



**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

August 1, 2024

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To begin immediately following the close of the Special City Council meeting.

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**MINUTES**

**ORDER OF  
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chopper Davis at 6:20 p.m. Those in attendance were Director Kelly Mothershead, Director Matt Murphy, and Director Butler, IV. Director Altman 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, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Library Director Andi Figart, Technology Solutions Manager Mike Miller, Assistant City Manager Greg Oravec and Human Resources Director Arnel Wetzel.

2 Approval of July 16, 2024 CRA Meeting Minutes - Page 2

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

3 Consent Agenda: a) Purchases/Payments for CRA Board Approval - Page 6

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

4 Review of the FY2024-2025 Proposed Budget - Page 9

Executive Director Manns introduced the item to the Board. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to review the proposed budget for FY24/25. She then introduced Asst. City Manager Gregory Oravec who then presented the proposed budget to the Board. Mr. Oravec began his presentation by giving a highlight of the CRA. He then highlighted the proposed initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Oravec highlighted some Capital Projects and spoke regarding shade bump outs. He stated property values were up 11% as of January 1st. Mr. Oravec then spoke regarding tax

increment revenues. Contractual contributions were for the parking garage. Estimated revenue is \$13,009,410. Mr. Oravec then spoke regarding debt service. Mr. Oravec then presented the proposed operating budget. Professional services increased. Main Street grant was moved to contractual services and amount increased up to \$50k. There was an assessment from the Tax Collector and those funds were placed into the other current charges - misc line item. Mr. Oravec then spoke regarding redevelopment incentives. He also spoke regarding residential incentives. Mr. Oravec then highlighted the specific dollar amounts for each of the Capital Projects listed. Total estimated Capital is \$6,895,000. Mr. Oravec stated under Florida Statutes CRA are not supposed to have cash carry forward and could be used for debt. The Directors, Executive Director Manns and Mr. Oravec held an extensive discussion on residential incentives.

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

- Kate Connolly, 5508 Vermont Ave., NPR thanked the Board for their lively discussion. She is looking forward to the residential developments. She thanked the Board for all of the landscape improvements.

With no one else coming forward Chairman Davis returned the floor to the Board.

5 Communications

Director Butler spoke regarding Mrs. Smallwood's application. He hopes it provides clarity. Chairman Davis would like the guidelines for the historic preservation for next week. A video was played on behalf of Director Altman regarding the Historic Gulf High School.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Initialed: \_\_\_\_\_