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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:30 P.M

(Barnhart, Piper, Shepard)

NOTE: Regular Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers as well as by virtual meeting to provide for social distancing and public health and safety. Council requests attendees wear masks for the health and safety of the public and the City employees and officials. Contact City Clerk Barb Staalnd to register for ZOOM meeting access information. 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 Claims - February 1, 2021 - \$84,683.77
2. Approval of Payroll Claims - January 22, 2021 - \$120,624.15
3. Approval of January 19, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Manager Excess Vacation Carryover/Compensation
5. Approval of Encroachment Agreement - Carlyle Properties, LLC and City and authorize City Manager to execute

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS - FEBRUARY 9, 2021 AND MARCH 1, 2021:

The Columbia Falls City-County Planning Board will hold a public hearing for the following items at their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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 Monday March 1, 2021 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the same location. Both hearings will be conducted in accordance with the most current recommended and/or required public health and safety protocols in place at the time of the hearing. The City website, <https://cityofcolumbiafalls.org>, will contain updated information if there is any change to the planned hearings.

Request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a House and Accessory Dwelling over 800 Square Feet:

Lori Bjork is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct a new house of 2,600 square feet and convert the existing house of 1,700 square feet into an accessory dwelling unit. The Columbia Falls Zoning Code requires a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Accessory Dwelling Units that exceed 800 square feet in residential zones. The 0.98 acre property is described as Assessor's Tract 3AC in SE4NW4SE4 of Section 4, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County. The property is located 1550 14th Street EN but also has frontage on 13th Street EN.

Request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct an Accessory Dwelling in the existing house in the CB-2 Zoning District:

Kevin and Cindy Hooker (current owners) and Six Peaks, LLC (prospective owners) are requesting a Conditional Use Permit to convert half of the existing 1,288 square foot house into an accessory apartment. The house is located at 28 6th Street East in Columbia Falls and is zoned CB-2 (General Business). The zoning code allows Single Family Residential use as a permitted use in the CB-2 and it allows an Accessory Apartment within the same building with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The 6,250 square feet property is described as Lot 11, Block 45 of the Columbia Falls Townsite in Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County.

Request change the zoning from CR-5 (Two Family Residential) to CRA-1 (Multi-Family Residential) in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction:

The applicant, Toby Gilchrist, is requesting a zone change for 302 Meadow Lake Boulevard from the current CR-5 Two-Family designation to a CRA-1 Multi-Family residential designation. The vacant property is approximately 2.5 acres in size and is located approximately ¼ mile north of Highway 2 on Meadow Lake Blvd. The property is described as Assessors' Tract's 2BDAE and 2BDAEA of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County.

Request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct 36 units of Apartment in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction:

The applicant, Toby Gilchrist, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct 36 units of apartments in two buildings, eighteen units in each building. The proposed two-story apartments will access Meadow Lake Blvd near the intersection with Best Way. The vacant property is approximately 2.5 acres in size and is located approximately ¼ mile north of Highway 2 at 302

Meadow Lake Blvd. The property is described as Assessors' Tract's 2BDAE and 2BDAEA of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County.

Persons are allowed to attend the hearing(s), subject to the most recent public gathering restrictions enacted by County and State agencies at or prior to the time of the hearing. 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 Staalnd, City Clerk, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 or via email: staalndb@cityofcolumbiafalls.com. For more information on the proposed Planned Unit Development, please call Eric Mulcahy, Columbia Falls City Planner at 755-6481.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7. Continuation of Extension of Services Update

APPOINTMENTS:

8. Approve the appointment of Clay Lundgren to the Columbia Falls City-County Planning Board/Zoning Commission for a 2 year term expiring December 31, 2022
9. Tree Board Appointment - 3 year term ending December 31, 2023 - Matt Bishop

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

10. Manager's Update

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

MISCELLANEOUS

Correspondence

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Next Scheduled Meetings:

City Council – Regular Meeting, **Tuesday February 16, 2021** – 7:00 PM

Planning Board – February 9, 2021 - 6:30 PM

Council Workshop – Planning/Zoning Issues - Monday, March 29, 2021 – 6:30 PM