

City of Brookings

MEETING MINUTES

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415

Call to Order

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Roll Call

Agency Present: Chair Larry Anderson, Directors Hedenskog, Gordon, Kitchen and Pieper; a quorum present.

Staff Present: Executive Director Gary Milliman, Public Works Director John Cowan, City and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Other Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Arwyn Rice and approximately 3 public.

Consent Calendar

1. Urban Renewal Agency minutes for June 29, 2009.
2. Urban Renewal Advisory Committee minutes for June 11 and July 9, 2009.

Director Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Chair Anderson, Directors Hedenskog, Gordon and Pieper voted to approve the Consent Calendar as written with Director Kitchen abstaining due to his absence from the [June 29th Agency] meeting.

Action Items

Executive Director Milliman reviewed the staff report regarding the Downtown Street Improvement Project.

Councilor Pieper stated that he would be abstaining from any votes for this project as he resides on Spruce Street.

Councilor Kitchen stated that he had a potential conflict of interest due to his position as a Board member with the Coos Curry Electric Cooperative, but having no personal, monetary or other interest, did not believe that this would affect his ability to vote.

Director Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Chair Anderson, Directors Hedenskog, Gordon and Kitchen voted to award the bid for the [Downtown Street Improvement] Base Project #145.05 to Tidewater Contractors for the amount of \$1,919,298.70, with Director Pieper abstaining.

Agency members generally expressed concern regarding the potential of street trees encroaching on private property and into right of way.

Director Hedenskog also commented that he would like to see trees and good vegetation in the downtown area, and suggested that the \$20,000 be used to award property owners for adding trees and vegetation to private property.

Chair Anderson commented that combined with the sidewalk width limitations, street trees will create impediments to pedestrians, especially as the trees mature, and also that the contract with CCEC was an estimate, and subject to additional costs and

suggested that the money that would be saved by excluding trees and wells from the project be held until the end of the project.

Director Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Chair Anderson and Directors Hedenskog, Gordon and Kitchen voted to not include the street wells in the project, with Director Pieper abstaining.

Executive Director Milliman pointed out that the agreement with Coos Curry Electric Cooperative Authorization would be handled under the Council agenda, and that the recommended action under the URA agenda was to authorize the expenditure.

Director Kitchen stated that he would abstain from the vote on this item.

Director Hedenskog generally commented that the undergrounding of the electrical was critical to the project.

Director Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Chair Anderson, and Directors Gordon and Hedenskog voted to authorize expenditure of \$255,500 to fulfill the City's obligation under the Electric Service and Line Extension Contract with Coos Curry Electric Cooperative, Work Order #94947, with Directors Pieper and Kitchen abstaining.

Adjournment

Director Hedenskog moved, a second followed and the Agency voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:52pm.

A special meeting of the City Council immediately followed.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry Anderson, Chair

ATTESTED:
this 27th day of October 2009:



Joyce Heffington, City Recorder