

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Monday
March 20, 2023**

7:00 PM

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

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

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

STAFF: Bill Belknap, Mia Bautista, Cody Riddle, Mike Ray, Sarah Banks, Renee Tack, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

A. Approval of Moscow City Council February 21, 2023 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Phillips Farm Park Request for Funding - Cody Riddle

In April 2000, Latah County began leasing the Virgil Phillips Farm from the City of Moscow to develop recreational programs, improve facilities, and maintain the park. Since then, with the help of the City of Moscow and many other partners, Latah County has successfully managed the park and made significant improvements. In August 2022, Latah County was awarded a grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's (IDPR) Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to complete various improvement projects. The total cost of these projects is \$65,390 with matching contributions as follows: Latah County 7,680, Friends of Phillips Farm \$1,400, and City of Moscow \$5,000.

Because the RTP is federal pass-through funding, IDPR has recently learned from the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) that a cultural resources survey is required before any project activities can begin. The estimated cost is \$6,500. The survey will also serve as a foundational document for all future improvements at the park.

Latah County is requesting that the City of Moscow considers contributing an additional \$3,250, half the cost of the cultural resources survey. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on February 27, 2023 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the requested contribution of an additional \$3,250.

C. Library Concrete Pedestrian Entrance Restoration Project - Bid Results & Contract Award - Bob Buvel

The Library Concrete Pedestrian Entrance Restoration project includes the installation of concrete sidewalk, stairs, and handrails in front of the Moscow Public Library along the Jefferson Street entrance. The City solicited quotes from local contractors on January 25, 2023, and the Engineer's Estimate for construction is \$19,425.00. One quote was received back from Germer Construction on February 17th for \$20,932.00. A bid tabulation is included in the packet. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on February 27, 2023, and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Accept the quote from Germer Construction, Inc., award the contract in the amount of

\$20,932.00, and authorize staff approval of construction change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount.

D. Earth Day Celebration Alcohol Use Request in East City Park - Amanda Argona

Inland North Waste is sponsoring an Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 22nd, from 3 to 7 pm in East City Park. The annual event honors the ways our community protects and preserves our environment and is offered free of charge. Live music and eco-minded organizations are part of this event, in addition to food and a beer garden. The applicant anticipates 1 (one) licensed beer and/or wine vendor in the beer garden, which is estimated to be 25'x25' in size. Following standard operating procedures for events with alcohol within a City Park, Inland North Waste is requesting the allowance of attendees to possess and consume alcoholic beverages within the 25'x25' beer garden during the aforementioned date and time. Per Moscow City Code, Section 5-13-4, a draft resolution has been prepared by the Community Events Division and reviewed by the Legal Department for the Council's consideration to permit this typically prohibited activity. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on February 27, 2023 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the resolution allowing for the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the designated beer garden in East City Park for Earth Day Celebration for the duration of the event.

E. 2023 Moscow Farmers Market Handbook - Amanda Argona

In 2018, the Moscow Farmers Market implemented the first iteration of the Moscow Farmers Market Handbook. The Handbook is an expanded policy document meant to provide clarity and serve as a resource for anyone seeking information on the Market, as well as hold Market participants accountable for operating procedures. At the end of each season, the policies that make up the Handbook are considered in depth by staff and the Farmers Market Commission. The Commission reviewed the proposed changes to the Handbook on February 7, 2023, and unanimously accepted all changes for approval and adoption by the Council for the 2023 Market Season. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on February 27, 2023 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the 2023 Moscow Farmers Market Handbook and the associated Resolution.

F. Moscow Police Department - OHS Highway Safety Grant FFY 2024 - James Fry / Alisa Anderson

The Moscow Police Department (MPD) is requesting to participate in the national grant program called Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) sponsored by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), Office of Highway Safety (OHS) for a third year. The program addresses specific behaviors related to traffic safety priority areas and safety deficiencies within local law enforcement jurisdictions and is focused on combatting traffic crashes resulting in fatal and serious injuries. The MPD is requesting to ratify the submittal of a grant funding request that was due on February 28, 2023 for \$129,000 with an in-kind match of \$32,250. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on February 27, 2023 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Ratify the application submitted by the Moscow Police Department for the Idaho Transportation Department, OHS Highway Safety STEP Grant FFY 2024 for \$129,000.

G. Lewis Clark State College and City of Moscow Facilities Agreement - Brian Nickerson

Lewis Clark State College (LCSC) has approached the City of Moscow to request occasional use of the Moscow Fire Department's training facilities, equipment, and tools to conduct its Firefighter Training Program. The attached Memorandum of Understanding enumerates the benefits of entering into such an agreement with LCSC, the City's general responsibilities upon approval, LCSC's general responsibilities upon approval, terms, compensation, termination of the agreement and general provisions. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on February 27, 2023 and

recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the agreement for use of facilities with Lewis Clark State College.

