

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY

February 2, 1999

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay immediately following the City Council meeting.

Those Present

Those present were Board Chair Joe Benetti, and Board Members Jeff McKeown, Cindi Miller, Don Spangler, Kevin Stufflebean, Joanne Verger, and Judy Weeks. City staff present were City Manager Bill Grile, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, City Attorney Randall Tosh, Community Services Director Bill Finney, Finance Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

Approval of the Minutes of January 19, 1999

Board Member Miller moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 1999. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

Approval to Extend the Empire Streetscape Project

City Manager Bill Grile explained the sidewalk extension is on the south side of Newmark from mid-block between Marple and Empire Blvd. and was not part of the original contract due to time constraints and the necessity of obtaining an easement from the property along with the radius design approval from the Oregon Department of Transportation. Board Member Weeks moved to approve the sidewalk extension as presented in the amount of \$19,591. Board Member Spangler seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

Approval of Change Orders for the Empire Streetscape Project

Community Services Director Bill Finney explained the change orders include a driveway replacement, extending lighting conduit to prepare for the corner work at Empire Blvd. and Newmark, replacing several areas of sidewalk that are broken, and an additional catch basin. The total cost for this work is \$6,893. Board Member Stufflebean expressed concern about replacing broken sidewalks not in the plans and specs. Board Member Stufflebean inquired what the cost was to do the sidewalks and Mr. Finney responded around \$2,000 to \$3,000. Mr. Grile commented the project should look good and if the sidewalk is broken, it should be fixed. Board Member Miller commented that attention needs to be given to the handicap access at the curbs.

Board Member Weeks moved to approve the change orders as presented. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with Board Members Benetti, McKeown, Miller, Spangler, Verger, and Weeks voting aye, and Board Member Stufflebean voting no.

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Other Business

Board Member Spangler requested the Agency consider the next project in the Empire District and suggested the storefronts be considered. Mr. Grile commented there is an issue of whether tax dollars can be used to fund improvements for private use under Oregon law. Mr. Tosh noted the Agency could purchase an easement and do the storefronts.

Board Member Verger asked what the plan has as the next phase. Mr. Grile suggested staff bring a list of projects for the Agency to prioritize. He noted that staff has a lot going on and the storefront design would require hiring outside help. Board Member Stufflebean suggested the design for Empire be along the lines of the Front Street Master Plan using the historic maritime theme. Mr. Grile commented one of the City's goals is the Empire fire station project which will require an amendment to the urban renewal plan. Consensus of the Agency to have staff bring a project list back for prioritizing by the Agency.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Benetti adjourned the Urban Renewal Agency meeting.

Joe Benetti, Chair
Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST:

Don Spangler, Secretary
Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon