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URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, August 10, 2021 - 12:00 p.m.
City of Lewiston - City Hall Conference Room
1134 "F" Street, Lewiston, Idaho

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 - B. **Accepting Testimony on FY 22 Budget**
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEM)**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes July 13, 2021**
- V. **APPROVAL OF INVOICE, LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE, \$139.04 (\$68.84 + \$70.20 (ACTION ITEM))**
- VI. **APPROVE REVISED FY 21 BUDGET (ACTION ITEM)**
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VIII. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

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- 2. Staff Comments**

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URA BUDGET FY21

AMENDED 8/10/21

	AREA 4 MEM	AREA 5 EOS	AREA 6 BRYDEN	TOTAL
REVENUES				
Bond Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Receipts	226,990	178,276	145,233	550,499
Interest	110	70	110	290
City of Lewiston	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 227,100	\$ 178,346	\$ 145,343	\$ 550,789
EXPENSES				
Project Costs	\$ 175,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 575,000
Bond Costs	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	57,013	-	57,013
Principle	-	91,937	-	91,937
Professional Services (1)	12,000	-	12,000	24,000
Publications/misc	500	-	500	1,000
Total Expenses	\$ 187,500	\$ 548,950	\$ 12,500	\$ 748,950
Subtotal: Revenues Less Expenses	\$ 39,600	\$ (370,604)	\$ 132,843	\$ (198,161)
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 46,371	\$ 1,353,579	\$ 58,923	\$ 1,458,873
PLUS TOTAL REVENUES	227,100	178,346	145,343	550,789
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	187,500	548,950	12,500	748,950
FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR	\$ 85,971	\$ 982,975	\$ 191,766	\$ 1,260,712
Debt Service Reserve		\$ 589,604		
Available Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 393,371	\$ -	

(1) Audit, Insurance, Legal, RAI Dues, Director Services, Bond Trustee

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URA BUDGET FY22

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	AREA 4 MEM	AREA 5 EOS	AREA 6 BRYDEN	TOTAL
REVENUES				
Bond Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Receipts	226,990	188,970	149,590	565,550
Interest	110	70	110	290
City of Lewiston	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 227,100	\$ 189,040	\$ 149,700	\$ 565,840
EXPENSES				
Project Costs	\$ 223,417	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 623,417
Bond Costs	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	54,366	-	54,366
Principle	-	94,584	-	94,584
Professional Services (1)	12,000	-	12,000	24,000
Publications/misc	500	-	500	1,000
Total Expenses	\$ 235,917	\$ 448,950	\$ 112,500	\$ 797,367
Subtotal: Revenues Less Expenses	\$ (8,817)	\$ (259,910)	\$ 37,200	\$ (231,527)
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 85,971	\$ 982,975	\$ 191,766	\$ 1,260,712
PLUS TOTAL REVENUES	227,100	189,040	149,700	565,840
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	235,917	448,950	112,500	797,367
FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR	\$ 77,154	\$ 723,065	\$ 228,966	\$ 1,029,185
Debt Service Reserve		\$ 589,604		
Available Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 133,461	\$ -	

(1) Audit, Insurance, Legal, RAI Dues, Director Services, Bond Trustee

July 9, 2021

JULY 13, 2021

THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY BOARD OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a regular meeting Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at Lewiston City Hall. Chair Joe Hulett called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Joe Hulett; Vice Chair, JoAnn Cole-Hansen; A.L. "Butch" Alford; Bob Blakey; Mary Hasenoehrl; Dan Marsh.

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Don Beck.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Von Tersch, Community Development Director; Jennifer Douglass, URA Attorney; Tanya Brocke, Community Development Specialist; Dustin Johnson, Public Works Director

II. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

III. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. **ACCEPTING PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, RAA #7, DOWNTOWN/NORMAL HILL**

Stating it was the time and place, Chair Hulett opened the public hearing and asked Community Development Director Laura Von Tersch for a brief review.

Ms. Von Tersch explained the Plan was being reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission when the American Rescue Plan was approved. The American Rescue Plan provided funding to cities that included wastewater and infrastructure improvements. Ms. Von Tersch thought it would be best to recall and broaden the plan.

One comment was received by email from Dodd Snodgrass in his personal capacity. Mr. Snodgrass was writing in favor of the amended Urban Renewal Plan. The full letter is attached as Exhibit A.

There being no other public comment, Chair Hulett closed the public hearing.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEMS)**A. Approval of Minutes June 8, 2021****B. Approval of Invoices****1. Jennifer Douglass, \$492.00**

Board members Hasenoehrl and Alford moved and seconded, respectively approval of the consent agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

V. APPROVAL OF INVOICE, LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE, \$68.64

Board members Marsh and Cole-Hansen moved and seconded, respectively, approval of the Tribune Invoice. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Board member Alford abstaining.

VI. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3 APPROVING URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, RAA #7 DOWNTOWN/NORMAL HILL

Board members Alford and Cole-Hansen moved and seconded, respectively, approval of Resolution 2021-3 and opened the floor for discussion.

Board member Cole-Hansen requested page numbers be added. Ms. Cole-Hansen expressed appreciation of the verbiage in the Plan and that the very first paragraph is well written and well said. Board members agreed.

