

# Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2021, 7:00 a.m.

# City of Moscow Council Chambers • 206 E 3rd Street • Moscow, ID 83843

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Staff in Attendance
Steve McGeehan, Chair	Mark Beauchamp	Bill Belknap, Executive Director
Art Bettge	Dave McGraw	Jennifer Fleischman, Clerk
Steve Drown		Renee Tack, Treasurer
Brandy Sullivan		
Nancy Tribble		

McGeehan called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m.

#### 1. Consent Agenda

Any item will be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any member of the Board and that item will be considered separately later.

- A. Minutes from May 6, 2021
- B. April 2021 Payables
- C. April 2021 Financials

Bettge moved for approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. Public Comment

Members of the public may speak to the Board regarding matters NOT on the Agenda nor currently pending before the Moscow Urban Renewal Agency. Please state your name and resident city for the record and limit your remarks to three minutes.

None.

### 3. Review of Preliminary FY2022 MURA Budget - Bill Belknap

Through the Agency's strategic planning process, a 5-year capital improvement plan (CIP) is developed to set a framework for long-term financial planning related to capital public investments within the Legacy Crossing District. The CIP is updated each year to reflect new and projects that have been identified, and to keep the CIP current. Staff has prepared an update to the CIP for the 2022-2027 fiscal years along with the draft FY2022 budget document for the Board's review and direction. The public hearing on the Agency's FY2022 budget has been set for the Agency's upcoming August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Finance Committee will meet to review the proposed CIP and draft budget in July.

Belknap reviewed the FY2021 MURA expenses, revenues, and fund balances and explained that there would be an increase in tax payments to the County for the Legacy Crossing District properties which were erroneously under-charged in previous years. Those tax repayments are scheduled to be completed by 2029. Upcoming projects remaining in FY2021 were discussed as well as the projects that are anticipated to be completed in FY2022. The proposed funding for the FY2022 projects may need to be readdressed, as the cost estimates may be too low in regard to the current economic climate. Projects

planned for FY2023 were outlined, pointing out that the largest expenditure would be streetscape improvements along Main Street in coordination with the City of Moscow. Landscape architects would be hired to do the South Couplet beautification project. The Board discussed focusing on planting pollinators and native plants that would be more beneficial to the area. There was some conversation about the City contributing funds to the Arts Department for public art installations, how that would look, and what type of art displays could be done. Hello Walk and the South Couplet were addressed in particular for possible locations of public art installations.

The FY2022 proposed Budget was presented in detail by Belknap, including revenues, expenses, and fund balances. The Budget Hearing is currently scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 4. 2021 Legislative Session Report – Bill Belknap

Staff will provide a report on the 2021 Legislative Session and legislation related to urban renewal agencies in Idaho. On May 5th, the Idaho legislature passed House Bill 389 which potentially has significant impact upon urban renewal districts in Idaho. Staff will provide an overview of the bill and the implications upon potential future districts.

Belknap reviewed the Idaho Legislative session for 2021 in regards to urban renewal agencies. Of note was a recent bill that made its way through the legislation and was signed by Governor which covered multiple components regarding taxing; specifically reducing the capacity for local governments to manage their own taxing districts. Some discussion followed regarding how the new bill would affect the City of Moscow, the taxing levy changes, and overall impact of urban renewal agencies. There is an interim Property Tax Working Group that will continue meeting until Idaho Legislation Session 2022.

## 5. General Agency Updates

Legacy Crossing District:

Sixth and Jackson fair use appraisal scheduled for completion July 26th.

Alturas District:

The Alturas Request for Bids closes June 29th.

General Agency Business:

Regular meetings scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> will be cancelled.

McGeehan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Steve McGeehan, Agency Chair

Date