

**Minutes of Regular Community Redevelopment Agency
Meeting held Monday, October 21, 2013, 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 by Chairperson, Grady Kearsey.

Roll Call

Grady Kearsey, Chairman
Bill Hillegass, Vice Chairman
Lynn Varnadoe
Frances Povloski
Cory Nichols

Also present were Steven Lindorff, Planning & Development Director and CRA Administrator, Mayor Charlie Latham and Councilman Keith Doherty, and Recording Secretary Chandra Tolman.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mrs. Varnadoe and passed to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2013 meeting as revised.

Old Business

None

New Business

- 4(a) Resolution No. 2013-6, A Resolution Of The City Of Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Amending the South Beach Capital Improvement Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2013 And Ending September 30, 2014; And Providing For An Effective Date.**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Hillegass and seconded by Mrs. Varnadoe to approve CRA Resolution No. 2013-6, A Resolution Of The City Of Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Amending the South Beach Capital Improvements Budget Appropriating South Beach Tax Increment Trust Funds for Engineering Design Work for (1) the Reuse, Landscaping and Irrigation, Roadway Milling and Resurfacing, Traffic Improvement, Storm Water Piping Access Manholes, and Related Work; and (2) the South Beach Parkway Storm Water Outfall Interconnect Piping Projects

Mr. Lindorff gave a brief description about the engineering and design work for the two projects. He explained there are a number of different components; principally it covers a reuse water line

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that is presently being constructed from the treatment plant, south, to the edge of the South Beach Park which will bring it across the park towards South Beach Parkway and ultimately connected to irrigation lines in South Beach Parkway and Jacksonville Drive. Concurrently, a new landscape plan will be reviewed for both South Beach Parkway and Jacksonville Drive; the trees are thriving but the shrubbery and turf are not. The intent is to replace the shrubs and turf with Florida friendly, low maintenance types of items. The first project will be carried out by the firm of Jones Edmunds at a total cost, including an additional ten percent contingency fee, of \$164,282. This project also includes completing the storm water management system serving the South Beach Parkway corridor that drains into the Intracoastal Waterway. During the planning stages, three pipes were proposed but one pipe was not installed. That pipe was later run directly down South Beach Parkway from the entrance of the Rip Tide Subdivision to the stilling basin behind the Pier One Shopping center. This project will connect the two systems; not so much for additional capacity but so the water can be conveyed in both directions if it needs to. The second project will be carried out by Waitz and Moye at a total cost, including an additional ten percent contingency fee, of \$20,390.

Vote: After a short discussion, a voice vote resulted in all ayes by Agency members. Motion passed unanimously.

4(b) Agency Member Cory Nichols – Discussion on Updating the Downtown Vision Plan and Setting Priorities for the Vision Plan Work.

Mr. Nichols stated he has questions about how some things are done and that there is a possibility that some things need to change in that manner. Mr. Nichols requested information about the Vision Plan and how projects are prioritized for completion. Mr. Nichols stated the Downtown Vision Plan planning period and objective was set to expire in January 2014 but the TIF funding will be extended for thirty years. Of the 36 items listed in the plan a portion of them have been addressed but now it is time we move those pieces out, see what remains and have the City Council, the CRA and business owners make a decision on the prioritization of future work. Mr. Nichols would like to figure out what needs to be done to update the Vision Plan. He is concerned with how the Vision Plan has been addressed, how the projects have been selected, that the goals have not been met, that the person selecting the project to be completed are highly focused on infrastructure and ignored the items that were beneficial for business. Mr. Nichols asked what needs to be done to update the current Vision Plan that will utilize a public/private partnership to get this community going to help businesses grow to increase our tax base to help the citizens. Mr. Nichols stated he would like the CRA board to advise the City Council to update the existing Vision Plan, remove the existing items that have been completed and prioritize the work that is remaining that is beneficial for the private sector. Ms. Povloski asked what the strategy or system is on how items are picked from the Plan. Mr. Lindorff stated the obligations of the CRA board after a vision plan is duly adopted and that the plan belongs to the City Council. If they wish to alter the plan, the City Council should send it back to the CRA for review and recommendation. Mr. Lindorff explained that CRA recommendations are sent to the City Manager, who confers with the Mayor and City Council and they make a determination on how to proceed. The City Council is then responsible to operate and maintain any improvements

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implemented in the City. He explained the method in which items are completed are generated by the Planning Director, the City Manager, the Public Works Director and City Engineer and completed as much for the convenience of the City and our staffing capabilities coupled with the availability of funds.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Povloski advise that the CRA the City Council to review and update the current CRA Vision Plan and also look into its prioritization in how the work is completed.

Discussion: Mr. Hillegass stated he wished to amend the motion to separate the request into two separate motions.

Amended Motion: An amended motion was made by Mr. Nichols for the CRA to recommend that the City Council review the current Vision Plan. The second motion is to recommend the City Council review the current manner in which the CRA work is prioritized.

Vote: After a short discussion, a voice vote for the first motion resulted in all ayes by Agency members. Motion passed unanimously. After a short discussion, a voice vote for the second motion resulted in the following:

Ayes-Nichols, Povloski

Nays-Varnadoe, Hillegass, Kearsy

The second motion failed with a vote of 3 to 2.

Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors

- **Jim Overby, 21 Burling Way, Jacksonville Beach**
Mr. Overby stated the City has a good idea about what is good for the citizens and the businesses in Jacksonville Beach. The City is responsible for the streets, roads and plumbing and they have done an excellent job revising those materials in the Downtown Redevelopment area. He expressed concerns about the City incentivizing private businesses for private profit. He expressed concerns about renovating the South Beach Parkway landscaping again and why the landscaping failed.
- **Mayor, Charlie Latham, 2016 Gail Avenue, Jacksonville Beach**
Mr. Latham congratulated the new members of the Board. He recommended that the members review Sunshine Laws and Chapter 163, Part III, of the Florida Statutes regarding Intergovernmental Programs. He expressed concerns about keeping an open government system by using the chain of command to suggest items for the City Council to review. He stated that the City Council unanimously agreed to focus on issues such as homelessness, financial security to the City and parking issues.

Motion: After the courtesy of the Floor, it was moved by Mr. Hillegass and seconded by Ms. Povloski to offer a primer on the Government and the Sunshine Laws.

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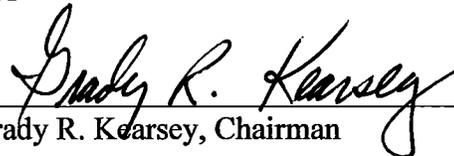
Vote: After a short discussion, a voice vote for the motion resulted in all ayes by Agency members. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Kearsey adjourned the meeting at 6:12 P.M.

Submitted by: Chandra Tolman
 Recording Secretary

Approval:



Grady R. Kearsey, Chairman

Date: 12/16/13