

Urban Renewal Agency
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2021

Present: Chair Kate McBride, Mark Zanmiller, Megan Saunders, Tim Counihan, Jessica Metta, Erick Haynie, Gladys Rivera

Staff: City Manager Rachael Fuller, Finance Director/ACM Will Norris, City Attorney Dan Kearns, Fire Chief Leonard Damian, Police Chief Neal Holste, Public Works Director Mark Janeck, City Engineer Wade Seaborn, City Recorder Jennifer Gray, GIS Analyst Jonathan Skloven-Gill

Absent: Vice Chair David Meriwether, Hoby Streich

I CALL TO ORDER – McBride opened the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

II AGENDA ADDITIONS

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of January 11, 2021 as written
First: Saunders
Second: Zanmiller
Discussion: None
Vote: Motion passed unanimously

IV BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

V REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Stormwater Line Intergovernmental Loan Agreement, W. Norris

Background: A seasonal sinkhole developed in 2018 over a collapsed section of stormwater pipeline in the City's Waterfront District. The collapsed corrugated metal pipeline was installed by the Army Corps of Engineers in the early 1960s. The City Council received a report detailing the least cost replacement plan among several alternatives at their August 12, 2019 meeting. The least cost plan raises and relocates the failing line from underneath several buildings and into the public right-of-way. The least cost solution also diverts stormwater runoff from the south away from the Waterfront District via an enhanced wetland that drains to the Waucoma Basin.

The stormwater line replacement has progressed before all necessary funding has been secured due to its emergency nature. The City Council authorized Phase I Construction at a special meeting on August 31st. This initial phase was necessary to immediately stabilize

the sinkhole ahead of winter. This work was completed in the first week of November 2020. In December 2020, the Urban Renewal Agency adopted Resolution URA-2020-04 dedicating up to the remaining amount of the Waterfront District's maximum indebtedness to the project on an as-needed basis.

The following phases of the construction will occur over the next two to three years and are still undergoing final design and permitting. The City continues to pursue state and federal funding.

Discussion: The Waterfront District requires \$750,000 in financing to pay the entirety of the \$1,135,200 incurred in Phase I construction of the Waterfront District Stormwater Replacement project. The Waterfront District can repay this amount in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 after November 2021 property tax receipts are collected. The City's Equipment Replacement Fund carries a large balance saved for future large vehicle purchases that may be loaned out on a near-term basis.

An intergovernmental loan agreement is attached with this staff report that makes a one-year loan from the City to the Urban Renewal Agency in the amount of \$750,000. The interest rate is set at 1.00% simple interest or \$7,500. This rate is reasonable given the current Local Government Investment Pool yield of 0.60% which is the Equipment Replacement Fund's only alternative investment option.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the attached interfund loan agreement. Using internal sources of financing is the Agency's cheapest source of capital. Obtaining external financing from a bank or other private source will incur a higher interest rate, include fees, and require staff time to complete applications and develop financing resolutions.

Motion: I move that the Agency Board authorize the Agency Administrator to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Hood River to borrow \$750,000, over a term of one-year, at an interest rate of 1.00%.

First: Metta

Second: Saunders

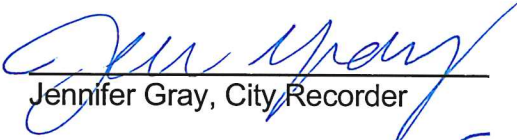
Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

VI ITEMS FROM AGENCY MEMBERS

VII ADJOURN – 6:30 p.m. by unanimous consent.


Kate McBride, Chair


Jennifer Gray, City Recorder

Approved by the Agency on 5-10-2021