

MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART
MAY 22, 2023
AT 5:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chair - Troy McDonald
Vice Chair - Becky Bruner
Board Member - Eula R. Clarke
Board Member - Christopher Collins
Board Member - Campbell Rich
Board Member - Tom Campenni
Board Member - Micah Hartowski

ADMINISTRATIVE

Interim City Manager, Michael J. Mortell
Interim City Attorney, Paul J. Nicoletti
CRA Executive Director, Pinal Gandhi-Savdas
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

CALL TO ORDER

5:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair McDonald, Vice Chair Bruner, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Collins,
Board Member Rich, Board Member Campenni, Board Member Hartowski
ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:01 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Non-Agenda Related) (3 Minutes Max.)

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Board Member Clarke would like the Board to look into wrapping the utility boxes, in just the CRA area, and what the price will be or is.

Interim City Manager stated he can discuss with the Director of the CRA and can put it through the CRB and review and bring back to the CRA.

Board Member Campenni stated that this item was not heard in the CRB and thinks the Boards are dysfunctional because the members do not show up and stated that half of the dysfunction is on the City's part for canceling the meetings. He stated different items that could be heard with the Board. The CRB or LPA need to be looked at more seriously and should be used for business.

Board Members continued discussion about the importance of the Boards.

Board Member Clarke, commented that she was involved in a CRA Project to work with the Historic Preservation Board, to have a historic dedication plaque put on the Calvary Baptist Church, and commended the Development Department and Jacqui May, Grants Administrator, for putting this together.

ACTION ITEMS

1. DOWNTOWN TRAM WRAP PROGRAM (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 07-2023 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOWNTOWN TRAM WRAP PROGRAM TO INCREASE VISIBILITY, ATTRACT RIDERS, AND PROMOTE MICRO-TRANSIT SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pinal Gandhi Savdas, CRA Director, presented the tram wrap program and pictures of the different style of wrapping.

Board Member Bruner stated she liked all the designs.

Board Member Campenni stated that they worked a year with different signs and it doesn't feel as though these options are in theme/branding with the signs that were picked previously. He stated he believes this item should go back to the CRB and have the board review the tram program.

Interim City Manager Michael Mortell addressed the Board and stated that the CRA today can pass the Resolution and agree to spend this amount of money and direct it to be returned to the CRB.

Board Members continued to discuss the program, the conditions of the tram, and different wrapping ideas.

Commissioner Clarke requested that Interim City Manager contact the Board Members of the CRB to attend the next meeting.

1.) Mark Brechbill - SE Osceola St; Stated he agrees with Board Member Campenni and believes that we have different needs for the tram and the wrap program would be beneficial if matched up with the needs.

Mrs. Gandhi Savdas informed the Board that this was presented to the Downtown Business Association (DBA) Mainstreet, The Creek's District and The Art's District and they were very excited about the concept and colors.

5:23 PM MOTION: Send the item back to CRB.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Tom Campenni

Motion approved unanimously.

5:28 PM MOTION: CRB have a broad discussion on what we expect the tram system to be for the next five (5) years.

MOVED BY: Tom Campenni

SECONDED BY: Campbell Rich

Motion approved unanimously.

2. CRA BUDGET AMENDMENT #03-2023 FOR FY 2023 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 06-2023 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT #03 TO THE FY 2023 CRA BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CRA FUND BALANCE TO ALLOCATE TO WRAP THE DOWNTOWN TRAMS TO INCREASE VISIBILITY, ATTRACT RIDERS, AND PROMOTE MICRO-TRANSIT SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

***Clerk's Note - Both Item #1 and 2 were sent back to CRB.**

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

5:30 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Troy McDonald, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Regular Commission Meeting this day of 26th, June 2023.