



**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 25, 2017  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR 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 Rob Marlowe at 7:29 pm. Those in attendance were, Director Bill Phillips, Director Judy DeBella Thomas, Director Jeff Starkey and Director Chopper Davis.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Development Director Lisa Fierce, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Mario Iezzoni, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Andi Figart, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

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Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

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Executive Director Manns introduced Economic Development Director Mario Iezzoni who then presented the item to the Board. He highlighted the changes from the first proposed budget.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Chairman Marlowe returned the floor to the Board. Director Phillips began by highlighting account 63-53 incentive program and how this will correlate to 62-99 as he is trying to understand what that line is about. He stated that MSL incentive program there is half payment. We have an agreement with MSL and as of today our obligation is 1,750,000 where will it show in the audit the credit for the development rights to the Grey Preserve. He does not want to pass this. If it needs to be amended then he wants to see an amendment next month. After we go through planning charette will they come to us for the right

operation of what a CRA is. CRA was turned into a debt service. It was developed to have a lot more bells and whistles but we've given a lot of stuff away. He wants it recognized that value exists in the audit. Finance Director Feast stated that the calculations are correct only the clerical error on page 214.

Mr. Iezzoni stated in regards to the CRA and how it is managed and ran, he is completely comfortable. It cost the City approximately \$800k year to do nothing with Orange Lake. There is an invisible tax to the citizens. When he looks at his role of bringing new tax dollars to the city, he takes a very aggressive approach. Director Phillips stated at the end of the day he recognizes what we did. He wants to know in the audit report what we've given away.

City Attorney Driscoll then read Resolution No. 2017-36 adopting the final operating and CIP budgets by title only. Motion passed 5-0 with the resolution adopted at 7:40 p.m.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

4 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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

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

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