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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:30 P.M

(Barnhart, Shepard, Fisher)

NOTE: The Regular Council Meeting is held in the Council Chambers as well as by virtual meeting. Please contact City Clerk Barb Staland no later than 6 pm on the night of the meeting to obtain ZOOM meeting access by calling (406) 892-4391 or email staalandb@cityofcolumbiafalls.com

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of June and July Claims - \$165,931.17
2. Approval of July 8, 2022 Payroll Claims
3. Approval of July 5, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Engineering Agreement - 5th Ave EN Water Main (ARPA) Project and authorize City Manager to execute.
5. Adoption of Updated Job Description - Firefighter/EMT
6. Adoption of Updated Job Description - Public Works/GIS Technician
7. Approve Voiding Checks Outstanding Longer Than One Year

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

APPOINTMENTS:

8. Approval of Appointment - Volunteer Firefighter Dale Pinneke/Administration of Oath of Office

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

9. REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS - PLANNING/ZONING ITEMS:

The Columbia Falls City-County Planning Board held a public hearing for the following item at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers of City Hall, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, Montana. The Columbia Falls City Council will hold a subsequent hearing on August 1, 2022 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the same location.

Request for a Zoning Map Amendment in the Columbia Falls Planning Jurisdiction:

Mick Ruis is requesting a zoning map amendment on behalf of HC 246 LLC in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction. The property is located at 230 Highway 2 East in Columbia Falls and is described as Assessor's Tracts 2E, 2EC, 4EA, 4EAA and 4E Section 17, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County (See Exhibit A for Metes and Bounds Description). The property is currently zoned CB-1 (Neighborhood Business) and the applicant is proposing CB-2 (General Business).

The Planning Board postponed the public hearing on the following three items until August 9, 2022 – 6:30 P.M., the date and time of the next regular Planning Board Meeting. The location of the hearing will be announced and posted on the City Website, Legal Notice in the Newspaper, Letters to the adjacent property owners, and at City Hall on the City's Planning/Council Bulletin Board.

Request for a Zoning Map Amendment in the Columbia Falls Planning Jurisdiction:

James Barnett on behalf of Flathead Mountain River LLC is requesting a zoning map amendment in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction. The property is located at 264,316,378,494 River Road in Columbia Falls and is described as Lots 1, 2, & 3 of Loffler Subdivision and Assessor's Tracts 7 B and 7BB (Tracts 1 and 3 of COS 14045) in Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County. The property is currently zoned CR-3 (One Family Residential) and the applicant is proposing CR-4 (Urban Residential).

Request for a Planned Unit Development in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction:

James Barnett on behalf of Flathead Mountain River LLC is requesting a Planned Unit Development in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction, the development is called River Highlands Apartments. The property is located at 264,316,378, & 494 River Road in Columbia Falls and is described as Lots 1, 2, & 3 of Loffler Subdivision and Assessor's Tracts 7 B and 7BB (Tracts 1 and 3 of COS 14045) in Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County. The project consists of 65 attached single family row houses, 390 apartment units and 10 row house units dedicated to the Northwest Montana Community Land Trust. The total unit count is 455 units on 49.1 acres gross for a density of 9.2 units per acre. The applicant is proposing 21.5 acres (43%) of the site as park and open space. With the project, the applicants are proposing to move River Road further east on Highway 2 and if supported by the MDOT the applicants would install a traffic signal at Highway 2 and River Road. Two deviations are requested with the PUD, the applicant is requesting to zoning deviations, one would allow an increase in height of ten feet allowing a portion of the apartment buildings to approach 45 feet in height and the second deviation would reduce the parking requirement from 2 spaces per unit down to 1.5 spaces per unit.

Request for a subdivision in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction:

James Barnett on behalf of Flathead Mountain River LLC is requesting a Subdivision in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction. The property is located at 264,316,378, & 494 River Road in Columbia Falls and is described as Lots 1, 2, & 3 of Loffler Subdivision and Assessor's Tracts 7 B and 7BB (Tracts 1 and 3 of COS 14045) in Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County. The subdivision will create 21 lots (17 residential and 4 open space lots) The subdivision will extend Municipal water and sewer services along with reconstructing River Road and incorporating a detached pedestrian path. The new roads within the project will be privately maintained but open to the public. The proposed subdivision is part of the zone change and PUD application for River Highlands Apartments

Interested persons are allowed to attend the hearing(s) in person or via ZOOM for the August 1st Council Meeting. Persons are encouraged to submit written comments prior to the meeting. Written comments carry the same weight as public testimony given during the hearing. Written comments may be sent to Columbia Falls City Hall, Attention: Barb Staaland, City Clerk, 130 6th Street West, Room A, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 or via email: . For more information on the proposed Planned Unit Development, please call Eric Mulcahy, Columbia Falls City Planner at 755-6481.

10. Notice of 22-23 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget Hearings - Beginning August 1, 2022:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana, will hold public hearings beginning on August 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Columbia Falls City Hall, 130 6th St West, Columbia Falls, Montana, for the following purposes:

Preliminary Budget

Presentation and consideration of the preliminary budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. This hearing will be continued until final adoption of the budget after receiving the certified taxable valuation.

Special Assessments

Consideration of the adoption of the Street Lighting District and Street Maintenance District assessments for FY2022/2023. Council will hear any objections to the final adoption of the resolution levying special assessments for FY 2022/2023. Special Assessments are estimated as follows:

Street Lighting District	\$ 30,049
Street Maintenance District	\$316,000

Individual property payment schedules are available for inspection ten (10) days from this notice, in the office of the City Clerk, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, Montana, during regular hours Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Permissive Medical Levy

Consideration of adoption on the proposed tax levy to fund health insurance premium contributions for group benefits beyond the amount of contributions in effect on . The actual

mills for consideration will be made available upon receipt of the certified tax valuation for the year.

Taxpayers are encouraged to attend the hearings and give written or oral comments on any or all of the budget-related items. Written comments may be mailed to the City Clerk, Barb Staalnd, 130 6th St West, Columbia Falls, MT, 59912. Questions regarding the proposed items can be made by contacting City Manager Susan Nicosia at 892-4391.

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 2022

s/Barb Staalnd, City Clerk

Publish: Sunday July 17th and Sunday July 24th

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Authorize Call for Bids - 2022 Street Construction Projects
12. 2022-23 FY Budget Overview Presentation

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:

13. **Resolution # 1879 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana, Setting the Salary and Compensation of Certain City Officials and Employees Pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 4, Part 42, M.C.A for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year**

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

MISCELLANEOUS

14. Finance - May 2022 Report
15. Police Activity - April, May and June 2022
16. Fire Department - May and June Activity

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Next Scheduled Meetings:

City Council – Regular Meeting, August 1, 2022– 7:00 PM

Planning Board – August 9th - 6:30 P.M. - CFJH

Special City Council (Planning Hearings) - Monday, August 22, 2022 - 7:00 PM, CFJH*

* To be confirmed