

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