H. Disbursement Report February 2023 - Sarah Banks

Staff presented the February 2023 Accounts Payable Report to the Public Works / Finance Committee on March 13th, 2023. The Committee received the report and approved the disbursements as presented.

ACTION: Accept the Disbursements Report for the month of February 2023.

I. Fourth Quarter Financial Report July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 for FY2022 - Sarah Banks

Staff presented the fourth quarter financial report of Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022) to the Public Works / Finance Committee on March 13th, 2023. The Committee received the financial report and approved it as presented.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Accept the FY2022 Fourth Quarter Financial Report.

J. Resolution for Destruction of City Records - Laurie M. Hopkins

In 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 2021-27 classifying City records as temporary, semi-permanent, and permanent, each with a retention period. Idaho Code 50-907 allows for the destruction of temporary and semi-permanent records according to the retention schedule and the adoption of a resolution listing the various types of records. City departments have reviewed retention schedules and current records in order to recommend documents for destruction. The proposed Resolution is based upon the review by participating departments and the list has been reviewed by the City Attorney. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on March 13, 2023 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the resolution for destruction of City records.

K. 2023 Streets Surface Treatment Project - Steve Schulte

The State of Idaho allocated a portion of state surplus funds to local transportation agencies with HB772 resulting in a disbursement of \$484,850 to the City of Moscow on July 25, 2022, for use on the transportation system. Staff proposes to use these funds for an asphalt rubberized chip seal application on roughly 49,500 square yards of roadway. This process has proven to be a cost-effective method of extending the lifespan of our roadways. The HB772 funds are currently in the capital budget and, with Council approval, will be specifically allocated to this project during the open budget process. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on March 13, 2023 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the use of HB772 funds for an asphalt rubberized chip seal project.

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. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

Mayor Bettge presented to the City Council for consideration the appointments of Bergen Kludt-Painter to the Human Rights Commission; Tom Lamar to the Moscow Urban Renewal Agency; and Lilly Hume to the Human Rights Commission. Kelly moved and Taruscio seconded approval of the appointments. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

3. Staff Recognition

Riddle recognized Justin Goodwin, Building Official who was appointed by Governor Little to the Idaho Building Code Board. The Board is made up of architects, engineers and other trades. He is serving as the loan city building official on the board.

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

Kenton Bird (Moscow) brought 6 students from his Reporting 2 class within the School of Journalism and Mass Media. He has brought students to a council meeting for 11 or 12 years to learn about government, public issues, courts, etc. Later in the semester the students are working on a project to address a community issue, problem, or concern. If anyone has suggestions for topics, please share them.

Dave Glasebrook (Moscow) said he was here to speak on constitutional issues. He spoke on the emergency order during COVID, the difference in the words “may” and “shall”, the Idaho Constitution and how he feels there have been violations.

Mayor Bettge called a recess at 7:15 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:17 p.m.

5. Citizen Commission Report - Planning and Zoning Commission - Mike Ray / Robb Parish

Ray introduced Robb Parish, chair of the P&Z Commission. Parish listed the commission members and spoke on the projects the Commission worked on including self-storage facilities ordinance and updates to the buffer yard requirements ordinance. The Commission focuses on continuing education and heard presentations on the aquifer and fair housing. Parish said the Commission would also like to have a joint meeting with the Council to exchange ideas and goals.

6. Public Hearing: 706 W Palouse River Drive Proposed Rezone (ACTION ITEM) - Mike Ray

The applicant, Jim Swift, is proposing to rezone a 0.54-acre property located at 706 W Palouse River Drive. The parcel is currently zoned Multiple Family Residential (R-4) and the applicant is proposing to rezone to the Residential Office (RO) designation. The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing on January 25, 2023 and recommended approval of the rezone request with no conditions.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Conduct the public hearing and upon consideration of any testimony received, 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.

Mayor Bettge opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Ray introduced the item as written above and described the neighborhood, comprehensive plan, zoning, and utilities.

Scott Becker (Hodge and Associates) said he is here if the Council has any questions.

Hearing no testimony, the hearing was closed at 7:36 p.m.

