

**Minutes of Regular Community Redevelopment Agency
Meeting Held Monday, November 20, 2006, at 5:00 P.M.
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida**



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by Chairperson Ray Fisher.

Mr. Lindorff introduced Grady Kearsy who will be completing Dr. James Bomhard's term with the Agency.

Roll Call

Ray Fisher

Grady Kearsy

Bill Hillegass (*absent*)

Terry Simmons

Lynn Varnadoe (*absent*)

Also present were Steve Lindorff, Planning & Development Director, Cindy Laquidara, Agency Counsel and Recording Secretary Linda Wilkins.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Kearsy, and passed, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2006, meeting as amended. Mr. Kearsy advised that Ander Crenshaw is a Representative, not a Senator.

Old Business

None.

New Business

4(a) Review preliminary sketch plan, cost estimate for the 4th Avenue South parking and streetscape enhancement project, and authorize Prosser-Hallock, Inc. to proceed with the final design of the project at a cost of \$43,945 (\$39,949.4 + 10% contingency).

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Kearsy, to approve the request.

Vote: Voice vote resulted in ayes by board members; motion passed unanimously.

4(b) Appropriation of \$176,616 in Downtown Tax Increment Trust Funds for start-up expenses and annual operating costs for a community policing initiative in the Downtown CRA.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Kearsey, seconded by Mr. Simmons, to approve the request.

Mr. Lindorff advised that several years ago, the state legislature amended Chapter 163, the Florida Redevelopment Act, to allow tax increment trust funds to be used for community policing initiatives. The Jacksonville Beach Police Department has devised an innovative program with two officers who will be on patrol in the downtown area using different modes of transportation, including “Segway people movers”.

He stated that, since we will continue to receive the TIF funds until January 2014, that gives the Police Department 6 or 7 years to find out if the program is successful and to find an alternate means of funding it.

Mr. Kearsey asked if the two new officers would be the ones to serve in these positions? Lt. Steve Corbitt of the Police Department advised that the jobs would be posted and filled with two seasoned officers.

Vote: Voice vote resulted in ayes by board members; motion passed unanimously.

4(c) Review of final floor plan and building elevations; and appropriation of \$2,359,200 (including a 10% contingency) toward the guaranteed maximum price to construct the South Beach Community Recreation Center.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Kearsey, to approve the request.

Mr. Lindorff advised that this project is being constructed under a design-build agreement between the City and Ebert Norman and Brady Architects and C. Young Construction Company. This process calls for the contractor to deliver the project for a guaranteed maximum price (GMP). C. Young Construction has provided the City with a GMP of \$2,272,000, which includes the construction of a separate restroom building in the park. The City typically adds a 10% contingency for projects of this magnitude which would bring the GMP up to \$2,359,200.

He also advised that \$575,000 of this price is to be used to “harden” the building so that it will be able to withstand a Category 3 hurricane force winds.

He introduced Gary Meadors, Landscape & Grounds Director, Roy Paxson, Assistant City Manager, and Coleman Young, contractor for the project, and stated that they were available to answer any questions that the agency members might have.

Vote: Voice vote resulted in ayes by board members; motion passed unanimously.

Courtesy of the Floor

Adjournment

There being no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Fisher adjourned the meeting at 5:20 P.M.

Submitted by: Linda M. Wilkins, Recording Secretary

Approval:

/s/Ray Fisher
Ray Fisher, Chairman

Date: December 18, 2006