

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO  
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION  
OCTOBER 8, 2009

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Mayor Roger Chase called the City Council  
ROLL CALL Study Session to order at 9:03 A.M. Council  
members present were Roger Bray, Ron  
Frasure, Gary Moore, Eva Johnson Nye, Robert Richway, and Brian  
Underwood.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Farhana Hibbert, Human Relations Advisory  
HUMAN RELATIONS Committee Chair; Zechery Rios, Christine  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE Roca, Human Relations Advisory Committee  
UPDATE members; and Mike Duersch, staff liaison,  
discussed the Committee's goals and  
projects, as well as Council's policies and expectations. Mrs.  
Hibbert reviewed the successes for the past year. She reported  
that the Committee hosted a successful Civil Rights award event.  
Mrs. Hibbert reported that the Committee's public service  
announcements have increased the number of calls they have  
received.

In response to questions from Council, Mrs. Hibbert stated that a  
form/questionnaire has been inserted into the Human Rights Advisory  
Committee brochure. The form will help guide people who feel they  
have been discriminated against. She noted that bookmarks have  
been printed and distributed within the community outlining the  
Committee's goals.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Steve Brown, Pocatello Development  
POCA TELLO DEVELOPMENT Authority(PDA) Chair, and Robert Chambers,  
AUTHORITY UPDATE Interim Executive Director, discussed the  
Authority's goals and projects, as well as  
Council's policies and expectations. Mr. Brown reviewed the names  
of the PDA members and stressed the commitment each member has  
toward the City. He highlighted the accomplishments and activities  
of the PDA for the past year. Mr. Brown stated that the PDA was  
very pleased with the recent progress on the Hoku Materials  
project.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Brown stated his belief  
that there will be a positive change in the downtown area because  
of the Whitman Hotel project. He anticipates that the living units  
will help revive the downtown area.

Mr. Brown reviewed the closure of East Center Urban Renewal and  
Revenue Allocation Districts. As a result of the closures, the  
property values will return to the base tax rolls. He noted that  
Tetridyn Solutions has developed a technology that will track  
cattle and PDA approved a small loan to help promote the device.

Mr. Underwood stated that he appreciates what PDA has done for the  
community and agrees that the organization is on the cutting edge.

However, he reminded PDA to be very careful in their decisions and to focus on both manufacturing and retail options.

Mr. Brown reviewed the placement of Costco and Lowes stores in Pocatello and how it has helped with people's perceptions of the city. He was pleased to report that the estimates on the North Yellowstone District show that they should be able to move forward on the City's obligations soon. Mr. Brown anticipates that the process of closing the Central Corridor Urban Renewal Area could start in 2010.

Additional PDA projects in the community were discussed by the Council.

Dave Swindell, Chief Financial Officer, distributed and explained the PDA Schedule of Actual Revenue and Expenditures. He stated that the schedule does not reflect future expenses and most of the monies listed are committed to projects.

Mayor Chase clarified that the total amount of PDA funds extended to Hoku Materials was roughly \$1.4 million. He stated that the funds were used for infrastructure that is currently in place at the site.

Mr. Chambers further clarified that any future PDA funds will be extended to Hoku Materials contingent on the fact that the facility must be in operation.

Mr. Brown stated that because HOKU is building here, other companies are considering Pocatello. He feels that when the economy does turn around, there will be more Hoku growth in our community because of the investment PDA made in Hoku.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Mike Irwin Fire Chief, and Mike Williams  
EXPANSION WILDLAND Assistant Chief, discussed expanding the  
URBAN INTERFACE AREA Wildland Urban Interface Area to include the  
Old Orchard Subdivision. Mr. Irwin stated  
that the streets that would be added to the Interface Area are Old  
Ranch Lane, Fruitwood Lane, and Indian Tree Lane and gave a brief  
review of why the expansion is being considered.

Mr. Williams mentioned that in the Old Orchard Subdivision contractors used wood shake roofing on many of the homes. He stated that the wood shake roofs are easily ignited and would accelerate the transfer of fire from house to house. Mr. Williams commented that by including the Old Orchard Subdivision in the Wildland Urban Interface area, grant monies may be available to help residents replace their wood shake roofs.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Moore clarified that

initially the subdivision's covenants required wood shake roofs and a tile roof was only allowed by exception. The requirement was later changed by the Homeowner's Association to allow tile roofs. Mr. Moore explained that a wildland fire is possible in the Old Orchard area because of large juniper trees growing there. He stated that if a fire is started and the wind blows toward the homes, the wood shingles would easily catch fire. Mr. Moore mentioned that there is a grant application currently available from Three Rivers RC&D that will help re-roof homes in both the Johnny Creek and Old Orchard areas. However the grant must be taken advantage of by October 31, 2009.

It was the concensus of the Council that staff should move forward with the Expansion of the Wildland Urban Interface area.

Mayor Chase adjourned the Study Session at 9:52 AM.

APPROVED:

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ROGER W. CHASE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RHONDA L. JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY:

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RUTH E. WHITWORTH, CMC, DEPUTY CLERK