

RESOLUTION #2020-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1988 the City Council (governing body) of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, adopted a "Finding of Necessity" consistent with Florida Statute 163.355, determining that slum and blight did exist within one or more areas of the City of New Port Richey. This condition of blight was documented by the adoption and acceptance of the "1988 Blight Study", under Resolution 88-25;

WHEREAS, the City Council, as governing body, consistent with Florida Statute 163.357, declared itself to be a Community Redevelopment Agency, and established a Community Redevelopment Area, all consistent with Chapter 163.360 of the Florida Statute, by creating a Community Redevelopment Plan;

WHEREAS, at the request of the Community Redevelopment Agency and direction of City Council, City Staff compiled/completed a review of the City showing that slum and blighted areas exist outside the existing Community Redevelopment Area. In 2001, City Council adopted the "2000 Assessment of Need" (Blight Study Revision);

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2001, City Council adopted Resolution 01-05 accepting the modification of the Community Redevelopment Area and Plan to encompass all properties and areas within the City and accepting the modification of the "Finding of Necessity" adopted by Resolution 88-25;

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2012, City Council adopted Resolution 2012-15 accepting the modification of the Community Redevelopment Area Plan adopted by Resolution 01-05;

WHEREAS, City Council determined that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such areas, is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals, or welfare of the residents of the City of New Port Richey, Florida;

WHEREAS, City Council finds that while some initiatives of the City of New Port Richey Redevelopment Plan have been accomplished, more work is needed to implement the City's 2012 Community Redevelopment Plan, address blight, infill redevelopment and commercial occupancy to preserve and enhance the tax base;

WHEREAS, in January of 2017 the City and the New Port Richey CRA issued RFQ # 17-004 Community Redevelopment Plan Update;

WHEREAS, the City Staff and consultants have prepared a revision and amendment of the existing redevelopment plan (Community Redevelopment 2019 Plan Update) consistent with the request of City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2019 and April 23, 2019, City Council adopted Resolution 2019-08 accepting the modification of the Community Redevelopment Plan as previously adopted by Resolution 2012-04, as well as the extension of the time certain for redevelopment activities and tax increment revenue-funded activities through September 30, 2049;

WHEREAS, the Land Development Review Board of the City of New Port Richey, Florida as the local planning agency of the City determined that the proposed updated and amended Community Redevelopment Area Plan conformed to the comprehensive plan for the City as prepared by the local planning agency under the Community Planning Act and recommended the adoption of the updated and amended Community Redevelopment Area Plan and the 2019 amendment thereto;

WHEREAS, an additional amendment of the Community Redevelopment Plan was found necessary by the New Port Richey Community Redevelopment Agency to facilitate additional redevelopment activities deemed necessary within the redevelopment area and the CRA adopted Resolution 2020-01 approving said amendment on December 3, 2019 and December 17, 2019;

WHEREAS, City Council found that the amendment of the Community Redevelopment Plan was necessary to facilitate additional redevelopment activities deemed necessary within the redevelopment area and adopted Resolution 2020-02 approving said amendment on December 3, 2019 and December 17, 2019;

WHEREAS, the City of New Port Richey Community Redevelopment Agency is charged with redevelopment activities to sustain and enhance the commercial tax base and create marketing programs, improve affordable housing and neighborhoods, develop commercial areas and commerce, and revitalization programs;

WHEREAS, New Port Richey Community Redevelopment Agency is responsible for developing and implementing the Community Redevelopment Plan that addresses the unique needs of the targeted area. The plan includes the overall goals for redevelopment in the area, as well as identifying the types of projects planned for the area;

WHEREAS, notification of the New Port Richey Community Redevelopment Agency Redevelopment Plan Amendment was provided to the taxing authorities pursuant to Florida Statute 163.346;

WHEREAS, the City Council held public hearings, consistent with Florida Statute 163.346 and 163.361 to consider the adoption of the proposed updated and amended Community Redevelopment Plan and the 2019 amendment thereto;

WHEREAS, Chapter 2019-163 Laws of Florida was adopted and created Section 163.3755 Florida Statutes, which provided that the governing body of a municipality having a community redevelopment agency whose existence will extend beyond September 30, 2039 must approve the continued existence of the agency beyond said date by a majority vote of the members of the governing body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida that the City Council, by a majority vote of its members, makes the findings set forth above, and hereby approves the continued existence of the City of New Port Richey Community Redevelopment Agency through September 30, 2049, as provided in Section 163.3755(1) Florida Statutes.

DONE AND RESOLVED at regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida on January 21, 2020 and February 7, 2020, and effective immediately thereafter.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

By: _____
Robert Marlowe, Mayor-Council Member

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE SOLE USE
AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA:

Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney