

# **Ketchum Urban Renewal Agency**

**Regular Meeting** 

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480 East Avenue North Ketchum, ID 83340 http://ketchumura.org/

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**Ketchum City Hall** 

Monday, April 19, 2021

2:00 PM

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Vice-Chair Casey Dove.

#### **ROLL CALL**

## **PRESENT**

Vice Chair Casey Dove (Teleconference)
Commissioner Amanda Breen (Teleconference)
Commissioner Casey Burke (Teleconference)
Commissioner Carson Palmer (Teleconference)
Commissioner Susan Scovell (Teleconference, arrived at 2:05)
Commissioner Jim Slanetz (Teleconference)

#### **ABSENT**

Chair Ed Johnson

#### ALSO PRESENT

Executive Director Suzanne Frick Attorney Ryan Armbruster (teleconference) Harry Griffith, SVED Acting Secretary Maureen Puddicombe

## **CONSENT CALENDAR: (ALL ACTION ITEMS)**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Recommendation to approve KURA bills

Motion made by Vice-Chair Dove, Seconded Commissioner by Casey Burke Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dove, Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Slanetz, Commissioner Scovell was absent

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Discussion and direction on refinancing of 2010 Bonds

There was a discussion of bond refinancing options. Options included Market Sale or Bank Placement. Refinancing, interest rates, and timelines were discussed.

- 3. Discussion and direction to staff on selection of Bond Counsel for 2021 bond refinacing
- 4. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to review and approve SVED quarterly payment Commissioner Amanda Breen excused herself from this item. Harry Griffith, SVED, spoke of Jester as a tax incentive for job creation. A company in a rural area created 5 new jobs for sales tax, payroll tax, and corp taxes. There would be 18% payback per year over 5 years for the creation of 20 new full-time jobs. There would be no effect on local taxes collected by the City. He also spoke to the 2021 action plan and return on investment over the last 1-5 years.

Motion to approve the SVED quarterly payment.

Motion made by Commissioner Slanetz, Seconded by Commissioner Burke.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dove, Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Scovell, Commissioner Slanetz.

- 5. Recommendation to review, discuss and prioritize for funding Transportation Plan capital improvement projects
  Suzanne Frick presented the Transportation Plan to discuss KURA interest in participating in funding of the plan. Discussion was tabled to the next meeting.
- 6. Update on HAWK signal installation at E 4th Street and Main Street Installation to begin May 3, 2021. The Commission felt there was a need to start educating the public now. The signal is anticipated to be in operation in July 2021 as well as the Pedestrian Scramble signal at Main Street and Sun Valley Road. Construction will be at 4th Street. Sun Valley Rd activity will be on the signals.
- Executive Director Suzanne Frick presented new projects looking for funding and asking for priorities. She noted decisions would need to be made by May. Commissioner Slanetz thought more discussion was needed. Director Frick suggested a workshop in May to set priority of the projects. Commissioner Palmer thought all the projects were worthy of consideration. He suggested starting at the top of the list and working down. Commissioner Breen thought some were challenging and requested specific costs. She agreed sidewalks were a priority. Director Frick noted that the Gem Street sidewalks would be part of the Highway 75 Improvement Project. Director Frick thought some projects may be put on hold due to the currently high cost of labor and materials. Commissioner Dove asked if any projects were safety related and Director Frick indicated they were not. They were based on connectivity and walk ability. The City Engineer will review for safety standards. Director Frick agreed to return with updated costs, safety and priority status at the next meeting.
- 8. Recommendation to discuss and provide direction on draft Administration and Support Services Agreement

An agreement between the City and the KURA for the City to provide a level of Staff support to the KURA was discussed. Either party would be able to terminate the agreement. The discussion was continued to the next meeting.

9. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to review and approve legal services billing for the 2021 bond refinancing.

Commissioner Breen thought the proposed attorney fees of \$250.00/hour to be reasonable.

Motion to authorize the legal services billing for the 2021 bond refinancing.

Motion made by Commissioner Breen, Seconded by Commissioner Slanetz.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dove, Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Scovell, Commissioner Slanetz

10. Legislative Update from KURA Attorney
There were no updates at this time. The Legislature has discussed property tax relief and an increase to the homeowner's exemption.

Education and transportation bills have not been completed.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 3:44 pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Slanetz, Seconded by Vice Chair Dove.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dove, Commissioner Breen, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Scovell, Commissioner Slanetz

	Casey Dove – Vice-Chair	
ATTEST:		