

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021

**STUDY SESSION**

Columbia Basin Development League

CBDL Deputy Director Sara Higgins provided background on the organization's goals since formation in 1964, after the construction of Grand Coulee Dam, to establish and maintain affordable water resources for the regional communities and cultivation of agriculture, specifically with the recharge of the Odessa aquifer. Olympia Lobbyist Mike Schwisow shared the success of two syphon projects that resulted from ARRA funding in 2009 which maintain sufficient aquifer levels for water distribution in the area. The City is a new member of the Columbia Basin Development League.

**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 Eck led the Flag Salute.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**SUMMARY REPORTS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mosquito District No.1 Board of Director Reappointment

The City appoints one member to the Mosquito District No. 1 Board every two-years. The District has recommended the reappointment of Chris Blessing to this position for 2021-2022. Mr. Blessing has held the Board of Director position since 2013 and has expressed interest to continue for another two years.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to confirm the reappointment, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

EPA Superfund Redevelopment Program (SRP) Update

City Manager Allison Williams provided an update on the Superfund site associated with the former Larson Airforce Base. EPA Project Manager Bradley Martin reached out to the City and Port and their recovery efforts continue. Mrs. Williams will coordinate an independent Study Session to update Council later this year.

Council Candidate Information Forum

City staff have received a few inquiries about the commitments to run for the Council positions that will be open for candidate filing in May for the November election. City Manager Allison Williams received Council concurrence to coordinate a meeting in April to inform residents about requirements of holding office of City Council.

Emergency Proclamation COVID-19 Protocol Update Resolution

A resolution was emailed to Council earlier today that would provide for a carryover of unused FFCRA hours to March 31, 2021 and then under the discretion and flexibility of the City Manager beyond March 31 if dates move.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt Resolution 3841, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Good Faith 4 All Annexation Ordinance 2965

The proposed annexation is for approximately 60.70 acres of property located at 12115 NE Wheeler Rd. Council accepted the boundary presented in the 10% Intent to Commence Annexation Notice on October 27, 2020. Grant County certified the 60% sufficiency on October 30, and Council adopted Resolution 3839 on January 12 to set tonight's public hearing. The meeting packet included input from all departments. Mayor Curnel opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Public testimony was received from Kevin Richards and the hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m. The intended use by the developer may be commercial offices with secured area for equipment but fits within the Light Industrial zoning.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to adopt Ordinance 2965 that provides for the annexation of the property located at 12115 NE Wheeler Rd, Parcel Number 313169000, classifying and zoning said property as Light Industrial, and require the assumption of existing indebtedness of the City, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- #2
  - a. City Council meeting minutes dated January 26, 2021
  - b. Claim Checks 150929 through 151062 in the amount of \$834,031.82; Payroll Checks 63636 through 63644 in the amount of \$31,559.00; and Electronic Payments dated February 5, 2021 in the amount of \$484,460.83
  - c. Ratify Keller & Associates Contract Extension of Time Only

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Deputy Mayor Jackson. The motion carried 7 – 0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

#3 Finance Policy Resolution 3842

A comprehensive financial policy is important to having a long-term strategic approach to financial management. The draft policy was presented to the Finance Committee at

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to adopt Resolution 3842, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **#4**     Retitle MLMC 2.20 Parks Department

Staff is recommending changing the Parks & Recreation Department to Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department. This change will identify the 1990 addition of the Moses Lake Museum and Art Center. The subject will be presented for Council action on February 23.

### **#5**     Sleeping Center Lease Extension

The lease for property at 1045 E Broadway Ave will expire on September 30. Groundworks 3, LLC has offered to extend the lease in one-year increments, next expiring September 30, 2022. The lease expense is covered by grant resources provided in the staff report.

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

### **#6**     Enhanced Shelter Purchase

City staff have been working with HopeSource to support their purchase and renovation of the El Rancho Motel for enhanced shelter facilities for transitional housing situations. Police Chief Kevin Fuhr added that the current patrons under the current owners are not managed and a new onsite services program with HopeSource will bring resolve to the former patron issues. Council requested real case information on similar services provided by HopeSource, collaboration with adjacent schools, and accepted verbal comments from Mr. Wisdom.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to authorize the enhanced shelter purchase as presented, second by Council Member Eck. The motion failed 3 – 4. Mayor Curnel, Deputy Mayor Jackson, Council Member Riggs, and Council Member Liebrecht were opposed.

### **#7**     Reallocate Cascade Paving Funding to Lauzier Complex Infields

Staff received a quote to renovate three softball/baseball infields at Lauzier Complex to improve player safety and to decrease hours for maintenance.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to authorize the reallocation as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Police Chief Kevin Fuhr reviewed the 2020 Police Use of Force Report with Council. There were only 10 complaints of pain or visual injury and zero major injuries. He also shared that the four new recruits hired in the last week will start Police Academy training in two weeks.

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Council Member Riggs advised that the Watershed Council will be host a remote attendance

meeting on February 16 from 10 am to Noon.

Council Member Myers said that the stolen bus situation for Grant Transit is under investigation and that they have taken corrective measures to eliminate similar incidents from happening in the future.

Council concurred with Council Member Myers' request to reinstate the receipt of reporting from staff on new construction and major building permits at future Council meetings.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to be held for 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) subsections (b) and (i) to discuss property acquisition and litigation. There will be one item of action to follow.

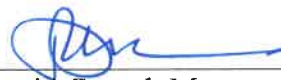
#### **#8 Kaufmann Water Rights Purchase and Sale Second Addendum**

The document adds a contingency to Section 7 'Conditions Precedent to Closing'.


Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Addendum as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



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David Curnel, Mayor

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Debbie Burke, City Clerk