

# URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

0:00 **DATE** COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, CITY OF WOODBURN, COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF OREGON, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

**CONVENED** The meeting convened at 6:05 p.m. with Member Lonergan presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

Chair Figley	Absent
Member Schaub	Present – 6:30 p.m.
Member Lonergan	Present
Member Carney	Present
Member Morris	Present – 6:15 p.m.
Member Ellsworth	Present
Member Alonso Leon	Present

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Derickson, City Attorney Shields, Police Chief Russell, Public Works Director Scott, Assistant City Administrator Row, Human Resources Director Hereford, Communications Coordinator Horton, Urban Renewal Manager Stowers, City Engineer Liljequist, Executive Legal Assistant Veliz

0:00 **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Urban Renewal Agency minutes of June 22, 2015.

**Ellsworth/Alonso Leon...** adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

0:01 **PRESENTATION**

Public Works Director Scott provided a staff report and presentation on First Street improvements from Oak to Harrison and information on options for a downtown restroom. Members asked questions and provided comments and direction regarding the First Street improvements. Member Carney stated that he favors the head in parking option with the idea of incorporating the parking lot behind the post office as part of it. Member Lonergan stated that he likes where we are going with the options but wants to see how the businesses feel about this. Member Alonso Leon concurred with Member Lonergan. Member Ellsworth stated that she likes the idea of the angled parking and feels it's a safer option. Member Lonergan stated that he is in favor of rehabbing First Street. He is in favor of the alleys and going with the restroom and doing away with the splash fountain. He added that he would like to dedicate \$100,000 of Urban Renewal funds to go to an art project that can go along with this project. Member Carney stated that he liked that idea and that perhaps the City could provide art grants. Member Ellsworth stated that she is in support of hardscapes over landscapes that we have to maintain. City Administrator Derickson asked if the agency wanted staff to come back with a plan that includes the alleys as part of the overall project. Member Lonergan stated that the unimproved alleys should be improved. Member Morris stated that the City should poll the public before they spend any money on art. Member Alonso Leon concurred. Member Schaub stated that this could be a great opportunity for talented artists in the community to get involved and that she is in favor of a splash fountain in one of our parks. She added that she is in favor of angled parking and supports getting

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feedback on this from businesses and the citizens. Member Ellsworth stated that she supports option one, that she doesn't want to have any dead planters and is in favor of updating the parking lot. She added that she likes the idea of attaching the bathroom to the library and she would love to see a splash fountain at Centennial Park. Member Carney stated that he is also in favor of option one. City Administrator Derickson stated that they can come back with a plan for a public bubbler and the alleys. He added that it appears the restroom option has been decided and that option one is the member's preference but that they will keep option two available for public discussion and outreach. He stated that they could do a survey on an art project and could look and see what other cities have done.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Ellsworth/Carney** ... meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED

  
KATHRYN FIGLEY, CHAIR

ATTEST

  
Heather Pierson, City Recorder  
City of Woodburn, Oregon