

Administrative Committee



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Monday
July 11, 2022**

4:00 PM

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

REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENT: Sandra Kelly, Julia Parker, Anne Zabala

OTHERS: Mayor Art Bettge, Councilmember Gina Taruscio, Councilmember Hailey Lewis

STAFF: Tyler Palmer, James Fry, Amanda Argona, Mia Bautista, Anthony Dahlinger, Katie Short, Megan Cherry, Taylor Riedner

1. Approval of Administrative Committee May 9, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Taylor Riedner

The minutes were approved as presented.

2. Bucer's Outdoor Concert Alcohol Use Request in Entertainment District (ACTION ITEM) - Amanda Argona

Bucer's Coffeehouse and Pub is hosting an Outdoor Concert on Friday, August 12th, from 7 pm to 10 pm on Main Street between 1st and 2nd Streets. In addition to being the Event Sponsor, Bucer's is also the licensed beer/wine vendor for the event. The event has been reviewed and approved by staff as of May 20, 2022. Following standard operating procedures for events with alcohol that are within the Entertainment District boundaries, Bucer's Outdoor Concert 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 the Council's consideration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the Resolution allowing for the temporary suspension of the open container law within the event footprint of Bucer's Outdoor Concert for the duration of the event; or provide staff with further direction.

Argona introduced the item by reviewing the standard procedures for applying to use the Entertainment District, requirements that must be met, and the involvement of different departments. The Entertainment District intends to allow more people to attend downtown events and make it a family-friendly gathering place. Chief Fry explained the protocol for having security available during such events. Should police personnel be unavailable, it is up to the applicant to find an alternative solution. The Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

3. Deutchman Portable Collection Proposal (ACTION ITEM) - Megan Cherry

Phil and Sandra Deutchman, professors emeriti at UI and WSU, respectively, have offered two works from their collection to be included in the City of Moscow Portable Collection. These include *Origins*, a 70" x 48" work made by Sandra Deutchman in 1992. This acrylic on canvas painting is valued at \$5500 and would need to be located in a permanent and secure display location. A location has been identified inside the Finance Department that would not only be secure, but would also be highly accessible for public viewing. The second artwork is by George Wray, longtime friend of the Deutchmans as well as prolific artist and University of Idaho professor. This untitled work is a 12" x 12" neon piece that, as with Deutchman's painting, would need to be installed in a relatively permanent location. Its value is around \$1000. Following discussion and a vote by a majority of MAC members to recommend acceptance of the donation, the Legal Department created a draft agreement for review by City Council. Both artworks will be photographed, installed, and insured pending Council approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the donation to the Portable Collection, provide staff further direction, or provide staff with further direction.

Cherry introduced the item as written above. Needing no further discussion, the Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

4. Proposed Day Care Code Amendments (ACTION ITEM) - Anthony Dahlinger / Katie Short

In 2019, the City was approached by several daycare providers who expressed concerns regarding the availability of daycare services within the City and requested that the City review the City's daycare regulations to assess if any modifications could be made to increase daycare capacity and access. The City began the review in late 2019 and into 2020 but the onset of the pandemic delayed progress. City Staff have now completed the review and are proposing several amendments to the City's daycare regulations for the Council's consideration. The amendments include revisions to definitions and terms to be more consistent with State Code; revisions to the criminal disqualifying offenses provisions to remove several minor offenses from disqualifying persons from obtaining a daycare provider license; amendments to the child-provider ratio to increase daycare capacity (the City's ratios remain more restrictive than the State of Idaho's); and revision to the religious vaccination exemption to match State standards. Staff from the Police, Community Development, and Legal Departments participated in this process. Two public input sessions were held to accept comments regarding the proposed changes from daycare providers, parents, and the public. The proposed ordinance is now before the Council for consideration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the proposed Ordinance to the City Council; or provide staff with further direction.

Short shared a presentation (attached) and reflected on discussions that started back in 2019 as well as the two public hearings since then. Staff encouraged all daycares to invite parents to the public hearings, and staff sent out fliers to facilities, providers, and parents. Changes include defining the minimum number of children needed to require a license, determining a minimum age for providers, the definition of a facility, provider-to-child ratio, background check language, training requirements, adoptions to adhere to state code, and other definitions. The provider-to-child ratio is currently rated on a 10-point scale and is proposed to go to a 12-point scale. The new proposal would allow one additional child per age group, which is still more strict than the state regulations. With no recommendation, the Committee placed it on the Council regular agenda.

5. Proposed Amendments to Taxi Cab Licensing Requirements (ACTION ITEM) - Anthony Dahlinger

During a recent review of the City's Taxicab regulations, it was identified that amendments were warranted to update the regulations to reflect current processes and standards. The proposed changes include revision of the issuing office from the City Clerk to the Police Department which currently issues taxi licenses; amending the City's insurance requirements to be consistent with that which is required in Pullman; and updating the criminal offense disqualifications to reference the specific sections of State law rather than the current list of offenses. The proposed ordinance is now before the Council for consideration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the proposed Ordinance; or provide staff with further direction.

Dahlinger introduced the item as written above and explained the changes made in relation to the state requirements and that most of the changes were to clean verbiage. Staff felt that indecent exposure needed to be added to the other criminal offenses defined by state law. State law also declares that the city cannot regulate ride-sharing like Uber and Lyft. Needing no further discussion, the Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council regular agenda.

REPORTS

Staff Report (if needed)

No report needed.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.

