



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
July 8, 2021
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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 5:30 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, Economic Development Director Charles Rudd, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Adams and Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed.

2 Approval of June 1, 2021 CRA Meeting Minutes - Page 2

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

3 Request To Purchase an 11 Passenger ADA Electric Shuttle - Page 5

Executive Director Manns introduced the item to the Board. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the purchase of an eleven passenger ADA electric shuttle. The shuttle will be used to transport visitors from the parking structure to a designated location in the downtown area. Mr. Adams then highlighted the features of the vehicle. He stated the City's logo would be added to the vehicle as well as a few other amenities. The vehicle should arrive within 120 days. Upon opening the floor to public comment, Dan Holbeck, 5614 Red Snapper Ct., came forward to ask about the possibility of renting one before purchasing. Mr. Adams stated there are no vehicles available for lease. With no one else coming forward Chairman Marlowe returned the floor to the Board. Director Davis asked what the speed was and Mr. Adams stated 20mph. Director Peters asked if additional carts could be connected and Mr. Adams stated yes. Director Murphy asked if there was another battery option. He stated a lithium battery will last longer. Director Davis asked about a schedule and Mr. Adams stated to start if would be Friday and Saturdays. Director Altman stated in Stuart the carts were purchased through FDOT grants. Motion was made to approve the item and have staff look into whether or not a lithium battery could be acquired not to exceed \$10k.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes:

4 TIF Projections for New Hotel - Page 10

Executive Director Manns introduced the item to the Board. He stated the purpose of this agenda item was to review TIF projections for the anticipated construction of a hotel located next to Keiser University on US19. She stated she was approached by a developer who is interested in constructing a hotel there this year. Their expectation for the project is \$10m. It will not be on the tax rolls until FY23/24. She then presented the projections to the Board. She stated the hotel developer has been very modest so far as to the participation of the CRA. In recent conversations they have asked for \$250k. This is far less than what we normally give to similar projects. Director Davis asked how many rooms are anticipated and Executive Director Manns stated between 85-90. Director Murphy asked if there was a name yet and Executive Director Manns stated it may be a prototype of the Comfort Suites brand. Director Altman stated Burton & Associates developed a model years ago that was a live program. He would like to see if it is possible to use those templates for our projections.

5 Communications

Director Peters stated the whole US 19 corridor is changing. He stated there are new car dealerships and used car dealerships are making improvements. There are new tenants in the Southgate Shopping Center. He is very encouraged with all of the changes. Activity generates more activity. Chairman Marlowe stated the County has been supportive in cleaning up Leisure Lane and Van Doren. Director Davis stated he was recently at a garage that showed a car count. He stated we should look into a car counter. Executive Director Manns stated the University's spots will be designated with signage. Director Altman stated it would be a good discussion to have on how we will operate the garage at a future CRA meeting. He would like to see a strategic operation plan. Mr. Weed stated he has some information he can relay to the Board. Director Altman stated he noticed the gas taxes have been posted and the City's projected revenue is like three times what Zephyrhills is estimated to receive. He stated investment does pay off.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____