

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TOWN HALL April 6, 2021 — 6:00 p.m.

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## 1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:06 p.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Chair Ayers-Flood Vice-Chair Clark Member Byers Member Volkart Member Paré-Miller Member Pastizzo Member Ponomareff	
Also Present:	
Jon Legarza, Executive Director	

# 2. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None

## 3. Consent Agenda

# 3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 17 and March 3, 2021

**Motion:** Member Byers moves to approve the consent agenda. Volkart seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes (Ponomareff Abstained); motion carries.

### 4. Executive Session

# 5. Regular Agenda

# 5.1 Gateway Project Strategic Steps Forward, Housing for Talent

Legarza discussed the Gateway transitional to permanent housing costs. Legarza stated staff is currently working with partners to identify project cost assistance. Legarza stated the motion before the Board tonight allows

## Discussion:

None

**Motion:** Member Paré-Miller moves to direct staff to negotiate loan and grant agreement terms with state, private and other organizations on behalf of the Agency. Byers seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes; motion carries.

## 4.2 Resolution 21-2, Authorizing Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza stated that this motion allows the Agency to fund an unanticipated contract for Urban Renewal Agency Consultant.

### Discussion:

None

**Motion:** Member Byers moves to approve Resolution 21-2, Authorizing Budget Transfer for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Paré-Miller seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes; motion carries.

## 4.3 Feasibility Study for Future Urban Renewal Plan Area

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza recounted the success of the Agency in its tenure. Legarza discussed the Almeda Fire's effects on the community. Legarza stated that before the Board is a scope of work for a feasibility study for a possible new urban renewal plan area.

#### Discussion:

None

**Motion:** Member Paré-Miller moves to approve the contract and scope of work with Elaine Howard Consulting to conduct feasibility research on developing a new urban renewal plan area. Pastizzo seconded.

**Discussion:** Chair Ayers-Flood that is she is excited to see this agenda on the item, especially in light of the proven-track record and success of the Agency. Vice-Chair Clark echoed Chair Ayers-Flood comments.

Vote: All ayes; motion carries.

## 4.4 Grant Resources for City and Agency, Future IGA and Budgeting

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza discussed the Agency's ongoing coordination with the City on short and long-term funding for the community. Legarza stated how the motion allows staff to negotiate an IGA with the City to coordinate future grant writing and administration efforts.

### Discussion:

- Member Volkart inquired about a slide on the PowerPoint
  - Legarza stated he will circulate the slide

**Motion:** Member Pastizzo moves to direct Agency staff to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City of Talent to coordinate on future grant writing and administration. Volkart seconded.

**Discussion:** Vice-Chair Clark stated that he appreciated this item going before the Board and the opportunities to create collaborative momentum on work where there is overlap. Chair Ayers-Flood inquired about the scope of IGAs in place with the City and that this motion would not supersede current IGAs in place. Legarza confirmed.

**Vote:** All ayes (Volkart disconnected from meeting during the vote); motion carries.

## 4.5 Budget Priorities Discussion

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza stated the discussion on budget priorities, listing possible key projects.

### Discussion:

- Chair Ayers-Flood thanked Legarza for his leadership
- Vice-Chair Clark discussed various budget items, including Tree Grant Program, food truck program, and the mural program with Talent Public Arts Committee. Clark inquired about a conceptual design program.
  - Legarza discussed the program how the program would help vision their future rebuilds
  - Vice-Chair Clark inquired about the program administration
  - Legarza stated staff could take lead but also consult with specialists in the area and other companies including ESRI
  - Vice-Chair Clark discussed future collaboration with the City and possible future impacts of a new urban renewal plan area
- Member Ponomareff inquired about the potential for a Town Hall Study
  - Legarza discussed the history of the project and focus on potential future use of the Town Hall space for the community
- Member Ponomareff inquired about room in the budget for more public outreach and education
  - Legarza thanked Ponomareff for the suggestion
- Chair Ayers-Flood discussed the past successes of the Urban Renewal Agency and communicating the success of the Agency in increasing accessed values within the community. Ayers-Flood stated that this clear and transparent communication is critical for the community.
  - Legarza updated the Board with the ongoing progress with the public outreach and have a consultant up and running by May
  - Chair Ayers-Flood added a clarifying point on the confusion surrounding TIFF and how Urban Renewal Agencies work and how it is important to clearly explain how the Agency increased property values within the plan area
- Member Byers shared some additional information about the potential consultant

## 4.6 Appointment of Budget Committee Members

Staff Report – Executive Director

Legarza stated that before the Board is a motion to appoint the Budget Committee members for FY 2021-22. Legarza stated that Ken Baker's name was not added to the Agenda.

## Discussion:

None

**Motion:** Member Paré-Miller move to confirm the appointment of the FY 2021-22 TURA Budget Committee. Byers seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: All ayes; motion carries.

### 6. Items from Executive Director

Legarza stated that the Agency continues to work with the City of Talent on the Gateway Site. Legarza stated that staff continues it work on the project. Legarza also stated that due to the hard work of the Agency and City staff, the Co-Op has received funds to conduct a market study on a potential future location.

## 7. Items from Chair or Agency Members

Member Pastizzo thanked Legarza for spending time with Board Members before the meetings. Vice-Chair Clark echoed Member Pasitzzo commented.

# 8. Adjournment at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:	
Ion Legarza Executive Director	

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