



Urban Renewal Agency Minutes

Monday, October 17, 2022, 12:00 PM

- SPECIAL MEETING -

Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

Members: Rudy Ashenbrener, Andy Hohwieler, Dan Brizee, Jan Rogers, JJ McBride, Dave McAlindin

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Present: Jan Rogers, JJ McBride, Rudy Ashenbrener, Dan Brizee, Dave McAlindin

Absent: Andy Hohwieler

Staff Present: Lorrie Bauer, Administrative Assistant; Shawn Barigar, Executive Director; Jesse Schuerman, Staff Engineer; Brent Hyatt, Assistant Finance Director; Travis Rothweiler, City Manager; Jonathan Spendlove, Planning & Zoning Director; Ruth Pierce, City Council Liaison; Breanna Howard, Finance Director.

Chair Ashenbrener called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) Conflict of Interest Declaration

None.

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve 1) Minutes for the September 12, 2022 meeting; 2) Minutes for the September 26, 2022 meeting; 3) September 2022 Financial Report, and 4) October 2022 Accounts Payable.

MOTION: Jan Rogers moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Dave McAlindin seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 5 to 0.

4) Reports/Updates

- a) Executive Director's Report

Travis Rothweiler introduced Shawn Barigar as the new Economic Development Director and Urban Renewal Executive Director for the City of Twin Falls.

The URA Downtown Arts Subcommittee has completed its mission. Art projects include murals in the downtown commons area, wrapped electrical boxes, John Hayes statue contribution, a mural on Claude Brown's wall, a mural on the alley wall of city hall, and a Public Art Directory, with a QR code, located on the Hansen St. side of the downtown commons. The Agency allocated \$100,000 for public art. Since the formation of the Subcommittee, \$94,738.50 has been spent adding attractive public art in the downtown area. The remaining allocated funds in the amount of \$5,261.50, will be given to the city's Public Art Commission to help with the future maintenance of the murals. A robust "thank you" to the committee was extended.

GGLO is working to develop the vision for the proposed Old Towne 2 area. A kick-off meeting is being planned. Individual stakeholders and shareholders will be included in the master visioning process.

5) Items of Consideration

- a) Consideration of a request to spend up to \$22,000 to install a new power pole, 3 phase transformer bank, and service to upgrade a building located at 248 Idaho Street South for the possible expansion of Caval Business.

Travis Rothweiler reintroduced the request. This item was first presented during the August 8, 2022 meeting, but Mr. Caval was not in attendance for questions so consideration was moved to a later date. Mr. Caval explained the purpose of his request. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Dave McAlindin moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$22,000 for reimbursement of costs related to the installation of a new power pole, 3 phase transformer bank, and to upgrade service. Dan Brizee seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 5 to 0.

Dave McAlindin indicated he was against the issuing of utility aid without a concrete policy put in place by the Agency and would like to see further discussion in a future meeting.

- b) Consideration of a request to partner with the City of Twin Falls on the submittal of a planning grant through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant application in the amount of \$12,500.

Travis Rothweiler shared the history of previous studies and explained how the planning grant would benefit the city. If awarded, the funds would be used to complete a comprehensive traffic survey of both the 2nds and any proposed new route(s), conceptual engineering drawings, overview of recommendations for both the new location of Highway 30 as well as the improvements to the 2nds, a high-level environmental scan, and stakeholder/community outreach. Jacobs Engineering is assisting with the grant writing. He shared that this partner request is a qualifying infrastructure improvement expense that supports additional growth in the city's downtown and revenue allocation area. He added that study grants usually move forward to a funded project.

MOTION: Jan Rogers moved to partner with the City of Twin Falls on the submittal of a planning grant through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant application in the amount of \$12,500. Dave McAlindin seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 5 to 0.

- c) Consideration of a request to approve Resolution No. 2022-10 authorizing an amendment to the Bylaws of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls.

Travis Rothweiler explained the reasons for the request to change the regular meetings from the second Monday of each month to the third Monday of each month. If approved, the third Monday schedule would begin on November 21, 2022.

MOTION: JJ McBride moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-10 authorizing an amendment to the Bylaws of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls. Jan Rogers seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 5 to 0.

6) General Input/Announcements - Public/Staff

None.

7) Upcoming Meeting(s)

- a) Monday, November 21, 2022, @ 12:00 pm.

8) Executive Session

- a) Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency.

(The meeting will not return to open session.)

MOTION: Dave McAlindin moved to enter into the executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency. JJ McBride seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 5 to 0. The public portion of the meeting ended at 12:35 pm.

9) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM.



Lorrie Bauer, Administrative Assistant