

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY TOWN HALL

July 31, 2018

The minutes of the proceedings of a town hall meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 5:30 pm in the Dolphin Theater - 580 Newmark Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Call to Order

Those present were Board Members Joe Benetti, Lucinda DiNovo, Drew Farmer, Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kilmer, and Phil Marler. Chair Stephanie Kramer was absent. City staff present were City Manager Rodger Craddock, Interim Deputy Finance Director Nicki Rutherford, Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley, and Police Chief Gary McCullough.

Substantial Amendment to the Empire Urban Renewal Plan

Vice-Chair Marler opened the meeting with a short explanation of the amendment process, intention of the amendment and planned street projects, and a review of the provided Empire Urban Renewal District map showing identified streets for improvements. City Manager Rodger Craddock continued the presentation and shared Empire District urban renewal projects already accomplished including Newmark Avenue widening, period lighting and bump outs, façade improvements to several businesses, property acquisition, and improvements to Empire boat ramp and bathroom facilities. Mr. Craddock further explained the development of a Streets Task Force in 2013 which resulted in needs assessment and options. Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley discussed the development of a pavement inspection program including a pavement conditions survey which established a pavement condition index (PCI). From this survey, Mr. Hossley noted the map was generated and street improvements were assessed based upon PCI and traffic. Several streets were identified from this process as needing improvement. URA consultant Elaine Howard presented a brief overview of how Urban Renewal Agencies work, effects on property taxes, maximum indebtedness requirements, and process required for plan amendments.

The meeting was opened for public questions, and several citizens asked questions regarding the type of streets on the Improvement Plan, whether piping under the streets would be replaced, actual area delineated as Empire, entrance monument for Empire, and plans for Hollering Place property. City staff provided answers and further explanation on PCI rating and scale.

Vice-Chair Marler suggested the Urban Renewal Agency (Agency) was seeking ideas and suggestions on additional ways projects could be prioritized including selection of street improvements. He asked for a show of hands for support of amendment of Empire District Urban Renewal Plan and current projects planned. The vast majority of citizens present showed support of the process and Agency's desire to amend the Plan.

Adjourn

There being no further business the Town Hall meeting was adjourned.



Phil Marler, Vice-Chair

Attest:



Drew Farmer, Secretary