

POST FALLS URBAN RENEWAL Workshop Minutes

February 3, 2021 – Post Falls Chamber Building - Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Chairman Jerry Baltzell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Executive Director Diane Fountain called the roll. Present in addition to Baltzell were Commissioners Christi Fleischman, Len Crosby, Larry Carstensen, Collin Coles and Eric Clemensen. Commissioners Jame' Davis had an excused absence. Also, in attendance was Pete Bredeson.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE

None

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

Additional Projects in the East Post Falls Urban Renewal District (EPF). Commissioner Crosby began the discussion stating that he and Director Fountain went through increment projections and current project costs and feel confident that the amount of increment collected through the close of the district is conservatively estimated to be \$4.0 MILLION which could fund additional projects in the EPF District as identified in the urban renewal plan.

Those projects and estimated costs are as follows:

1. Seltice Way improvements from Ross Point Rd to Cedar St. - \$1.7 MILLION
2. Highway 41 – ITD Improvements (signals @ 16th & Poleline) - \$558,951
3. Cecil / Poleline Intersection – Intersection safety improvements - \$1.5 MILLION
4. Mullan Avenue at Cecil – Safety improvements - \$110,000
5. 12th Ave. Lift Station – Initial reimbursement of design - \$535,000

Each project was discussed separately with notation to item #3 to encourage a round-a-bout at the Cecil / Poleline intersection vs. a traffic signal and a request for more details on item #4 for the intersection improvements on Mullan Avenue at Cecil. It was also noted that projects must be completed and accepted by the City prior to December 31, 2022 to be eligible for tax increment financing and that no ROW costs will be reimbursed. The conclusion after discussion was to move forward with items 2, 3 and 4 listed above. Total estimated cost is approx. \$2.2 MILLION.

Commissioner Coles made a motion to move forward with the project #2, 3 & 4 as discussed, seconded by Crosby. Further discussion took place to include notice to the City to proceed with the projects with the MOU to follow. Commissioner Coles amended his motion to include notification to the City to move forward with the projects as legal counsel creates the MOU. Seconded by Crosby. Roll Call: Fleischman – Aye; Baltzell – Aye; Crosby – Aye; Carstensen – Aye; Coles – Aye, Clemensen – Aye. Motion carried.

Staff Report. Nothing further to report.

Commissioner Comments. Crosby noted that AIC is supporting Senate Bill 1044 which was proposed by Sen. Mary Souza. The Bill would remove the power of eminent domain from any urban renewal agency that does not have ALL of its commissioner elected by the public which takes away

the ability for an urban renewal agency to issue tax exempt bonds. Crosby suggested sending a letter to AIC to rethink their decision and oppose Senate Bill 1044.

Commissioner Clemensen has excepted a position that could possibly limit his participation with urban renewal. He will find out within the next couple months and will keep us posted if he is able to attend meetings or not.

Adjournment. Commissioner Coles made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Crosby. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Fountain, Executive Director



Jerry Baltzell, Chairman