

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Laurie M. Hopkins
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Monday, October 3, 2022

7:00 PM

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

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

PRESENT: Mayor Art Bettge, Sandra Kelly, Maureen Laflin, Hailey Lewis, Julia Parker, Gina Taruscio, Anne Zabala

STAFF: Bill Belknap, Cody Riddle, Tyler Palmer, Kyle Steele, Kelli Cooper, Brian Nickerson, Jen Pfiffner, David Schott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Taruscio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Bettge read the Fire Prevention Week proclamation and presented it to Chief Nickerson. Chief Nickerson said a few words of thanks.

Domestic Violence Action Month

Mayor Bettge read the Domestic Violence Action Month proclamation and presented it to Letty. Chief Nickerson said a few words of thanks.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council September 19, 2022 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Police STEP Grant Award Acceptance - Alisa Anderson / Eric Warner

Moscow Police Department (MPD) was awarded its first Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant in 2021. The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), Office of Highway Safety (OHS) sponsors this program in Idaho to address specific behaviors related to traffic safety. The program's goal is to reduce traffic crash deaths and serious injuries by increasing law enforcement presence and implementing high visibility enforcement traffic patrols to reduce impaired, aggressive and distracted driving crashes and increase the use of occupant protection. The STEP grant funding reimburses law enforcement departments for time dedicated to traffic enforcement by tracking problem identification to include objectives, performance measures, targets, and payroll expenses. The MPD has received notification of award for a second year of funding of \$100,000 to include \$88,000 for regular-time traffic officer enforcement plus \$12,000 for overtime to include allowable benefit percentages. The new grant award period is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, which matches the City's FY2023 budget cycle.

ACTION: Approve the Moscow Police Department to accept the STEP grant award not to exceed \$100,000 for the FY2023 budget period.

C. CDBG Park Improvements Request for Additional Funding/Scope Reduction - Alisa Anderson / Nate Suhr

The City applied for a \$225,000 Idaho Community Development Grant (ICDBG) for Public Parks ADA Accessibility Improvements from the Idaho Department of Commerce (IDOC) for Mountain View and Indian Hills Parks. Project costs have dramatically increased since the original estimate in 2020 and therefore, staff is recommending a reduction of the project scope in addition to requesting an additional \$25,000 from IDOC to complete the current project work in progress.

ACTION: Approve the reduction in project scope and request an additional \$25,000 in grant funding from IDOC for the ADA Accessibility Improvement Projects for Mountain View and Indian Hills Parks.

D. Booster Station Replacement Phase II Rebid - Bid Results - Scott Bontrager

The Booster Station Replacement - Phase II Rebid project includes the construction of two (2) new booster pump stations located near the Indian Hills and Ponderosa Subdivisions. The work will include new Concrete Masonry Units (CMU) block buildings, site improvements, piping, pumps, electrical components, and controls. The City published an advertisement for bids on August 13, 2022 and the Engineer's Estimate for construction is \$4,641,900.00. Bids were opened on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Three responsive bids were received, with bids ranging from \$4,231,000.00 to \$4,856,398.00. Of those, the lowest responsive bid was submitted by TML Construction, Inc. with a bid of \$4,231,000. A bid analysis is included in the Committee packet. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on September 26, 2022 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Accept the bid from TML Construction, Inc., award the contract for \$4,231,000, and authorize staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount.

E. Moscow Brewery District Oktoberfest Alcohol Use Request in Entertainment District - Amanda Argona

Rants and Raves Brewery is hosting the Moscow Brewery District Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 15th, from 2 pm to 6 pm on N. Jackson Street between C Street and the north entrance to Inland North Waste's Recycling Center. The applicant anticipates no more than six (6) beer and/or wine tents/vendors, in addition to the applicant's food truck. Live music is also scheduled as part of the festivities. The event has been reviewed and approved by staff as of September 16, 2022. Following standard operating procedures for events with alcohol that are within the Entertainment District boundaries, Moscow Brewery District Oktoberfest is requesting a temporary suspension of the open container law by resolution. Per Moscow City Code, Section 10-1-12; a draft resolution has been prepared for Council's consideration. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on September 26, 2022 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the resolution allowing for the temporary suspension of the open container law within the event footprint of Moscow Brewery District Oktoberfest for the duration of the event.

Kelly 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. Presentation of Orchid Award

Palmer introduced Nels Reese, chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Reese said Preservation Idaho gave the City of Moscow an Orchid Award for Contribution to Historic Preservation for the Water Department building located at 201 N Main St. He presented the award to Mayor Bettge.

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

None offered.

4. Citizen Commission Report - Parks and Recreation Commission – Nancy Tribble / David Schott

Schott introduced Sarah Zaske, vice chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Zaske said the Commission selected the Milton Arthur Park playground equipment, formed the Bee City USA Subcommittee, chose Anderson Frontier Park as pesticide free for 2022, reviewed the Harvest Park management plan, and strategic planning. This next year will include more strategic planning and Moser Park conceptual planning.

