

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 12, 2021

STUDY SESSION

Comprehensive Plan Vision

Berk Consulting agent Bob Bengford provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Housing Action Plan and Comprehensive Plan Update. He gathered consensus from Council on revising the vision, values statement, and community gateway elements. Next steps will be to provide a draft of the Comp Plan after they analyze the Land Use, Transportation, and Capital Facilities elements.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Curnel via audio only 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

Council Member Hankins led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Former Council Member and Mayor Brett Reese

Mayor Curnel held a Moment of Silence for Mr. Reese who passed December 14 in Austin, TX. He is remembered for his favorite subject to fund a second crossing.

Grant County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Update

The Grant County Commissioners chose another applicant to fill the vacancy advertised for this board. There are several residents from Moses Lake already serving as voting members and their staff encourages the City to attend meetings as a non-voting member.

Planning Commission Appointment

There were three applicants for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2022. Mayor Curnel recommended appointment of Eric Skaug to the Planning Commission.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to affirm the appointment, second by Deputy Mayor Jackson. The motion carried 6 – 1.

Council Position Filing Dates for November Election

Council Members Liebrecht, Curnel, Jackson and Riggs are up for re-election. The dates for online filing of interested candidates will be May 17 to 21.

Council Committees

City Manager Williams requested an additional Council Member for the Community Development/Municipal Services/Parks Committee. Council Member Liebrecht volunteered and received Council consensus for the appointment.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Moses Lake Watershed Council Funding Support

The Moses Lake Watershed Council requests a letter of support for a grant on a water quality project. This proposal includes a three-phase approach: to identify water quality concerns and objectives, develop an enduring watershed plan, then implementation and ongoing evaluation.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to approve a letter of support for the Moses Lake Watershed, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

New Employees

A brief introduction was given of two new hires: Police Officer Gregorio Alvarado and Finance IT Applications Support Analyst Ben Schober.

Sleeping Center Update

The Council Ad Hoc Committee would like to increase utilization of the center by adding an hour in the morning to increase services available to the guests. Community Development Director Melissa Bethel and Housing Coordinator Taylor Burton shared a few success stories of those no longer homeless.

Fence Regulations at 310 N. Towhee Fence

Staff reviewed the issue expressed to Council from residents on December 22, 2020. The property is located in a subdivision which requires new construction to follow development regulations. The subdivision does not allow individual permits. Amanda Martsolf shared her discontent. Staff will review development regulations with the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Request for Code Review for Love's Impacts

Staff received concerns about the anti-idling ordinances and greenhouse gas policies. Council requested that these be put on the current year work plan to strengthen these provisions.

Creative District Update

Parks and Recreation staff provided information in the meeting packet.

AWC Legislative Agenda

The white paper of AWC Legislative Priorities was included in the meeting packet.

Signal Cabinets

Municipal Services staff requests approval to order five signal cabinets from McCain, Inc. to upgrade original controllers and replacement parts that are no longer available.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to authorize a contract with McCain, Inc. for the purchase of the signal cabinets and systems needed, second by Deputy Mayor Jackson. The motion carried 7 - 0.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Spencer Grigg Retirement

Former Mayors' Jon Lane and Dick Deane, along with former Parks employee Roland Gonzalez presented a plaque, a tie die shirt from a Grateful Dead concert, an 1890 drill, pillow, pictures, and notes of appreciation to Spencer Grigg in honor of his retirement.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated December 22, 2020
 - b. Claim Checks 150507 through 150747 in the amount of \$1,747,727.21; Payroll Checks 63607 through 63618 in the amount of \$12,179.77; and Electronic Payments dated December 24, 2020 in the amount of \$439,938.88
 - c. Accept Crack Seal Project 2020
 - d. T-Mobile Antenna Lease – Third Amendment
 - e. Set Hearing for Good Faith Annexation Resolution 3839

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

OLD BUSINESS

- #2 Garro Revised Quit Claim Deed/Easement Resolution 3840
The resolution authorizes execution of the new Quit Claim Deed for the two Penn Street properties declared surplus on September 22, 2020, and approves the revised utility easement.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt Resolution 3840, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- #3 2181 Westshore Drive Request to Connect Water and Sewer
Sidney Richard “Dick” Deane requests approval to connect to the City’s water and sewer systems to serve parcel #1141771000.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to approve the request to connect to City water and sewer at 2181 Westshore Drive with an extraterritorial agreement, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Municipal Court Update

The City has not received services in accordance to the Interlocal Agreement with Grant County since mid-year 2020. City staff met with the Commissioners on Monday and they would like to meet with both Court and City staff next. The proposed outcome might be for all Grant County Cities to hire one Court Clerk that would be managed by the District Court based on an hourly rate.

Association of Grant County Cities and Towns Meeting

A meeting has been scheduled for January 25. Staff from Warden will provide the lead duty as Secretary/Treasurer with remote meeting support from our staff. The meeting agenda and calendar invite will be sent to Council tomorrow.

Payroll Software

Staff recently went live with the new payroll system that is a cloud-based program. Employees will have online access only to their information such as paystubs and W-2's. The process for timesheets will eventually be completed through the new online portal as well.

Main St. Funding Contracts

The adopted budget includes the continuation of the downtown association Main St. Program. The City will receive a 75% credit in the year following contributions in exchange, the City contributes \$20,000 in the year prior to the Downtown Association for improvements.

Tax Revenue Update

Sales Tax for the year came in 2% higher than 2019. Additionally, REC Silicon paid past due property taxes of which the City will receive \$475,000 to close the gap in the General Fund Reserves.

Hearings Examiner Annual Report

The report was emailed to Council containing activity for 2020.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Jackson reported that after 18 months, he is dissolving the Airport Lease Ad Hoc Committee and would like to have these items come to the full Council and potentially State Legislature.

Mayor Curnel requested information about the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March. Chief Fuhr reported that the event will take place on January 18th with a march from McCosh Park to Civic Center Park where there will be a prayer and speech. Parks staff have received the Special Event permit and will email time details out to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. to be held for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsection (i) to discuss litigation; and there will be no further business. Mayor Curnel extended the Executive Session for 12 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST



Debbie Burke, City Clerk