Parker asked if there would be multiple driveways. Ray replied the flag pole lot was reconfigured per City Council and a lot line adjustment will be coming forward to eliminate the flag pole portion from Sunnyside access. The point of access for the property will be from Palouse River Drive. Properties are limited to one approach per property, unless it is for egress and ingress. Parker is concerned about the

number of driveways in the area. Davis said it is a small property and feels one approach is appropriate. Even with the access points and future development, Lewis doesn't feel Palouse River Drive will see any traffic outside what is seen on other arterials in town.

Taruscio moved 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. Kelly seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lambert read Ordinance 2023-02 by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO; PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF AN APPROXIMATELY ZERO POINT SEVEN NINE (0.79) ACRE PROPERTY, DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2, FROM MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-4) TO RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (RO); 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.

7. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Presentation (ACTION ITEM) - Sarah Banks /Nick Nicholson

Presnell Gage PLLC, the City's auditors, will be presenting the City's FY2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which includes any significant changes regarding the annual audit and outlining comparative changes from the FY2021 ACFR. The City has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the ACFR for 19 consecutive years. After approval, staff will submit the FY2022 ACFR for consideration for the award. The accompanying final draft of the FY2022 ACFR is submitted for City Council review.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Accept the City of Moscow audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY2022 as presented, or take other action deemed appropriate.

Banks said the City received the GFOA award for 2021. Staff has been working on the 2022 audit since September and will submit for hopefully the 20th award. She thanked Renee Tack, City staff and Presnell and Gage and introduced Nick Nicholson.

Nicholson said an auditor's job is to give three opinions on the audit: whether the financial information is accurate and properly presents the financial position of the city and its activities; internal control structure and how it is functioning, includes financial reporting and compliance; and single audit act when you receive more than \$750,000 grant monies. Presnell and Gage provided an unmodified opinion, meaning no modifications to financial information, no non-compliance, compliance with federal programs, and internal controls are good. Government wide, the City's net position is at \$160.7 million, an increase of 8% from last year. The City's governmental restricted fund balance of \$1,595,984 consists of debt service, highway user tax purposes, and recreation and culture restricted by Bobby Hamilton's will in FY2000. The City's business-type activities restricted net position of \$29,803,266 consists of water, sewer, stormwater and sanitation capital projects and debt service. Nicholson provided graphs illustrating fund revenues/expenditures and net worth.

Parker moved to accept the City of Moscow audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY2022 as presented. Davis seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

8. Consideration of Mayor and City Council Salary Adjustments (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap

Idaho Code § 50-203 requires compensation for a mayor and council to be fixed by ordinance. Moscow City Code Title 1, Chapter 8, Sec. 8-1, states *"The salary for elective officers shall be fixed by ordinance. Salary adjustments for such elective officers shall be made every two (2) years from the date of the previous adjustment in accordance and in proportion with adjustments in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the United States Department of Labor. Such adjustments must be specifically approved by ordinance at least six (6) months prior to the effective date of such adjustments."* There has been some confusion in the past regarding what specific CPI index to utilize and how the adjustment is to be calculated. Staff is proposing to amend City Code to specify the specific index to be used and that the annual percent change is the measure to be used in the calculation. The proposed Ordinance amends the Mayor and City Council salaries by the CPI adjustment of the past 24 months. The reported CPI values were 4.7% and 8.0% for 2021 and 2022, respectively. Proposed increases to monthly salaries would be effective January 1, 2024, and are as follows: Mayor - From \$2,119.78 per month to \$2,396.96 per month and Council - From \$734.93 per month to \$831.03 per month.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the proposed ordinance making salary adjustments for the Mayor and City Council effective January 1, 2024; or take other action as deemed appropriate.

Belknap provided a background on the compensation for elected officials within the State and City codes. There are numerous Consumer Price Indexes that could be utilized and several different methods of calculations that could be utilized. Staff is proposing to amend City Code to specify the specific index to be used and that the annual percent change is the measure to be used in the calculation. The Series I.D. mentioned in the proposed ordinance is specific but when abandoned, Council can update the ordinance accordingly. The current Series I.D. is from 1996.

Lewis doesn't have an issue with the CPI change but does have mixed feelings. While she doesn't serve for the money, she doesn't want to discourage anyone from running that may not be able to serve without financial compensation. There are also lots of citizens that are concerned about the budget. This could be a small way to show the citizens that we are listening by not voting for the increase.

Belknap said the ordinance says "shall" be adjusted by the CPI. While the compensation is adjusted, individual council members can choose whether to take the raise or not. The Council also has the option to modify the ordinance with language that says it is adjusted from time to time as the council sees fit.

Parker felt in order to keep people in these positions, the salary needs to keep up with inflation.

