



Workshop Meeting Minutes

Community Redevelopment Agency

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Art Graham called the training session/workshop meeting to order at 3:01 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson: Art Graham
Vice-Chairperson: Frances Povloski
Agency Members: Jeffrey Jones, Samuel Hall, Gary Paetau

Also present were CRA Administrator William Mann, City Manager Michael Staffopoulos, City Attorney Chris Ambrosio, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Recording Secretary Chandra Medford and Consultants James Gilmore, Cliff Shepard and Taylor Mejia.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Florida Statute Chapter 163 Review, Attorney Cliff Shepard

Mr. Shepard shared a PowerPoint presentation titled, “Jax Beach CRA Basics” which contained information such as definitions, why the City’s CRA was created, what redevelopment is and how it works, descriptions, best practices, agency powers, amendments, budgeting, and the relationship with the City.

- b. CRA Bylaws, City Attorney Chris Ambrosio and Attorney Cliff Shepard

Mr. Ambrosio shared a copy of the original CRA Bylaws adopted on July 23, 1981 and provided a brief overview of specific articles and sections, including but not limited to powers, entering and executing contracts, procurement policies, and agency duties.

Mr. Shepard and Mr. Mann answered questions by Agency members including but not limited to communication, grants, engineering costs and consulting fees, liability insurance, normal maintenance, use of TIF funding, capital improvements, and non-profit donations.

- c. Jacksonville Beach Current Budget Process, Staff

Ashlie Gossett shared a PowerPoint presentation and extensive discussion ensued related to the CRA’s budget, including but not limited to definitions, planning, processes, timelines, operating budget, capital budget, budget adoption and amendments, changing priorities, applicable CRA projects within individual City Department’s general budget, continuing service agreements, and when additional approval may be required by City Council.

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos addressed the Board regarding the elimination of slum and blight in the South Beach District and the possibility of transferring TIF funds from new capital improvements to the operation and maintenance of existing capital improvements. He recommended that the Agency discuss whether there is going to be a reduction in TIF funds and to determine if there is an appropriate time to do it because the reduction could result in multiple improvements that could be implemented in other areas of the City, not just the south end.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Graham adjourned the meeting at 5:11 P.M.
Submitted by: Chandra Medford, Recording Secretary

Approval:



Art Graham, Chairperson

Date: 9/28/2020