CITY OF JOHN DAY

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JOHN DAY FIRE HALL**

**7:50 PM**

# April 19, 2022

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Holland, Committee Chairman

Shannon Adair, Committee Secretary (virtual)

Katrina Randleas

Sarah Brown

Sherrie Rininger

Beth Spell

Chris Labhart

Heather Rookstool

Ron Lundbom

Elliot Sky

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Gregg Haberly

# STAFF PRESENT

Nick Green, City Manager

Tia Kastner, Secretary

Anna Bass, Solutions CPA’s (City Recorder)

Don Gabbard, Fire Chief

Monte Legg, Public Works Director

Casey Myers, Foreman

Chantal DesJardin, Office Manager

Corum Ketchum, Community Dev. Director

Aaron Lieuallen, Senior Project Manager (virtual)

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Caller 1 (virtual)

Roberta Fox (virtual)

Ann (virtual)

Michael Anderson (virtual)

AM (virtual)

Justin Davis, Blue Mountain Eagle

# Agenda Item No. 1 – OPEN AND NOTE ATTENDANCE

Mayor Lundbom opened the meeting at 7:50 PM noting everyone was present with Councilor Shannon Adair attending virtually and Councilor Haberly being excused.

# Agenda Item No. 2 – APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

# Mayor Lundbom asked if anyone was in attendance regarding an item not on the agenda.

# *None appeared.*

# Agenda Item No. 3 – ELECTION OF A COMMITTEE CHAIR

**Mayor Lundbom** **nominated Dave Holland for Committee Chairman. Committee Member Spell seconded the nomination and the motion passed unanimously.**

# Agenda Item No. 4 – ELECTION OF COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Chairman Holland opened the floor for nominations for the Committee Secretary.

**Member Rininger nominated Committee Member Adair for Committee Secretary. Committee Member Spell seconded the nomination and the motion passed unanimously.**

# Agenda Item No. 4 – BUDGET MESSAGE

City Manager Green reviewed the various components of his budget message for the Urban Renewal Agency. Green described the investments the City has made in the URA boundaries and provided background on the program (7% cash back on new construction, 15% cash back on major renovations, and full payment of system development charges). He also described the two new amendments approved last year, one that allows the City and URA to perform public improvements within the URA boundaries and one that allows the URA to incentivize privately engineering and constructed public improvements. As a result of these amendments, Green noted we have three subdivisions now in development that include new city streets that have been part of the City’s transportation system plan since 2009, including Holmstrom Road and Holmstrom Bridge, which the City will receive Right-of-Way to complete as part of these agreements. Green also showed a video of The Ridge and the coverage we received from Central Oregon Daily News and Oregon Public Broadcasting. Green shared the video from Central Oregon Daily at this link: <https://centraloregondaily.com/3d-homes-planned-for-eastern-oregon/>. He then discussed the new lots that will be opened at the end of the year and the development incentives included in the budget for the homes that are already in the program. We have 17 new homes in the new construction program on 20 properties in the last four years. That’s a 15 times increase in the number of new home starts over the decade prior to adopting the program. Green noted that is clear evidence these programs are working. He also noted that we have a consent for annexation for 10 lots on 25 acres going in above the golf course and when that is approved by the County Planning Department we will be able to annex that. We also have a second development in the UGB in the planning stage, plus the three neighborhoods currently in construction, which will allow us to gain over 100 homes within the next five years and potentially retire the URA early.

Labhart asked about the condition of the bridges (Bridge Street and Patterson) and Green confirmed they are safe but are rated in fair or poor condition due to age and scouring and will eventually need to be repaired or replaced.

Green directed the committee to Fund 34 of the John Day budget (page 37) where the URA budget is located.

Chairman Holland asked for additional comments. *None appeared*.

# Agenda Item No. 5 – REVIEW OF BUDGET

Chairman Holland proceeded to lead the review of the proposed budget.

**Councilor Sky moved to approve the FY2023 Urban Renewal Budget as presented by staff. Committee Member Spell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Sky moved to adopt URA Resolution 2022-01, which approves the request of the Grant County Assessor for the John Day Urban Renewal District Area for the maximum amount of revenue that may be raised by dividing the taxes under section 1c, Article IX of the Oregon Constitution ORS Chapter 457. Committee Member Spell seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Councilor Labhart abstaining.**

Councilor Adair commented at the conclusion of the meeting to thank city staff for putting together such a great budget and said Thank You to the city manager for such a wild ride over the past six years. *Committee applause.* Councilor Labhart thanked the budget committee members for participating and not being afraid to ask questions or share their opinion. Committee Member Randleas thanked staff for the new running trails and committee concurred. Member Spell said as a life-long John Day resident she so appreciates the efforts of the council and staff for making the community vital again as a place for young families and children and working people to want to raise their families and for their efforts to move the community into the future. She said she wants the council to know they are on the right path: you’re doing great things and we appreciate it. Council thanked her for her positive comments.

**Councilor Sky moved to close the URA budget committee meeting at 8:54 p.m. Councilor Rookstool seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

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Committee Secretary Shannon Adair Date