

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING  
May 18, 2023

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Myers called an Executive Session at 3 p.m. to be held for 60 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and (i) to discuss performance of a public employee and litigation. Mayor Myers extended the executive session by 10 minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The public portion of the special meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by Mayor Myers in Council Chambers of the Civic Center with audio remote access. Special notice for remote attendance was posted on the meeting agenda.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Action taken: Council Member Swartz moved to excuse Council Member Skaug, second by Deputy Mayor Martinez. The motion carried 6 – 0.

**STUDY SESSION**

Water Rights Update

Jill Van Hulle, Principal Water Rights Specialist (Project Manager) and Kelsey Mach, Project Geologist/Water Rights Specialist (Deputy Project Manager) with Aspect Consulting provided a water rights update. This included information on the increasing demands with decreasing physical water supply and water quality challenges. Additionally, Aspect Consulting is helping the City explore a range of options for assuring the water supply security for the future and is collaborating with many local, state, and federal entities.

Mayor Myers called a recess at 4:55 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:20 p.m.

2022 Council Priorities Review

**Manage and Encourage City Growth**

- Streamline permitting processes
- Market opportunities to address housing needs and increase supply
- *Utilize manufacturing presence to leverage investment*
- Add and revitalize infrastructure (water, sewer, streets)
- Beautify corridors and add amenities (shopping, activities)

**Crime Reduction**

- Emphasize programs that can steer youth positively
- *Address drug and transient issues*
- Collaborate on gang/drug issues
- Augment graffiti abatement efforts

**Collaboration/Customer Service**

- Align interests with County, Port, Economic Development Committee (EDC), Big Ben Community College (BBCC), Watershed Council, etc.

- Be responsive to the public, customers and agencies – hire with customer service in mind

**Preserve Lake Health and Access**

- ~~Shoreline Master Program underway~~(Complete)
- Add infrastructure that can help the lake (sewer, stormwater)
- *Support the efforts of the Watershed Council*
- *Address EPA Superfund Site*

**City Sustainability**

- Financial Stability

**Address Aquifer Issue**

- Water communication plan and staff work plan

**Communication**

- Increase visibility in the community

2024 Priority Discussion

Potential Funding Options:

- Transportation Benefit District – Market the use of funds (annual reports)
- Tourism Promotion area
- Affordable Housing Sales Tax

City Operational Options

- Annexation Analysis
- Fire Analysis
- Water Infrastructure Analysis
- Long-term financial planning to fund infrastructure


**ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



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Don Myers, Mayor



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Debbie Burke, City Clerk

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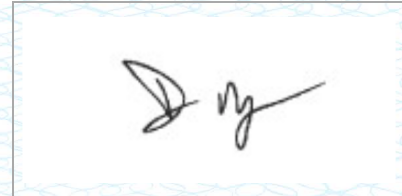
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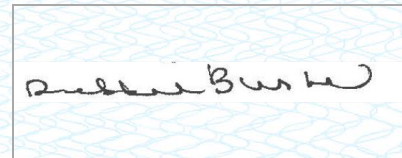
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