

SPECIAL CRA BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2019

5:30 PM

CRA BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Presiding Officer

Tambra Varnadore, Chair

Jonathan Davis, Vice Chair

Tamara Cornwell

Harold Smith

Brian Williams

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney

Jeff Burton, CRA Director

Jim Freeman, City Clerk

Scott Tyler, Chief of Police

Amber LaRowe, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. CIVIX AGREEMENT

Mr. Burton made a presentation to the Board on the proposed Extended Stay America Hotel. This presentation is attached to the minutes. The presentation identified the estimation of total increment revenue and displayed charts/graphs showing the base amount of taxes to the CRA if there is no development on the site and then the taxes to the CRA if this is developed on the site.

Attorney Barnebey discussed the revised agreement as attached to the agenda. There are basically two issues: traffic improvements tied to a traffic study that that applicant stated was submitted in 2017 and the contingency if the improvements are not made. He needs to speak with the Planning Department regarding the traffic study because he is not an expert in this subject matter and there needs to be discussion with Planning and/or a traffic engineer.

Rod Connelly, applicant, explained that the traffic study submitted in 2017 is based on a hotel but this hotel will be less than the prior proposed hotel; the traffic count should go down.

CRA Board members expressed their concern with not having input from the Planning Department here at this meeting. [The Development Services Director is on vacation this week].

Attorney Barnebey stated that it would be acceptable to him if the Board would prefer to make the motion of approving the agreement pending the approval of the attorney.

Mr. Williams stated his opinions with the option of payment being made when there is a temporary certificate of occupancy; it should be final only.

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Civix Agreement with the date changed to 2021 in Section 4.2 and with the final approval of the City Attorney [if City Attorney does not agree then the agreement will come back to the Board for discussion/approval].

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Mr. Burton informed the Board that on the September 9th Workshop he plans to discuss Connor Park and Palmetto Bay.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: September 9, 2019

James R. Freeman

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CITY CLERK