

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023, 6:00PM URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS 33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056

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Call to Order

Chair Backus called the Urban Renewal Agency meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Chair Joseph A. Backus; Agency Member Kim Holmes; Agency Member Andrew Lafrenz; Agency Member Marisa Jacobs; City Manager Alexandra Rains; Community Development Director Laurie Oliver Joseph; Associate Planner NJ Johnson; City Recorder Susan M. Reeves; and Assistant to City Manager Isaac Butman.

Excused: Agency Member Megan Greisen; Agency Member Tyler Miller; and Agency Member Jeannet Santiago.

Approval of the Agenda

Agency Member Holmes moved, and Agency Member Jacobs seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (4-0). Chair Backus, aye; Agency Member Holmes, aye; Agency Member Lafrenz, aye; and Agency Member Jacobs, aye.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval Minutes

September 18, 2023 Urban Renewal Agency meeting minutes

Agency Member Lafrenz moved, and Agency Member Jacobs seconded the motion to approve the September 18, 2023 Urban Renewal Agency meeting minutes. Motion passed (4-0). Chair Backus, aye; Agency Member Holmes, aye; Agency Member Lafrenz, aye; and Agency Member Jacobs, aye.

Old Business

Review and Discuss Grant Program Criteria & Application Form

Associate Planner NJ Johnson explained we have done a lot of review and discussion about the emphasis of the Urban Renewal grant program, as well as the specifics. For example, what allowable projects can take place in the Urban Renewal District with grant money. He stated we have now come to a point where were here tonight, thanks from all the discussions from you all and also the Economic Development Committee where we are to a point where we can look for approval of the program guidelines, criteria and also the application form. He stated what has been clear through this entire process is that the focus of the grant program is going to be about approving the aesthetics of the Urban Renewal District. He went over the major updates/changes to the application.

Agency Member Holmes asked would the Economic Development Committee be able to ask additional questions and do a little more vetting?

Associate Planner NJ Johnson replied yes, and the process allows both the Economic Development Committee and the Urban Renewal Agency to ask the applicant to show up for meetings, so it provides a little bit of flexibility there.

Agency Member Holmes moved, and Agency Member Jacobs seconded the motion to approve the guidelines, criteria, and application form for the Urban Renewal Grant application form as written. Motion passed (4-0). Chair Backus, aye; Agency Member Holmes, aye; Agency Member Lafrenz, aye; and Agency Member Jacobs, aye.

Adjournment

Chair Backus adjourned the Urban Renewal Agency meeting at 6:13 pm.

Chair Joseph A. Backus

Attest:

City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC

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