

# Moscow City Council



Regular Meeting  
~Agenda~

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**Monday, August 16, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers  
206 E. Third St.**

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The Moscow Mayor, City Council and Staff welcome you to tonight's meeting. The meeting is open to the public but due to the continued presence of COVID-19 cases in our area, we encourage those that have not received the COVID-19 vaccination, to continue to keep 6-foot physical distance from non-household members and wear face coverings when distance is unable to be maintained. We appreciate and encourage public participation. The formality of procedures varies with the purpose and subject of the agenda item; therefore, the Mayor may exercise discretion in deciding when to allow public comment during the course of the proceedings and limitations may be placed on the time allowed for comments. Citizens wishing to comment on business that is not on the agenda will be provided the opportunity to do so during the public comment item on the agenda. For regular agenda items the public will usually have the opportunity for comment on that agenda item after the staff presentation. These agenda items do not include the consent agenda and reports. Please limit any remarks to three (3) minutes or less. If you plan to address the Council, you will find a list of "Tips for Addressing the Council" in the door pocket outside the City Council Chambers. Citizens wishing to comment on business on the agenda may also communicate with the City Council through email ([council@ci.moscow.id.us](mailto:council@ci.moscow.id.us)). Please note that Moscow City Council meetings are televised, videotaped and/or recorded. The meeting is streamed on YouTube and Spectrum Cable 1301. A link to stream the meeting can be found on the City website ([www.ci.moscow.id.us](http://www.ci.moscow.id.us)). Thank you for your interest in City government.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)**

**A. Approval of Moscow City Council August 2, 2021 Minutes - Laurie M. Hopkins**

**B. Disbursement Report July 2021 - Sarah Banks**

**C. Renewal of Intermodal Transit Center Lease with SMART Transit - Gary J. Riedner**

The City currently leases space in the Intermodal Transit Center to Regional Public Transportation (RPT) dba SMART Transit. The initial lease was executed on September 4, 2012, and the term was three years, expiring on September 30, 2015. In 2016, an amendment extended the term of the original lease for an additional five (5) years, expiring on September 20, 2020. Due to an oversight on the part of both the City and SMART, the lease was not renewed prior to expiration. SMART has been occupying the Intermodal Transit Center under the terms of the prior lease, pending the negotiation of a new lease. The attached lease has been updated and prepared by the City Attorney and reviewed by SMART Transit Executive Director Ben Aiman and the SMART Transit Board. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on August 9, 2021 and recommended for approval.

**ACTION:** Approve the Lease Agreement Between Regional Public Transportation (dba SMART Transit) and the City of Moscow, and approve the Resolution authorizing said Lease.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **2. Staff Recognition Report - Gary J. Riedner**

### **3. Mayors Appointments (ACTION ITEM)**

### **4. Public Comment and Mayor's Response Period (limit 15 minutes)**

### **5. Public Hearing: Proposed FY2022 Fee Resolution (ACTION ITEM) - Gary J. Riedner**

Any fee increase being proposed by more than 5% or any new fees require a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 63-1311A. Additionally, as required by Idaho Code 63-1311, the City's fees collected shall be reasonably related to the actual cost of the service provided. Staff will discuss proposed fee increases for the FY2022 budget year, which support the FY2022 budget adopted by City Council after a public hearing held August 2, 2021. The fee increases are due to the additional costs associated with the delivery of services, including administration, operations and maintenance.

**PROPOSED ACTIONS:** Conduct the public hearing and after considering testimony, approve the attached FY2022 Fee Resolution with or without changes; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

### **6. Open Container Ordinance Revisions for Downtown Events (ACTION ITEM) – Gary J. Riedner / Mia Bautista**

The City of Moscow has sponsored and approved community events such as Art Walk, and the Vandal Town Block Party, as well as the expansion of sidewalk cafés, and has approved events in downtown Moscow and in Moscow's parks where the City Council passed resolutions allowing for the vending and responsible consumption of beer and/or wine under certain conditions during an event. As the City Council wants to foster a vibrant downtown community atmosphere, and encourage and promote downtown businesses to collaborate in making these events successful, staff has been requested to review the process for the creation of an Entertainment District. Within the Entertainment District, community events could be held, and upon adoption of a resolution of the City Council, the sale and responsible consumption of beer and wine could occur. In order to allow the consumption of beer and wine outside of sidewalk cafés or a beer garden, the City would have to create an exemption to Moscow City Code 10-1-12, commonly known as the "open container" ordinance, which prohibits the possession of alcoholic beverages while present in a public place or a place where the public has permitted access, including public streets and/or public rights-of-way in the City, except in accordance with specific regulations adopted by the Council by Resolution.

The draft Ordinance included in the packet contains necessary revisions to the Moscow City Code to allow the creation of an Entertainment District to be defined by the map attached to the draft Ordinance and to allow the inclusion of the Entertainment District as an additional exemption to the open container prohibition. This was reviewed by the Administrative Committee on August 9, 2021 and recommended for adoption of the ordinance.

**PROPOSED ACTIONS:** Approve the Ordinance creating the Entertainment District and including the Entertainment District as an additional exemption to the open container prohibition under suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary; or consider the Ordinance on first reading and that it be read by title; or reject the Ordinance; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

### **7. American Rescue Plan Act – National Endowment for the Arts Grant (ACTION ITEM) - Alisa Anderson / Megan Cherry**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("Rescue Plan") is designed to fuel the nation's recovery from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds allocated to the National Endowment for the Arts ("Arts Endowment") represent a significant commitment to the arts and a recognition of the value of the arts and culture sector to the nation's economy and recovery. Grants will be made to eligible organizations to support operational costs. Rescue Plan funds are

intended to support day-to-day business expenses/operating costs, and not specific programmatic activities. Eligible grant activities and costs include salary support for one or more staff positions and may be used to support existing jobs, new jobs, or to restore jobs that were furloughed or eliminated due to the pandemic. Additional eligible costs include fees/stipends for artists and/or contractual personnel to support the services they provide for specific activities as part of organizational operations. Artist fees/stipends should be related to work with a tangible outcome, such as performances, presentations, workshops, and/or the creation of artwork. Funding may also be used for costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff and/or visitors/audiences (e.g., personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.) in addition to marketing and promotion costs. Awarded applications will be notified in November 2021 with the grant project period for two years starting January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023. The Arts Department for the City of Moscow is requesting to submit a grant request not to exceed \$100,000 to support staffing costs, marketing and promotions, and artist/fees and stipends. This item was reviewed by the Public Works/Finance Committee on August 9, 2021, and forwarded to the full Council for further consideration.

**PROPOSED ACTIONS:** Approve staff to submit a grant application under the American Rescue Plan Act through the National Endowments for the Arts for an amount not to exceed \$100,000, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

## **REPORTS**

**City Council**

**Mayor**

**Staff**

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