

A. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Chair Shane T. Bemis called the Gresham Redevelopment Commission (GRDC) meeting to order at 3:21 p.m. on the 18th day of February 2020 in the Council Chambers, Public Safety & Schools Bldg., 1331 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon.

COMMISSION PRESENT: Commission Chair Shane T. Bemis
Commission Vice Chair Eddy Morales
Commissioner Karylenn Echols
Commissioner Janine Gladfelter
Commissioner Jerry Hinton
Commissioner David Widmark

COMMISSION ABSENT: Commissioner Mario Palmero

STAFF PRESENT: Emily Bower, Interim Gresham Redevelopment Commission Executive Dir.
Kevin McConnell, City Attorney
Eric Chambers, Government Relations Director
Larry Morgan, Policy Communications Specialist
Ricardo Ruiz, Administrative Analyst
Teresa Hall, Council and Executive Analyst
Susanjoy Wright, City Recorder
Rosalie Diaz, Recording Secretary
Cecille Turley, Program Technician
Robin Sells, Police Chief
Tim Taaca, Police Officer

1. INSTRUCTIONS TO CITIZENS ON SIGNING UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY REGARDING AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Instructions to citizens were not read.

B. CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY GROUP COMMENTS FOR AGENDA (EXCEPT PUBLIC HEARING) AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Bemis read the consent agenda.

1. GRESHAM REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES (JANUARY 21, 2020)

2. APPOINTMENT & REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE GRESHAM REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ADVISORY AND BUDGET COMMITTEES (APPOINT DIMITRIOS ZOURKOS AND REAPPOINT CHRISTOPHER BENTLEY, PAUL DRECHSLER AND AMELIA SALVADOR)

Chair Bemis asked if there were any items on the Consent Agenda that any Commissioner wished to remove for further discussion.

Chair Bemis said hearing none, he would entertain a motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Janine Gladfelter and seconded by Commissioner David Widmark
TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS C-1 AND C-2.

Chair Bemis called for discussion on the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed as follows:

YES: Commission Chair Shane T. Bemis
 Commission Vice Chair Eddy Morales
 Commissioner Karylinn Echols
 Commissioner Janine Gladfelter
 Commissioner Jerry Hinton
 Commissioner David Widmark

ABSENT: Commissioner Mario Palmero

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. GRESHAM REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 2019 WORK PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

Emily Bower, Interim GRDC Executive Director presented the staff report. (PowerPoint presentation attached as Exhibit A.)

Commissioner Karylinn Echols said thank you for a great report. It is always nice to see things encapsulated in one report with so much happening. Have there been any challenges that have cropped up in general in terms of the outreach, engagement, and community connections that maybe were not anticipated and if so, how were those handled?

Ms. Bower replied that in regards to community engagement, while we have done a lot of work around improving our outreach capabilities and tools and really thinking about strategic partnerships with community-based organizations, there are other ethnic and racial groups and community organizations that may not be as active, given the diversity and our ability to make sure that we are reaching out to our community members in their native languages. Knowing there are 70+ languages spoken within the Rockwood district, we know we need to do a better job of being able to communicate through other venues. Some of the things we have been working on with English as a second language (ESL) is working through the library to improve the relationships with some of the people there who are providing ESL services. In addition, talking with the school district to learn how we can improve our strategies around working with students and their parents. Those are some of the things we are looking at right now. In regards to the development project, there has been a redesign of the market hall, which

has pushed the timeline out a little bit, but with the assistance of the Urban Design and Planning Department and the committed work of our development partners, we believe we are on track and on time to finish the market hall redesign land use application and close financing in June, so that's exciting.

Commission Vice Chair Eddy Morales said he just wants to echo Commissioner Echols' point that it is really nice to see all the work that has been done. He got to be a part of the Juneteenth event and some of the planning meetings leading up to that event, and also the "I ♥ Rockwood" event. Your team has done a great job of building community buy-in into the Rockwood neighborhood, and therefore, the City of Gresham, so he just wants to commend and applaud you for being a great ambassador for our City and this Commission.

Chair Bemis said thank you Commissioner Morales and thank you for your work on the Juneteenth event too. He appreciates it. Commissioner Morales took that up as an issue and raised it with the Commission to make sure we were active participants and how important it was.

F. COMMISSION MEASURES AND PROPOSALS

None.

G. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Hearing no further business, **Chair Bemis** adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

/s/ SHANE T. BEMIS
CHAIR

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cecille Turley
Recording Secretary