After discussion, Board members Alford and Cole-Hansen moved and seconded, respectively to amend their motion to include the following revisions to the Urban Renewal Plan, RAA #7:

1. Add a total column to the Project Summary Estimated Costs Table;
2. Add page numbers;
3. Eliminate the text stating that "Projects are identified in their current order of priority."; and
4. Increase the Removal of Blight budget from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

The motion carried 6-0.

VII. REVIEW DRAFT BUDGETS**A. PROPOSED REVISED FY'21-22 BUDGET****B. PROPOSED FY'22-23 BUDGET**

After reviewing the budgets, Board members directed staff to notice the budgets for public hearing at the August meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Member Comments

None.

B. Staff Comments

None.

IX. ADJOURN

There being no more business to come before the Board, Chair Hulett adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:48 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ATTEST:

TANYA M. BROCKE,
RECORDING SECRETARY

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY CHAIR

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

EXHIBIT A:

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING



Lewiston

Laura VonTersch <lvontersch@cityoflewiston.org>

URA Plan Comments

1 message

Thu, Jul 8, 2021 at 7:24 PM

Dodd Snodgrass <dsnod13@gmail.com>

To: Laura VonTersch <lvontersch@cityoflewiston.org>

Dear Laura –

I am writing in favor of the amended Urban Renewal Plan for RAA #7 Downtown/Normal Hill Area. I believe the changes recommended to the plan are supported by the Idaho Urban Renewal Law to eliminate blight and enhance development, job creation or private investment. Given the prospects for private investment and development of the former Twin City Food site, increased activity with commercial property downtown, and interest in projects such as a downtown innovation hub, it seems the timing is ripe for the agency to undertake additional activities.

I am in favor of the addition of "removal of blight" in the plan. I think this is a role the URA should take more aggressively to create more usable spaces and incentivize private investment.

The provisions for water distribution improvements are important, especially given the opportunity with the allocation of local American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funds and the prospect for more funding through the state.

Pedestrian access to downtown, streetscaping and public spaces will improve the vitality of downtown. I had the opportunity to participate in the University of Idaho architecture/landscape architecture student projects that re-imagined the downtown waterfront. There were some impressive – and practical – ideas that I hope the URA and City might integrate. The New 6th Street Staircase is a good project, but you could go bolder and incorporate additional ideas around the Beachey/Capital/Main St area.

Along those lines, the plan could identify that most of the area within RAA #7 is a "Qualified Census Tract." As you know these are HUD-designated areas defined as having 50% percent of households with incomes below 60% of the Area Median Gross Income. I believe the ARPA rules and FAQs note that jurisdictions with QCTs may have additional opportunity to use funding for parks and housing projects.

Thank you for the proposed changes to the plan. The Lewiston URA is an important agency, with unique tools to improve our community's economic development prospects.

Sincerely

Dodd Snodgrass

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Lewiston, Idaho will hold a public hearing 8/16/2021 at 6:00 p.m., 411 "D" Street, City Library, Second Floor Conference Room, to discuss and adopt the Urban Renewal Plan for RAA#7, Downtown/Normal Hill.

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Hollie K Vance

State of Idaho

S.S.

County of Nez Perce

On this 19th day of July in the year of 2021, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Hollie K Vance, known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Barb Marsh

Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho,
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Hollie K Vance

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On this 12th day of July in the year of 2021, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Hollie K Vance, known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Barb Marsh
Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho,
residing at Lewiston, therein
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Lewiston

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Laura VonTersch <lvontersch@cityoflewiston.org>

Lewiston URA - Attorney Rates

1 message

Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 10:40 AM

Kim Kline <ksk@elamburke.com>

To: "lvontersch@cityoflewiston.org" <lvontersch@cityoflewiston.org>, Jennifer Douglass <jbd@douglasslawfirm.net>

Cc: Meghan Conrad <msc@elamburke.com>, Ryan Armbruster <rpa@elamburke.com>

Ladies,

The firm has requested consideration of an increase in the hourly rates for some of our urban renewal clients, as the rates have been in effect, without change, since 2017 or earlier. The rates for Lewiston Urban Renewal Agency will remain unchanged with the exception of the associate rates which are currently \$175 (since 2013). Those rates will now be \$200. The rate for Ryan and Meghan will remain as they are: Ryan - \$250 and Meghan - \$225. This change should not affect your budget as I don't believe there have been any associates working on your file. Please let me know if you have any questions.



Kim Kline

Legal Assistant

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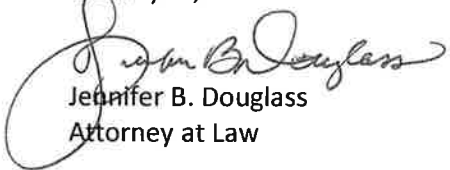
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Dear Chairman Hulett and Members of the Board:

After careful consideration of my hourly rates and practice areas, I have decided to raise rates to \$150 per hour for municipal and urban renewal clients. Keeping rates low as a public service is important to me, as is running a balanced budget and business. I am sending this correspondence now in order to give you notice prior to passing a budget for the 2022 fiscal year. If you would like to engage other counsel, kindly let me know. If you would like ideas on how to lower the amount of attorney time required for your agency or city, please let me know, and I will be happy to provide analysis without charge.

Please indicate your acknowledgment of this new hourly rate, beginning October 1, 2021, by your signature and return of this letter.

Thank you,


Jennifer B. Douglass
Attorney at Law

JBD:elw

Chairman