

October 4, 2010
7:13 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. On roll call, Bain, McConnell, Bertuleit, Patrick, Brusselback, Kilbride, and Obteshka were present.

Staff present was City Manager Voetberg, City Recorder Hawker, City Attorney McCarthy, Community Development Director Tokos, Finance Director Marshall, Public Works Director Ritzman, and Police Chief Miranda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Approval of Urban Renewal Agency minutes from the regular meeting and executive session of September 20, 2010.

MOTION was made by Bain, seconded by McConnell, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried in a voice vote with Kilbride abstaining.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

Update of design and construction schedule for Marine Science Drive. Tokos reported that a draft site plan, cost estimates, and construction schedule for the roadway and bike/pedestrian improvements are included in the packet. He noted that the engineer has provided their 90% design drawings and is on schedule for completing the final design by the end of October. He noted that he anticipates putting the project out for bid and securing the right-of-way by early December with construction occurring between December and July of 2011. He reviewed changes and feedback from stakeholder meetings and open houses. He reported that, in consultation with the Port and NOAA contractors, staff has developed a plan for extending the multi-use path to the entrance of the NOAA property, and the projects are being coordinated to ensure a seamless transition. A discussion ensued regarding undergrounding the utilities, potentially paving SW Abalone Street, landscaping, the potential use of LED street lights rather than high pressure sodium lights, and a four-way stop versus the proposed roundabout. It was noted that the project is currently under budget.

Northside Urban Renewal options. Tokos reviewed the availability of Northside Urban Renewal District funds. He noted that the plan is being phased out, and the last debt payment is scheduled to be made on December 15, 2010. Once the last payment

is made; the district is closed. He noted that the question is what the parameters are, and what could be done under the plan between now and when it is closed, and what funds available between now and when closed. He added that the plan pertains to the repair and rehabilitation of properties. He noted that any of the projects in the 9th Amendment would qualify, and that there is approximately \$75,000 - \$70,000 that could be used for repair and rehabilitation project(s) between now and December. Obteshka suggested a revolving fund (grant money), or streetscaping, to improve the looks of the city center. Tokos noted that he is not sure that funds can be tied up past December 15. Brusselback suggested that staff develop a list of possible repairs. McConnell suggested sidewalks in Nye Beach. Kilbride asked how much money the city and other partners would get if no projects are undertaken. Patrick suggested that specific ideas be sent to Voetberg. MOTION was made by Bain, seconded by Bertuleit, to ask staff to come back with recommendations for spending \$65,000 - \$70,000 on Northside Urban Renewal projects. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Lincoln Land Legacy. McCarthy asked whether the URA is interested in having Wayne Belmont make a presentation at the next meeting. Bertuleit stated that the idea is to have a motion ready so that the URA can move forward. MOTION was made by Bertuleit, seconded by Obteshka, to have staff begin consultation with Wayne Belmont, so that action can be taken at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

South Beach property purchase. McCarthy reported that the seller of the South Beach property would like a commitment from the city. She added that an agreement with the Lincoln Land Legacy has to be accomplished before the purchase agreement. MOTION was made by Bain, seconded by McConnell, to authorize the city attorney to prepare a letter of intent to owner of property noting forward progress on the purchase. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

Patricia Patrick-Joling, Chair