

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
September 8, 2020

**STUDY SESSION**

Moses Lake Together – Visioning <http://together.cityofml.com>

The City Council and Planning Commission scheduled a joint meeting to hear the Consultants overview of the Comprehensive and Housing Action Plans. Erika Rhett from Berk Consulting provided a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the Growth Management Act requirements for planning. The Plan needs to be consistent with Grant County planning policies and allocate a 20-year population growth for the City. Additionally, she explained how the Capital Facilities Plan matches capital projects to the budget and funding options. She summarized content of the Land Use, Housing, Transportation, and Capital Facilities and Utilities Elements of comprehensive planning; as well as the community engagement process to achieve the objectives for content.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Curnel via remote access. Special notices for attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Curnel, Deputy Mayor Jackson; Council Members Eck, Riggs, Liebrecht, Myers, and Hankins.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Curnel and the City Council led the Flag Salute.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**SUMMARY REPORTS**

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Odom Corporation Anniversary Celebration and Staff Recognition

Mayor Curnel is sending a letter to recognize the local, family-owned business for their 86<sup>th</sup> Business Anniversary and the 23 employees they currently employ here in Moses Lake.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Council Budget Retreat

A special meeting will be scheduled on Saturday, October 24, with staff for the annual budget workshop.

CARES Act Funding

The City originally received an allocation of \$726,600 that was recently increased for an

additional \$363,300. The additional funds will supplement the existing budgeted categories such as the downtown outdoor business expansion, school resource officers, small business grants, and utility payment assistance program.

#### Consent Agenda Content Discussion

Council expressed concern on the number of items being voted on in one motion at the last meeting. Items placed on the Consent Agenda are routine or non-controversial and it's used to streamline each meeting. Council always has the opportunity to remove any item for any reason for an individual discussion and vote.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

#### Love's Travel Stop

Tom Jones provided his perspective of the sequence of events by staff leading processing the permit for the new project. He expressed concern for life safety and pollution to the environment that he believes will result from the development and requested Council to deny the development. Council Member Liebrecht expressed appreciation of the community and requested they contact City staff to learn what can and cannot be done by Council action.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- #1 a. Claim Checks 149188 through 149319 in the amount of \$1,210,475.43; Payroll Checks 63507 through 63519 in the amount of \$12,673.38; and Electronic Payments dated September 4, 2020, in the amount of \$460,215.88
- b. Dan and Robin Herring Easement Resolution 3823
- c. Accept Sagecrest Utility Improvement Resolution 3824

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### #2 Homeless Program Overview and Site Options

City Manager Allison Williams provided a PowerPoint presentation to outline the Mission of the Grant County Homeless Task Force, provide homeless statistics, summarize homeless resources, describe objectives for the HopeSource contract, and review the locations considered for location of a temporary homeless shelter. Council concurred to have staff proceed with lease negotiations for the proposed property on E. Broadway.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### #3 Lease Extension for The Learning Center

The Garro's have offered a 30-month lease extension for \$3,100 per month in exchange for the additional surplus property on Penn St. The market rate for leasing this space is \$6,000 per month and the offer for the property surplus makes up the difference. A Public Hearing will be held on September 22 for the sale of the surplus property to include an easement for access to City utilities.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**#4**     Award Water Telemetry Upgrade

The telemetry upgrade includes new communications radios, telemetry panels, and associated electrical upgrades at well 30, reservoir, booster pump, and control valve locations throughout the City's water system. Farmer's Electric out of Othello was the low bidder.

Action taken: Council Member Myers moved to award the bid as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**#5**     Halfway Diner, LLC Deviation Request

The developer is requesting a deviation to move a sewer force main to the right-of-way off of the street and approval to use street curb cuts and swales for stormwater management.

Action taken: Deputy Jackson moved to approve the deviation request, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**#6**     Accept City Storage Pole Building Project

The project consisted of constructing a 5,000 square foot pole building, 1,575 feet of chain link fence, as well as gravel and asphalt surfacing south of the Operations Building on Road 4 NE. The pole building will be used to store impounded vehicles and other City owned equipment. The completed project exceeded the original contract price due to additional asphalt needed to make the flow between gates better for vehicles.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to approve project, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**#7**     Quit Claim Deed Longview Right of Way Resolution 3821

This quit claim deed was offered at \$10,000, which equates \$0.61 per square foot and will allow the project at Longview and Kinder to get completed.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt Resolution 3821 as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

City Manager Allison Williams and City Clerk Debbie Burke provided an update to Council on the testing and issues experienced with using Microsoft Teams in comparison to the existing Zoom meeting platforms. Staff will continue to research, test, and provide a written comparison.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Council Member Eck reported that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee met and that applications will be accepted until October 2, 2020. The Committee will be meeting the following week and will present funding recommendations to Council on October 13.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to be held for 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsections (b) and (i) to discuss lease acquisition and litigation; and there will be no further business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



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David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST

  
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Debbie Burke, City Clerk