CITY OF COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
MEETING NOTICE

September 19, 2017

The meeting will be held immediately following the City Council Meeting which begins at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall
500 Central Avenue - Coos Bay Oregon

All citizens addressing the Urban Renewal Agency under regular agenda items or public comments are required by URA Rule 2.9.4 to sign-in on the forms provided on the agenda table.

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1. Public Comments

2. Approval of Streetscape Construction Bid by Public Works & Community Development Director Jim Hossley

3. Adjourn
TO: Chair Kramer and Board Members

FROM: Jim Hossley, Public Works and Community Development Director

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE: Approval of Streetscape Construction Bid by Public Works & Community Development Director Jim Hossley

SUMMARY:

Over the past nearly two years, the Urban Renewal Agency has reviewed various ideas and renderings for the Highway 101 streetscape. The goal is to improve the eye appeal of the Highway 101 streetscape from the south to north City limits. The streetscape improvements would be restricted to Highway 101 right-of-way (ROW) and City owned property. Due to funding constraints, efforts on the project have been focused on the two existing entry monument locations. Additional areas would be addressed as funding becomes available.

Based on early cost estimates, staff budgeted $175,000 in this year’s Downtown Capital Projects Fund Urban Renewal budget for the streetscape projects at the entry monument locations. The design consultant, after completion of the construction documents this summer, estimated the total construction cost to be $225,071. The project was advertised for bid, and the City received one bid. The bid was from Clean Rivers Erosion Control for a total cost of $249,999. While there is a $75,000 shortfall in the budget relative to the bid price, there are adequate funds in the Urban Renewal Downtown Capital Projects Fund to cover the bid price plus a contingency.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Council, award a contract to Clean Rivers Erosion Control for a cost of $249,999 plus a 10% contingency of $25,000 for a total of $274,999.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past nearly two years, the Urban Renewal Agency has reviewed various ideas and renderings for the Highway 101 streetscape. The goal is to improve the eye appeal of the Highway 101 streetscape from the south to north City limits. The streetscape improvements...
would be restricted to Highway 101 right-of-way (ROW) and City owned property. City staff provided initial ideas for improvements. The City then engaged the services of Greenworks, a Portland based landscape architectural and urban design firm, to prepare renderings for streetscape concepts along Highway 101. After initial consideration of the first renderings, the Agency asked that efforts be focused on the two existing entry monument locations due to funding constraints. Additional areas would be addressed as funding becomes available. The north entry is in the vicinity of the existing “Welcome to Coos Bay” monument sign on the west side of Highway 101. The south entry concept includes the “island” in Highway 101 just south of the Shell service station. Greenworks presented ideas for the two entry monument locations to the Agency in early 2016. Their renderings provided a basic concept for landscaping and included the fence railing theme that matches the recently completed railing project between the rail museum and Front Street.

The Urban Renewal Agency then approved a contract with Greenworks to develop specific landscape plans for the City’s two gateway sites. The scope consisted of two tasks. Task 1 was preliminary design which resulted in a site plan. This plan depicted all new areas to be landscaped and included proposed locations for trees, plant beds, and ornamental pedestrian fence in a simplistic graphical format for review and approval by the Agency. Task 2 was for development of the construction documents. The consultant fee for completing both tasks was $27,016.50. The Agency reviewed the results of the Task 1 effort at a Work Session earlier this year.

At the same time the streetscape activity was occurring, the City Council also considered a new City entrance monument logo. Council’s direction to the Logo Advisory Committee was to create a welcome sign logo including a tall ship theme. The current City Council stopped the new logo design effort in late 2016.

Based on early cost estimates, staff budgeted $175,000 in this fiscal year’s Urban Renewal Downtown Capital Projects Fund budget for the streetscape project. The design consultant, after completion of the construction documents this summer, estimated the total construction cost to be $225,071 (not including new monument signs). The project was advertised for bid, and the City received one bid. The bid was from Clean Rivers Erosion Control for a total cost of $249,999 (does not include monument signs). Note, the rock work behind the fence railing on the north entry is proposed to be done by separate contract. Due to the $75,000 shortfall in the budget relative to the bid price, it will be necessary to discuss possible alternatives or courses of action.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Based on early cost estimates, staff budgeted $175,000 in this year’s Urban Renewal Downtown Capital Projects Fund budget for the streetscape project. The design consultant, after completion of the construction documents this summer, estimated the total construction cost to be $225,071 (not including new monument signs). The project was advertised for bid, and the City received one bid. The bid was from Clean Rivers Erosion Control for a total cost of $249,999 (does not include monument signs). Note, the rock work behind the fence railing on the north entry is not in the bid and is proposed to be done by separate contract with a different contractor. There are adequate funds in the Downtown Project Fund (Fund 57) to cover the overage.