



## URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Wednesday, January 05, 2022 at 5:30 PM

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### APPROVED MINUTES

#### **PRESENT**

Chair Doug Morten  
Agency Member Rick Scholl  
Vice Chair Stephen R. Topaz  
Agency Member Jessica Chilton  
Agency Member Patrick Birkle

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Agency Administrator John Walsh  
Finance Director Matt Brown  
Government Affairs Specialist Rachael Barry  
City Planner Jacob Graichen  
Associate Planner / Comm. Dev. Project Mgr. Jennifer Dimsho  
Public Works Director Mouhamad Zaher

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Claire Catt  
Erin Salisbury  
Michelle Damis

#### **ROLL CALL - 5:30 p.m.**

Chair Morten called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

1. Draft Minutes dated May 5, 2021

**Motion:** Motion made by Vice Chair Topaz and seconded by Agency Member Birkle to approve the draft minutes dated May 5, 2021. **Vote:** Yea: Chair Morten, Agency Member Scholl, Vice Chair Topaz, Agency Member Chilton, Agency Member Birkle.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

2. Presentation on URA Basics & Transportation Plans Overview

Administrator Walsh introduced the presenters, Government Affairs Specialist Rachael Barry, City Planner Jacob Graichen, Community Development Project Manager Jennifer Dimsho, and Public Works Director Mouhamad Zaher. City staff went through the presentation as included in the URA packet.

Vice Chair Topaz asked if there have been any studies about best industries to attract. Barry said she would ask our economic development partners this question.

Agency Member Scholl noted other communities who use public-private partnerships to assist with funding and construction of large transportation projects.

Chilton asked how the URA can amend the projects list. Dimsho said amending the projects list to add a project requires an amendment to the UR Plan. Dimsho noted that in the project list, the Plan strikes a balance between specificity and flexibility. She encouraged the URA members to ask if there is a question about project eligibility.

Agency Member Scholl reflected on the extensive outreach to overlapping taxing districts during the adoption of the UR Plan. He also reiterated that urban renewal does not increase taxes for residents within the URA boundary.

### 3. Resolution No. UR-07 - Adopting the 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 Budget

**Motion:** Motion made by Agency Member Scholl and seconded by Agency Member Birkle to approve Resolution No. UR-07 as read. **Vote:** Yea: Chair Morten, Agency Member Scholl, Vice Chair Topaz, Agency Member Chilton, Agency Member Birkle.

### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Walsh thanked staff for the presentation. He hopes it will be useful in the future for the public and orientation for future URA members. He noted that Chair/Vice Chair selection was accidentally omitted from the agenda and directed the URA to add this to the agenda before the meeting concluded.

### **CHAIR/VICE CHAIR SELECTION**

The URA discussed keeping Chair Morten as Chair and electing Agency Member Chilton to Vice Chair.

[Secretary Note: The URA mistakenly thought that Agency Member Chilton was already Vice Chair, although Topaz was elected Vice Chair during the May 2020 meeting. This was not realized by the secretary during the discussion. However, the motion is still the same.]

**Motion:** Motion made by Agency Member Birkle and seconded by Agency Member Topaz to elect Morten to Chair and Chilton to Vice Chair for 2022. **Vote:** Yea: Chair Morten, Agency Member Scholl, Vice Chair Topaz, Agency Member Chilton, Agency Member Birkle.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.