



CITY OF OREGON CITY

URBAN RENEWAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 4 - Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Doug Neeley, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Chair Mike Mitchell

EXCUSED: 3 - Commissioner Denyse McGriff, Commissioner Adam Marl, Vice Chair Shawn Cross

STAFFERS: 9 - City Manager Tony Konkol, City Recorder Jakob Wiley, Economic Development Manager James Graham, Finance Director Matt Zook, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Assistant City Recorder Angelique Nomie, Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid, IT Director Michael Dobaj

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments on items outside the agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2. Urban Renewal Agency Ballot Measure Explanatory Statement to Authorize Borrowing of Funds to Implement Urban Renewal Projects

Tony Konkol, City Manager, presented a draft of the Explanatory Statement to accompany the Urban Renewal Agency Ballot Measure to Authorize Borrowing of Funds to Implement Urban Renewal Projects. He requested that the Commissioners review the draft and suggest edits, in order that it might be presented to the Bond Council. The changes were needed by mid-February.

William Gifford, resident of Oregon City, suggested that the term "authorize" be replaced by the word "approve" in the entire body of the document.

Commissioner Mitchell pointed out a transposed word typographical error in the Statement's final two sentences. He also suggested replacing the word "allow" with the word "approve" in these final sentences. He suggested removal of the redundant second use of the word "visitor" in the first page's final paragraph.

With these changes, there was consensus that the Explanatory Statement could be passed on to the Bond Council.

Commissioner Mitchell asked whether citizens had the opportunity to challenge the Explanatory Statement. Bill Kabeiseman, City Attorney, replied that though citizens could challenge the ballot measure, there was not a right to challenge the Explanatory Statement specifically.

Mr. Gifford suggested that the Statement's description of attracting visitors "both day and night" was unnecessary, and that the Statement could simply mention attracting visitors. Mr. Konkol explained that this language was derived from the Urban Renewal Plan's emphasis on expanding the business and activity hours downtown.

3. Minutes of the December 21, 2022 Urban Renewal Commission Meeting
4. Minutes of the January 4, 2023 Urban Renewal Commission Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Neeley, to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2022 and January 4, 2023 Urban Renewal Commission Meetings. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: 4 - Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Neeley, Commissioner O'Donnell, Commissioner Mitchell

COMMUNICATIONS

5. Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

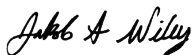
Tony Konkol, City Manager, explained that each year, the City invites a qualified municipal audit firm to audit the annual financial report. He presented the financial report and the results of the past year's audit. The financial report returned a clean audit.

Commissioner Mitchell reported that he had asked Mr. Konkol to include a discussion of accepting unsolicited URC proposals in the agenda of the next URC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mike Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder