

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
February 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Myers in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center with audio remote access. Special notice for remote attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Myers; Deputy Mayor Martinez; Council Members Eck, Fancher, Madewell, Swartz, and Skaug.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Fancher led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Fancher requested Consent Item (c) be moved to New Business.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to approve the Agenda as modified, second by Council Member Martinez. The motion carried 7– 0.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Homeless Encampments on Longview Street

Jose Cuellar, Othello, WA discussed the problem of having RV's and travel trailers parked near Longview Elementary school, and on private property, near his rental. Council discussed the topic with staff, and staff will be bringing recommendations on the issue to a future study session.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board Member Recognition

Board Member Ryan Holterhoff (not in attendance) recently resigned and was recognized for his service from July 2018 through February 2023. A second resignation will be recognized at the next Council Meeting.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board Vacancy

Announcement has been posted online for the two vacant positions on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board. Application deadline is March 14.

AWC Action Days Summary

Mayor Myers, Deputy Mayor Martinez, Council Member Swartz and City Manager Allison Williams attended the AWC Action Days on February 15 and 16 in Olympia. They met with State Representatives and Senators to discuss Legislative Agenda items; as well as with the Governor's staff to discuss water issues.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Food Truck Court Update

Project Surveyor Levi Bisnett advised that “The Compass” food truck court should be open this summer. They are planning to have art, a heritage garden site, and other attributes that will align with the Creative District efforts.

Congressionally Directed Spending Request

Staff requested Council support to send Congressionally Directed Spending Requests for Water Treatment Facilities. The need over the next 10 years is approximately \$230 million.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to authorize sending the funding requests as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Staffing Update and Requests

Municipal Services and Community Development restructuring requires approval by Council for one new position and addition of benefits from combining two former part-time positions.

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to approve the staffing update as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Sleep Center Security Services Contract

Staff requests Council authorization to contract for guard services with Pacific Security.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to authorize execution of contract for services at the sleep center, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated February 7 and February 14, 2023
 - b. Electronic Transfer: N/A
Checks: 159649 - 159794 - \$1,351,454.59
Payroll Checks: #64982-64997 - \$10,180.11
Electronic Payments: Direct Deposit - \$559,551.95
 - c. *moved to New Business*
 - d. Larson Sedimentation Pond Rehabilitation Award
 - e. Biosolids Land Application Award General Services Contract
 - f. Investment Grade Energy Audit
 - g. Industrial Waste Discharge Permit No. 25 – Grant County Fairgrounds

Action taken: Council Member Fancher moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#2 Fire Department Staffing Grant

The Fire Department received an award from the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program in the amount of \$3,317,058. This grant will cover costs for nine firefighter’s salaries and benefits, for the next three years, with no strings attached. This is one way to begin succession planning of several Fire Fighters

eligible to retire in the next three years. This would also allow reallocation of some ARPA funding that was dedicated to firefighter hires.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Martinez moved to authorize SAFER Grant award as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#3 Central Terminals Road Easement Abandonment Resolution 3933

The current property owner, Central Terminals LLC, has requested that the existing road easements be abandoned to clear the way for Group 14 to develop a battery materials manufacturing plant.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to adopt Resolution 3933 as presented, second by Council Member Swartz. The motion carried 6– 0. Council Member Fancher was recused.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Public Art Fund Program Update – MLMC 2.08.880(E)

The Arts Committee held their first meeting on February 27 to discuss budget, care, cleaning, rehabilitation, removal of public art, and bringing back the Summer Concert Series program. They will continue to build on the framework for this committee and plan to meet monthly for the time being.

WSDOT SR-17 Project Schedule Update

As a follow up to the noise variance granted by Council, City Engineer Richard Law advised that the SR-17 Repaving Project is planned to start around May 30 and finish mid-September. The Nelson Rd to Wheeler Rd paving will require a 10-day time span. The state will provide a presentation to the City Council closer to the project start date.

New Petition to Join AFSCME Union

Parks Maintenance staff petitioned Public Employee Relations Commission (PERC) to join the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Union. Human Resources Director Shannon Springer is working on a memorandum of understanding that will add them to the current contract.

Wellness Program

Staff participation in last year’s Wellness Programs has earned us another WellCity Award. This designation qualifies the City for a 2% discount on health insurance premiums paid in 2024 for active employees, spouses, and dependents.

Water Updates

Staff will attend the Realtors’ Association and Coffee and Commerce meetings to speak on water resource issues. A public presentation will be held on March 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Auditorium to continue the speaker series.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Eck shared that the Port of Moses Lake is hosting the first flight of a Hydrogen-powered Aircraft next month. The Port is also preparing for a visit from the Komaki, Japan City Mayor who is coming to Moses Lake in July. *(Komaki, Japan is one of the Bridges International student exchange cities)*

Council Member Skaug thanked Fire Chief Brett Bastian for his team’s efforts in applying for the SAFER Grant program.

Council Member Fancher noted progress being made by staff to amend the regulations for water usage and thanked Community Development Department (CDD) staff for providing the project summary handout at the last Community Development, Municipal Services and Parks Committee (CMP) Meeting. He announced that he has been confirmed as a board member for the Grant County Economic Development Council.

Council Member Swartz also attended the CMP Meeting where they discussed the pitfalls of covenants. He also expressed appreciation of the CDD projects handout.

Deputy Mayor Martinez thanked staff for their work, recognizing that there are a lot of moving parts and organizations that focus on Moses Lake.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Myers called an Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. for 45 minutes to discuss Real Estate Sale or Lease, and Potential Litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsections (c) and (i). There was no business to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.





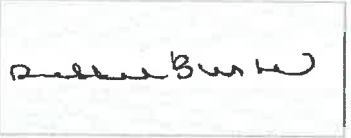
Don Myers, Mayor



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