

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL

March 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mayor Curnel in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam St., Moses Lake, Washington.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session to be held for 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss litigation.

RECONVENE

Mayor Curnel reconvened the meeting at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to excuse Deputy Mayor Jackson, second by Council Member Liebrecht. The motion carried 6 – 0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Port of Moses Lake Commissioner Darrin Jackson led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Yonezawa Sister City Student Exchange

Mayor Curnel recommended appointment of Council Member Liebrecht to the Moses Lake Sister City Committee. This committee facilitates the High School Exchange Program with the Moses Lake Sister City - Yonezawa, Japan.

Action taken: Council Member Myers moved to affirm the appointment, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 6 – 0.

AWC State and Federal Policy Committee

Mayor Curnel applied for appointment to the AWC State and Federal Policy Committee. He received a letter of his affirmation of appointment on March 4. This committee will update the foundation of AWC's Statement of Policy that contains the framework of legislative priorities to reflect the evolving needs of local government agencies.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Hearing Examiner Duties

Council concurred with Council Member Liebrecht's request to have staff direct land use hearings to the Hearings Examiner.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Visitor Center Flyer and Videos

The Museum and Art Center took over the Visitor Information function and they have been working on building displays with Communications Specialist Lynne Lynch. Parks & Recreation Director Spencer Grigg distributed the new tourism brochure at the meeting and played one of the new tourism videos created for marketing.

AFSCME Labor Agreement

City Manager Allison Williams advised that the contract mediation conducted this winter is complete for the new union that formed in 2018. The agreement is being processed for final legal review and will be presented for Council authorization at the next meeting.

Human Resources Director Search

The original closing date for applications has been extended in order to cast a wider net of the announcement in hopes of generating a larger pool of candidates.

CITIZEN’S COMMUNICATION

Convention Center Study

Doug Robins, 606 Laguna Dr, Moses Lake, has sold some property on Broadway to a developer who plans to build a new strip mall and hotel. They are interested in doing a study for a partnership with the City to add a convention center next to the hotel.

Coronavirus Healthcare Response

Jason Burnham, 715 S Michael Ave, Moses Lake, provided information on his experiences with Samaritan Hospital’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Curnel requested that he attend the Hospital District’s board meeting to express his concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated February 25, 2020
 - b. Claim Checks 147059 through 147220 in the amount of \$1,091,700.17; Payroll checks 63314 through 63336 in the amount of \$21,107.01; and Electronic Payments dated February 21 in the amount of \$433,372.12
 - c. HGAC Purchasing Agreement
 - d. Harris Contract Amendment
 - e. Award Crack Seal Bid
 - f. Accept Fire Donation Resolution 3795

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 6 – 0.

PUBLIC HEARING

#2 Food Bank Annexation Ordinance 2945

City Council accepted the Notice of Intent to Annex from Community Services of Moses Lake (Food Bank) on January 27, with an expanded area to include surrounding parcels

that total just over 27 acres. Mayor Curnel opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. Jose Gonzales, Eric Chapman, Jay Sheriff, Judy Bise, and Glen St. Marie provided comments to Council. There being no further comments, the hearing closed at 7:55 p.m. Staff provided Council with the options to either adopt as presented, adopt an amended boundary, or postpone the vote with direction to staff to amend the annexed area. Staff proposed to amend the annexation to only include the following parcels: 170372000, 170373000, 170374000, 170367000, 170456000, 170478035, 170478034, 170428000, 170335000, 170370000, 170473000, 170435000, 17034000, 120308000, 120306000, 170305000, 170304000, 170330000, and 120307000. *Scrivener's error addition 3/27/20: 170478036 and 170371000.*

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to accept the annexation as amended at the meeting, the simultaneous adoption of zoning regulations, and that the area annexed shall require the assumption of all or of any portion of existing city indebtedness; second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 6 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

#3 2595 Westshore Dr NE Request to Connect to Water and Sewer

Jim and Mary Jo Tonkin submitted a request to connect to the City's water system to serve parcel #141723000 and reserve the right to connect to City sewer in the future.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to approve the request to connect to City water and sewer at 2595 Westshore with an extraterritorial agreement, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 6 – 0.

#4 Deviation Request for Moses Lake Avenue

The Moses Lake School District is building the new Groff Elementary School south of Nelson Road. The new street has been planned for years, however, the roadway no longer fits within the existing easements and right of way.

Action taken: Council Member Hankins moved to approve the deviation for the modified street profile as requested, second by Council Member Riggs. The motion carried 6 – 0.

#5 Sydney Preliminary Plat Decision Appeal and Remand

The Planning Commission conducted public hearings on the Sydney Major Plat subdivision application on February 13 and 27. The Planning Commission approved the application based on the recommendations provided in the staff report. The formal findings and conclusions final decision document will be presented to the Planning Commission at their next meeting. The City received a reconsideration request on March 2 and will return a notice stating they can renew their request after a formal adoption by the Planning Commission.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to reject the request for reconsideration as premature to the Planning Commission's adoption of written findings and conclusions, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 6 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Finance Director Cindy Jensen invited Council to attend the Exit Interview with the State Auditor's staff at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 16 at the Civic Center.

Parks & Recreation Director Spencer Grigg announced the retirement of Roland Gonzales after a very dedicated 42 plus years of service and invited everyone to attend the celebration reception on Thursday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the old Council Chambers in the Parks Department building.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Hankins requested staff to review content of the airport contract as amended and approved by Council on January 14.

Council Member Riggs attended his first LEOFF1 Disability Board meeting today. He commented on how well the retired members are supported and that he is proud to be a part of this process.

Council Member Liebrecht shared a fond memory of Parks Maintenance Superintendent Roland Gonzales when she volunteered on the Board of Park Commissioners and his genuine heartfelt kindness during the opening ceremony of Ashley's Playground at McCosh Park.

Mayor Curnel and City Manager Allison Williams met with the Grant County Commissioners last week. He also announced that he read to a kindergarten class in conjunction with National Reading week and that it is Dr. Seuss' birthday.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to be held for 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1): (b) to consider the acquisition of real estate; (g) to discuss qualifications of an individual for public employment and to review the performance of a public employee; and (i) to discuss litigation. There will be no further business to follow.

Mayor Curnel invited students to the dais to have attendance forms signed by Council prior to going into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST 
Debbie Burke, City Clerk