

CITY OF LA GRANDE

Urban Renewal Agency Regular Session

January 3, 2024

Immediately following City Council Regular Session

Council Chambers
La Grande City Hall
1000 Adams Avenue

MINUTES

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Justin B. Rock, *Mayor*
David Glabe, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Nicole Howard, *Agency Member*
Molly King, *Agency Member*
Mary Ann Miesner, *Agency Member*

AGENCY MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Denise Wheeler, *Agency Member*
Corrine Dutto, *Agency Member*

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Strobe, *District Manager*
Stacey Stockhoff, *City Recorder*
Keri Quinn, *Assistant to the District Manager*
Timothy Bishop, *Economic Development Director*
Kyle Carpenter, *Public Works Director*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor ROCK called this Regular Session of the Urban Renewal Agency to order at 6:52 p.m.; Roll Call was taken; and a quorum was determined to be present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider: Approving Regular Session
Minutes; October 4, 2023

The following Motion was introduced by HOWARD; GLABE providing the Second:

MOTION: I move we accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE

MSC: 5-0 (Yes: ROCK, GLABE, HOWARD, KING and MIESNER; No: None)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consider:** Rescinding Lot Sale at the
La Grande Business and Technology Park

STAFF REPORT

Robert STROPE, *District Manager*

STROPE stated the Urban Renewal Agency sold Lot 4 at the La Grande Business and Technology Park in May of 2022. The purchaser has been unable to complete the development of the property as required in the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs). In discussions with the purchaser, it has become apparent that providing additional time to develop the property would not resolve the situation. Based on this, the options available to the Agency were to rescind the sale or take legal action to force specific performance, which the District Manager strongly recommended against. The letter outlined the parameters for rescinding the sale and the purchaser had signed their agreement. Once the Agency approved the recession, the required documents would be prepared and signed and the lot would be relisted for sale once ownership was transferred back to the Agency.

MIESNER asked how many lots were available to sell, to which BISHOP answered 5 lots were on the market.

STROPE verified that this lot was selling for \$50,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENCY DISCUSSION

None.

MOTION

The following Motion was introduced by MIESNER; HOWARD providing the Second:

MOTION: I move that the District Manager be authorized to complete and sign all necessary documents to rescind the sale of Lot 4 at the La Grande Business and Technology Park as presented.

AGENCY DISCUSSION

None.

VOTE

MSC: 5-0 (Yes: ROCK, GLABE, HOWARD, KING, and MIESNER; No: None)

DISTRICT MANAGER COMMENTS

STROPE announced that on an annual basis the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) was required to have a report-out, historically this has been done by Elaine Howard

Consulting, and they would be putting the report together again this year.

STROPE noted that there would be a future meeting with the Urban Renewal Advisory Commission (URAC) to discuss changes to the Call for Projects Policy. Once those revisions were finalized, those proposed changes would be brought to the Agency at the next URA Meeting as an action item.

MIESNER asked when the Call for Projects were occurring this year, to which BISHOP answered the application process would open the first week of March and the cycle would close on Friday, May 24, 2024. He noted that once the applications were submitted, City Staff would review. STROPE added that the Call for Projects Special Meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 8, 2024.

AGENCY MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

There being no further business to come before this Regular Session of the Agency, Mayor ROCK adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stacey M. Stockhoff
City Recorder

Justin B. Rock
Mayor

APPROVED: _____