



**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  
January 15, 2019  
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 10:12 p.m. Those in attendance were, Director Jeff Starkey, Director Chopper Davis, Director Altman and Director Murphy.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Mario Iezzoni, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Andi Figart, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Development Director George Romagnoli and Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed.

2 Approval of December 18, 2018 CRA Meeting Minutes - Page 2

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Jeff Starkey and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

3 Business Incentive and Grant Program Revisions - Page 6

Executive Director Manns introduced Economic Development Director Mario Iezzoni who then presented the item to the Board. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve revisions to the Business Incentive Grant Program. The revisions mirror a similar incentive program in Boynton Beach. The proposed programs are as follows:

- Rent Rebate Program - 50% match, capped at \$1,250 monthly for a period of 12 consecutive months reimbursed quarterly.
- Facade Improvement - 50% match, capped at \$25,000
- Interior Improvement - 50% match, capped at \$25,000

The grants are per address and can be combined. A review panel will consider each application with

final approval determined by the CRA Executive Director or CRA Board. Eligibility requirements are that it is the entire CRA district, non-profits not eligible, business must be licensed, credit score of 601 and a multi-year lease must be in place. Mr. Iezzoni stated this program will benefit all residents. He stated that we will use the Shopability Study as a guideline. Mr. Iezzoni stated that the strip malls along U.S. 19 are very tired looking. This program could attract those who will come in and level them and redevelop the sites. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Chairman Marlowe returned the floor to the Board. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

4 Amendment to the Performance Agreement for The Central - Page 8

Executive Director Manns introduced Economic Development Director Mario Iezzoni who then the item to the Board. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve an amendment to the Performance Agreement for The Central. On October 26, 2016 the CRA entered into a purchase/sale agreement to redevelop the property. The developer encountered significant delays in the financing of the project therefore creating the need for the proposed timeline for the project to have to be amended accordingly. Upon opening the floor to public comment, MJ Faqouseh came forward and suggested contacting all of the tenants that were in Gulfview Square Mall and offer incentives for them to open businesses in downtown New Port Richey. With no one else coming forward Chairman Marlowe returned the floor to the Board. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Jeff Starkey. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

5 Communications

Director Altman stated he will be at the FRA quarterly conference at the end of January.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

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

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

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