



Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting
Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Scott Tremblay

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Scott Tremblay

ROLL CALL - City Clerk Sal Licari

PRESENT

Chairman Scott Tremblay
Member William Dittmer
Member Jennie Sorrell
Member Todd Maklary
Member Tom Kinsella

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES

1. 02.23.21 CRA Minutes

A motion is made to approve the 02.23.21 CRA Minutes.

The motion is made by Member Dittmer and seconded by Member Sorrell.

Voting Yea: Chairman Tremblay, Member Dittmer, Member Sorrell, Member Maklary, and Member Kinsella

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The general public does not comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dudte reported to the Board that the Cotee River Landing feasibility study is complete and asked the Chairman about setting up a CRA meeting to review the plan. Member Dittmer wants the plan presented at the next CRA meeting and to set up a workshop with Cotee River Landing business stakeholders, citizens, and Ayres Associates. The City Manager

discussed with the Board a conversation with Duke Energy about additional lighting in the Cotee River Landing. There is only one public utility pole that the City can utilize, the other power poles are on private property, and the owners would have to be approached to place their lighting. The Chairman asked about the status of the Florida State CRA audit. The City Manager stated that City has been in daily contact with the State and completing questions as they come. Member Kinsella inquired about completion. The City Manager replied that he estimated a two (2)-three (3) month timeline.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Member Dittmer addressed Pasco County Administrator Dan Biles about remodeling assistance for the Nicks Park boat ramp. Member Dittmer stressed that he wants to move forward. Mr. Biles commented that engineering was sent to his office and wanted to clarify what the City expects in support. Member Dittmer commented that funding and using the County as a resource to develop ideas for improvement. Mr. Biles suggested a meeting soon to clarify the details.

AGENDA

AGENCY BUSINESS

2. Discussion of 01.26.21 Pasco County Board of Commissioners Meeting

Chairman Tremblay addressed the Board and presented a brief overview of the 01.26.21 Pasco County Board Of Commissioners (BOCC) meeting. He commented about three main issues that were addressed. The first issue is the CRA coverage area in Port Richey and that the City should consider removing certain sections such as the Harborpointe subdivision. Mr. Biles agreed that was the BOCC's concern, and from their perspective, the Harborpointe subdivision is no longer a blighted area. In the second item, Mr. Biles stated that the BOCC also had finance concerns with Port Richey's CRA and is awaiting information from the state audit. The last consideration is about the spending of funds for administrative positions. Mr. Biles commented on awaiting the audit results and allowing the City time to comply and then reevaluate at a later time. Mr. Biles stated that New Port Richey also had similar issues, and it took time for them to resolve. Member Dittmer asked about the original CRA Port Richey boundaries that the State or County outlined. Mr. Biles said that the governing body could reshape the boundaries of blighted areas. The Chairman said he wanted to find guidance to reduce the CRA area from blight to a non-blighted. Mr. Biles stated that the idea of CRA is to cure all blighted areas within a government body. Member Maklary commented that there is not much to comment on until the State audit arrives and shows what changes the City has to make. Member Dittmer continued the conversation about reducing the CRA boundaries. The Board will consider to remove the Harborpointe subdivision. Member Sorrell inquired about the repercussions of removing a community from the Port Richey CRA. and asked about what is deemed to be blighted. The Chairman asked if there is a definition. The City Attorney commented that there is not a true definition of blight. The Board continued a discussion about what sections of the City are blighted and which are not. The City Attorney stated the CRA plan has to be amended and a series of public meetings need to be held, and someone will have to be approached to do a study.

A motion is made to analyze the cost of amending the CRA plan.

The motion is made by Member Maklary and seconded by Member Dittmer.
Voting Yea: Chairman Tremblay, Member Dittmer, Member Sorrell, Member Maklary, and Member Kinsella

The Board made the recommendation to reach out to New Port Richey for information. The Board agreed to address the other issues after the State audit comes out. Mr. Biles recommended that the City CRA finances and the boundaries are the two important points to work out.

3. Presentation of 01.22.21 Bid Openings for Dredging Channels 1 & 26A

The City Manager presented the two bids received for dredging channels one (1) and twenty-six (26)A. Member Dittmer inquired if the scope of work is similar between both companies. The City Manager concurred and that Dewberry Engineering vetted both companies and bids. Member Dittmer recommended moving forward and begin before losing permits. The Chairman suggested either approving the \$816,000 proposals or approach Dewberry if they honor the \$732,000 offer from last year. Member Maklary voiced concerns if the disposal is included with the low bid. The Board continued discussing if the proposal has hauling and disposal included. On page fourteen (14) of the agenda, it is noted that the low bidder has hauling and disposal included. Member Maklary asked the City Attorney if the City could go back to a previous low bid. The City Attorney stated that he did not recommend going that route, but he would research. The Chairman noted that more money would have been pulled from the CRA to honor the lowest bid. The City Attorney and Board discussed the number of funds coming out of the CRA and the RESTORE ACT funding reimbursement.

A motion is made to accept the bid from Grubbs Emergency Services, LLC for the amount of \$816,000.00. and have City staff confirm bid parameters

Dave Mueller - 5439 Bluepoint Drive: He commented to extend the City's funds by possibly working with Pasco County to dredge canals

The motion is made by Member Dittmer and seconded by Member Kinsella.
Voting Yea: Chairman Tremblay, Member Dittmer, Member Sorrell, Member Maklary, and Member Kinsella

OLD BUSINESS

The Board had no Old Business to discuss.

ADJOURN.

A motion is made to adjourn the 03.09.21 CRA Board Meeting.

The motion is made by Member Sorrell and seconded by Member Kinsella.

Voting Yea: Chairman Tremblay, Member Dittmer, Member Sorrell, Member Maklary, and Member Kinsella



Submitted By: Sal Licari / City Clerk



Approved By: Scott Tremblay / Mayor