

Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Laurie M. Hopkins
City Clerk

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**Tuesday
September 5, 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, Julia Parker

ABSENT: Hailey Lewis, Gina Taruscio

STAFF: Bill Belknap, Mia Bautista, Cody Riddle, Amanda Argona, Laurie M. Hopkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Laflin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

National Service Dog Month

Mayor Bettge read the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

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

B. Proposed Lot Line Adjustment at 1998 Ben Gifford Ct and 1974 Sunnyside Ave - Aimee Hennrich

The applicant, Jim Swift, is requesting a lot line adjustment between 1998 Ben Gifford Ct and 1974 Sunnyside Ave. The proposed lot line adjustment would increase 1974 Sunnyside Ave from 10,627 sf to 11,697 sf, and decrease 1998 Ben Gifford Ct from 21,378 sf to 20,308 sf. 1998 Ben Gifford Ct is currently a vacant lot and a single-family home is currently under construction at 1974 Sunnyside Ave. The applicant is requesting the lot line adjustment in order to make more symmetrical rear property lines to improve landscaping and maintenance. The subject properties are currently within the Medium Density Residential (R-3) Zoning District, where the minimum lot size is 6,000 sf and the minimum lot width is 60 feet. All proposed lots meet the minimum lot size and width requirements of the R-3 Zone, and the single-family dwelling currently under construction will meet all setback requirements. This proposal was heard on August 28, 2023 at the Administrative Committee meeting and was recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the lot line adjustment with no conditions.

C. Pour Company Homecoming Block Party Alcohol Use Request in Ghormley Park - Amanda Argona

Pour Company is requesting an alcohol use permit in Ghormley Park for their Homecoming Block Party on Sat., Oct. 14 from 1-6 p.m. This event is the first of its kind for the Ghormley Park location with the potential to be an annual function. The applicant anticipates no more than four licensed beer/wine vendors and up to three food trucks, as well as live music. In similar fashion to

Rendezvous in the Park, the event footprint will act as the beer garden with barriers structured in such a way as to ensure no individuals may pass under or over the barriers and there is a single entry check-in point to control open container access. Following standard operating procedures for events with alcohol within a City Park, Pour Company is requesting the allowance of attendees to possess and consume alcoholic beverages within the event footprint during the hours of 1 to 6 p.m. during the aforementioned date. 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. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on August 28, 2023 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the resolution allowing for the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Ghormley Park within the event footprint of Homecoming Block Party during the listed time and date of the event.

D. Health Insurance Consulting Group Contract Renewal - Bonnie Dennler / Sarah Banks

The City of Moscow has utilized the Murray Group, Inc. for a number of years to provide consulting services for strategic benefits planning and support for the city's employee benefits program. Services provided by the Murray Group include Health insurance and benefits planning and design, vendor management and administration, day-to-day administrative issues, COBRA administration, actuarial services, Employee Navigator (benefits platform) administration, as well as other necessary consulting and services. In order to effectively manage and administer the city's employee health benefit programs, as well as maintain compliance with benefit and employment law surrounding ERISA, COBRA, HIPAA, ACA, Section 125, and other benefit administration requirements, approval is needed to renew contract agreements with the Murray Group for the 2023-2024 benefits plan year which began on August 1, 2023. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on August 28, 2023 and recommended for approval.

ACTION: Approve the Murray Group Consulting agreement, Murray Group Business Associate Agreement, and Employee Navigator Client Agreement.

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. Staff Recognition

Mayor Bettge recognized Laurie Hopkins, City Clerk for receiving her Idaho Advanced Certificate.

3. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

Mayor Bettge presented to the City Council for consideration the appointment of Ivy Dickinson to the Board of Adjustment. Kelly moved and Laflin seconded approval of the appointment. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried. Ivy Dickinson introduced herself and thanked the Council for the appointment. She is excited to be volunteering for the community.

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

None offered.

5. Citizen Commission Report - Farmers Market Commission - Amanda Argona / Jamie Hill

Argona introduced Jamie Hill, chair of the Farmers Market Commission. Hill went through the mission statement which is read at the beginning of each meeting. The Commission has one opening. There are 149 vendors this year, 38 of which were new. There is a wait list for any openings that may come up and there are already 72 vendors asking about availability for next year. Customer counts were approximately same as last year but are now increasing. Argona went through some metrics for vendors.

REPORTS

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Parks and Recreation Commission – Davis said the Commission received a report for the pool where it was reported the pool had the most staff they have ever had and hope to retain it for next year. Howling at the Hamilton is next weekend.

Fair and Affordable Housing Commission – Davis said the Commission had a short meeting and Council members spoke on events they attended.

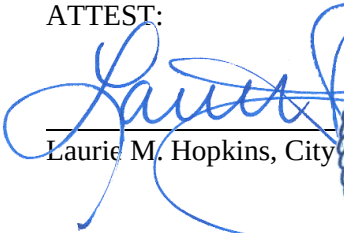
Mayor

No reports.

ADJOURN

It was moved, seconded and mutually agreed upon to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST:



Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk





Arthur D. Bettge, Mayor