

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday
January 18, 2022**

7:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Gina Taruscio, Sandra Kelly, Maureen Laflin, Anne Zabala, Julia Parker

ABSENT: Mayor Art Bettge, Hailey Lewis

STAFF: Bill Belknap, Mia Bautista, Cody Riddle, Mike Ray, Megan Cherry, Taylor Riedner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Maureen Laflin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kelly announced that the Council will not have an executive session at the end of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council January 3, 2022 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Disbursement Report December 2021 - Sarah Banks

Staff presented the December 2021 Accounts Payable Report to the Public Works/Finance Committee on January 10, 2022. The Committee received the report and approved the disbursements as presented.

ACTION: Receive the Disbursements Report for the month of December 2021.

C. First Quarter Financial Report October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 for FY2022 - Sarah Banks

Staff presented the financial report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2022 to the Public Works / Finance Committee on January 10, 2022. The Committee received the report.

ACTION: Receive the FY2022 First Quarter Report.

D. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application #1 - Nate Suhr / Alisa Anderson

The City of Moscow staff have identified the area of Mountain View Road from 'F' Street to Slonaker Drive as an excellent candidate for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The current scope of the project includes the installation of approximately 1,600 LF of curb & gutter, green strip, and sidewalk on the west side of Mountain View Road from 'F' Street to Slonaker Drive. The proposed improvements would close the second largest gap in the Mountain View pedestrian corridor and connect two existing pieces of pedestrian infrastructure, creating an additional north-south pathway for non-motorized road users. This was reviewed by Public Works/Finance Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2022 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Authorize City staff to submit a Transportation Alternatives Program Grant request of \$500,000 with total project costs not to exceed \$865,000.

E. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application #2 - Nate Suhr / Alisa Anderson

The City of Moscow staff have identified the area of Mountain View Road from Joseph Street to Heron's Hideout as an excellent candidate for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The current scope of the project includes the installation of approximately 900 feet of curb, gutter and sidewalk on both sides of Mountain View Road, the installation of a pedestrian warning beacon where Paradise Path meets Mountain View Road and 900 feet of sidewalk along the Latah Fairgrounds access road. This corridor will connect to the south end of the Mountain View road project that is scheduled to be completed in Fall of 2022 and will close a gap in the pedestrian infrastructure between Joseph Street and White Avenue. Closing that gap will create a 1.2 mile long continuous pedestrian pathway on Mountain View Road from 'F' Street to White Avenue and will expand the north-south pathway options for non-motorized users. The maximum grant request is \$500,000 and the current project costs are estimated at approximately \$845,000. This was reviewed by Public Works/Finance Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2022 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Authorize City staff to submit a Transportation Alternatives Program request of \$500,000 with total project costs not to exceed \$845,000.

F. Request for Support and Financial Participation for Park Improvements to Virgil Phillips Farm Park - David Schott

In partnership with the Friends of Phillips Farm, Latah County is preparing an application to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$63,000 to complete trail improvements at the park. These improvements include maps and signage, weed treatment, and general access and amenity upgrades. Specifically, adding directional and informational signage along all trails, including an overlook sign at the top of the hill. Installing additional signage and protective plexiglass to complete the newly built kiosks that will be completed by Spring 2022. Improving access to the park, its trails, and its amenities by upgrading trash bins with animal-proof garbage enclosures, treating weeds along trails, and installing a new dock and safety ramp at the trailhead pond. Finally, increasing and improving parking capacity and conditions by installing permeable pavement for the upper parking lot to include 6 parking spots. Latah County is seeking the City's support for the project and has requested the City of Moscow to contribute \$5,000 in cash matching funds. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on January 10, 2022 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve park improvements and financial participation of \$5,000 in grant matching funds.

G. Idaho Commission on the Arts Grant Applications Public Programs in the Arts - Megan Cherry

The Arts Department seeks approval to apply for an annual grant administered by the Idaho Commission on the Arts (ICA). The Public Programs in the Arts (PPA) grant program is intended to provide general operating support for arts organizations in Idaho. These funds will represent off-setting revenue in the production of Arts Department events including Entertainment in the Park and Artwalk. If the application is successful, funds are typically available at the end of the City of Moscow's FY22, and would be held back for use in FY23. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on January 10, 2022 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the Public Programs in the Arts (PPA) grant application for the current cycle.

Zabala moved and Laflin seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Staff Recognition Report - Bill Belknap

None offered.

