

Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2018

The Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency held its regular meeting December 18, 2018 at The Baim Law Firm.

Commissioners in attendance:

Jimmy Dill, Chair
Rita Conley
Travis Martin
Kirby Mouser
Lloyd Franklin Sr.

Others in Attendance:

Jean Painton
Randy Light
Edmond Reed
Ryan Watley
Lori Walker
Elijah Lacy
Stephen Bronskill
Maurice Taggart, Executive Director
Chandra Griffin, Recorder

Meeting call to order at 5:30pm by Commissioner Dill.

Approval of Minutes for regular meeting November 20, 2018

MOTION Commissioner Franklin, SECONDED Commissioner Martin, MOTION APPROVED BY MAJORITY

Approval of Minutes for Called Meeting November 28, 2018

MOTION Commissioner Mouser, SECONDED Commissioner Martin, MOTION APPROVED BY MAJORITY

Approval of November 2018 Financial Statement

Present by Commissioner Franklin Sr., 2nd page Summary

MOTION Commissioner Mouser, SECONDED Commissioner Martin, MOTION APPROVED BY MAJORITY

2018 Budget Adjustment

Presented by Executive Director Taggart, Christmas Bonus for 4 employees, city employees receive Christmas Bonuses; \$500 Full-time, \$250 Part-time and PBURA should mirror the same bonuses. Money transfer from auto line item to salary, total of \$10,318.50 including Ex. Director.

MOTION Commissioner Franklin to approve the budget line adjustment for salaries and benefits of \$10,318.50, SECONDED Commissioner Conley, MOTION APPROVED BY MAJORITY

2019 Budget Approval

Presented by Executive Director Taggart, much discussion and clarification of budget; \$771,000 is waiting for action and will roll over to 2019 budget. Mr. Watley was invited to the table for further discussion. This is only a budget of projected figures for 2019 and actual monies are collected quarterly and adjustment will be made accordingly to collections.

MOTION Commissioner Martin to accept the 2019 Budget, SECONDED Conley, MOTION APPROVED BY MAJORITY

Downtown Incentive Programs

Presented by Executive Director Taggart, three incentive flyers presented with much discussion about figures and details being presented on flyers.

MOTION Commissioner Franklin Sr. to approve the concept on the flyers with no figures printed on flyer, SECONDED Commissioner Martin, MOTION APPROVED BY MAJORITY

Demolition Update/Strategy

Presented by Executive Director Taggart, update of demolition with equipment purchased photos of work site; cleaning will be done once the ground dries. Also, to curb "tipping point neighborhoods" working outside in with blight properties to attract private investment of property owners in the neighborhood.

Other Business

Mr. Light-more dumpsters are needed for demolition

Commissioner Franklin discussed creating a finance committee with Lou Taylor and Bill Brummett because they both have experience and knowledge of city business. A Commissioner of PBURA will be the Chair of the committee. A personnel committee was discussed with the possibility of Commissioner Conley to head and to consult with Ms. Conaway in PB HR Dept. when needed.

Public Comments

Ms. Painton suggested to focus on blight properties near areas where investment is occurring like the Merrill Center.

Lori Walker-suggested the same as Ms. Painton also to recycle material from demo houses.

MOTION Commissioner Franklin Sr. for Executive Meeting at 6:55pm Commissioner ONLY

Return from Executive Meeting at 7:05pm

Executive Director Taggart and Ryan Watley returned to meeting

MOTION Commissioner Franklin to adjust salary for Executive Director of \$8,790.00 starting January 1, 2019 to compensate for benefits package not paid, SECONDED Commissioner Martin, MOTION APPROVED BY MAJORITY.

Meeting Adjournment at 7:08pm

Chandra Griffin, Recorder