

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

February 16, 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 beginning at 7 p.m.

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, Library Director Carol Ventgen, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

Approval of the Minutes of February 2, 1999

Board Member Miller moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 1999 as presented. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all Agency members present voting aye.

Preliminary Discussion About Urban Renewal Project Priorities and Cash Flow

City Manager Bill Grile reviewed the project lists for the Downtown District and the Empire District and reported bonding would give the Agency a four year head start on the projects. Board Member McKeown commented he would have liked to have the material earlier to be able to study. There was further discussion on projects currently on the lists, the process to add projects, the maximum debt allowed, and the advantages of bonding. Board Member Spangler commented the Agency should complete current projects before beginning new ones. Board Member Benetti suggested staff set priorities to the projects and present at a future meeting. Mr. Grile reported the Front Street Master Plan needs to be adopted and staff is not suggesting changes in the Empire District projects. Board Member Stufflebean commented completion of the plaza in front of city hall should be made a priority, and suggested the City Council look at other funding for building the fire station. Board Member Weeks commented both the Agency and the City are in agreement that no more projects would be started until after the Governor's Conference on Tourism. Mr. Grile commented on the importance of getting more projects going, although it is somewhat limited to what additional work the staff can take on. Board Member Verger asked if there has been a change in attitude in the Empire area now that the Street Scape project is under construction. Julia Spangler reported there have been positive comments from local and out of town citizens. Board Member Verger the fire station is critical for safety and needs to be considered. Consensus of the Agency to have staff prepare a prioritized list of projects for the next meeting.

Executive Session

An executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (e) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions.

Adjournment

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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