

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
January 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Liebrecht in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam St., Moses Lake, Washington.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Curnel's spouse, Pamela Curnel, led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Council Member Riggs nominated Council Member Curnel for Mayor, second by Council Member Hankins. Council Member Liebrecht closed the nominations. Council Member Curnel was elected Mayor 7 – 0.

Council Member Hankins nominated Council Member Jackson for Deputy Mayor, second by Council Member Eck. Mayor Curnel nominated Council Member Myers for Deputy Mayor, second by Council Member Myers. Mayor Curnel closed the nominations. Council Member Jackson was elected Mayor 4 – 3.

OATH OF OFFICE

Grant County Superior Court Judge David Estudillo administered the oath of office to Mayor Curnel.

SUMMARY REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Outgoing Mayor Presentation

Mayor Curnel presented a plaque to Council Member Liebrecht in appreciation of her term as Mayor from 2018 through 2019.

Grant Transit Authority Executive Board of Directors

Mayor Curnel recommended reappointment of Council Member Myers for another one year term.

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

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Chair

Mayor Curnel recommended appointment of Council Member Eck for the term ending December 31, 2020.

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

LEOFF 1 Disability Board Member

Mayor Curnel recommended appointment of Council Member Riggs for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2021.

Action taken: Council Member Eck moved to affirm the appointment, second by Deputy Mayor Jackson. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Council Member Liebrecht requested staff provide data to the Council in order to reevaluate the proposed Fire Impact Fees.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Welcome New Mayor

Joseph Cassiano, Jr., 508 N Clark Rd, Moses Lake, WA welcomed Mayor Curnel.

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1
 - a. City Council meeting minutes dated December 19, 2019
 - b. Claim Checks 146310 through 146597 in the amount of \$1,835,819.62; Payroll checks 63265 through 63286 in the amount of \$15,761.06; Electronic Payments dated December 26 in the amount of \$393,539.90; and Electronic Payments dated January 9 in the amount of \$429,253.82
 - c. City Manager Contract
 - d. International Paper Industrial Discharge Permit
 - e. Accept Sand Dunes Irrigation Well #2 Project

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- #2 ODM Annexation Ordinance 2944
On December 10, Council accepted the Annexation Petition and set the Public Hearing date. Mayor Curnel opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m. There was no public testimony and the hearing was closed.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to adopt Ordinance 2944, second by Deputy Mayor Jackson. The motion carried 7 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

- #3 Fire Impact Fee Ordinance 2940 and Resolution 3790
Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr requested that Council pull the recommended motions in order for staff to research a required update of a Fire Facilities Plan in the

Comprehensive Plan. He thanked those appointed by the Mayor on December 10 who participated in the Fire Impact Fee Subcommittee meetings and coming to agreement on reduced fees as well as suggesting to consider implementing a new sales tax in lieu of the Impact Fees. There is also a meeting scheduled next week to discuss the Impact Fee rate for Industrial development. Mark Fancher, Doug Robbins, and Teresa Sullivan provided comments to Council.

Action taken: Council Member Myers moved to postpone the Impact Fee decisions to a future meeting, second by Council Member Eck. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#4 Municipal Airport Lease Agreement

Staff updated the agreement from direction provided by Council on December 19. Basin Pacific Insurance Representative Micah Troutman explained that aviation insurance policies have restricted liability limitations and are difficult to obtain. Council requested the insurance language in the agreement for non-commercial operators be amended.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Jackson moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the airport lease agreements with the modification of 10 (D)(1) Insurance Amounts, second by Council Member Hankins. The motion carried 7 – 0.

#5 Surplus Property and Set Public Hearing Resolution 3789

Interim City Manager Kevin Fuhr advised Council at the last meeting that the Parks Commission discussed and agreed to the surplus of Vista 1 Park. The resolution declares the property surplus and eligible to be sold following a public hearing on February 11.

Action taken: Council Member Liebrecht moved to adopt Resolution 3789, second by Council Member Myers. The motion carried 7 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Finance Director Cindy Jensen advised that Ovenell Farms will be cancelling the compost contract after the collection scheduled for this week. Staff will be looking at future program options for Council to consider. Council requested staff attempt to get a reason from Ovenell for cancelling the contract.

Fire Chief Brett Bastian provided the annual performance data for the department in the last weekly update and asked Council to let him know if there are any questions on this report.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Council Member Jackson will not be at the January 27 meeting and wished the Council well who are travelling to Olympia for the AWC Action Days events.

Council Member Liebrecht congratulated Mayor Curnel for his appointment and thanked him for the recognition of her as former Mayor earlier tonight. She also invited everyone to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration event that will be held at the Civic Center on Monday, January 20.

Mayor Curnel thanked Municipal Services Director Fred Snoderly for promptly taking care of issues that occurred recently on the Lakeshore reconstruction project.

Council Member Riggs mentioned a recent workshop sponsored by the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District related to algae solutions. The next Watershed Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Curnel called an Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to be held for 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (c), (f), and (i) to discuss the sale of surplus property, performance of a public employee, and litigation, and there will be no further business after the Executive Session.

High School students were invited to come forward to have their attendance sheets signed by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



David Curnel, Mayor

ATTEST 

Debbie Burke, City Clerk