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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday March 03, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

I	6:00 pm	Call to Order/Roll Call – Mayor Burns	
II	6:02	Agenda corrections or additions	
III	6:05 pm	Business from the Audience - This is for Mosier residents and anyone else to express concerns, needs, or opportunities. Please keep your comments succinct and under two minutes. You may bring in written materials for Committee and Staff to review. The Facilitator can assign the issue to a future Committee meeting, or to an appropriate Committee or staff member. Please realize that we cannot always offer a response immediately but will give the matter due consideration. We encourage the participation of all stakeholders in our community.	5 mins
IV	6:10 pm	Approval of: 2/24/21 - City Council Meeting Minutes	5 mins
V.		BUSINESS	
1.	6:15 pm	Development Report – John Grim, City Engineer	20 mins
2.	6:35 pm	DRAFT Climate Emergency Resolution – Katie Skakel, City Planner	20 mins
3.	6:55 pm	OPRD Grant Award Announcement	5 mins
4.	7:00 pm	Announcements	5 mins
VI.	7:05 pm	ADJOURN	



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday February 24, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

Mayor Burns calls the meeting to order 6:00

**Roll Call: Ron Wright, Greg Valitchka, Acasia Berry, Charlie Cannon, Peny Wallace
Absent: Witt Anderson (excused)**

Staff: City Manager Colleen Coleman, City Planner Katie Skakel, City Attorney Laura Westmeyer, City Engineer John Grim, City Recorder Jayme Bennett

Community: Dan Watson Mosier Community School Committee, Kim Kovalich MSM, Samantha Trelstad MSM

Agenda Corrections or Additions: N/A

Charlie Cannon makes a motion to approve the minutes from February 03, 2021 City Council

2nd: Acasia Berry

All in, no opposition, motion passes 6:04

Opening the public hearing on the Transportation System Plan Ordinance Updates 6:05

City Planner Katie Skakel presents the updates to the ordinances. The purpose of the meeting is to allow for public participation and comment prior to adoption.

First evidentiary hearing to adopt the

Municipal code changes are very defined in our Zoning Ordinance (title 15 Zoning) and (16 Land Use).

Please reference the agenda packet for the Mosier City Council Meeting on February 24, 2021 for details on presentation.

Questions/Discussion:

Colleen: If the ordinances are adopted by council, will they replace the ordinances that are already numbered?

Katie: We are effectively adding and subtracting and adjusting the existing language in the ordinances - they will be replaced with new language.

Laura: So yes, those will be changed in the city code.

Mayor Burns: Is there an opportunity to insert some climate change priorities into our ordinances?

The resiliency and climate plan efforts can be inserted eventually.

Mayor Burns reads through the amendments proposed in the adaptation of TSP language to meet the goals of the community, visions, and plans.

Charlie: If this presents a hardship for someone (regarding parking standards)- is there an opportunity to make sure we aren't excluding people ?

Grim: If our major and minor collector streets have heavy work done, we would design the cross section for that area based on the table here (referencing slide 11(pages 8-9 in staff report).

Katie colleen and I (john talking) talked a lot about street standards **should** more development occur. The difference being the landscape and walking path swap (referencing an example. The streets have low traffic, we have a walk way on one side, with a barrier of landscape in between.

Peny: Will there be a requirement that the roads are painted eventually or maintained?

Grim: Likely not with this new standard because the walk way will be separated by the trees and plantings.

Ron wright had a question about bikes in the car vs. walk lane.

Bicycles will share the road with the cars, as with most cities, towns etc - exception being hi-ways.

Acasia asked about parking on the streets (what if someone has a part, multiple guests etc) - The Tannawashee was designed with no parking - and approved historically.

Mayor Burns: If we need to tweak things, we should revisit them, we need to make sure there is parking if needed.

Grim: This is a subdivision standard, and we aren't going to see a subdivision any time soon, this is just to update the code to match our TSP goals.

