

# CITY OF MOSIER

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**Meeting Minutes: Joint Special Council Meeting with Mosier Fire District  
June 7th, 2017**

*Mosier Senior Center at 500 East Second Ave., Mosier, Oregon*

<b>I</b>	<p><b>The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burns at 5:30 pm.</b></p> <p>Council: Mayor Arlene Burns, Councilors Emily Reed, Penny Wallace, Lacy Gries, Acasia Berry, Marc Berry, Ann Van Osdol            Staff: City Manager Kathy Fitzpatrick            Mosier Fire District Board Members: Joanne Rubin, Joe Sacamano, Phil Evans, Barb Ayers            Staff: Chief Jim Appleton, Finance Officer Rhonda Starling, Tracy Hornung            Presentation: Scott Moreland (Hennebery-Eddy), Terry Moore (Eco-NW, WC Economic Development Commission )(phone), Abe Farkas (Abe Farcas Group)(phone), Ali Turiel (DLCD), Michael Duncan (ODOT)            Community: Jan Leininger, Michael McKeag, Beck Ramirez, Witt Anderson, Scott Hege (Wasco County Commissioner), Donna and Tom Wehrly</p>
<b>VII</b>	<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p>
1.	<p><b>Presentation of Feasibility, Concept Design, and Budget Study for the Proposed Civic Center</b></p> <p>Scott Moreland of Hennebery-Eddy presented updates and a general overview of the project design. He discussed the flexible nature of the building and reviewed the multiple functions possible for each defined area and explained that the recommended phasing option is to build the outside shell first and finish the interior of non-essential rooms as the funding is secured. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of the location, which is proposed for the UPRR property in the middle of downtown Mosier and near the rail road tracks. Community suggestions submitted at the last presentation (e.g. incorporating a community museum display and storage options and a central emergency information center) were explored. There was strong support to include green building features such as solar panels. Abe Farkas then reviewed the cost of two building options—one that would incorporate the public and private uses of the building that were supported by the community, and the other a very minimal, stripped-down model which would support only essential fire fighting and public emergency uses. The full service option is estimated to cost roughly \$4M, which includes basic soft costs. Possible funding sources include grants, fire district bond, property sale proceeds from the City-owned property, State Public Works Lottery funds that have been already been solicited by Appleton and Moore, and UPRR settlement money (currently unknown). Terry Moore then gave an overview of the economic development aspects of the project. He said that as an Economic Development professional and one of the principals of Eco NorthWest, he could not recommend investing public dollars on the fringe or outside of the City, which is one of the reasons why the Fire Siting Committee, after looking at other options, had ultimately focused the study on the UPRR property in downtown Mosier. He said that he and Jim Appleton had recently pitched the project to the State Legislature for earmarked funding and that Mosier’s State Representative John Huffman had seemed very supportive.</p> <p>Scott Moreland urged the Mosier City Council and Fire District Board to submit additional comments as soon as possible to be included in the final presentation of the Civic Center Feasibility Study and Concept Plan on August 24<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Scott Moreland’s minutes of the discussion are attached.</p>

**Meeting Minutes: Regular City Council Meeting**  
**June 7th, 2017**  
*Mosier Senior Center at 500 East Second Ave., Mosier, Oregon*