Belknap said the recent salary survey did include elected officials and it came back as 9% lower than the other cities compared.

Taruscio heard what her co-councilors are saying, but could be seen as a wage or recruitment tool for future councilors. Serving as an elected official is important, has a large responsibility and should be compensated. Taruscio moved approval of the proposed ordinance making salary adjustments for the Mayor and City Council effective January 1, 2024. Kelly seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Five (5). Nays: One (Lewis). Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lambert read Ordinance 2023-03 by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF MOSCOW CITY CODE TITLE 1, CHAPTER 8; PROVIDING FOR A CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE CALCULATION OF INCREASES IN THE SALARIES OF CITY ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND THE PRESCRIBED INCREASE OF SAID SALARIES EFFECTIVE UPON JANUARY 1, 2024; PROVIDING THAT THE

PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE BE DEEMED SEVERABLE; AND PROVIDING FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

Taruscio amended her motion to approving the Ordinance under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary. Kelly agreed to the amendment. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Five (5). Nays: One (Lewis). Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

9. Set FY2024 Budget Hearing Date (ACTION ITEM) - Bill Belknap

Per Idaho Code 63-802(A) the City is required to notify Latah County of the public hearing date for the City's annual budget no later than April 30 each year. Staff is requesting that the Council officially set the date for the FY2024 Budget hearing for August 7, 2023 so the Notification of Budget Hearing form can be completed and returned to the Latah County Auditor's Office as required.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Set August 7, 2023 as the public hearing date for the City of Moscow FY2024 budget, or take other action deemed appropriate.

Belknap described the item as written above. With no questions by the Council, Lewis moved to set August 7, 2023 as the public hearing date for the City of Moscow FY2024 budget. Laflin seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

City Council

Moscow Urban Renewal Agency – Laflin said the Agency approved their audit and discussed the Sixth and Jackson property and submissions are due May 5.

Farmers Market Commission – Laflin reported the Commission is advertising voting on the Market poster.

Fair and Affordable Housing Commission – Davis said the Commission heard a presentation from Nils Peterson about the Affordable Housing Trust.

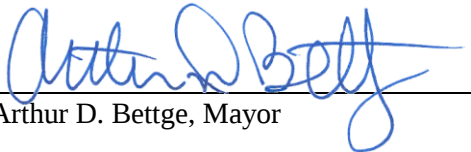
Council Members spoke on other meetings and events.

Mayor

The airport terminal is still in progress and should be visible from the road soon. He has spent a lot of time going over proposed legislation and attended events.

ADJOURN

It was moved, seconded and mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.


Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk



**BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, COUNTY OF LATAH,
STATE OF IDAHO**

REASONED STATEMENT OF RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS

REASONED STATEMENT OF RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR THE REZONE OF A ZERO POINT FIVE FOUR (0.54) ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 706 WEST PALOUSE RIVER DRIVE FROM THE MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-4) ZONE TO THE RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (RO) ZONE.

WHEREAS, the applicant filed an application for Rezone on December 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this matter came before the Moscow Planning and Zoning Commission during a duly noticed public hearing on January 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this matter came before the Moscow City Council during a duly noticed public hearing on March 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the application, including all exhibits entered, and having considered the issues presented by the applicant and the opponents:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, AFTER DUE DELIBERATION AND CONSIDERATION, HEREBY CONCLUDES:

I. RELEVANT FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS

1. The City Council considered the request pursuant to the City of Moscow 2019 Comprehensive Plan, City of Moscow Zoning Ordinance, the Local Land Use Planning Act, and other applicable development regulations.
2. The subject property consists of a 0.54-acre property located at 706 W Palouse River Drive.
3. Within the 2019 Moscow Comprehensive Plan, the subject property is currently designated as High-Density Residential.
4. According to the 2019 Comprehensive Plan, High-Density Residential designated areas,
“allow the highest density residential development at common densities between 15 and 26 units per acre. Areas appropriate for this designation include those located adjacent to areas of higher activity where there is a range of uses. High-Density Residential areas should be located adjacent or in close proximity to designated arterial or collector streets. New areas of high-density residential development should be located near mixed-use activity areas and corridors that accommodate multi-modal transportation. Lands designated as Urban Residential are generally appropriately zoned Medium Density Residential (R3), Multiple Family Residential (R-4), or Residential Office (RO).”
5. The subdivisions to the north are currently designated as Auto-Urban Residential. Martin Wellness Center to the east is currently designated as Suburban Commercial and properties to

the south of Palouse River Drive are designated as High-Density Residential. Anderson/Frontier Park to the west is currently designated as Parks and Open Space.