Ron: Snow and ice event could force folks to park on the road if they have a steep driveway - I would hate to limit that flexibility.

Colleen speaks to parking allowance and revisiting other options.

Charlie Cannon mentions parking on one side of the street is an option similar to Hood River on narrow roads.

Acacia: I really like the bios-wales - just want to make sure we are not creating a situation that we have to force our residents to feel policed etc.

Mayor Burns: Having a standard is awesome, as long as we can be flexible enough to ensure we don't end up backed in a corner where we can't be reasonable.

Greg V: Is there a map that would show this standard implemented somewhere

Grim: Tannawashee and Mosier Bluffs are good examples of the standard we are presenting, though we want to swap the walking path with the planting strip to create a barrier.

Greg: Is this a safety and aesthetic reason?

Grim: it is a safety thing for sure, and yes aesthetics are a bonus.

Katie S: Constraints: Reviews cross section alternatives if the need presents itself.

Alternative turn around design is reviewed (intent of this is to meet the Oregon Fire Code, and consider also the potentially steep terrain etc).

Standards of specific pathway requirements are covered (ie: pedestrian only paths are 6 feet wide) .

Katie prepared a staff report and went through the findings reviewing the code changes.

Replacing and modifying exiting elements - (referencing the 2002 comp plan).

Peny W: Does safety include speed limit and speed bumps? Something we could address at a future time?

Katie: Yes, that's a good question Peny - we would want to hopefully to do a speed bump - but colleen did do a application for speed reduction on hwy 30

Local roads default to 25 -

Mayor Burns thanks everyone for their hard work, and also notes that it is really important we think hard about these issues and have these discussions rather than once it is too late.

Colleen reminds everyone where they can find the link to the TSP on the City's website.

7:02 this closes our hearing unless anyone has anything to add.

Mayor Burns: Grim - You're up on the TUF

Grim: this is just a discussion - this isn't something we are going to vote on or try and pass tonight - The TUF can be used for maintenance, sidewalk, and swales along side the streets. It is a very small fee - not typically used for capital projects although it can be used for small capital outlays like grant matches. The type of thing Mosier might need the money for would be the pavement crack sealing, work that is done every 3 years.
The adequate funding is for preventative maintenance work - very common throughout Oregon

1.50/month was the proposed fee back in 2015 which is pretty avg - we are still hoping it is in this range. This is for a typical family home. The TSP folks recommended it as well. This fee would generate around 10k a year.

If we look at the revenues and expenses - and we decide the money is needed - then we can do a calculation and set the fee based on our projected need. If we decide we need the money, we would then do a study and adopt it.

Mayor Burns- is there a way to collect from some of the logging trucks? I have counted 57 by my house before 11 am in one day.

Is there something we could do with this fee or collect this fee for that use?

Grim explains Crestline had to sign agreement to use roads with oversized side dumpers - but for a legally sized truck on a public road we can't impose a fee.

GRIM: 3rd ave is the most difficult road we have right now for maintenance. It is going to be the first to fail.

Burns: isn't the county on the hook for some of this maintenance -

Hege - usually it is the responsibility of the city - but it is something we could talk about with the county road dept.

Grim: I could talk with Laura about the legality of imposing a fee on legally sized trucks just in case there has been any changes since we last did an evaluation.

Laura - the whole purpose of the TUF is to charge users of the infrastructure and the roads and the way to do that is through our existing utility system - because we can find them and get ahold of them. We can come back to you with a clear answer on if that is something we can do or not or if it is feasible.

Charlie: where do draw the line on who pays for what on different districts for roads? It sounds like if everyone pays a little bit, then we avoid trying to target specific groups. Everyone has an impact on the roads.

RON: where do the funds currently come from to pay for this work?

Colleen: gas tax shared revenue

25k annual

Grim: we spend 5k a year

burns: we have plenty then

Colleen: the funds are used for the capital projects - grants matching

Burns: we should check with HR and make sure this is something that isn't going to be a burden. We are raising the water and sewer rates already.

Grim: yes, with the corona virus, this timing is not ideal.

Burns- yes, please keep us abreast of issues and we can do maintenance prior to it being a bigger problem -

Grim will bring it back on the 17th of march.

HWY 30 school sign graphics -

Katie showed a few examples of signs that are available from other schools, and they aren't super similar to our sign, but the company sent a video for Katie to share with the community on what it might look like

Robert Hubbard and Mark Cherniack added some comments to the chat window.

Corona Virus Update from Scot HEGE.

HEGE- we are going from extreme to low risk and there are concerns around yoyo-ing back up of course, from the community. I just wanted to make sure everyone on the council knew what was happening on Friday

We are working with the Governors office to try and ensure we take safety measures etc. It is a challenge for us to get enough doses of the vaccine, and the governor is trying to work with the feds on getting more.

If there is one concern from the governor, it is that the variants are if they kick in, will be first week of march. If we can get through that first week, we will be a lot more comfortable.

Burns: doesn't it seem odd to go low risk prior to the high risk of the variant timing. Any in our county?

Hege: not that I Aware of - we don't want our businesses to open then have to close two weeks later.

Colleen: is the testing allowing for screening for variants?

Hege - I don't know but I would assume they are catching them somehow.

Burns: masks still required?

Hege yes, more people can go inside and theaters can open now, mask required - everything is still the same - just more businesses can open and at different levels of service.

7:30 - Scott had to ring off.

Katie shows images of the sign and general size etc.

She has made a type 2 decision on the sign - to engage the community and try and get feedback and make sure everyone has a voice or opportunity to participate

Mayor B is really glad we are taking it to a type 2 people have a chance to speak to it, also she feels it is important right now more than ever with fire notices, covid etc, and also that it is a single source of info

Dan Watson: our biggest concerns were in fact fitting in with the area, ensuring it is not interfering with the night sky etc.

Getting info to the public will make the visibility important. We have a 15k cost estimate and it is a significant investment - all donations etc.

We want to make sure it is not detracting from where we live - making sure the night sky is not disrupted

School colors are cherry maroon and green with blackish

Peny Is 6 feet tall enough? The dalles is 10 feet?

Dan: I think in that location - it is - there are 2 lights getting removed, and we took down the large gas sign, so the smaller choice was so it wouldn't be imposing - it starts at 6 feet and goes to 9 feet

The vegetation buffer keeps people from walking near it etc.

ODOT is going to be lowering the speed limit there to 20 or 25

Mayor: what is your time frame:

Dan - the sign company is building the sign now, so I am donating the excavator and we have some electricians ready to go as well. We are wanting to get approval, and ensure we are prepared. The sign company will install and finish electrical.

Mayor burns suggests Suzie newsletter for outreach on the sign.

Dan I am just starting to get involved with the fire dept and we know every 3 years we have a major event - this sign will be essential for communications -

Arlene: if power goes then maybe we get it on a backup
It might be worth asking an electrician to wire it in advance

Ron wright- given the size and nature of the sign, we just want to make sure it is tasteful and subdued in appearance etc. how do we maintain that going forward?

Dan - I think a joint set up of guidelines for the use/colors etc. All things we can talk about going forward. You want to establish early on so it is adhered to and stays in the tradition what it is meant to be used for.

Laura wants to make sure we meet the notice requirements

IT is a type 2 but it is a staff decision, there are other type 2 decisions that allow council to take decision if someone appeals.

Anyone within the 14 day notice period has standing to comment. There is appealability and there is also the success of an appeal.

Staff decision, then appeal to council, then could go up the chain as needed. There is a lot of support for this - Penny also stresses presentation of how the message is will be the most important.

Greg V: First meeting (Waste Connections) is March 10th - he is on the steering committee for hazardous waste, recycling, waste reduction or anything of that nature.

Nadine Mcgrindy is one of the head leaders of the red cross, they contacted us right away. Burns explains how taken back she was by the assistance and swiftnesses of their support and services, incredibly organized etc. She asked if we could sign a proclamation to declare March Red Cross month!

Motion to declare March Red Cross Month? No.

Penny - awesome idea! Will we get a banner out? Or a message?

burns: march 1 newsletter ! Suzi C!

One thing I realize in these emergencies, when there is a line of communication and a friendship established - you can move mountains quickly and more effectively so I very excited to bring forth this.

No vote needed - all agree

Next: Hood River and White Salmon and many towns around the US have declared a climate emergency as a city, and what is going on with climate change, and that it is a real issue.

It is a declaration as a town/council to be a template for being a thoughtful community and embraces nature not defies it. This could be an opportunity for us lead by example and do things a little more than needed - up the game a little etc.

Katie reviewed this for ways to incorporate code and take into account all of our citizens. I have signed along with the climate mayors - rejoining the climate agreement - Mosier is the smallest city to have signed on.

Colleen - I know we have several things we have already started in relation to the climate issue.

All in favor of the declaration.

Next week we have another mtg so we might have really exciting news!

Colleen - Announcement: Jerry Gabbay's 6k fund to use as a small fund or endowment where we could use the % to help keep the cemetery up.

Ron Wright would like to get together with Colleen and Carl on what is flooded or not etc. regarding the Rock Creek Park closure.

Colleen - the way we do the closure is a typical high level flood. One foot of water is that level. If it gets to 6" or 4" we will open it up.

We will follow typical state park rules, and try to create some consistency and clarity in messaging around the standard of when to close etc.
Thanks to Ron for putting in the effort etc.

Samantha Trelstad- introduces herself - live on Mosier creek road, and work with MSM - really interested in all the things you are talking about want to be part of the town.

8:15 adjourn

Development in Mosier (2016 - Feb. 2021)

Year	SDPs Mosier Bluffs (32 lots)	SDPs Tanawashee (49 lots)	SDPs Infill	Approved ADUs	Commercial	Total New Homes	Estimated SDC Revenue	Estimated Increase in Sewer/Water Revenue
2016	5	2	4	2		13	\$ 178,198	\$ 15,690
2017	4	4	1	1		10	\$ 139,397	\$ 12,465
2018	3	2	2	1	Syncline Expired	8	\$ 110,079	\$ 9,825
2019	2	2	1	1		6	\$ 80,761	\$ 7,185
2020		3	1	1	1	5	\$ 102,482	\$ 5,865
2021	2	3	1		3 STRs	6	\$ 83,922	\$ 12,660
Totals	16	16	10	6	1	48	\$ 694,840	\$ 63,690

There are 16 active SDPs.

Site Development Permits (SDPs) shown on year of permit approval. 2021 SDPs shown are pending approvals.

