



MINUTES

Coburg Urban Renewal Agency

Regular Session

March 11, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

Coburg City Hall

91069 North Willamette – Coburg

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mike Watson, Acting Chairperson; Jerry Behney, John Fox, Bill Judd, Brian Pech, John Thiel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Judy Volta

STAFF PRESENT: Don Schuessler, John Bosley, Sammy Egbert, Craig Gibbons, Milo Mecham, Petra Schuetz

RECORDED BY: Dan Lindstrom

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Mike Watson called the meeting of the Coburg Urban Renewal Agency (URA) to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Recorder Dan Lindstrom called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.

Chairperson Watson determined there were no requests to change the agenda.

II. FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Craig Gibbons referred to the Month End Financial Report and its two attachments dated March 11, 2008, and reviewed information it contained.

III. USE OF FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

City Attorney Milo Mecham referred to Agenda support material regarding the use of URA resources to assist the City in funding actions needed to expand its Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

Mr. Mecham noted that the Coburg Urban Renewal Plan set the purpose of the URA as development of facilities through construction of a wastewater system, including the use of its funds for legal and administrative purposes related to its impacts. He explained that completion of the Coburg Comprehensive Plan Urban Growth Boundary and updating the Coburg Development Code were essential to the City being able to allow development to occur in a manner consistent with its expectations. He noted that Resolution

2008-01 included in the support material would make clear that doing so had been considered by the URA and was its intention.

Director John Thiel asked if other resources to fund such planning projects were available. Mr. Mecham replied that he had been unable to determine that there were, since Coburg had already received and exhausted Oregon Economic & Community Development Department grants for such purposes in its uncompleted effort to update its Comprehensive Plan in the Coburg Crossroads program.

Director Jerry Behney asked how long it would take staff to prepare a budget for the proposed work. Mr. Mecham replied that it should be completed by the time of the April meeting of the City Council.

Director Brian Pech said he supported an effort to complete the update of the Comprehensive Plan, but was apprehensive about how areas set for future annexation through UGB expansion would be proposed for zoning. Mr. Mecham replied that serious consideration about such matters would be included in the update effort.

Chairperson Watson asked if the total amount of URA funds allocated for planning activities would be controlled by the Directors. Mr. Mecham replied that there was no doubt about such control. He explained that staff would make proposals to the City Council which would forward its recommendations regarding the proposals to the URA Board of Directors for approval. He added that all URA expenditures were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Chairperson Watson asked if topics such as determining if there would be Annexation Agreements established and their fees would be resolved in the planning process. Mr. Mecham replied that he believed such matters would better be decided by the City Council separately and that "long-term" planning efforts only would be funded in the proposed use of URA resources.

Director Pech moved, seconded by Director Thiel, to adopt Urban Renewal Agency Resolution 2008-02, A RESOLUTION INTERPRETING THE INTENT OF THE 2001 COBURG URBAN RENEWAL PLAN. The motion was adopted unanimously, 6:0.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Watson noted that the Consent Agenda included acceptance of the minutes of the February 12, 2008, meeting and approval of the Accounts Payable dated March 6, 2008.

Director Thiel moved, seconded by Director Pech, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously, 5:0:1, with Director John Fox abstaining from voting because he had not attended the February 12 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.m.

ACCEPTANCE

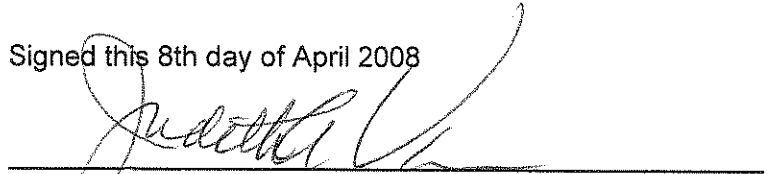
Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstained: None

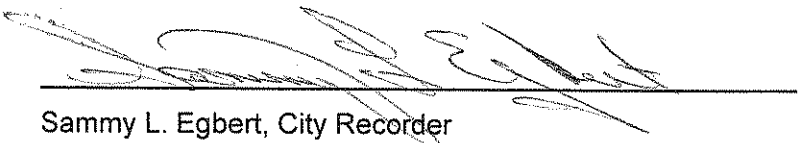
Passed: Yes Rejected: _____

Signed this 8th day of April 2008



Judith A. Volta, URA President

Attest:



Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder