



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
September 28, 2023
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City Council will meet as the CRA Board of Directors immediately following the close of the Special Meeting.

MINUTES

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chopper Davis at 7:54 p.m. Those in attendance were Director Matt Murphy, Director Peter Altman and Director Mike Peters. Director Kelly Mothershead was excused.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Assistant Public Works Director Colin Eichenmuller and Librarian Stephanie Jones.

2 Approval of September 5, 2023 CRA Meeting Minutes - Page 2

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Peters Absent: Mothershead

3 Memorandum of Understanding with New Port Richey Main Street, Inc. - Page 5

Executive Director Manns introduced the item to the Board. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with New Port Richey Main Street, Inc. If approved, the Memorandum of Understanding will be for a term of one year effective as of October 1, 2023 and will expire on September 30, 2024.

Upon opening the floor to public comment the following people came forward to speak:

- Tina Gordon, Program Director, NPRMS thanked the Board for their consideration of the MOU.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR spoke in support of the agenda item.
- Beth Fregger, 8040 Island Dr., PR spoke about her tenure with NPRMS and Tina Gordon.

With no one else coming forward Chairman Davis returned the floor to the Board. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Mike Peters and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Peters Absent: Mothershead

4 Resolution No. 2023-19: Approval of FY2023-2024 CRA Operating Budget & Capital Projects - Page 13

City Attorney Driscoll read the resolution by title only. Executive Director Manns introduced the item to the Board. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Finance Director Crystal Dunn then made a presentation to the Board. Mrs. Dunn began her presentation by highlighting the organizational chart. Total revenues were estimated at \$11,665,720. Mrs. Dunn then highlighted the expenditures. Mrs. Dunn then highlighted the proposed capital projects. She then highlighted the transfer expenditures.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, the following people came forward to speak:

- Beva Stevenson Karay, 5719 Lafayette St., NPR spoke regarding the purchase of the Schwettman property and the GHS alumni's initiation to save the school since 2021.
- Ann Rusau James, 5603 Wyoming Ave., NPR spoke regarding the future uses of the Schwettman property.
- Mary Beth Isaacson, 8805 Forest Lake Drive, PR thanked the Board and the Executive Director for their work on housing the Richey Community Orchestra music library. She also spoke regarding the Schwettman property.
- Bill Stevens, 9454 Royal Palm Ave., NPR spoke expansion and improvement opportunities for the Schwettman property.
- Pat Baillie Blount, 7238 Redbud Ct., NPR spoke regarding the Schwettman property.
- Terry Kline, 6807 Parkside Dr., NPR spoke regarding it is not about the money.
- Dale Webb, 5647 Kentucky Ave., NPR spoke regarding the Schwettman property.
- Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR spoke regarding the Schwettman property.
- Charles Weis, 6013 Adams St., NPR spoke regarding the Schwettman property.
- Angela Addino Napolitano, 6013 Adams St., NPR spoke regarding the minutes from the September 5, 2023 CRA meeting and the Schwettman property.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR spoke regarding the Schwettman property.
- Gina Madeiros, 6013 Adams St., NPR played an audio part of the September 5, 2023 CRA meeting.
- George Romagnoli, 6235 Florida Ave., NPR spoke regarding the Elfers project, Schwettman and the Health Department Building.

With no one else coming forward Chairman Davis returned the floor to the Board. Motion was made by Director Altman to approve Resolution No. 2023-19 adopting the FY23/24 CRA budget and CIP and was seconded by Director Peters. Motion passed 4-0 at 9:06 p.m.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Murphy, Peters Absent: Mothershead

5 Communications

Director Peters asked the Executive Director Manns to comment about the 15-year clause. She stated that a FOIA could be done for the agreement. She stated that minutes are not verbatim but a summary of the action taken by the Board. Executive Director Manns thanked Mrs. Dunn and staff for all of the hard work on the budget and commitment over the past few months. Executive Director Manns addressed the accusation that she is holding up the rehabilitation program and she stated she is doing that for fiscal prudence and to avoid a conflict of interest. She has requested changes and as soon as those changes have been approved by the State they will be brought back before City Council for their review. She stated she has not heard back from the State regarding a status update. Executive Director Manns spoke regarding interest bearing accounts and she can put together a matrix chart. Mayor Davis thanked those in attendance.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____