6. The subject property is currently designated as Multiple Family Residential (R-4) and the proposal is to rezone it to the Residential Office (RO) designation.
7. The north portion of the Anderson 7th Addition Subdivision is encompassed by a combination of the R-3 and R-4 Zones. The Gritman property to the east of the subject property is currently zoned R-4 and the properties to the south of Palouse River Drive are currently designated as Motor Business (MB).
8. According to the City of Moscow Zoning Code, the RO Zone is a moderately intensive zone including both offices and high-density housing. It serves as a transitional Zoning District between residential Zoning Districts and commercial or industrial Zoning Districts.
9. According to the City of Moscow Zoning Code, the RO Zoning District is appropriately applied in the following circumstances:
 1. On the perimeter of commercial or industrial districts where they abut residential land uses;
 2. Where transportation network use is greater than desirable for lower density residential uses;
 3. Where landforms create sites which are reasonably accessible by transportation systems and which are buffered from nearby residential areas; and
 4. Where the development patterns in a neighborhood will allow development of moderate intensity to occur without producing adverse visual impact or harm to the transportation network.
12. Uses permitted within the RO Zone include single family dwellings, two family dwellings, multi-family dwellings, twinhomes, townhouses, market and community gardens, veterinary services, professional offices, restaurants up to 1,500 sf in size, group and small child care facilities, community/neighborhood centers, health care services, public parks and recreation facilities, telecommunications services, personal care services, and bed and breakfast inns.
13. In 1993, the subject property was rezoned to the current configuration of the R-3 and R-4 Zones which still exists today. The Council imposed three conditions of approval on the rezone, which are as follows:
 1. The density shall be limited to a minimum lot area of 2,000 sf per dwelling unit;
 2. The buildings shall be limited to one-story in height exclusive of basements; and
 3. There shall be dedicated a pedestrian pathway, minimum of ten feet in width extending from Latah Care Center to the Anderson/Frontier Park.
14. There are existing water and sewer mains within the surrounding streets which are of sufficient capacity to accommodate any future use that the RO Zone would allow on the subject property.
15. The subject property is located adjacent to Palouse River Drive which is designated as a minor arterial. The section of Palouse River Drive adjacent to the subject property currently does not have curb, gutters, or sidewalks on either side of the street. As part of Anderson 7th Addition Subdivision, frontage improvements will be constructed the north side of Palouse River Drive which will include street widening, curb, gutter, and a sidewalk.

16. The applicant conducted a neighborhood meeting with affected property owners within 600 feet of the subject property on November 29, 2022 to discuss the proposed rezone. All neighborhood meeting materials are attached.

BASED ON THE ABOVE RELEVANT FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW HEREBY FINDS THE FOLLOWING RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS:

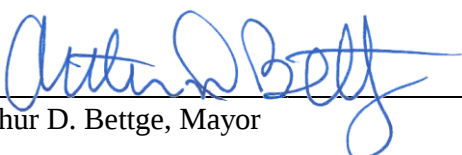
II. RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS

1. **The proposed rezone is consistent with Comprehensive Plan goals, objectives, and implementation actions.** The proposed rezone is consistent with the existing 2019 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of High-Density Residential.
2. **The proposed rezone would provide for the logical and orderly location of land uses and community services and facilities.** The proposed RO Zone provides for a transition between the existing Motor Business (MB) Zone to the south of Palouse River Drive and the combination of R-3 and R-4 Zones to the north. The proposed zoning and uses are consistent with the surrounding area and will not unduly burden the neighborhood of public infrastructure.
3. **The uses expected to occur as a result of the rezone will be compatible with the surrounding area.** The proposed zoning is consistent with adjacent zoning districts and will create a logical and orderly zoning configuration for the subject area. The subject property will provide a logical transition from the more intensive commercial properties to the south.
4. **The size, type, and density of development expected to occur as a result of the rezone will not place an undue burden upon delivery of services provided by any political subdivision within the planning jurisdiction.** The proposed zoning and uses are suitable for the area and will not unduly burden the area of public infrastructure.
5. **The size, type, and density of development expected to occur as a result of the rezone can be adequately served by the existing transportation network, public facilities and services.** The subject property has street access via Palouse River Drive which is a minor arterial street which can adequately serve any proposed development allowed in the RO Zone. City water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer mains are currently extended to the subject property.

III. DECISION

Based on the above Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria, the City Council of the City of Moscow approves the rezone request for the zero point five four (0.54) acre property from the Multiple Family Residential (R-4) Zone to the Residential Office (RO) Zone with no conditions.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW this 20th day of March, 2023.



Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor