

JANUARY 11, 2022

THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY BOARD OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a regular meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Lewiston City Hall. Interim Chair JoAnne Cole-Hansen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: JoAnn Cole-Hansen; Don Beck; Dan Marsh; A.L. “Butch” Alford; City Councilor Kathy Schroeder;

City Councilor Schroeder clarified she has been previously appointed as proxy for former councilor Bob Blakey, but has not been reappointed as member or proxy at this time. Ms. Douglas advised that councilor Shroeder abstain from voting given the question of whether the former proxy appointment was still in effect.

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Von Tersch, Community Development Director; Jennifer Douglass, URA Attorney; Dawn Ortiz, Community Development Specialist; Luke Antonich, City Engineer, Aaron Butler; IT

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (ACTION ITEM)

A. Chairman

Jennifer Douglas, URA Attorney advised the board to appoint an interim Chair for this meeting and elect officers at the next meeting. Ms. Douglas also recommends that the chairman and vice-chairman be a citizen at large.

Board members Alford and Beck moved and seconded, respectively, the nomination of JoAnn Cole-Hansen for interim Chair. The motion carried 4-0, with Councilor Kathy Schroeder abstaining.

B. Vice-Chairman

None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEMS)

A. Approval of Minutes December 14, 2021

Board members Alford and Marsh moved and seconded, respectively, approval of the consent agenda. The motion carried 4-0, with Councilor Kathy Schroeder abstaining.

V. APPROVAL OF INVOICES PAYMENT TO CITY OF LEWISTON FOR LOCAL MATCH FOR BRYDEN AVENUE PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONTRACT, \$25,000 (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Douglas recommended tabling approval of invoices until the next meeting so an agreement can be completed.

Community Development Director Laura Von Tersch informed the board the plan for Bryden Avenue clearly stated the URA was going to cover the local roadway construction monies. However, that is not as specific as a memorandum of understanding would be, which could add more detail to that concept. The attorney is advising going through the memorandum of understanding process before payment.

Item has been tabled till the next meeting.

VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Member Comments

B. Staff Comments

Ms. Von Tersch informed the board via the Tribune Joe Anderson from the Port will be on the board. City Council has not approved this at this time.

City Engineer, Luke Antonich was available to questions in regards to the Bryden Avenue construction. Mr. Antonich verified board member Dan Marsh's statement that a federal grant was received for the Bryden Avenue project.

Councilor Schroeder confirmed that the memorandum of understanding would not hold up the project from going forward and does need to go in front of the city council.

Interim Chair Cole-Hansen asked for confirmation about the cost of the project and what the cost covers, was the project only being from 4th St to 7th St road only and about right of way fair compensation.

Mr. Antonich would need to clarify what construction entailed per cost and the right of way fair compensation is part of the current contract.

Board member Alford asked how the Idaho Transportation Department is involved.

Ms. Von Tersch clarified that ITD is a go between the Federal Government and the City.

Mr. Antonich clarified that ITD is one of three entities that the Federal Government will work with.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no more business to come before the Board, Interim Chair Cole-Hansen adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:21 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ATTEST:

DAWN M. ORTIZ,
RECORDING SECRETARY

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY CHAIR

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2022.