AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Liaison/Work Session Clarification meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Council members present were Heidi Adamson, Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum, Jim Johnston and Linda Leeuwrik. Council member Beena Mannan was excused. Also in attendance was Ruth Newsom, City Clerk; Jared Johnson, City Attorney; and Jeff Mansfield, Public Works Director.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Council reviewed a proposed Clean Energy Resolution for the City as discussed at the September 12, 2019 Work Session.

General discussion regarding the time period Pocatello departments instituted energy efficient measures was held. Information was shared showing energy saving techniques have been on-going in multiple departments for many years. Alternate energy sources for future use within the City was discussed.

It was mentioned a task force to help facilitate the City’s goals toward clean energy will be created after the resolution is adopted. Discussion regarding a process to establish the task force and determining who will serve on the task force was held. Council suggested modifications to the proposed resolution and asked Legal staff to prepare a final resolution for consideration at the November 7, 2019 Regular Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Council gave a brief update of city activities. It was noted that an App has been created to help Council identify areas in Pocatello needing attention. Each council member has a temporary assignment to an area of Pocatello to review their area for enhancement needs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Mayor Blad gave a brief update of city activities. He noted a Request for Proposals has been published in the Idaho State Journal for rebranding of the City. Logan McDougall, Public Information Officer, was asked to give a brief overview of the proposal. Mayor Blad shared information he received while attending a recent Economic Development Conference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: City Council Liaison Reports were given at this time.

Cheatum: Airport Commission update – a recent economic impact study for the airport was shared. An estimated $164 million is brought to the area as a result of the Pocatello Airport. Senior Activity Center update was given. Mr. Cheatum also serves on the Senior Activity Center Ad-Hoc Committee and reported the Committee toured the 151 Building as a possible location for the Center and plan to tour the Calvary Chapel building on Olympus Drive. Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG) update – their meeting was held in Malad, Idaho. Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA) update – the organization hired a new audit company that has updated the office processes at SEICAA.
Johnston: Pocatello Development Authority update – Hoku site is being considered for purchase by various entities. Still trying to identify the legal owner(s) of buildings located on the site. Other activities were shared. Housing Alliance and Community Partnerships update – recent property purchase and new houses on McKinley will be available soon.

Adamson: NeighborWorks Pocatello update – Blight to Bright Tour was informative. Funding available in the City’s Abatement program for cleaning up properties was discussed. It was noted NeighborWorks is still working to secure property on South 5th Avenue for Senior Apartments. Also looking at the possible purchase of Bonneville School for additional housing needs. Bannock Transportation Planning Organization update – looking at grant applications for upcoming projects.

Bray: Golf Advisory Committee is still working on getting a sponsor for the new Club House. The Committee will not meet again until next spring. Animal Shelter Advisory Board update – Board members are very anxious for the City to choose a new director for the Animal Shelter. It was mentioned the temporary director is still working to update various administrative processes at the shelter and once the process is complete, a new director will be sought.

Leeuwrik: Pocatello Arts Council – Empty Bowls fundraising project was very successful. They hope to build on the project each year. Historic Preservation Commission update – 2020 Heritage Conference will be held in Pocatello. Scavenger Hunt and Stones to Stories events at Mountain View Cemetery were successful fundraising events. Marshall Public Library – circulation stats continue to grow. Library cards are held by 80% of Pocatello’s residents. Update for the Human Relations Advisory Committee update – Jamar Brown completed her term on the Committee. The Committee will continue to help individuals work through discrimination issues.

Mayor Blad: Youth Advisory Council update – meetings have not been very productive. The members are still working on getting the proper meeting processes down. Old Town Pocatello has many events planned over the holidays.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.
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BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

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RUTH NEWSOM, CITY CLERK