



CITY OF OREGON CITY

URBAN RENEWAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, March 01, 2023 at 6:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mitchell convened the meeting at 6:16 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 - Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Denyse McGriff, Commissioner Doug Neeley, Chair Mike Mitchell

ABESNT: 1 - Commissioner Shawn Cross

STAFFERS: 4 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Finance Director Matt Zook, Economic Development Manager James Graham

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Urban Renewal Budget Committee Appointments

Tony Konkol, City Manager, presented for the Urban Renewal Commission's (URC) approval, a list of citizens to participate in the Urban Renewal Commission Budget Committee.

Motion made by Commissioner McGriff, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the four nominees presented as members of the Urban Renewal Commission Budget Committee. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: 6 - Commissioner O'Donnell, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner McGriff, Commissioner Neeley, Commissioner Mitchell

COMMUNICATIONS

Tony Konkol, City Manager, introduced Matt Zook, Finance Director, who presented the Oregon City and Urban Renewal Agency Biennial Budget Calendar, and discussed pertinent upcoming dates within it. Mr. Zook proposed alterations in the URC schedule in light of the upcoming election on May 16, 2023, which would determine whether the URC receives permission to take on debt for Urban Renewal projects. The date of releasing the URC budget was changed to May 17, the day after the election. The date of the first URC meeting after the release of the budget was changed to May 25, 2023, with an additional meeting scheduled for June 2, 2023 if required. The date for the URC's budget meeting was changed to June 13, 2023, in order to give the Urban Renewal Budget Committee time to approve the URC budget, while also providing opportunities for the City to complete the publication notices required by law. If needed, a follow-up budget meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 28, 2023.

Mr. Zook also explained that the City's Budget 101 meeting for both Budget Committees had been rescheduled to March 20, 2023, due to weather conditions on the date it was originally scheduled.

Commissioner McGriff requested that the times of the meetings be specified on the Budget Calendar.

Commissioner Marl proposed that URC members form a Political Action Committee (PAC) in support of the Urban Renewal ballot measure in May. When asked for legal advice on this matter, Bill Kabeiseman, City Attorney, stated that the Commissioners were allowed to be involved in political processes, but City Staff were not. He pointed out that if the Commission wished to form a PAC, it would be necessary to arrange matters carefully so that City Staff were not obliged to participate in political activities. Commissioner Neeley asked for clarification regarding whether it would be appropriate for the Commissioners to form a PAC as individuals, rather than as the Commission itself. Mr. Kabeiseman advised that forming a PAC as individuals was permissible, but that having the URC itself act as a PAC was probably inadvisable. There was consensus that any proposed PAC ought not to represent the URC as a body.

Motion made by Commissioner Neeley, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, that Mr. Kabeiseman and City Staff refrain from researching the possibility of the Urban Renewal Commission forming a Political Action Committee. The motion passed by the following vote:

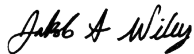
Yea: 5 - Commissioner O'Donnell, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner McGriff, Commissioner Neeley

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Mitchell

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder