



CITY OF LA PINE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

3:00 p.m. Regular Session

La Pine City Hall

16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order

Vicki Russell called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. Establish Quorum

Present: Vicki Russell, Jean Spetter-Sutton, Donald Greiner, Ann Gawith, and Michael Harper; Mayor Richer arrived at 3:28.

Absent w/ Prior Notice: Andrea Hine

Staff Present: Melissa Bethel, City Manager, Jake Obrist (left the meeting at 3:23), Public Works Manager, and Tracy Read, Accounting Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Ann Gawith

4. Approval of February 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Harper to approve, seconded by Councilor Greiner. No objections. Unanimously approved.

5. Public Comments

Fire Chief Mike Supkis spoke about his previous experience with an urban renewal revitalization program. He talked about Ontario, Oregon and how the cleanliness of the city contributed to their success. He suggested that La Pine consider a storefront development grant, directing the resources to start a regular street sweeping program. He feels it lends a sense of crispness to the entire community.

6. Discussion on Goals and Priorities for FY 2019-2020

a. Storefront Improvement Program

i. Further Define Eligible Projects

Melissa shared that there is a lot of interest in the program, however the marketing of the program needs to be revised to better clarify eligible projects. She also asked Committee members to consider fewer grants for larger amounts of money to encourage more business interest in the project. Vicki mentioned that there could be opposition to asking businesses to make the investments, as the funds come from taxpayer dollars.

(Jake left the meeting at 3:23.) There was additional discussion regarding funding for keeping city streets clean to set a standard. (Mayor Richer arrived at 3:28 p.m.) There was agreement that remaining FY 2019-20 funds should roll over to continue the program, and there are a couple of pending projects. There was an inquiry from the La Pine Senior Center regarding that facility being included in the Urban Renewal Zone,

which unfortunately is not possible. Vicki suggested the funds be allocated to the two pending projects. She also mentioned the possibility of no or low-interest loans as a future consideration.

b. Phase 2 – La Pine Station

Melissa talked about setting money aside to purchase the building portion (west side) of the property and possibly some contribute to infrastructure. Mayor Richer let everyone know he was late because property surveyors were at his residence. She also let everyone know that we are the top candidate for the STIF Grant.

c. Beautification Projects

Melissa advised there is potentially money for this project in the upcoming budget year. Possible items would be flower baskets, banners, winter stars.

7. Appoint Budget Officer and Review Draft Budget Calendar

Vicki recommended Melissa be nominated as the Budget Officer, Committee agreed.

8. Other Matters: Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under line item No. 4

Councilor Harper mentioned pedestrian safety at business pull-out curb cutout areas. There was discussion that this is a problem in many driveway/pedestrian areas.

9. Public Comments

None.

10. Staff Comments

Melissa is excited about new projects and the upcoming budget year.

11. Board Member Comments

Councilor Greiner stated he would like to get more information on street sweeping. There was additional discussion and consensus that it would be a worthwhile project.

12. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.