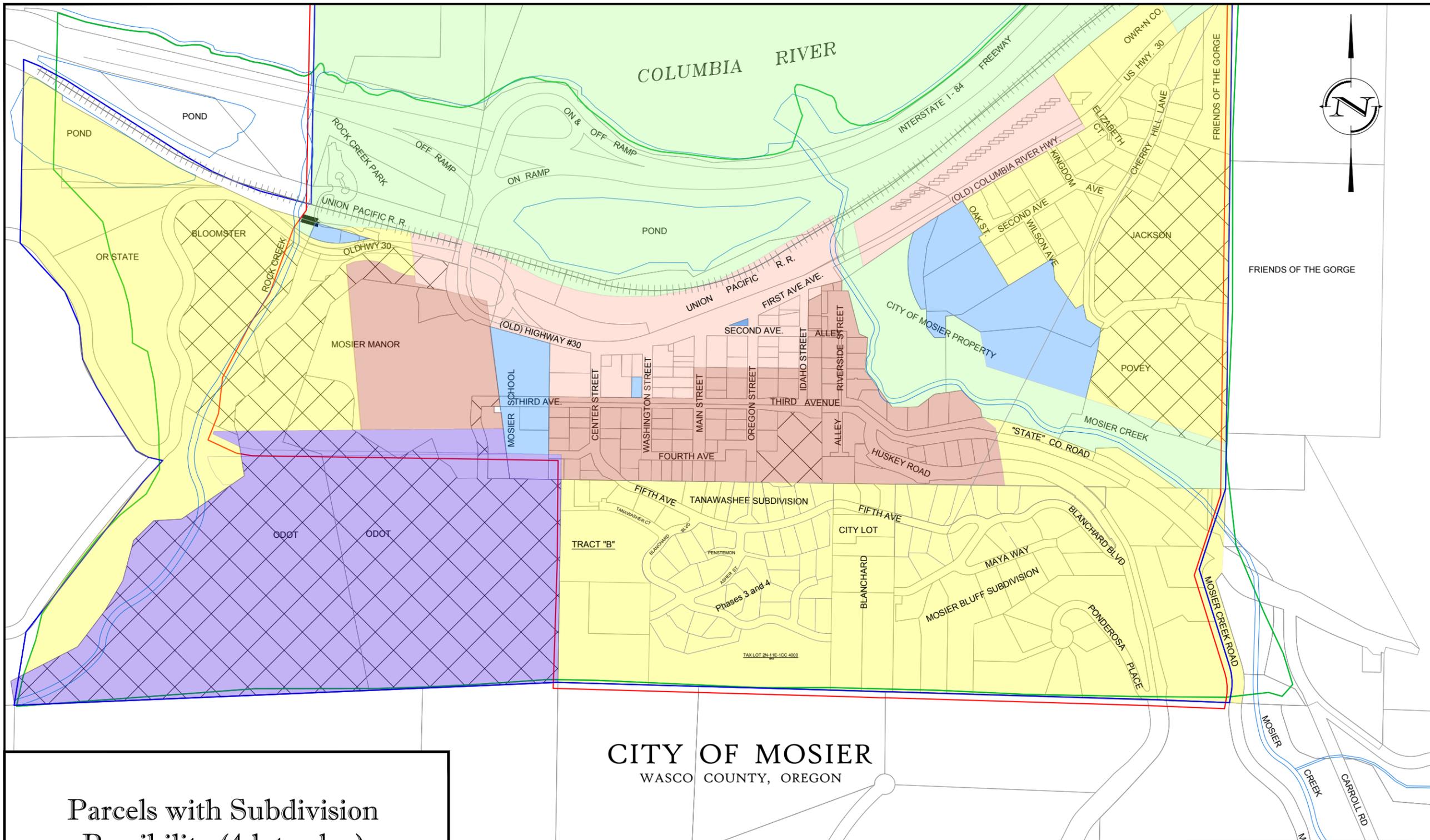
Average Cost for SDP review, approval, inspections and closeout is about \$1,000.

Review time from 1st submittal to SDP approval is typically 4 to 8 weeks.

Tanawashee Subdivision Phases 4 and 5 will be constructed in 2021.

STR Cabins are under construction and should be done in 2021.

Syncline Studios Phases 2 and 3 CUP has expired.



Parcels with Subdivision Possibility (4 lots plus)

ZONING BOUNDARIES LEGEND

	R-5
	R-10
	COMMERCIAL
	INDUSTRIAL
	PUBLIC
	OPEN SPACE

PLANNING BOUNDARIES LEGEND

	Urban Growth Boundary
	City Limits
	National Scenic Area
	POTENTIAL FOR SUBDIVISIONS

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CITY OF MOSIER
WASCO COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION 2021-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOSIER, OREGON, DECLARING A GLOBAL CLIMATE CRISIS

WHEREAS, the world is already seeing the impacts of a warmer climate in rising seas, and more frequent and intensifying wildfires, droughts, floods, and other extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS, global warming over 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels will negatively affect human health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security, and economic growth resulting in species loss and extinction. In April 2016 world leaders recognized the urgent need to act by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to pursue “efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C. The United States returned, in January 2021, as a signatory to the Paris Agreement, agreeing to pursue “efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C”; and

