

**CITY OF PALMETTO
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
March 1, 2016
2:00 PM**

Board Members Present:

MacArthur Sellars, Chair
Barbara Gaulien, Vice Chair
Roberto Gonzalez

Staff Present:

Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Chair Sellars called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CRA ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Sellars added the election of officers to the agenda.

Motion: Mrs. Gaulien moved, Mr. Gonzalez seconded, and the motioned carried unanimously to approve the March 1, 2016 CRA Advisory Board agenda with the addition of the election of officers.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CRA BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Burton explained that this adjustment is a carry-over from last year's funds not used to this year. It is for an adjustment of approximately \$200,000.00. Mr. Burton identified areas where funds were added or removed, the gateway sign line item was one of them. Discussion ensued regarding the removal of the funds for the gateway sign. Mr. Burton indicated that the CRA Board/City Commission were not interested in a sign north of the City at this time. The funds can be added back into this account in the future if something changes.

Mr. Burton discussed the Community Sustainability Program by the University of South Florida (USF). He explained that there is an opportunity to have students from USF work with the City/CRA on various projects. The cost of each project, if accepted, is \$10,000 and the students will work with the City/CRA for two semesters. The deadline for submittal is March 11th. The CRA is budgeting \$100,000 to use if the projects submitted by the CRA are chosen. There may be some possible percentage of funding towards any projects submitted by the City if the CRA is part of that.

Mr. Burton informed the Board that there are funds allocated for the purchase of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building off 8th Avenue West for the new CRA office. The office will be located upstairs with the VFW downstairs; the VFW will pay rent.

The CRA has been in negotiations along with the County for a hotel over by the Convention Center. In the budget for next Fiscal Year there could be funds set aside for incentives for the hotel that may be built there.

In regards to a new Police Department building, Mr. Burton stated that it would be wise to move the building to a higher crime area. The CRA currently owns two parcels off of 10th Street East, but it is too small for a Police building. He has been talking to a family that owns another parcel that is connected to

the two which could potentially double the size and accommodate a Police Department. He will keep the Board informed of the negotiations and the new location.

Motion: Mrs. Gaulien moved, Mr. Gonzalez seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to accept the budget amendment as presented.

Election of Officers:

Motion: Mrs. Gaulien moved, Mr. Gonzalez seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to elect Mr. Sellars as Chair of the Board for a one year term.

Motion: Mr. Sellars moved, Mr. Gonzalez seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to elect Mrs. Gaulien as Vice-Chair for the Board for a one year term.

Mr. Burton is working on updating the incentives the CRA offers. As that is done, it will be brought forward to the CRA Advisory Board.

The Board agrees that meeting on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. are a good time for them.

Mrs. Gaulien inquired about installing speed bumps by the roundabout on Haben Boulevard. She was directed to speak with Public Works staff.

Chair Sellars adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved: May 31, 2016

Jeff Burton

Jeff Burton
CRA Director