

# Moscow City Council



## Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

**7:00 PM**

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

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The Moscow Mayor, City Council and Staff welcome you to tonight's meeting. This meeting is open to the public. We appreciate and encourage public participation. For regular agenda items, an opportunity for public comment is sometimes provided after the staff report. However, the formality of procedures varies with the purpose and subject of the agenda item; therefore, the Mayor may exercise discretion in deciding when to allow public comment during the course of the proceedings and limitations may be placed on the time allowed for comments. Citizens wishing to comment on business that is not on the agenda will be provided the opportunity to do so during the public comment item on the agenda. If you plan to address the Council, you will find a list of "Tips for Addressing the Council" in the door pocket outside the City Council Chambers. Please note that Moscow City Council meetings are televised, videotaped and/or recorded. Links to view the City Council meeting live can be found on the City website and the City's YouTube channel. Thank you for your interest in City government.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)**

##### **A. Approval of Moscow City Council January 5, 2025 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins**

##### **B. Approval of Payment of Claims - Sarah Decker**

##### **C. Disbursement Report September 2025- Sarah Decker**

Staff presented the September 2025 Accounts Payable Report to the Public Works / Finance Committee on October 13th, 2025. The Committee received the report and recommended approval of the disbursement report.

**ACTION:** Accept the Disbursements Report for the month of September 2025.

##### **D. Disbursement Report December 2025 - Sarah Decker**

Staff presented the December 2025 Accounts Payable Report to the Public Works / Finance Committee on January 12th, 2026. The Committee received the report and recommended approval of the disbursement report.

**ACTION:** Accept the Disbursements Report for the month of December 2025.

##### **E. First Quarter Financial Report October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 for FY2026 - Sarah Decker**

Staff presented the financial report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025) to the Public Works/Finance Committee on January 12th, 2026. The

Committee received the financial report and recommended approval as presented.

**ACTION:** Approve the FY2026 First Quarter Financial Report.

**F. Idaho Commission on the Arts Grant Application: 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 program support for arts organizations in Idaho. These funds will represent off-setting revenue in the production of Palouse Plein Air. If the application is successful, funds are typically available at the end of the City of Moscow's FY26, and would be deferred for use in FY2027. This was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on January 12, 2026 and recommended for approval.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**2. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)**

**3. Public Comment (limit 15 minutes)**

**4. Appointment of Nichoel Baird Spencer as Community Development Director/Deputy City Administrator (ACTION ITEM) – Mayor Hailey Lewis**

Mayor Lewis is proposing the appointment of Nichoel Baird Spencer for City Council confirmation as the City's next Community Development Director/Deputy City Administrator. Spencer will succeed Cody Riddle, who retired from the City of Moscow on December 5, 2025. Spencer is currently the Director of Long-Range Planning and Projects for the City of Eagle, Idaho. Spencer has served Eagle for nearly 22 years in several community planning positions. Spencer was selected from a competitive pool of qualified candidates. If confirmed, Spencer's first day in the position will be February 16, 2026.

**PROPOSED ACTIONS:** Confirm Nichoel Baird Spencer as the City of Moscow Community Development Director/Deputy City Administrator, or take such other action deemed appropriate

**5. 2026 Council Liaison Assignments (ACTION ITEM) - Drew Davis, Council President**

The Council held a Council Workshop on January 12, 2026, to discuss City Commission Council liaison assignments for the 2026 calendar year. The attached document includes the proposed Council liaison assignments for formal approval.

**PROPOSED ACTIONS:** Approve the proposed 2026 Commission Council liaison assignments, or take other action deemed appropriate.

**6. 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Applications (ACTION ITEM) - Alisa Anderson / Scott Bontrager**

Staff has identified two projects for potential candidates for grant applications to the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The first project includes roadway widening to accommodate vehicle travel lanes and bike lanes, and the installation of curb and gutter, and a shared-use path on Mountain View Road from White Avenue to State Highway 8. The second proposed project includes widening of an existing pedestrian pathway from Sixth to Fifth Street, as well as Sixth Street crossing safety improvements, and the installation of a sidewalk on Park Drive from Sixth Street to Seventh Street. This item was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on January 12, 2026, and recommended for approval.

**PROPOSED ACTIONS:** Authorize City staff to submit two 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Applications for \$500,000 with total project costs not to exceed \$750,000 for the Mountain View Road Improvement Project, and \$500,000 for the Sixth Street Pedestrian Improvement Project, or take other action deemed appropriate.

**7. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) - Highway 95 Underpass Project Modification (ACTION ITEM) - Alisa Anderson / Scott Bontrager**

The City of Moscow and the Moscow Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) began planning a pedestrian and bicycle underpass at South Main Street/U.S. 95 in 2018 following the completion of a feasibility study completed by Alta Science and Engineering. In 2020, the City was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to help fund the project. The project was designed to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety by bypassing a busy five-lane intersection near the University of Idaho. In 2020, the City was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to help fund the project. The original plan included a 710-foot-long underpass, pathway connections, and removal of the old Highway 95 bridge, with most of the \$1.07 million cost covered by federal funding. State-level delays postponed design work until 2023, and extensive environmental reviews extended into 2025. Recently, updated hydraulic analyses revealed significant sediment buildup and changed hydraulic conditions in Paradise Creek. Due to the altered creek conditions, construction of the underpass has been deemed infeasible at this time. The granting agency recommended that the City consider modifying the project scope toward alternative above-ground pedestrian safety improvements at the same intersection. Engineering staff have identified other beneficial pedestrian improvements near the south couplet intersection, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved the proposed scope revisions. This revised approach would meet safety and connectivity goals while staying within the current project budget. This item was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on January 12, 2026, and recommended for approval.

**PROPOSED ACTIONS:** Authorize City staff to modify the scope of the project and complete the design utilizing remaining funds in the current State/Local agreement, or take other action deemed appropriate.

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