5. City of Moscow Climate Action Plan (ACTION ITEM) - Tyler Palmer

In 2007, as part of a comprehensive sustainability initiative, the City of Moscow joined the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) as a fully participating member in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledged to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change. In 2010, the City established a goal to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions resulting from the City's operations by 2020. After the achievement of that goal, the Climate Action Working Group (a subcommittee of the City's Sustainable Environment Commission) was formed to focus on climate change and the next steps. On February 25, 2020, the Moscow City Council added Climate Change as a major challenge area to the City's Strategic Plan. In April of 2021, the City Council held its first workshop, and a subsequent workshop was held in September 2021, to begin the process of setting a new goal for climate action in Moscow of net-zero emissions by 2050, and directed staff to develop a Climate Action Plan (CAP). A public comment period for the draft CAP was held from February 24, 2022, through March 26, 2022. During that time, sixty-two (62) comments were received from those both in support of and against the CAP. A virtual public forum was also held on March 9, 2022. At the forum, an additional twenty-five (25) comments or questions were received. On April 25, 2022, the Council held a workshop to review the public comments received and directed staff to revise the CAP with additional information along with formatting and editorial changes. Staff will present the revised Climate Action Plan for the Council's consideration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Adopt the Climate Action Plan; or take other action as deemed appropriate.

Palmer provided a history of the climate action plan process as noted above. Some of the changes made to the plan since the workshop include adding side bars with case studies, removing the Compost Program and replacing with Organics Collection Program to encompass more possible options for diverting organics from the landfill waste stream, and adding a section to recap what is contained in the plan, including a summary table of proposed actions. All the processes in place in the plan are city operations and are reviewed during the budget process. There are no mandatory programs or measures for the broader community, only providing education and outreach to the public. Education will be program specific, such as the conservation program. The City already has a sustainability purchasing policy. Council members thanked staff and the Sustainability Environment Commission for their hard work and those that sent comments, both for and against. Kelly moved to adopt the Climate Action Plan. Zabala seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

6. Picabu Estates 1st Addition - Engineering Variance (ACTION ITEM) - Cody Riddle

The developer of the Picabu Estates Subdivision, Mark Pica, has requested the reduction in width of the pathway running north/south on the west side of the Picabu Street from the current 10 foot width to the standard sidewalk width of 5 feet. The City Pathways Master Plan calls for a pathway to be located along Lanny Drive as well as extending north from the Picabu Street/Lanny Drive intersection. When the Pathways Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the Picabu Estates subdivision during the platting process in 2016 it was determined that because Lanny Drive was designated as a collector, the dedicated bike lanes with no on-street parking would meet the bicycle needs and is within

the spirit of the Master Plan. The developer subsequently expressed concern with the lack of on-street parking in the subdivision and in lieu of bike lanes on Lanny Drive a 10-foot wide pathway on the south side of the street was approved instead. The 10 foot wide path was also extended to the north along the west side of Picabu Street, which terminates into undeveloped property to the north. City staff from Engineering, Planning, and Parks and Recreation reviewed the proposal and determined that if a future pathway were to be extended to the northeast of the subject property, that pedestrians and bicyclists would be able to use the sidewalks and Picabu Street for access and that the short segment of 10-foot wide pathway was not needed. Therefore, it is staff's recommendation that the Council approve the reduction of the pathway on Picabu Street from 10 feet to the standard 5-foot width.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approval or denial of the engineering variance allowing the applicant to reduce the required sidewalk width along the west side of Picabu Street from 10 feet wide to 5 feet wide per City Standard; or provide staff with further direction.

Riddle introduced the item as written above. Having no questions, Laflin moved to approve the engineering variance allowing the applicant to reduce the required sidewalk width along the west side of Picabu Street from 10 feet wide to 5 feet wide per City Standard. Taruscio seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

City Council

Historic Preservation Commission – Kelly reported the Orchid Awards will be held on November 3 at the 1912 Center.

Human Rights Commission – Laflin said the Commission held restorative justice program regarding the criminal justice system on September 29.

Sustainable Environment Commission – Parker reported the Commission discussed the climate action plan, proposal to fund education solar panels.

Planning and Zoning Commission - Parker said the Commission discussed parking issues with Identity and affect on local neighborhoods; discussed the Woodbury Subdivision.

Fair and Affordable Housing Commission - Parker reported the Commission discussed goal setting.

Mayor

Mayor Bettge said he attended the dedication of the WAMI building. Gritman is refurbishing the CHAS clinic for oncology and urology. He attended a candidate forum. The Airport Board reported construction on terminal is proceeding.

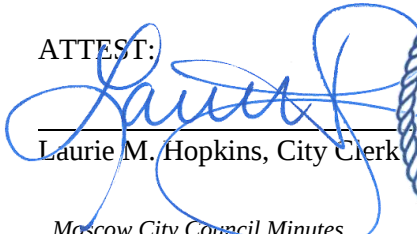
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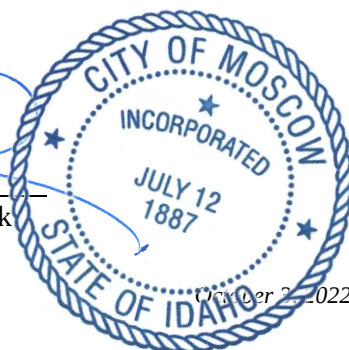
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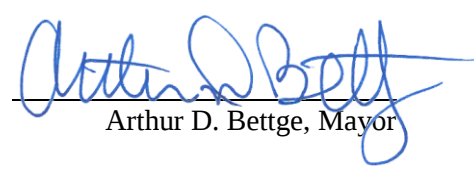
ADJOURN

It was moved, seconded and mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk




Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor