



Commission Workshop Agenda
July 11, 2023 - 9:00 am
Chamber Conference Room
201 E 4th Avenue, Post Falls ID 83854

1. Call to Order, Commissioner Roll Call
2. Conflict Disclosure
3. Citizen Comment
This section of the agenda is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding an Agency related issue. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. Persons wishing to speak will have 5 minutes.
4. Budget Workshop **ACTION ITEM**
5. Downtown District Plan Amendment **ACTION ITEM**
6. Staff Report
7. Commissioner Comments
8. Adjournment

Requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meeting should be addressed to the Office of the Executive Director, 201 E. 4th Avenue, Post Falls, Idaho 83854, or call (208) 777-8151.

Mission Statement: To encourage sound economic and community improvement that enhances the overall quality of life in Post Falls by: providing and improving infrastructure, attracting jobs, and enhancing citizen safety and health.

POST FALLS URBAN RENEWAL MINUTES
Workshop Minutes

July 11, 2023 – Post Falls Chamber Building – Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Chairman Jerry Baltzell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Executive Director Joseph Johns called the roll. Present, in addition to Baltzell were Commissioners Jame' Davis, Len Crosby, Melissa Hjeltness, Eric Clemensen and Collin Coles. Also present was Pete Bredeson, Shelly Enderud, Robert Seale and Warren Wilson. Commissioner Christi Fleischman arrived at 9:04 a.m.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE

None

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

DOWNTOWN DISTRICT PLAN AMENDMENT. Johns provided an overview of the geographic locations in the Downtown District; prior representation of the Idaho Ave/4th Street roundabout in district documentation; and highlighted sections of the proposed Ordinance to amend the District Plan relative to the roundabout and Spokane Street parking improvements. Commissioner Crosby asked if the Spokane Street parking improvements were contingent upon any particular development in the adjoining area or if they would move forward regardless of development. Seale stated the City would like to complete them regardless of development. The Spokane Street improvement project is now scheduled for next year and the parking would likely become a part of it. Crosby asked if parking on the east side of Spokane Street would be striped. Seale responded that it would be up to the Public Works division of the City. Chairman Baltzell inquired about the use of the proposed parking if adjoining development was not to occur. Seale stated development is anticipated throughout the site and the opportunity to put in street parking in advance of development is smart planning. Enderud commented that even the unmarked street parking is being utilized daily by adjoining businesses. Commissioner Clemensen asked about the activity at the base of the water tower. Seale answered that the City is constructing a 40-stall parking lot with conceptual plans for a pocket park around the water tower. Baltzell complemented the work completed to revise the proposed Ordinance to amend the District Plan and the explanation provided. Counselor Bredeson stated that the Ordinance is to be approved by the City Council. According to Idaho Code a Resolution by the Commission is not required. Wilson agreed. Bredeson explained that while the Commission's past practice was to provide a Resolution, the changes to Idaho Code 50-2905 in 2016 made it unnecessary. Crosby proposed providing a Resolution recommending the Ordinance to show the Commissions support. Bredeson will prepare a Resolution for consideration by the Commission at the July 20, 2023 regular monthly meeting. Crosby stated his appreciation for the work done to address his prior concerns and made a motion to provide the City with a Resolution expressing the Commission's support of the Ordinance to Amend the Downtown District Plan. Seconded by Coles. Roll Call Vote: Davis – Aye; Crosby – Aye; Coles – Aye; Clemensen – Aye; Fleischman – Aye; Hjeltness – Aye; Baltzell – Aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET WORKSHOP – Johns presented the proposed FY 2024 Budget. After discussion Commissioner Clemensen made a motion to continue with the FY 2024 budget process and advertising. Motion seconded by Davis. Roll Call Vote: Davis – Aye; Hjeltness – Aye; Coles – Aye; Fleischman – Aye; Crosby – Aye; Clemensen – Aye; Baltzell – Aye. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT

Johns reported the Center Point District press release was published as a story in the June 17, 2023, edition of the Coeur d’Alene Press. The Summer Meeting for the Inland Northwest Partners (INP) is scheduled for August 9, 2023. Johns will attend and extended an invitation for several Commission members to attend. Commissioners Coles and Hjeltness will attend. A review of the INP Spring Meeting content was provided. The Agency has received the first reimbursement request submittal in the Downtown District from A&A Construction for work undertaken in the Millworx and North Mill One development areas. The Agency’s reimbursement submittal review process has been initiated.

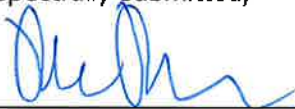
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fleischman commented on a recent article in the local news questioning the Coeur d’Alene Economic Development Corporation’s focus on employee housing instead of attracting employers. Crosby stated the CdAEDC continues to focus to attracting businesses but the reality is that businesses looking to relocate to this area question whether their employees can afford to live here. Ensuing discussion focused on future urban renewal efforts having the potential to focus on workforce housing so that the area doesn’t incur the same challenges negatively impacting other localities in the region. Additionally, Crosby suggested the Agency consider organizing a meeting of area urban renewal agencies to discuss current issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Baltzell asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Crosby made the motion, seconded by Clemensen. All in favor by voice vote. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Johns, Executive Director



Jeffrey Baltzell, Chairman