

CITY OF POCATELLO, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON
/WORK SESSION CLARIFICATION
FEBRUARY 17, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Liaison/Work Session
ROLL CALL Clarification meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Council members present
were Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum, Linda Leeuwrik, Josh Mansfield and
Chris Stevens. Council member Claudia Ortega 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 February 10, 2022
WORK SESSION Work Session was held at this time.
CLARIFICATION
/DISCUSSION

Work Session Agenda Item No. 2: Pocatello Regional Airport Commission Update: No discussion.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 3: Pocatello Development Authority Update: No discussion.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 4: City Entrance Signage Project: Council members discussed the
following: Placement of additional signage for the Johnny Creek area; potential costs of entrance signs;
and ongoing maintenance costs.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 5: Historic Preservation in Pocatello:

Ms. Leeuwrik stated that many events are being planned for the upcoming Historic Preservation
Conference in September including walking tours and educational sessions. A final agenda for the
conference will be available at a later date.

Council members expressed their appreciation for the presentation at the Work Session.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 6: Addition of Juneteenth to the City's Recognized Holiday Schedule:

Council members expressed interest to have the Human Resources Department provide projected
actual costs associated with addition of the holiday. Council members discussed the following: Holiday
pay policies for departments; potential operational savings; and possible incremental implementation of
the holiday over a period of time.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 7: Proposed February Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendments:

Mayor Blad reminded Council members that a public hearing would be held at the February 17, 2022
Regular City Council meeting.

Jared Johnson, City Attorney, clarified that the proposed budget amendment amount is less than the
anticipated and published amount, which is allowable.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Mr. Cheatum reported that as a member of the AIC Board, he has had
CITY ACTIVITIES the opportunity to visit surrounding cities and attend City Council
UPDATE-COUNCIL meetings. He commended the Pocatello City staff and Council for the
organized and effective meeting and agenda organization.

Ms. Stevens reported that the Friends of the Pocatello Animal Shelter has broadened their mission in order to protect more animals in the community. They will be supporting other non-profit entities for animal issues in addition to their support of the Pocatello Animal Shelter.

Ms. Leeuwrik stated that a non-profit entity has been formed for the purpose of raising funds for restoration of the Brady Chapel. Ms. Leeuwrik added that several fundraisers are planned to raise funds for the Boys and Girls Club of Portneuf Valley. She stated that the Boys and Girls Club programs will begin in schools and may expand to include a facility for the organization in the future.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Mayor Blad updated the Council on the following: Upcoming state
CITY ACTIVITIES legislation which could affect funding to cities and counties; and staffing
UPDATE-MAYOR: n needs, available resources and progress to fill unfilled City staff positions.

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

Roger Bray

Construction Board of Appeals & Review – Did not meet.

Golf Advisory Committee – Did not meet.

Senior Activity Center – Committee is still looking to build or purchase a more suitable facility. Design criteria and needs are being assessed to properly meet the future needs of the Center.

Chris Stevens

Child Care Advisory Committee – Child care facilities are struggling to maintain required employee staffing levels. Members are researching possible changes to the licensing and appeal process in order to possibly alleviate employee shortages.

Housing Alliance & Community Partnerships – No report.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – No report.

Pocatello Arts Council – Committee members are exploring future funding opportunities to continue the Arts Council goals and objectives. Funding is annually allocated by the Council and if the allocation is fully spent each year, funds would be exhausted in approximately six (6) years.

Josh Mansfield

Animal Shelter Advisory Board – No report.

Human Relations Advisory Committee – No meeting was held. Committee members continue to work to find a suitable recognition for Indigenous People Day.

Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG) – No report.

Linda Leeuwrik

Library Board – The Library made temporary adjustments to service hours in response to lower staffing levels. Participation in reading programs has decreased and staff members are using creative ways to increase attendance and program participation.

Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA) – The Oneida County SEICAA office is closing permanently. Services will still be available to the community through the Pocatello offices.

Rick Cheatum

Bannock Transportation Planning Organization – Development of a Comprehensive Plan for the Pocatello Regional Airport is a high priority for BTPO. A consultant has been hired to review land use and air service needs and address land development and potential increased air service. BTPO is addressing future staffing needs.

Historic Downtown Pocatello – The Annual Historic Downtown Pocatello meeting was held in February. Members are eager for upcoming improvements in the downtown area and Simplot Square developments.

Pocatello Development Authority – The treasurer for the PDA has historically been the CFO for the City of Pocatello. With the current absence of a CFO, the board is looking for an accounting firm or an individual who can serve in that capacity. PDA has approved a reimbursement request from IRG for improvements at the Naval Ordnance Plant. Reimbursement will occur when funds become available to the PDA.

Council members discussed the parameters of a TIF district and considerations for development or expansion of current TIF districts.

Pocatello Regional Airport Commission – Commission members continue to examine land use matters including property appraisals and lease agreements. Property at the Airport is very diverse which makes lease agreements very challenging.

Mayor Blad

Pocatello/Chubbuck Mayors' Youth Advisory Council – Members have instituted a “pen-pal” program with local assisted living residents. A 5K Fun Run is being planned to take place during the month of May at Ross Park. The “essential needs” drive was very successful last year and will be held again this year to provide essential items and cash donations to non-profit agencies for distribution to individuals in need.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: There being no further business, Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at
ADJOURN 3:49 p.m.

APPROVED:

BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:

KONNI R. KENDELL, CITY CLERK