

***Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Caldwell
411 Blaine Street
Caldwell, Idaho 83605***



SPECIAL MEETING
Caldwell Urban Renewal Agency

Monday
December 16, 2019
6:30 p.m.

TO BE HELD AT:

**Caldwell Police Department
Community Room
110 South 5th Avenue**

AGENDA

ACTION ITEM: Consider participation in a project with Idaho Transportation Department to widen the Ustick and I-84 Bridge and a project to widen Ustick Road from the Elijah Drain toward Middleton Road.

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Due to technical difficulties, an audio recording of this public meeting could not be provided.

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(ROLL CALL)

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Caldwell Urban Renewal Agency convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Caldwell Police Department Community Room with Chairman Hopper presiding.

The secretary called the roll. Present: Commissioner Hopper, Commissioner Warwick (joined the meeting at 6:51 p.m.) Commissioner Stadick, Commissioner Allgood, and Commissioner Ramirez. Absent: Commissioner Porter.

NEW BUSINESS:

(ACTION ITEM: CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN A PROJECT WITH IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO WIDEN THE USTICK AND I-84 BRIDGE AND A PROJECT TO WIDEN USTICK ROAD FROM THE ELIJAH DRAIN TOWARD MIDDLETON ROAD)

Brent Orton, Caldwell Public Works Director at 621 Cleveland Boulevard, presented the staff report. He informed the Commissioners that Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is currently working to widen I-84 including possible upgrades to the Ustick Road Bridge. Discussion with ITD has addressed the need for the Ustick Road Bridge to be expanded from two lanes to five lanes (five lanes because a turn lane is needed on the bridge to facilitate turns to Aviation and Nelson on either side). The estimated cost of this project is 4.7 million dollars more than what ITD has planned for the project with building a two lane Bridge. ITD is looking for the City of Caldwell to contribute funding for widening the bridge in conjunction with the I-84 Widening Project. Without a redesign of the overpass now, it likely would remain a two-line structure for several decades.

Mr. Orton recommended approval for use of URA tax increment funding for the Ustick Overpass Widening Project in an amount not to exceed \$4.7 with provision that City Staff negotiate the partnership with ITD concerning the project. He noted that a traffic analysis was conducted by ITD for the subject area that may not have considered a build out of the surrounding area during the design life of the bridge structure. To the extent that ITD will partner financially on the increased cost to go from two to five lanes, other widening of Ustick Road may be possible. If widening were completed as far as the current Urban Renewal Revenue Allocation Area Boundaries, it would leave only about one quarter of a mile to complete between the roundabout project extents and the allocation area boundary. If more widening work is possible or becomes possible, City staff will return to the Urban Renewal Board for consideration of additional widening work.

In response to questions from Commissioner Allgood, Mr. Orton reported that the Middleton Road and Ustick Roundabout Project has been granted federal funding and is programmed for construction through a federally funded project in 2024.

Chairman Hopper reported that all of the URA taxing entities have not responded concerning use of projected tax increment for agency projects; however, the proposed infrastructure project would meet URA funding qualifications. He emphasized that this is a time-sensitive matter since it would necessitate ITD to redesign the Ustick Road overpass in conjunction with the ongoing I-84 Widening Project.

Commissioner Stadick expressed concern with the excessive traffic along Hwy. 55 and ITD not providing a solution along that roadway. Widening of the Ustick Road overpass could assist with traffic flow within the area.

Commissioner Allgood expressed his concern with the potential growth at Midland Boulevard and Ustick Road due to recent approval for subdivision developments within the area.

Brent Orton reported that the ITD plan provides for the Middleton Road overpass to initially be constructed and the Ustick Road overpass to follow. He further noted that the sunset of the current Urban Renewal Allocation area was on a time frame that required projects to be known and their costs identified by next spring (2020) so that establishing projects for the remaining increment is time urgent and important.

MOVED by Stadick, SECONDED by Allgood to approve the use of URA tax increment funding not to exceed 4.7 million dollars for the purpose of widening the Ustick Road overpass from two lanes to a four-lane structure in conjunction with the ITD I-84 Widening Project and direct City staff to negotiate with ITD concerning the bridge participating in the cost to reduce the necessary URA contribution.

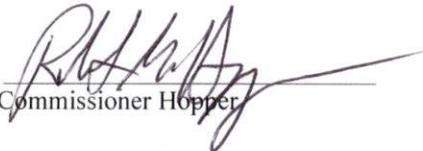
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(ADJOURNMENT)

MOVED by Stadick, SECONDED by Allgood to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

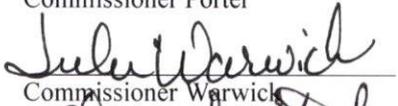
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Approved as written this 13th day of January, 2020.

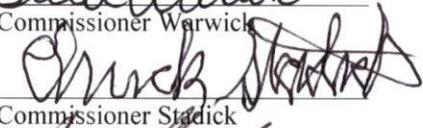


Commissioner Hopper

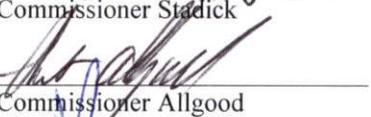
Commissioner Porter



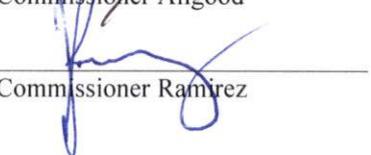
Commissioner Warwick



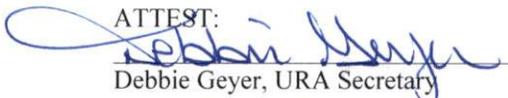
Commissioner Stadick



Commissioner Allgood



Commissioner Ramirez

ATTEST:


Debbie Geyer, URA Secretary

