the boundaries in relation to the downtown area. The UI Campus Walkway system or Palouse Mall could also be geofenced for speed control. Friendship Square was proposed as a location where users could not end their trip, as they would not stop being charged by the vendor until the device was moved. Current speed limit is proposed at 7mph in the geofenced areas. Couch will send information directly to the City regarding the University's desired Campus geofenced areas.

Farmer's Market would be responsible for making their own rules about not allowing e-scooters within the market. The vendor's start date will be proposed after the ordinance and license agreement passed City Council. The current proposed vendor fees have been set at \$5, 000 for the license fee, and then an additional \$100 per device.

5. Discussion Regarding Intra-City Transit Services – Bill Belknap

At the Commission's last meeting, the Commission expressed a desire to engage stakeholders to gauge interest and feasibility of reestablishing intracity public transit services between Moscow and Pullman.

DuPree started the discussion on inter-city transit services and suggested the Commission might start pursuing a plan by creating a subcommittee. Couch explained her research regarding transit between the University of Idaho and Washington State University. The ultimate recommendation was not to have a full bus running all day every day, but only several times a day with a smaller vehicle. A questionnaire was proposed to gauge the interests of the public and critical participants, such as the City of Pullman, the Universities, and the Airport.

DuPree made a motion to create an Inter-City Transit Service ad-hoc subcommittee, seconded by Couch. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Taruscio, Couch, DuPree, and Sanders volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. There was a tentative plan to meet in about two weeks at the SMART Transit Center around 4pm.

REPORTS

Left turn signal at D and Main Street was completed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. *The next regular scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is August 12, 2021.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM



Robert Sanders, Chair