WHEREAS, the need to address climate change and climate resiliency compels the City of Mosier to participate in a global effort to rapidly and safely reduce existing greenhouse emissions and excess carbon from the atmosphere; to protect our economy, land, people, and all species; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mosier is committed to resilient infrastructure and sound municipal environmental policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mosier acknowledges that our community and watershed is extremely vulnerable to wildfire and that climate change is one of many factors that intensifies the threat of increasingly severe fire events and associated public health risks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mosier recognizes the need to preserve and protect our drinking water supplies from reduced snowpack, increased drought and wildfires, while also addressing groundwater, aquifer recharge and storm water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mosier acknowledges climate change adversely impacts our city and regional economy, including tourism, recreation, forestry, agriculture, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mosier recognizes the need for community education and participation, and inclusion in the planning and implementation of large-scale changes at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mosier reinforces policy goals of the 2019 Transportation Systems Plan and Comprehensive Plan, including the implementation of a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community that links with our neighboring communities by trail and bikepaths, protection of fish and wildlife habitat, and protection of wetlands and their buffer areas; and

WHEREAS, the Mosier City Council has previously adopted statements and policies recognizing the realities of climate change, calling for action on the global climate crisis, and committing to taking certain actions to mitigating its negative effects, and wishes to now reaffirm the City’s commitments.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOSIER AS
FOLLOWS:**

1. The City of Mosier declares that a climate crisis threatens our community, our region and planet.
2. The City of Mosier commits to take steps to:
 - a. Reduce reliance on fossil fuels in municipal operations;
 - b. Pursue local policies and reforms that promote environmental stewardship and overlapping economic sustainability;
 - c. Identify current municipal greenhouse emissions in pursuit of a target reduction in municipal net greenhouse gas emissions of at least 45% by 2030 and net zero by 2050;
 - d. Initiate efforts to formulate adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts such as wildfires, drought, reduced water availability, and stormwater runoff;
 - e. Work on climate issues in conjunction with diverse communities within the city and neighboring communities, with whom we share our fragile resources.
3. The City of Mosier recognizes the need for community education, participation, inclusion, and support, in efforts to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and the city's climate impacts.
4. The City of Mosier will continue to consider opportunities and funding to address the climate and ecological emergency and its impacts through hazard mitigation, resiliency planning efforts and emergency management programs.
5. The City of Mosier commits to keeping the concerns of vulnerable communities and impacts to tribal treaty resources central to all climate change mitigation planning processes and to proactively seek participation of such communities.
6. The City of Mosier joins a call for a regional, tribal and native, national, and international climate emergency mobilization effort.

This resolution shall take effect after its passage by the City Council **ADOPTED** by the Council of the City of Mosier, Oregon. Dated this 3rd day of March 2021.

Arlene Burns, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Colleen Coleman, City Manager

Laura Westmeyer, City Attorney

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DATE: February 26, 2021

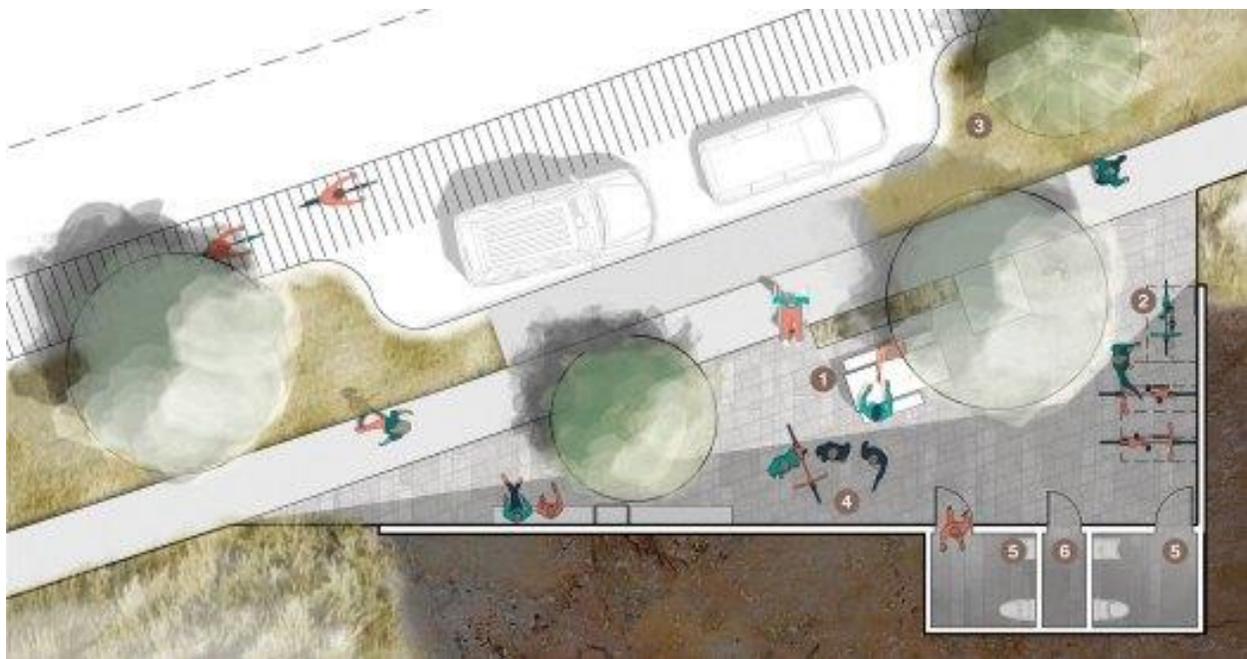
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

City of Mosier awarded \$750,000 Oregon Parks Department LGGP Grant for the Mosier Center Plaza and Bike Hub

CONTACT: Colleen Coleman, City Manager, colleen.coleman@cityofmosier.com (541) 490.9758

The City of Mosier has been selected to receive a \$750,000 grant from the Local Government Grant Program administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The grant funds will be used to construct the Mosier Center Plaza & Bike Hub in downtown Mosier along the Historic Columbia River Highway, directly adjacent to and across from the new Mosier Center between Main and Oregon streets.

The Gorge Hubs project presents a means of connecting visitors on a tour of the Gorge, while demonstrating resilience and sharing the message of responsible recreation.



Mosier Plaza & Bike Hub — Overhead

Project amenities will include: a permanent home for the Mosier Farmer's Market, new recreation facilities for residents and visitors on Mosier's main street consisting of Mosier's first ADA accessible public restrooms, pedestrian and bike paths, a bicycle repair station and natural areas with views across the Columbia River to Washington's famous ecological lift, locally known as the Syncline.

The project will improve trail connectivity between Mark Hatfield State Park, the Mosier and Rowena Plateaus and Memaloose State Park.

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Mosier Plaza & Bike Hub — Landscape

The Mosier Plaza & Bike Hub repair station will serve thousands of cyclists who ride into Mosier at the eastern terminus of the Twin Tunnels trail from Hood River every year.

These facilities will also be used by a growing group of visitors to Mosier including hikers who visit the nearby trails and those driving historic Highway 30. They will also provide services to Mosier residents by connecting to the play field at Mosier School, directly across Hwy 30, via a safe crosswalk. Park amenities will include a children's fountain, picnic and relaxation areas, bike and walking paths and a native plant garden.



The Plaza and Bike Hub provides a suite of recreational services that are consistent with Mosier's "2015 Slo Mo Plan" and "2018 Transportation System Plan" vision for passive recreation along Hwy 30 and is key to the community's longterm development plan to accommodate both child safety and accessible trails for an aging population in Mosier.

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Mosier Plaza & Bike Hub — Location