

MINUTES  
Warrenton Urban Renewal Agency  
March 26, 2019  
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers  
225 S. Main  
Warrenton, Or 97146

Chair Balensifer convened the Urban Renewal Agency meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chair Henry Balensifer, Rick Newton, Tom Dyer, Mark Baldwin, and Pam Ackley

Staff Present: Executive Director Linda Engbretson, Finance Director April Clark, Community Development Director Kevin Cronin, Public Works Director Collin Stelzig, Public Works Operations Manager Kyle Sharpsteen, and Secretary Dawne Shaw

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Urban Renewal Agency Meeting Minutes – 1.08.19

**Commissioner Ackley made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Dyer – aye; Ackley – aye; Baldwin – aye; Newton – aye; Balensifer**

Community Development Director Kevin Cronin stated he has received an unsolicited offer to use the Urban Renewal Agency owned property adjacent to the Fire Station. He met with a gentleman who is interested in putting a food cart on the property; and noted he wanted to get some feedback before moving any further. He stated this is an opportunity to achieve some of the things that the RDI downtown action group has been working on; and also lease revenue for property that is underutilized. Mr. Cronin stated the lot could also be used for overflow parking for the future location of Arnie's restaurant. Chair Balensifer stated he heard about the interest and connected him with Mr. Cronin. He stated until we have the need to use that lot, it's a great way to bring more things downtown. Ms. Engbretson noted the need to keep in mind that the Fire Department does use the lot for training and parking. Commissioner Newton stated he will abstain from voting as he has a vested interest in the matter. Commissioner Dyer noted it is a good idea but need to leave room for Arnie's parking; Commissioner Ackley stated she is interested in seeing how it unfolds. Brief discussion continued.

**Commissioner Ackley made the motion to direct staff to enter lease negotiations and return**

**with a proposal at a future Agency meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Baldwin – aye; Newton – abstained; Ackley – aye; Dyer – aye; Balensifer – aye**

Chair Balensifer noted one thing to mention, that a while back the city was approached about buying the vacant lot across the street, and it would be good idea to revisit the idea. Consensus was to explore the option of buying the empty lot across from City Hall.

There being no further business Chair Balensifer adjourned the URA meeting at 6:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Henry A. Balensifer III, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Dawne Shaw, Secretary