



Community Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 24, 2018
Following City Council Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Dale Massad

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Dale Massad

ROLL CALL - Jackie Hanville, City Clerk

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES (Pages 2-3) - Regular CRA Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

AGENDA

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Resolution # 18-05 --- Support for CRAs (Pages 4-6)

ADJOURN

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board or council with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call 727-816-1900 Ext. 112 or fax a written request to 727-816-1916 with a twenty-four (24) hour notice.



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MINUTES

Chairman Dale Massad called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll was called. Chairman Dale Massad, Vice Chairman Terrence Rowe, Member Jennie Sorrell, Member William Dittmer, Member Richard Bloom, City Attorney James Mathieu, and City Manager Vincent Lupo were present.

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Terrence Rowe made a motion to approve the minutes. Member William Dittmer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Sandra Spaldi - 8612 Green St. - reminded the board that the CRA Board was in place because they blighted the City.

Thomas Brown: 7436 Candlelight Ct. - Referenced Florida State Statute 163 and the CRA plan. He explained that the plan identified the entire community as blighted. He explained this was concerning for real estate sales, he believed it would not be easy to purchase a home in a blighted area.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments from the Board.

1. DISCUSSION OF CRA EXPENDITURES

City Manager Vincent Lupo discussed the documents provided to the board in consideration of expenditures of CRA monies. He reviewed the current CRA activities and discussed the plans for expenditures as well as the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

There was a discussion amongst the board and staff to reduce the dependency on CRA funds in preparation for legislative changes. Member William Dittmer noted that the legislative changes regarding the TIF as well as the homestead tax regulations may have a significant impact on City and CRA revenues.

City Manager Vincent Lupo discussed his plans to further reduce payroll dependency on CRA funds. He explained he was working on changing the position structure and individual position

payments to achieve this goal.

Further discussion occurred amongst the Board and staff. The Board requested staff to keep looking for FEMA funds supporting residents who wished to raise houses in flood zones.

Mr. Lupo sincerely thanked his staff for their hard work in supporting the City, hard work that helped achieve a successful audit free of exceptions.

Vice Chairman Terrence Rowe suggested the City prepare a resolution encouraging the County to push legislation to support CRA throughout the state.

Member William Dittmer encouraged the City to set an example for other Community Redevelopment Agencies to reduce spending CRA funds in non-blighted areas and reduce dependency in the budget for expenses like payroll.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Terrence Rowe made a motion to prepare a resolution supporting Community Redevelopment Agencies of Pasco County. Member William Dittmer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A short discussion occurred amongst the Board members.

ADJOURN

MOTION:

Member William Dittmer made a motion to adjourn. Member Jennie Sorrell seconded the motion.

Chairman Dale Massad adjourned without a vote.

Submitted:

Jackie Hanville, City Clerk

Approved:

Dale Massad, Chairman

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: RESOLUTION # 18-05 --- SUPPORT FOR CRAS:

INFORMATION ONLY

X ACTION ITEM

ISSUE:

At the Request of CRA Boardmember Rowe is Resolution #18-05 which supports the future of CRA funding in Pasco County.

ATTACHMENTS:

CRA RESOLUTION 18-05.pdf

ACTION:

Staff recommends the following motion: Motion to approve the Resolution #18-05.

RESOLUTION #18-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN PASCO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature adopted the Community Redevelopment Act (CRA) in 1969; and

WHEREAS, since its enactment, over 222 Florida Communities have established a CRA to enhance communities; and

WHEREAS, The Act provides a funding mechanism by which municipalities may undertake community redevelopment by aiding the local government to retain tax increment revenues from certain community taxing districts; and

WHEREAS, the Port Richey CRA has been an integral tool for providing improvements to properties, neighborhoods, parks and to fight slum and blight; and

WHEREAS, at times some county governments have been critical in the expansion and/or creation of CRA's by municipalities. These intergovernmental disputes have led to unnecessary conflicts between local governments and in some instances questions regarding the interpretation of certain provisions of the Community Redevelopment Act are being disputed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the County Commissioners of Pasco County publically set forth their support of Community Redevelopment Agencies through Tax Incremental Financing as a viable mechanism for fighting blight in our cities.

2. That the County Commissioners urge their elected state legislators to support Community Redevelopment Agencies.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018 .

Dale Massad, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Hanville, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

James Mathieu Esq. City Attorney