

TAUNTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2022 at 4 pm

**Taunton City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton
Silver City Conference Room, 2nd floor**

Members Present:

Chris Coute

Ed Correira

Larry Silvia

Jeff Pagliuca

William Roth, OECD/TRA Ex. Director was also in attendance.

Dennis Ackerman was also in attendance.

Call to Order at 4:00 pm: A quorum was present.

Item number 1: Review and approve minutes of February 23, 2022.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Coute. There were no corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Item number 2: Welcome New Member, Heidi Taylor

Mr. Roth indicated that Ms. Taylor informed him that she was in the process of buying a new house, which was not within the City. Mr. Roth indicated that per State Law Redevelopment Authority members need to live within the City; therefore, Ms. Taylor could not serve on the Redevelopment Authority, and would therefore not be in attendance.

Item number 3: Discussion on Whittenton URP Proposals.

Mr. Roth indicated that three proposals were submitted; BSC Group, Stantec, and the Dukakis Center at Northeastern University. His recommendation was to set up interviews with all three firms.

Mr. Ackerman reviewed the proposals with the Authority and discussed the differences in them with regards to the proposed scopes and methodology proposed by the three firms.

Discussion on the proposal occurred.

Mr. Coute asked what the price proposals were.

Mr. Roth recommended to review the technical proposals, conduct the interviews and then open the price proposals.

Discussion occurred and it was the consensus of the Authority to open the price proposals.

The following were the price proposals:

BCS Group: \$99,750

Dukakis Center: \$64,500

Stantec: \$125,000

The Authority discussed the interview process, and selected the date of April 4, 2022 between 2pm and 5pm to interview the firms.

Mr. Pagliuca asked how the TDI in Whittenton would work with a URP going on at the same time.

Mr. Roth indicated that he felt they would be very compatible and would have a lot of synergy between them. Especially getting the neighborhood engaged in participation.

Item number 4: Consultant Services Update – Dennis Ackerman

Mr. Roth indicated that a revised contract had been prepared between the Legal Department and Mr. Ackerman and was ready for signature. Mr. Roth indicated that a vote on the contract was not needed since the original approval indicated having a satisfactory contract prepared by the Law Department.

Item number 5: Other Business

Mr. Coute asked about the Status of getting the Authority's own legal counsel on board.

Mr. Correira indicated he had spoken to Ed Brennan and he was willing to provide legal services.

Mr. Roth indicated that he would reach out to Mr. Brennan and get a proposal from him.

Item number 6: Next meeting date

Mr. Roth indicated that the next meeting would be interviews on April 4, 2022.

A motion was then made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Roth, Jr.,
Executive Director, TRA