

Minutes of the Veneta Urban Renewal Agency

November 21, 2011

Present: Chair Sharon Hobart, Brittany Boothe, Thomas Cotter, Marion Esty, and Sandra Larson

Staff: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Shauna Hartz, Finance Director; Brian Issa, Community Services Director; Chris Workman, City Recorder/Human Resources & Risk Management Administrator; and Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharon Hobart called the Urban Renewal Agency meeting to order at 8:24 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Marion Esty seconded the motion.

VOTE: Marion Esty, aye; Thomas Cotter, aye; Chair Sharon Hobart, aye; and Sandra Larson, aye; and Brittany Boothe, aye.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Annual Report

Shauna provided the annual report for FY 2010/11. Oregon statute requires the annual report be separate from the audit report, that the entire annual report be available for public review and a condensed version be published in our local newspaper to inform the public about the amount of tax money collected, where it's spent, what the spending plans are for next year, and the impact the Urban Renewal Agency has on other taxing districts in the area.

b. Year to Date Report

Shauna said the negative numbers on the expenditure side reflect money that has not been spent. Revenue in the Debt Service Fund is low because the property taxes have just started coming in.

The Council thanked Shauna for the reports and commended her on a job well done.

5. OTHER

Ric said Joan Mariner informed staff that she would no longer be reporting for the Fern Ridge Review on the Council and Urban Renewal meetings.

Sandra Larson said there has been some talk to publish the minutes in the paper.

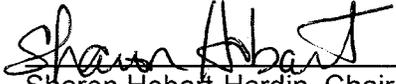
Ric said that's probably wouldn't work because of the time frame to get the minutes approved by the Council prior to being published. Ephraim currently writes the City newsletter. Perhaps the City could contract with him to write a brief column based on the packet materials and staff's summary provided on the Tuesdays after meetings.

Brittany Boothe felt that if he is paid to write the City newsletter and he is also being paid by the Fern Ridge Review to report on the Council meetings, wouldn't he be somewhat biased toward the City as a paid vendor?

Ric said Ephraim would be providing an opinion, based on the packet materials and a brief summary of Council action the next day.

6. **ADJOURN**

Chair Sharon Hobart-Hardin adjourned the Veneta Urban Renewal Agency at 8:10 p.m.


Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Chair


Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder