

CITY OF POCATELLO, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON /WORK
SESSION CLARIFICATION
MAY 20, 2021

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 Heidi Adamson, Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum, Linda
Leeuwrik, Claudia Ortega and Chris Stevens. Also in attendance were Konni Kendell, City Clerk and
Jared Johnson, City Attorney.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Discussion to clarify agenda items presented at the May 13, 2021 Work
WORK SESSION Session was held at this time.
CLARIFICATION
/DISCUSSION

Work Session Agenda Item No. 2 – Library Board Update: No discussion.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 3 – Sister Cities Foundation of Pocatello Update: No discussion.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 4 – Bannock Development Corporation Update: Council members
discussed the history of Bannock Development and the City’s relationship with Regional Economic
Development of Idaho (REDI). Discussion regarding each entity’s roles and responsibilities and
collaboration between the two ensued.

Mayor Blad stated that he would ask MiaCate Kennedy to share additional information with the
Council following the next BDC Executive Board meeting.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 5 – WPC Facility Update: Council members discussed the process of
securing professional services for planned WPC facility updates.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 6 – Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) Program Update: Council members
discussed the shortage of veterinary services to serve the Animal Shelter needs and possible solutions to
facilitate necessary actions to resume the TNR program.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 7 – Johnny Creek Sewer Update: Council members discussed aquifer
protection as it related to development outside the city limits. Bannock County previously held a public
hearing where concerns to protect the aquifer were addressed. Advances in septic system technology
was discussed.

Jared Johnson, City Attorney, clarified that Idaho Department of Water Resources and Department of
Environmental Quality address areas of concern within the city and outlying county areas.

Council members discussed the importance of addressing aquifer protection in the Comprehensive Plan
and institutionalizing groundwater protection policies. Cooperation with watershed groups on state and
local levels was emphasized.

Work Session Agenda Item No. 8 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Five-Year
Consolidated Plan Consultant Funding Request: Council members discussed the request for consultant
funding to complete the CDBG Five year consolidated plan. CDBG funds are highly regulated and
administrative costs are limited to 25% of funding. Updating the plan using in-house staffing would

require over 25% of the funding allowed for administrative purposes. Use of a third party consultant is preferred, and future plans will be budgeted to cover the cost of the consultant. General discussion on CDBG projects and funding took place.

Work Session Agenda No. 9 – Comprehensive Plan Update: No discussion.

Work Session Agenda No. 10 – Central Fuel Site Update: The Central Fuel Site Update was not held during the May 13, 2021 Work Session.

Mayor Blad stated that construction costs for the proposed fuel site have risen considerably, making the project unattainable at this time. He added that the current fuel site is in workable condition and staff will continue to take the necessary maintenance measures to keep it running.

Council discussed the possibility of setting aside funds for the proposed project and the importance of moving forward when funding allows.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: City Council members did not have an update at this time.
CITY ACTIVITIES
UPDATE - COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Mayor Blad reminded the Council of the Gold Star Memorial ribbon cutting on May 28th and the Field of Heroes event during the Memorial Day weekend. He announced that he met with the Bannock County Commissioners and that Independence Day activities, including a concert, fireworks and parade, will take place on July 3rd.

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

Stevens: Child Care Advisory Committee – a number of child care providers have closed their doors recently. This has led to an increase in unlicensed daycares. Pocatello Arts Council – a new mission statement for the Arts Council has been developed. The “Empty Bows” fundraiser was completed online. The Arts Council will be supporting “Shakespeare in the Park” again this year. Animal Shelter Advisory Board – The board is working with other animal welfare groups to reduce duplication of efforts. A site has been selected for a dog park.

Ortega: CDBG Advisory Board – Nothing new to report. NeighborWorks – Nothing new to report.

Bray: Golf Advisory Committee – Water drainage issues at Riverside continue to be a high priority. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – sponsorship programs to fund Parks and Recreation projects are available. The Ross Park waterslide is in dire need of replacement. This revenue-producing amenity, among other amenities, may help the park become a destination. Fundraising and funding possibilities were discussed.

Adamson: Bannock Development Corporation Board of Directors – this item was discussed previously. Pocatello Development Authority (PDA) – the board is not interested in pursuing a feasibility study, but may be interested in starting an information campaign to educate the public on PDA’s goals, mission and actions. Bannock Transportation Planning Organization (BTPO) – circumstances surrounding COVID have led to a change in traffic counts in the region.

Leeuwrik: Library Board – Library staff is adjusting to changes surrounding COVID precautions. Historic Preservation Commission – the Brady Chapel capital campaign is moving forward, and the project will be completed in phases. Housing Alliance and Community Partnerships (HACP) – Molly Beseris has been hired as Chief Operations Officer. The career center project is being planned through partnerships with ISU and United Way. HACP is working to become less reliant on Federal HUD money. SEICAA – Program usage has increased in all areas.

Cheatum: Airport Commission – a new hangar is being built at the Airport, and there is interest to build two more. The Commission is looking to standardize lease rates on Airport properties. TSA will have a “pre-check event” on June 14th. Three Saturday flights will resume in June. Senior Center – fundraising efforts and opportunities have reduced dramatically. Senior Center Ad Hoc Committee – they are looking at fundraising and public outreach opportunities to remodel the existing building. Old Town Pocatello – The board may bring a request to change assessed values in order to have a workable budget. The current budget amount was set in 1991.

Mayor Blad: Mayors Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) – members met at City Creek to clean trails. The committee will meet again at the beginning of the school year. Human Relations Advisory Committee (HRAC) – there has been interest in the process of filing and following through on complaints after complaints were received concerning the school district. Education information is being distributed throughout the community.

Council members discussed the importance of working together and focusing on positive actions for the betterment of the community.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.
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APPROVED:

BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:

KONNI R. KENDELL, CITY CLERK