

CITY OF POCATELLO, IDAHO  
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON  
/WORK SESSION CLARIFICATION  
MAY 19, 2022

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Liaison/Work Session  
ROLL CALL Clarification meeting to order at 2:19 p.m. Council members present  
were Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum, Linda Leeuwrik, Josh Mansfield and  
Claudia Ortega. Council member Chris Stevens was excused. Also in attendance was Konni Kendell,  
City Clerk; Jeff Mansfield, Public Works Director and Jared Johnson, City Attorney.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Discussion to clarify agenda items presented at the May 12, 2022 Work  
WORK SESSION Session was held at this time.  
CLARIFICATION  
/DISCUSSION

Work Session Agenda Item No. 2: CDBG Advisory Committee Update:  
Council members commented that they felt it was a good conversation regarding affordable housing.  
The federal allocation has been reduced 7% and projects have been adjusted appropriately.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 3: Bannock Development Corporation (BDC) Update:  
Mr. Bray stated he feels it is important that Bannock Development update their website as soon as  
possible.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 4: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects Discussion:  
Council members discussed the types of projects which are allowed through ARPA funding;  
infrastructure projects that are included in the rate study and prioritization of projects.

Mayor Blad stated that another update will be given to Council at a future date for further discussion.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 5: Pocatello Comprehensive Plan 2040:  
Council members discussed the following: Feedback from the Comprehensive Plan surveys indicate  
inclusiveness is a high priority for citizens; Parks and Recreation facilities and activities are high  
priorities for citizens.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Council members reported on activities at this time.  
CITY ACTIVITIES  
UPDATE-COUNCIL

Ms. Leeuwrik reported that the Boys and Girls Club met their fundraising goal of \$200,000 which has  
been matched by a donor. With the match amount, the organization has raised \$404,000 for the Club.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Mayor Blad updated the Council on the following: Food Truck  
CITY ACTIVITIES Roundup occurs on Monday nights at Historic Downtown Pocatello;  
UPDATE-MAYOR: Revive at 5 activities and Portneuf Valley Farmers Market will also start  
their season at the pavilion at Historic Downtown Pocatello. Relight the  
Night committee will be relocating the neon Indian from Pocatello High School to a new location.  
Mayor Blad announced the Parks and Recreation Fun Run series beings in May and will continue  
through the summer. He reported that he has had discussions with the City's lobbyist regarding  
earmarked funds for City projects including electric vehicle charging stations and traffic signals.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: City Council Liaison Reports were given at this time.  
CITY COUNCIL  
REPORTS REGARDING  
CITY BOARDS/  
COMMISSIONS:

**Roger Bray**

Golf Course Advisory Committee: Golf play has increased for the year.

Council members discussed water issues at City golf courses and possibilities of using reclaimed water for use at the golf courses.

**Claudia Ortega**

CDBG: COVID funds for rent relief are still available, with new income guidelines and criteria.

Council members discussed regulations regarding rental vouchers and property management regulations.

**Rick Cheatum**

Historic Downtown Pocatello: New members have joined the board. Stephanie Palagi is receiving the Esto Perpetua Award from the Idaho State Historical Society. Property renovations are taking place in the historic neighborhood.

Mayor Blad stated plans for the new park in downtown is moving forward and that the Porter's building will remain to provide necessary restroom facilities until funding is available to build a new structure.

Bannock Development Corporation (BDC): The BDC board has been restructured reducing the number of voting members from 38 to 9 members. Other individuals have been asked to work on specific economic development projects and efforts.

Bannock Transportation Planning Organization (BTPO): Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will be starting the "Flying Y" construction project on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Many routes will be closed, including Chubbuck Road, which will be closed for the duration of the project. ITD will continue with advertising and public education outreach to make drivers aware of the changes.

Pocatello Development Authority (PDA): There is interest from a shipping container home production company to locate in Pocatello. Planning staff will look at City ordinances regarding shipping container homes.

**Linda Leeuwrik**

Marshall Public Library: The Library Board did not meet, as the Library serves as a voting precinct and was closed to the public on election day.

SEICAA: SEICAA received their yearly audit report and received the best rating of “Excellent”. Executive Director, Shanty Bloxham, is leaving SEICAA to become the new Executive Director of United Way. Retired Executive Director, Deb Hemmert, will serve as Interim Director and help hire a new executive.

**Josh Mansfield**

Human Relations Advisory Committee (HRAC): Organizers of the annual Pridaho event are planning to have a small event on June 18<sup>th</sup>, with another larger event planned for August.

Animal Shelter Advisory Board: Mr. Mansfield reported that he was unable to attend the meeting and the board will be reviewing policies.

Mayor Blad stated he had a meeting with animal advocacy groups.

Mrs. Ortega observed outside veterinary services continue to be an expenditure and asked if it would be more cost effective to have an in-house veterinarian, as the shelter already has a surgical suite.

Mr. Mansfield stated he would ask that the item be added to the next Animal Shelter Advisory Board agenda.

**Mayor Blad**

Mayors Youth Advisory Council (MYAC): Members have been very active in workshops and activities focused on mental health issues and awareness.

Mayor Blad announced that May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: There being no further business, Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at  
ADJOURN 3:46 p.m.

APPROVED:

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BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:

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KONNI R. KENDELL, CITY CLERK