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June 13, 2006

Bill Van Vactor
County Administrator
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Dear Bill:

The Florence City Council, at a Special Meeting on June 12, 2006, adopted an ordinance that creates a local Urban Renewal Agency. The creation of the Agency is procedural step toward a potential action further creating an Urban Renewal District and adopting a District Urban Renewal Plan. Among the provisions of the ordinance, there are also requirements for the appointment of a governing Board of Directors.

The ordinance directs the Florence Mayor to give special consideration to the appointment of elected members of certain taxing agencies whose districts overlay Florence Downtown. It also requires that one of the members of the Agency Board of Directors be nominated by the Lane County Board of Commissioners. A copy of the regulation is enclosed for your use.

The Board of County Commissioners can assist the City by nominating a representative to serve on the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors. We would like to have made the appointments to the Board by July 10, 2006. In order to accomplish this, it would be helpful to have your nomination by Wednesday, July 6. Hopefully you will have been able to communicate within your agency by that time.

Thanks for your help in facilitating good public policy. We look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call Rodger Bennett, City Manager, at 997-9755.

Sincerely,

Phil Brubaker
Philip N. Brubaker (Bm)
Mayor

Copies: Florence City Council



ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES 2006

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT BLIGHTED AREAS EXIST WITHIN THE CITY OF FLORENCE; RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY TO FUNCTION IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE AGENCY'S POWERS BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE BY ADDING TITLE 2 CHAPTER 5 TO THE FLORENCE CITY CODE, ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND PRESCRIBING TERMS OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, there exists within the City of Florence, Oregon, blighted areas as defined in ORS 457.010: and

WHEREAS, such blighted areas impair economic values and ad valorem tax revenues; and WHEREAS, there is a need for an urban renewal agency to function in the City; and

WHEREAS, ORS 457.035 authorizes the creation of a public body corporate and politic to be known as the "Urban Renewal Agency" of the City.

THE CITY OF FLORENCE ORDAINS THAT TITLE 2 CHAPTER 5 OF THE FLORENCE CITY CODE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1:

2-5-1: Based upon the findings marked Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by reference as fully set forth herein, the City Council of the City of Florence, Oregon, hereinafter referred to as City of Florence, hereby finds and declares that blighted areas, as defined in ORS 457.010, exist within the City of Florence.

2-5-2: The City Council declares and recognizes that there is a need for an Urban Renewal Agency to function within the City of Florence.

2-5-3: The City Council further declares, Pursuant to ORS 457.045(2), that all of the rights, powers, duties, privileges and immunities granted to and vested in an Urban Renewal Agency by the laws of the State of Oregon shall be exercised by and vested in the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors.

2-5-4: The corporate name of the agency provided by the Ordinance shall be, and said agency shall be known as, "The Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Florence."

2-5-5: Board of Directors The Board of Directors shall be made up of nine members who shall be appointed based upon their positions as follows:

- A. One shall be the Mayor of Florence.
- B. Two shall be City Councilors of the City of Florence.
- C. One shall be nominated by the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

- D. Five shall be citizens at large. Special consideration shall be given to the potential appointment of elected members of the governing bodies of the Western Lane Ambulance District, the Port of Siuslaw and/or the Siuslaw Library District.

2-5-6: Term of Office The term of office of each member of the Board of Directors, with the Exception of the Mayor of Florence, shall be three years. The initial appointments shall be made in such a manner so that three members are appointed for full three year terms, three shall be appointed for two years and two members shall be appointed for one year. All terms thereafter shall be three years. The term for the Mayor of Florence shall correspond with his/her term in office as Mayor.

2-5-7: Dissolution in absence of Urban Renewal Plan. The Urban Renewal Agency shall be disbanded if at any time the Florence City Council fails to approve an Urban Renewal Plan or should abandon any plan previously approved.

Exhibit A

Findings on blighting conditions

The City Council finds that there exist within the City of Florence blighting conditions as defined by ORS 457.010(1), and that the City Council is interested in improving conditions in such areas.

The City Council further finds that blighting conditions exist within an area encompassing Old Town Florence, and areas fronting on and adjacent to Highway 101, south of 12th Street. Blighting conditions in this area include:

- Vacant and underutilized property and land.
- Lack of curb, sidewalk and lighting in portions of the area.
- Traffic and safety hazards created by Highway 101, and high levels of traffic.
- Evidence of substandard building maintenance and appearance in the area
- Public facilities in need of repair or replacement.

The City Council finds that urban renewal provides a means to treat blighting conditions in Florence, and that an urban renewal agency therefore should be established.

Section 2: the City Recorder, at the request of or with the concurrence of the City Attorney is authorized to administratively correct any reference errors contained herein or in other provisions of the Florence City code, to the provisions added, amended or repealed herein.

ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2006 BY THE FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL.

Ayes: 5 – Councilors: Braley, Holman, Osbon, Xavier and Mayor Brubaker

Nays:

Absent:

Absentia:

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this _____ DAY OF JUNE, 2006

Phil Brubaker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Miller, City Recorder