



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
March 2, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rob Marlowe at 9:39 p.m. Those in attendance were Director Chopper Davis, Director Altman, Director Murphy and Director Peters.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Assistant City Manager Rodd Hale, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Charles Rudd, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Adams, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran and Systems & Services Librarian Stephanie Jones.

2 Approval of November 17, 2020 CRA Meeting Minutes - Page 2

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

3 Commercial Real Estate Redevelopment Grant Award - Widow Fletcher's - Page 18

Executive Director Manns introduced the item to the Board. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to consider a Commercial Real Estate Redevelopment Grant award of \$400,000 for Widow Fletcher's LLC in support of the redevelopment of the property located at 4927 US Highway 19. Payment of the award will be spread over 3 years as follows: \$100,000 in FY20/21, \$150,000 in FY21/22, and \$150,000 in FY22/23. The New Port Richey CRA Commercial Real Estate Redevelopment Grant requires a minimum investment of \$500,000. The program provides for a reimbursement of eligible expenditures with a ratio of \$1 of CRA funds for every \$5 of private investment. The program award is capped at \$100,000. Due to the catalytic effect of this project and the significant investment of the applicants, staff feels this project warrants lifting the cap on the grant amount and award the 20% of eligible costs. 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, Peters

4 Consideration of the Purchase of 5432 Acorn Street - Page 94

Executive Director Manns asked the item to be tabled to allow staff to discuss this matter further with the property owner.

5 2021 Railroad Square Improvements - Engineering Services - Page 97

Executive Director Manns introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the item to the Board. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to review and consider for approval Task Order No. 21-02 from the Wannemacher Jensen Architects, Inc., for engineering services in the amount not to exceed \$63,985.00 for design, bid, and construction services for the proposed 2021 Railroad Square Improvements Project. The improvement elements include:

1. The conversion of overhead service lines to underground.
2. Hardscape improvements such as stamped pavement, seating areas, planters, and shade structures.
3. Landscaping.
4. Overhead Café style lighting.

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 Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

6 Communications

Director Altman stated he would like to put a limit on Vox Pop and it would be continued to later in the meeting. Chairman Marlowe stated there is no way to control without limits. Director Davis stated there is a fine line between what they are doing and freedom of speech. Director Peters stated he has talked to a lot of people the last few weeks and many have asked why people who do not live in the city take up all the time. He stated he does not like to see groups act inappropriately. Director Peters stated there is a new stop sign on Congress. He asked if there was some way a program could be developed to rally citizens to make the city safer.

7 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____