

CITY OF LA GRANDE

Urban Renewal Agency Regular Session

October 4, 2023

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*
Corrine Dutto, *Agency Member*
Nicole Howard, *Agency Member*
Mary Ann Miesner, *Agency Member*
Denise Wheeler, *Agency Member*

AGENCY MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Molly King, *Agency Member*

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Strope, *District Manager*
Stacey Stockhoff, *City Recorder*
Keri Quinn, *Assistant to the District Manager*
Gary Bell, *Police Chief*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor ROCK called this Regular Session of the Urban Renewal Agency to order at 7:29 p.m.; Roll Call was taken; and a quorum was determined to be present.

Mayor ROCK stated that pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h), the Urban Renewal Agency would conduct an Executive Session immediately following the Regular Session Meeting, for the purpose of consulting with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Consider:** Approving Special Session Minutes; *July 10, 2023*
- b. **Consider:** Approving Regular Session Minutes; *June 12, 2023*

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

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

VOTE

MSC: 6-0 (Yes: ROCK, GLABE, DUTTO, HOWARD, MIESNER, and WHEELER; No: None)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consider:** Resolution: Confirming Authority to Accept Offers and Sell Property; La Grande Business and Technology Park

STAFF REPORT

Mayor ROCK requested the Staff Report.

Robert STROPE, *District Manager*

STROPE noted that the Urban Renewal Agency owns property at the La Grande Business and Technology Park. The Agency has established listing prices for each Agency owned property. To facilitate the sale of Agency properties, the Agency passed Resolution 4820, Series 2022, to allow the District Manager to accept offers which were at or above the listing price, provided there were no competing offers, and to complete the sale without further Agency action. Under this authority, the District Manager completed the sale of the property at 3003 Blue Mountain Drive, which was specifically identified in the Resolution, and subsequently accepted a full price offer and completed the sale of a second lot. Most recently, the District Manager accepted a full price offer at a third lot, however, Eastern Oregon Title, Inc., indicated they would not close the transaction without a separate Agency action listing the specific lot. The proposed Resolution grants the authority to complete this sale, and refines the authority to allow the District Manager to continue to accept full price offers, provided there were not competing offers. The title company is requiring all future sales to be individually approved by the Agency. The City Attorney was consulted regarding Resolution 4820, Series 2022, and confirmed it was an acceptable action by the Agency. The City Attorney also reviewed this Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENCY DISCUSSION

In response to GLABE's question regarding if this was a legal requirement from the state, STROPE stated it was not and explained that Eastern Oregon Title would not close the sale without a final action from the Agency specific to the lot in question.

MOTION

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

MOTION: I move that the Resolution authorizing the District Manager to accept offers and sell Agency property located at the La Grande Business and Technology Park be Read by Title Only, Put to a Vote, and Passed.

AGENCY DISCUSSION

None.

Upon Mayor ROCK's request, City Recorder STOCKHOFF read the proposed Resolution by Title Only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA GRANDE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, CONFIRMING THE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT OFFERS AND SELL AGENCY PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE [4844]

VOTE

MSC: 6-0 (Yes: ROCK, GLABE, DUTTO, HOWARD, MIESNER and WHEELER; No: None)

DISTRICT MANAGER COMMENTS

STROPE explained the Goal 9 Economic Analysis was currently being worked on and explained the timeline of the process. A Work Session was scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2023, to go over the recommended revisions with the Agency. The Planning Commission would meet the following day to further discuss and then a process to update that portion of the Comprehensive Plan could be done.

AGENCY MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

There being no further business to come before this Regular Session of the Agency, Mayor ROCK adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. to an Executive Session. The Agency would not reconvene.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stacey M. Stockhoff
City Recorder

Justin B. Rock
Mayor

APPROVED: _____