



## Planning Commission

# Agenda

### Study Session

February 26, 2018

Noon

**Lausmann Annex, Room 151**  
200 South Ivy Street, Medford, Oregon

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10. Introductions
20. Discussion items
  - 20.1 **Medford Urban Renewal Agency Substantial Amendment**
30. Adjournment

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City of Medford

# Office of the City Manager

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**To:** Medford Planning Commission  
**From:** Kelly A. Madding, Deputy City Manager  
**Date:** 2/22/2018  
**Re:** Medford Urban Renewal Agency Substantial Amendment

**Purpose of the Study Session:**

Provide general information on Urban Renewal Agencies, and more specific information on the Medford Urban Renewal Agency. This information will be provided in preparation for the March 8, 2018 Planning Commission public hearing. At the March 8 meeting the Planning Commission will determine whether the MURA Substantial Amendment complies with the City's Comprehensive Plan and make a recommendation to the City Council.

The Medford Urban Renewal Agency (MURA), which began in 1998, was scheduled to expire in 2018. In 2017 the MURA Board began considering whether to extend MURA via a substantial amendment to the City Center Revitalization Plan (MURA Plan). The amendment would increase the maximum indebtedness of MURA, thus allowing for additional revenue to be spent on specific projects.

Prior to making a decision the MURA Board held three public hearings between June and August, 2017. The purpose of the public hearings was to elicit testimony on the proposed increase in the district's indebtedness and the continuation of Medford Urban Renewal Agency. The public testimony was positive on both counts.

The MURA Board then directed city staff to establish an Advisory Committee with the direction to develop and consider projects in the Liberty Park area only, with an additional set allocation of funds for seismic retrofitting within the City Center Boundary.

The City contracted with a consultant to author the Substantial Amendment. The City Council must receive recommendations from both the MURA Board and the City's Planning Commission prior to taking action on the Substantial Amendment.