

SPECIAL CRA BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2015
7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Presiding Officer
Brian Williams, Chair
Tambra Varnadore, Vice Chair
Tamara Cornwell
Jonathan Davis
Harold Smith

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board meeting at 8:17p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Mr. Davis moved, Mrs. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the August 24, 2015 CRA Board Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. July 20, 2015 Minutes
- B. Blalock Walters Legal Bills
- C. CRA FY2016 Budget

Mrs. Varnadore requested the CRA FY2016 Budget be removed for further discussion.

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the August 24, 2015 CRA Consent Agenda with the removal of item C.

CRA FY2016 Budget Discussion:

Mrs. Varnadore opined that instead of applying for a new loan for the replacement of the seawall, use the cash set budgeted for the "Seahorse" project and postpone that project until the next fiscal year.

In regards to the model affordable rental unit plan consulting in the proposed budget, Mr. Burton explained that this is for the ability of the CRA to take advantage of the funding from the State for affordable housing. The CRA will be working to have a plan developed for the Board to approve. That is what the money is budgeted for.

Mr. Burton addressed the \$25,000 budgeted for the Palmetto Regatta. He explained that this funding is to support the event in the City and advertise the CRA and the incentives and programs they have.

It was requested by the Board that the July 4th event be placed on a Workshop agenda before the event.

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the FY2016 CRA Budget.

4. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

5. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant is happy to see funding to replace the seawall and is also looking forward to getting the "Seahorse" built in the next budget year.

6. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Cornwell—complimented the window stickers located on the building off of 17th Street and 8th Avenue.

Mr. Williams—questioned the construction of the seawall. Mr. Burton stated that the permits should be pulled on September 11th.

Mrs. Varnadore—asked if the new owner of the strip along 10th Avenue [Norma Rae's restaurant] has been notified of the incentives offered by the CRA. Mr. Burton has met with him.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes approved: October 5, 2015

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk