

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO  
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON  
/WORK SESSION CLARIFICATION  
MARCH 17, 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 2:04 p.m. Council members present  
were Rick Cheatum, Linda Leeuwrik, Josh Mansfield and Claudia Ortega.  
Council member Chris Stevens arrived at 2:05 p.m. Council member Roger Bray was excused. Also in  
attendance were Konni Kendell, City Clerk; and Matt Kerbs, Deputy City Attorney.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Discussion to clarify agenda items presented at the March 10, 2022  
WORK SESSION Work Session was held at this time.  
CLARIFICATION  
/DISCUSSION

Work Session Agenda Item No. 2 – Animal Shelter Advisory Board – No discussion.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 3 – Child Care Advisory Committee Update – No discussion.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 5 – Center Street Pond Landscaping Update – No discussion.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 6 – Proposed Wildland Urban Interface Code Amendment – Fire  
Department – No discussion

Work Session Agenda Item No. 7 – Review and Update of the City of Pocatello’s Blended Recycling  
Program – Sanitation Department – No discussion.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 8 – Employee Handbook Amendment Proposal – Removal of 12.5  
Odometer Mile Requirement for Immediate Response Positions – Human Resources – No  
discussion.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 9 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Update – Public Works

Mayor Blad reported that staff members are working on updating the listing and results will be reported  
to the Council at a future date.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE-COUNCIL

Ms. Leeuwrik reported that the Boys and Girls Club steering committee is on track to meet their  
fundraising goal. Grants opportunities are being explored with plans to secure a facility by fall.

Mr. Cheatum reported that the Chamber Chiefs have been holding 2 to 3 business ribbon cuttings per  
week. This is a result of growing businesses in the area.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: CITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE-MAYOR:

Mayor Blad stated he will be meeting with delegations in Washington DC regarding ARPA funding and  
opportunities for additional “earmark” funding for City projects.

The annual “Mayor’s Million Minute” reading program took place in local elementary schools. The

reading challenge for grade school-age children resulted in over two million minutes read by area youth. The program continues to grow each year.

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

**Rick Cheatum**

Bannock Development Corporation – No report.

Bannock Transportation Planning Organization – No report.

Historic Downtown Pocatello – No report.

Pocatello Development Authority (PDA) – The PDA Annual report is being prepared to be submitted to the State.

Mayor Blad added that Frigitec is currently in violation of their contract. A contract renewal is not planned at this time.

Pocatello Regional Airport Commission – The Commission continues to work on proper valuation of Airport properties. The variation of property access, services and sizes proves to be challenging to produce an adequate valuation structure. A preliminary report by the airport consultant will be given to the Commission at the next Airport Commission meeting.

**Linda Leeuwrik**

Bannock Transportation Planning Organization – No report.

Library Board – Various programs and practices enacted during COVID have been successful and will continue.

Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA) – The Meals on Wheels program continues to grow and is very successful. The annual audit is underway with positive results expected.

Mayor Blad reported that he went on a “ride along” with Meals on Wheels staff members and encouraged others to participate in the volunteer opportunity.

**Josh Mansfield**

Animal Shelter Advisory Board – Council received an update from the board at the March 10, 2022 Work Session.

Human Relations Advisory Committee (HRAC) – A committee has been formed for “Pridaho” and a public event is being planned for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG) – A caretaker navigator network for caretakers has been established for the area to coordinate efforts with resource agencies.

**Claudia Ortega**

Child Care Advisory Committee – No report.

CDBG Advisory Committee – The lead abatement and sidewalk repair/replacement programs have resumed. Housing Alliance representative gave a presentation to CDBG members regarding their one-year plan. It was reported that there are 162 rental assistance vouchers available, but that there aren't

that enough rental properties available in the area to fill those vouchers. There are over 500 individuals on a waiting list for rental assistance. Committee members and Housing Alliance representatives are looking for solutions to identified housing challenges.

NeighborWorks Pocatello – No report.

**Chris Stevens**

Housing Alliance & Community Partnerships – No report.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – No report.

Pocatello Arts Council – Ms. Stevens has communicated with Arts Council members regarding funding sustainability of the Arts Council. Feedback will be reported to the Council as it is received.

**Mayor Blad**

Pocatello/Chubbuck Mayors' Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) – MYAC members have trail cleanup projects scheduled during April and May. Members will be participating in the Environmental Fair in April. An emphasis on mental health issues has been a goal of the MYAC members during the year. AIC is sponsoring a series of youth mental health seminars and will hold one in Pocatello during March.

A 5k fun run will be held May 14<sup>th</sup> organized by MYAC members. Information regarding mental health will be available to participants.

Mr. Cheatum stated that he attended a presentation by Idaho Transportation Department that he felt was very informative and useful. He asked that the same presentation be given to the City Council at a future Work Session. He reported that the Mountainview Event Center is looking to expand their facility to accommodate additional recreational activities.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: There being no further business, Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at  
ADJOURN 2:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

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BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:

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KONNI R. KENDELL, CITY CLERK