

MAY 12, 2020

THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY BOARD OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met remotely via the Zoom Meeting (video conferencing) Service (app) in a regular meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at Lewiston City Hall. Chair Joe Hulett called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

To watch the recorded meeting, visit <https://livestream.com/lewiston/events/3725864>

I. CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Hulett, Chair; JoAnn Cole-Hansen, Vice Chair; A.L. "Butch" Alford; Don Beck; Bob Blakey; Mary Hasenoehrl; Dan Marsh

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Von Tersch, Community Development Director; Jennifer Douglass, URA Attorney; Tanya Brocke, Community Development Specialist; Aaron Butler, IT

Chair Hulett noted he decided to dispense with the executive session that was added to the Agenda. No objections were received.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

B. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

1. JENNIFER DOUGLASS, \$1,356.00

~~2. ELAM & BURKE, \$XXX~~

Board members Alford and Hasenoehrl moved and seconded, respectively, approval of consent agenda items A and B. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Chair Hulett	Aye
Vice Chair Cole-Hansen	Aye
Board Member Alford	Aye
Board Member Beck	Unavailable (technical issues)
Board Member Blakey	Aye
Board Member Hasenoehrl	Aye
Board Member Marsh	Aye

The motion carried 6-0-1 with Board member Beck temporarily unavailable due to technical issues.

IV. PRESENTATION OF 2019 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Dawn Aliverti presented the 2019 financial audit to Board members.

After presentation and discussion, Chair Hulett noted the audit would not be approved until next month's meeting as it was not listed as an action item on the agenda.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH CLEARWATER FINANCIAL (CAMERON ARIAL) REGARDING REFINANCING OF EAST ORCHARDS SEWER BOND (CONTINUED FROM 4/14/2020)

Laura Von Tersch, Community Development Director, explained that she did not recommend refinancing at this time but recommends the Agency enter into an Engagement Letter with Clearwater Financial to answer any questions.

Chair Hulett noted that this item was not designated as an action item on the agenda, so the vote will be taken at the next meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST TO CLOSE RAA #3

Ms. Von Tersch recommended Chair Hulett ask the county representative, Commissioner Beck, to explain the intent of the letter.

Board member Beck said in sending the letter the County wanted to remind the URA that the County is watching and want the URA to do what they agreed to do and follow the steps to close the RAA or reset the base. Then, once projects are finished, they have a due diligence to taxpayers to finalize it and disburse payments to taxing districts and start over.

Chair Hulett thanked Board member Beck for his explanation and asked Attorney Meghan Conrad to provide her input on the discussion. After discussion, it was recommended that the request to close RAA #3 be put on next month's meeting agenda to make a decision.

VII. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**A. Board Member Comments**

Vice Chair Cole-Hansen addressed a comment heard at the City and County joint meeting by Commissioner Havens. Commissioner Havens was on the record as saying that the sewer line wasn't big enough to address the needs of Skyview Estates at 22nd and Powers. Vice Chair Cole-Hansen said she contacted the engineer, who sent design information that had to be approved by DEQ, and there is more than enough room in the sewer line. This is the second time the statement has been made and it is damaging to the reputation of the URA and it is important to stand up when hearing inconsistencies.

Board member Beck stated in defense of Commissioner Havens that until you get the full capacity of people out there, you won't know until Super Bowl Sunday if there is a problem. Mr. Beck also noted that it'll probably be brought up at the next joint meeting.

B. Staff Comments

None.

~~VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY 74-206 (D) TO CONSIDER RECORDS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE AND 74-206 (F) CONTROVERSIES IMMINENTLY LIKELY TO BE LITIGATED~~

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair Hulett adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:22 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ATTEST:

TANYA M. BROCKE,
RECORDING SECRETARY

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY CHAIR

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2020.