<b>I</b>	<b>The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burns at 7:05 pm.</b>
	Council: Mayor Arlene Burns, Councilors Emily Reed, Peny Wallace, Lacy Gries, Acasia Berry, Marc Berry, Ann Van Osdol Staff: City Manager Kathy Fitzpatrick Community: Beck Ramirez, Scott Hege (Wasco Co Commissioner), Mark Cherniack, Jan leininger
<b>II</b>	Agenda corrections or additions:
<b>III</b>	<b>Business from the Audience:</b> Presentation of Economic Development Strategy was postponed to the next meeting. Addition of Letter of Support for HB 2017 Transportation Funding Package.
<b>IV</b>	<b>City Council Meeting Minutes:</b> Not reviewed.
<b>V</b>	<b>BUSINESS</b>
1.	<b>Candidate for City Attorney: Laura Westmeyer</b> Councilor A. Berry initiated introductions and then asked Laura Westmeyer to present to Council. Each councilor marked their own RFQ review/scoring sheets during the presentation and question and answer session. Westmeyer talked about her focus on public service and said that her previous career was as a land use planner, which included work with ODOT's and DLCD's TGM program, work with agri-tourism, the state's model development code, and strategic planning. She is now in her fifth year of legal practice, which has included courtroom experience and mediation. She is currently working 20 hrs/wk with the Dept. of Human Services with their Warming Shelter program. Mosier would be her focus as her one municipal client. Westmeyer then answered questions from Council, which included questions about land use case studies, mediation work, enforcement of city code, familiarity with the Mosier Rock Quarry issue, and access to outside professional resources.
2.	<b>Termination of Contract with Current City Attorney:</b> <b>Councilor Van Osdol made a motion to approve the termination of the current City Attorney's contract. Councilor Wallace seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 6-1, with Councilor M. Berry voting against.</b>
3.	<b>Mosier Community Parade and Picnic: Rhonda Starling, President of Main Street Mosier and Mark Cherniack</b> Starling said this would be the 2 <sup>nd</sup> annual Mosier parade following the Antique Cars and that the picnic would include a Taco Bar prepared by Elizabeth McNanny. Main Street Mosier has requested the assistance of the City's Maintenance Worker, who had just taken a traffic flagging class, for traffic control. Council consensus was to allow the use of the City employee with his approval. Several Councilors volunteered to help with the various tasks. Jan Leininger said that she and the Mosier Historical Society would station themselves that day at the Mosier Hub in order to hand out informational materials.
4.	<b>CIS Volunteer Resolution 2017-08</b> Councilor Reed made a motion to approve the CIS Volunteer Workers Comp Resolution 2017-08. Councilor Wallace seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5.	<b>Mayor's Climate Change Action Agenda: Mayor Burns</b> Mayor Burns explained that this Action is in support of the terms of the Paris Climate Change Accord Treaty that Mayors from many US cities have signed. She will be signing on as Mayor of Mosier. More information can be found at <a href="http://climate-mayors.org">climate-mayors.org</a> .
6.	<b>Candidate for City Attorney: Kristen Campbell of Timmons Law Firm</b> Councilor A. Berry initiated introductions and then asked Kristen Campbell to present to Council. Each councilor marked their own RFQ review/scoring sheets during the presentation and question and answer session. Campbell talked about her firm, which includes five attorneys. Campbell would be the City's primary attorney, with backup from her firm, especially if the city needs a litigator. She has 15 yrs. of municipal law experience and her experience includes work with the UPRR Double Track application. Her emphasis as an attorney is on problem prevention. Campbell then answered questions from Council, which included questions about land use case studies, mediation work, enforcement of city code, familiarity with the Mosier Rock Quarry issue, and access to outside professional resources.

7.	<b>Council Appointment for City Attorney</b> Councilor M. Berry suggested that the vote should occur at the next week's meeting on June 14 <sup>th</sup> . Council concurred.
8.	<b>Schedule for June, July, August</b> City Council Schedule for June-August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reschedule CC meeting 6/21 to 6/14</li> <li>• Civic Center presentations: 8/24 (School)</li> <li>• Strategic Planning Session: 7/12, venue TBD</li> <li>• Wasco Co Town Hall: 8/16 @ 5:30 pm, before the CC meeting</li> </ul>
9.	<b>Solar Eclipse Preparations:</b> Councilor M. Berry suggested that the City should examine ways to prepare for the Solar Eclipse in August, because there may be more impact on City resources during that long weekend. Commissioner Hege said that the Wasco Co Emergency Management Team was working on preparations and response. Fitzpatrick said that she is working with the Wasco County Emergency Management Team to coordinate responses as needed. Councilor M. Berry said that he could head a patrol of the City and would alert the relevant authorities if he found anything amiss.
	<b>Letter of Support for HB 2017</b> Fitzpatrick reported that for the first time in almost 2 decades, the Oregon Legislature is considering a Transportation Funding Bill which is now in Committee. Commissioner Hege said that the bill as proposed would result in significant funding increases for both Wasco County and the City of Mosier for investment and maintenance of transportation systems. Council approved Fitzpatrick sending a letter of support for the bill. Hege will send more information about the estimated funding amounts. <b>Councilor Reed made a motion to approve the letter template for support for HB 2017 and for Fitzpatrick to fill in the details. Councilor Van Osdol seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</b>
VI	<b>Correspondence/Staff/Council Reports/Committee Reports:</b> None to report.
VII	<b>Adjourn: 9:00 pm</b>

Approved this 5th day of July, 2017:

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Mayor Arlene Burns

Kathy Fitzpatrick, City Manager