

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING  
URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 31, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Assistant City Manager Todd Feezer at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Davona Douglass, John Freeman, Abe Lentner, Lisa Rich, and Fred Schmechel.

Members absent:

Council Liaison: Andi Summerville (present)

Staff Present: Todd Feezer, Assistant City Manager; and Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk.

**2. Enumeration of Officers**

**2.A. Election of Chair**

I nominate Fred Schmechel to be the Chair of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency.

MOTION BY RICH, seconded by Lentner, that Fred Schmechel be appointed Chair of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency to serve a term of one (1) year and until a successor is elected beginning immediately.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

**Meeting turned over to elected Chair.**

**2.B. Election of Vice Chair**

I nominate Lisa Rich to be the Vice Chair of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency.

MOTION BY LENTNER, seconded by Freeman, that Lisa Rich be appointed Vice Chair of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency to serve a term of one (1) year and until a successor is elected beginning immediately.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

**2.C. Election of Secretary**

No nominations received.

MOTION BY RICH, seconded by Lentner, that Abe Lentner be appointed Secretary of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency to serve a term of one (1) year and until a successor is elected beginning immediately.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

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**2.D. Election of Treasurer**

No nominations received.

MOTION BY FREEMAN, seconded by Rich, that Davona Douglass be appointed Treasurer of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency to serve a term of one (1) year and until a successor is elected beginning immediately.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

**3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

**4. Consideration of changes in Agenda and Setting the Agenda**

MOTION BY FREEMAN, seconded by Rich, that the Agenda be set as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

**5. Disclosures by Commissioners of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency**

None.

**6. Approval of the Minutes of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency**

None.

**7. Business Items of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency**

**7.A. OLD BUSINESS:** No items.

**7.B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.B.i. Resolution 2023-01 setting the Regular Meeting of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency**

MOTION BY RICH, seconded by Freeman, that the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency approve the Resolution 2023-01 setting the Regular Meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency.

MOTION BY FREEMAN, seconded by Rich, to amend Resolutions 2023-01 by inserting 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of August in the space provided.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote on amendment.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote on main motion.

**7.B.ii. Open Meeting Act Training**

Conducted by Nancy Bartholomew, CMC, City of Laramie, City Clerk.

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**7.B.iii. URA Discussion - Commission Member/Staff Goals/Concerns/Thoughts**

Freeman- How proactive can the Agency be?

Freeman- Partner with Non- Government, private sector financing and investment companies, B-Corp and S-Corp businesses.

Lentner- How has it worked, successes and failures? Hard and fast statutory- proactive, and where should we be cautious?

Rich- Threshold question- Agency versus authority, wholistic planning URA incorporates as part of a plan.

Douglass- no questions.

Schmechel- difference between this board and the Downtown Development Authority?

**8. Next Meeting of the Laramie Urban Renewal Agency**

Schedule work session meeting for September 7, 2023, 5:30 pm.

**9. Adjournment**

MOTION BY FREEMAN, seconded by Rich, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Fred Schmechel, Urban Renewal Agency Chair

Date

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Abe Lentner, Urban Renewal Agency Secretary

Date