



MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY
NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA
June 20, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chopper Davis at 8:46 p.m. Those in attendance were Director Matt Murphy, Director Peter Altman and Director Mike Peters. Director Kelly Mothershead participated via electronically.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, Deputy City Clerk Nadine Ward, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Technology and Innovations Director Robert Greene, Economic Development Director Rod Kirk and Human Resources Director Jill Sassone.

2 Approval of June 6, 2023 CRA Meeting Minutes - Page 2

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

3 ITB23-020 Main Street Entry Feature - Bid Approval/Project Award - Page 5

Executive Director Manns introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the item to the Board. Mr. Rivera began his presentation by highlighting the landscape that would be included in the project. The monument sign will be installed on the southeast corner. It will include an LED message board. There will also be a sign that spans over Main Street. The colors for this project will be the same as the current wayfinding signs. Executive Director Manns stated this will establish an iconic identifier for the city and is an extension of our branding campaign. The total cost of the three signs is estimated at \$407,582. The remaining portion of the budget will be used for demolition and landscape items. There is also a \$50k appropriation for miscellaneous items. The two bids that were received ranged from \$802,832.22 to \$707,143.20. Staff recommends that the Board approve the bid submitted by Augustine Construction, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$707,143.20. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Chairman Davis returned the floor to the Board. Director Murphy stated he was concerned over the height but it looks high enough for the

Chasco floats. He stated we need to have lush landscaping. Director Altman stated that he thinks the college students will use the pedestrian space. Executive Director Manns stated that the undeveloped space on the Keiser property was bid out as an alternate and it came in at \$200k and she has asked the developer and the college to work together and is waiting to hear back from the college on how much they will contribute. Director Mothershead stated she loves it and believes it is definitely needed. Director Peters suggested landscape lighting. He also suggested the possibility of adding similar trees along the west corner of U.S. 19. He stated that this will help with redevelopment. Chairman Davis spoke about golf cart crossing at Main Street being implemented into the design. Executive Director Manns stated the conditions are very different and Mr. Rivera stated that Main Street is the most difficult and FDOT may not even come close to approving golf cart crossing at that location due to the multiple lanes of traffic. Motion was made to approve the item as presented. Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Pete Altman. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters

4 Communications

Councilman Altman spoke regarding CRA best practices. He stated he would pass along the document to the City Clerk to be distributed to the rest of the Board.

5 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

(signed) _____
Nadine Ward, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____