

Mayor Kerby called the special council meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2006 at the Boundary County Extension Office. Present for the special meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council Members John Langs, Russ Docherty, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, and Economic Development Coordinator Robin Ponsness. Also present for the meeting were John Austin from Panhandle Area Council, Boundary County Treasurer Wilma DeVore, Boundary County Clerk Glenda Poston, Moyie City Councilwoman Ila Eberly, Patty Perry from the Kootenai Tribe, Boundary County Commissioners Walt Kirby, Ron Smith, and Dan Dinning, Commissioner's Secretary Michelle Rohrwasser, and Tom Hollingsworth.

The purpose of the special meeting was to approve a resolution supporting the Alderson Lane Project and to discuss and learn about urban renewal districts.

Dave Gray moved to approve Resolution 2006-6 Supporting the Alderson Lane Project. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Resolution 2006-6 reads as follows:

**Resolution 2006-06**

**Resolution for**

**Project Identification for Surface Transportation Program – Rural  
Pedestrian Improvements to Alderson Lane**

WHEREAS, the City of Bonners Ferry strives to provide a high standard of pedestrian safety throughout the city limits, and

WHEREAS, pedestrian traffic, especially among city youth, exists in higher concentrations along Alderson Lane due to the proximity to Boundary County Middle and High School.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Bonners Ferry as follows:

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNERS FERRY hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Officers of the City to proceed with application for all grants, permits, licenses and studies that shall be necessary to establish and complete Pedestrian Safety Improvements along Alderson Lane and to obtain funding by grants of public funding as such may be available to the City.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the council hereby expresses its support of the aforesaid project. The project will be pursued upon the premises that the Idaho Transportation Department, District One office and the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council will support this project. All grant applications will be made by the City of Bonners Ferry. The City shall manage the grant project and new infrastructure associated with this project will be maintained and operated by the City of Bonners Ferry.

To the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council, LHTAC, total project cost estimate is \$793,000, which will require \$59,000 (7.34% of total project costs) of local matching funds available from the City of Bonners Ferry.

Application shall proceed immediately subject to these provisions with an expected construction date sometime between ITD fiscal year 2008 - 2011.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2006.

/s/Darrell Kerby, Mayor, City of Bonners Ferry

Attest: Kris Larson, City Clerk, City of Bonners Ferry

Mayor Kerby turned the meeting over to Boundary County Commissioner Chairman Ron Smith. Ron asked Robin Ponsness to update the group on urban renewal districts. Robin said Panhandle Area Council has an educational piece to present to the group and introduced John Austin from Panhandle Area Council.

John Austin spoke to the group concerning urban renewal districts. Urban renewal districts have been used in North Idaho over the past few years to promote community infrastructure improvements. He said deteriorated areas need to be defined in a Findings of Deterioration Study. All tax dollars for new improvements or increased value of existing residences or properties go to the urban renewal district for infrastructure improvements or public use items as designated in the spending plan. This encourages development to come to the deteriorated area. He said the School District still gets their tax dollars. The maximum time frame for an urban renewal district is 24 years but they generally go for ten years. After the term of the urban renewal district is complete the

taxes go to the local government and the value of this area is greater due to the development so the taxing entities benefit.

John said an urban renewal district is a cooperative effort between agencies and it helps communities deal with growth. The city could form an urban renewal district in the county without the consent of the county and the county could form one in the city if an urban renewal district does not already exist. The largest district can only be ten percent of the taxable value of the city.

A plan of spending must also be established. There is a board appointed for the renewal district and they oversee the plan of spending and make sure the improvements are being made as specified. A board member cannot live nor have any financial interest in the urban renewal district. Stephen inquired if the plan can be changed over time. John said it could be. The spending plan can include projects to be funded outside the urban renewal district if the projects provide benefit to the urban renewal district depending on the relationship of the project to the district.

John said Panhandle Area Council works with entities to form urban renewal districts and they can administer urban renewal districts.

The group discussed urban renewal districts and asked questions.

At 4:43 p.m. Russ Docherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Gray seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

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Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

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Kris Larson, City Clerk