

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

June 22, 2021

STUDY SESSION

Comprehensive Plan – Transportation Element

Pertect Engineers Lead Planner Christina Wollman provided a presentation to review the required components in the transportation element of the overall Comprehensive Plan. The transportation element defines the Level of Service (LOS), proposed LOS designations, and provides the requirements for concurrency (are adequate transportation facilities in place to serve new development within six years). She recommends the City establish a concurrency ordinance which will include exemptions, mitigation, and could include certificate of capacity for the permitted use.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Curnel with audio remote access. Special notice for attendance and citizen comment were posted on the meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Curnel; Deputy Mayor Jackson; Council Members Eck, Riggs, Liebrecht, and Hankins. Council Member Myers joined the meeting remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director Susan Schwiesow led the Flag Salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR’S REPORT

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held for former Mayor Ron Covey who passed on June 12, for dirt bike stunt rider Alex Harvill who passed away during his practice jump at the Moses Lake Airshow on June 17, and for MLIRD Executive Director Chris Overland who passed on June 19.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Stratford Rd. Completion Project Update

The completion project will be advertised for bids in order to get the project completed in the near future.

COVID Mask and Opening Policy

All City offices will be open during normal business hours starting July 1. Masking will be required for unvaccinated citizens. The resolution lifting this regulation, if needed, will be brought for Council consideration when the state regulations change.

Summer Water Conservation Measures

Council concurred to have staff draft an ordinance to expand the July-August odd/even water days to include June and September.

Law Enforcement Legislative Update

Police Chief Kevin Fuhr highlighted big changes from the 14 bills that passed the legislature impacting protocols, incident responses, and new policing tactics that will go into effect in WA State on July 25. He has been meeting with WCIA, WASPC, and his staff to determine how they will deal with this transition as well as informing the public. Fire Chief Brett Bastian will be researching what other jurisdictions are doing to handle a new role of being a first responder to mental health situations.

CITIZEN’S COMMUNICATION

Moses Lake Skate Park Donations

Rotary Club President Steve Ausere, Moses Lake, shared the numerous donations collected by Rotary and Kiwanis members totaling \$141,383 for improvements to the City’s skate park. The first phase project will be to take out grass and install a concrete bowl.

Stratford Rd. Construction Staging Area

Randy Bruce, 515 N. Stratford Rd., Moses Lake, brought photos of his property to show Council the mess left behind from the C&R Landscaping projects. City Engineer Richard Law shared that the contractor’s bonding company assured they would return to clean up and that is why it was not included in the completion project contract. Mr. Law will see about getting the clean up taken care of asap.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

#1 Six-Year Street Plan Resolution 3856

Staff updated the Plan presented at the last meeting by retitling Valley Rd to exclude the Road Diet and keep the repaving project, as well as an addition of a traffic calming project on Marina Dr.

Mayor Curnel opened the hearing at 7:43 p.m. No written comments or requests to speak were received, and the hearing was closed.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to adopt Resolution 3856 as presented, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#2 Hayden Developer Agreement Amending Ordinance 2930 – Ordinance 2976

The amendment will have the developer construct the portion of Hansen Road adjacent to the project full width and the City will pay for the extra half width construction at this time and set up a reimbursement to be collected from the adjacent property when it develops. Mayor Curnel opened the Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m. Hayden Homes Authorized Agent Brian Thoreson provided comments in favor of the agreement. There being no further testimony, the hearing was closed at 7:49 p.m. Council requested

estimated project costs to be distributed in email.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt Ordinance 2976 as presented, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#3 Maple Grove Plat Alteration Resolution 3857 and Settlement Agreement

Hayden Homes applied to remove condition #10 on the Maple Grove preliminary plat which limited parking to one side of the street. Mayor Curnel opened the Public Hearing at 7:53 p.m. Hayden Homes Authorized Agent Brian Thoreson provided comments in favor of the alteration. There being no further testimony, the hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

Action taken: Council Member Riggs moved to adopt Resolution 3857 as presented, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to authorize the settlement agreement with Hayden Homes LLC, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #4**
- a. City Council meeting minutes dated June 8, 2021
 - b. Claim Checks 152263 – 152430 in the amount of \$1,624,383.98; Payroll Checks 63759 through 63806 in the amount of \$35,484.48; and Electronic Payments dated June 11, 2021, in the amount of \$504,413.03
 - c. Accept Lauzier Complex Infield Restoration
 - d. Accept EVCO Sound System Update at Water Park
 - e. Accept Transportation Benefit District Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

#5 Redflex Amnesty Program Extension

Staff requested an extension through August 31, 2021, for the amnesty program that was originally authorized by Council on May 11, 2021.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to authorize the extension of the amnesty program, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#6 OFM ARPA Funding Resolution 3858 and Ordinance 2977

The City has been allocated \$6,723,558 which will be received in two installments, one in 2021 and one in 2022. Finance Director Cindy Jensen listed the approved funding categories. A spending proposal will be prepared for Council approval to use this funding by the end of 2024.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to adopt Resolution 3858, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to adopt Ordinance 2977 as presented, second by Deputy Mayor Jackson. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Water Sewer Rate Study Open House

Members of the Rate Design Committee and staff from the Utility Billing Department will hold an open house at the Civic Center at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30. FAQ brochures in English and Spanish were posted online.

Downtown Association Banners

City Manager Allison Williams and Mayor Curnel invite everyone to the celebration for installation of the Chief Moses banners on June 30 at 11 a.m. at Sinkiuse Square.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Myers requested additional time to discuss the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan Update. City Manager Allison Williams replied that there will be ample opportunity for further discussion prior to conducting a Public Hearing for the final Update.

Council Members Liebrecht and Riggs shared the findings of their recent tour with the Fire Chief around the City's perimeter industries and the issues for adequate response times.

Council Member Riggs announced that the Grant County Conservation District has received a \$100k grant to develop a new Moses Lake Watershed Plan.

Staff reminded Council of the AGCCT meeting on 6/29 in Quincy.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST 
Debbie Burke, City Clerk