3. Mayor's Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

Council President Kelly proposed the following appointments for Council consideration: Kathryn Bonzo and Erica Wagner to the Moscow Arts Commission; Lysa Salsbury to the Human Rights Commission; Sophie Gilbert and Olivia Pat-Nano Wiebe to the Sustainable Environment Commission; and Tim Kinkeade to the Board of Adjustment. Taruscio moved and Laflin seconded approval of the appointments. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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

Kathryn Bonzo (Moscow) provided an update on the Trex plastic film collection that started 4 years ago when China had discontinued their collection. So far this year, the Moscow school district has collected over 5,000 pounds.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: 1825 N Polk Street Ext. Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation, and Zoning Designation (ACTION ITEM) - Mike Ray

The applicant, Gary Peterson, is proposing to rezone and retain the existing Comprehensive Plan land use designation for a 10,091 square foot property proposed to be annexed into the City of Moscow and located at 1825 North Polk Street Extension. The current Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation is Suburban Residential and the applicant is proposing to retain that designation. The zoning on the subject property is currently Agriculture Forestry (AF) and the proposal is to rezone to the Multiple Family Residential (R-4) Zone. The City of Moscow Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing for the proposed Comprehensive Plan land use designation and rezone on December 8, 2021 and recommended approval with no conditions.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Conduct the public hearing upon the annexation, Comprehensive Plan land use designation, and zoning designation and upon consideration of any testimony presented:

1. Approve the Annexation Ordinance under suspension of the rule requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary; or consider the Annexation Ordinance on first reading; or reject the Annexation Ordinance; or take such other action deemed appropriate.
2. If the Annexation Ordinance is approved, approve the proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation Resolution and adopt the Planning and Zoning Commission Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria; or reject the proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation Resolution and direct staff to prepare a Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria; or take such other action deemed appropriate.
3. If the Annexation Ordinance is approved and the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation Resolution is approved, approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary and adopt the Planning and Zoning Commission Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria; or consider the Zoning Ordinance on first reading; or reject the Zoning Ordinance and direct staff to prepare a Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Ray introduced the item as written above and described the location.

Council President Kelly opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Hearing no testimony, Council Member Kelly closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Having no questions, Parker moved, Zabala seconded, to approve the proposed Annexation Ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title

and published by summary and adopt the Planning and Zoning Commission Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Councilmember Kelly read Ordinance 2022-02 by Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO; PROVIDING THAT LAND DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND GENERALLY SHOWN ON EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE, BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF MOSCOW; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE BE DEEMED SEVERABLE; PROVIDING FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

Taruscio moved and Laflin seconded to approve the proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation Resolution and adopt the Planning and Zoning Commission Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Taruscio moved, Zabala seconded to approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary and adopt the Planning and Zoning Commission Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Council President Kelly read Ordinance 2022-03 by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO; PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING OF A TEN THOUSAND NINETY-ONE (10,091) SQUARE FOOT PROPERTY, DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 AS MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-4); PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE BE DEEMED SEVERABLE; PROVIDING FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

REPORTS

City Council

Moscow Pathways Commission – Zabala reported the Commission has scheduled their bike tour for May 21, 2022 and the first pedestrian tour in September.

Fair and Affordable Housing Commission – Parker said the Commission’s survey on affordable housing is almost complete. Palouse Prairie Charter school sixth graders will be presenting the impacts of lack of housing.

Sustainable Environment Commission – Parker reported the Commission is finishing up their description and duties in the brochures.

Moscow Arts Commission – Laflin said the Commission is still working on the Becker Memorial art and will be personally inviting artists.

Transportation Commission – Laflin reported the commission provided project updates and February 2nd is National Walk to School Day.

Moscow Tree Commission – Taruscio said the Commission is yet to meet so there are no updates.

Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee – Taruscio said the Executive Director recently left so they are in a transition period.

Human Rights Commission – Kelly said the Commission and Latah County hosted a MLK Breakfast and reported on upcoming presentations. The commission will also look into education opportunities for anti-Semitism events that are going on in the Pacific Northwest.

Mayor

No report.

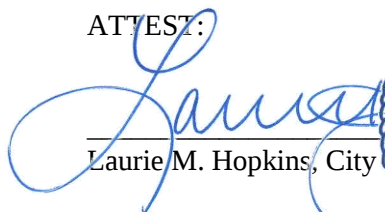
Staff

No report.

~~**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PER IDAHO CODE 74-206 (1)(F) THE MEETING WILL NOT RECONVENE.**~~

It was moved, seconded and mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.


Art Bettge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

