

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

**May 2, 2000**

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, Fire Chief Stan Gibson, and Police Chief Chuck Knight.

## **Approval of the Minutes from March 7, March 21, and April 4, 2000 Meetings**

Board Member Miller moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye.

## **Award of Contract for the Empire Street Scape Phase II**

City Manager Bill Grile reported only one qualified bid had been received from Johnson Rock Products for \$266,370 base bid and \$21,200 for alternate #1. The second phase of the street scape project is located along Newmark Avenue from Cammann Street to Ocean Blvd. (the "Y" intersection) and includes period lighting and sidewalk repair and replacement. Mr. Grile reported the bid came in \$29,128 higher than the cost estimate and the Agency has the option of taking funds from undesignated funds or negotiate with the bidder. City Attorney Randall Tosh reviewed purchasing rules regarding negotiation on bids. Board Member McKeown suggested rebidding the project because of the amount and only one bid was received. Board Member Stufflebean expressed concern about the length of time to complete the project if it is re-bid. Board Member Miller moved to authorize staff to rebid the project. Board Member Weeks seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

## **Authorization for Installation of Bollards (lights) in the Empire Street Scape Planter Boxes**

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported a number of minor accidents have occurred to the planter bump-outs along Newmark Avenue. Repairs have been made to the planters and reflectors installed. Staff recommends installation of bollards in the planter boxes. The wiring is already in place for the lights and funds are available to purchase the fixtures and cover the cost of installation. Board Member Weeks moved to set aside \$30,000 for the lighting project and direct staff to obtain quotes. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

## **Award of Quote for Empire and Downtown Street Scape Lights**

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported the Agency would save considerably by ordering the light standards directly from the manufacturer. The purchase would be for all three lighting projects;

Newmark street scape, the Broadway street scape, and parking lots. Board Member Spangler moved to award the quote to Platt Electric in the amount of \$70,474.66. Board Member Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

**Authorization to Apply for ODOT Local Street Networks Funding**

Community Services Director Bill Finney reported the Department of Transportation has a new program providing funding for local jurisdictions for projects routing traffic off of state highways. Staff is requesting authorization to apply for funds to improve the 4<sup>th</sup> Street reroute which would include overlaying South 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Anderson to Elrod and Elrod from Broadway to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, striping, additional overhead signing along Anderson from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, and some signalization work at 4<sup>th</sup> and Anderson. The project meets all the criteria for the program and is estimated at \$225,000. The Agency would be required to have a 10% match for the project. Board Member Verger commented the project is a good opportunity to receive ODOT funds and commended staff on responding to this opportunity. Board Member McKeown inquired if the project included routing northbound traffic onto Anderson. Mr. Grile responded staff would try to include in the project. Board Member Verger moved to authorize staff to proceed with the application process and use urban renewal funds of approximately \$22,500 for the match. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which passed with all board members present voting aye.

**Executive Session**

Board Member Weeks moved to go into an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1) (e) for the purpose of discussing real property negotiations. Board Member Stufflebean seconded the motion which passed with all members present voting aye. The Agency reconvened into regular session.

**Empire Gateway Project**

Board Member Spangler requested approval to move ahead with the gateway project to span Newmark Avenue. City Manager Bill Grile commented the next step would be to contact Rich Turi to proceed with a conceptual design and the Agency would need to decide on the location for the gateway. Board Member Spangler moved to instruct Mr. Turi to develop a conceptual drawing of the gateway to be placed in the area of the Bay Area Athletic Club. Board Member Miller seconded the motion which carried with Board Member Stufflebean voting no and all other members present voting aye.

**Adjournment**

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

ATTEST:

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

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