

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13,
2023 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Present: Jesse Nelson, Mayor
Sam Peebles, Commissioner
Pat Perno, Commissioner
Jamie Warrick, Mayor Pro Tem
Judy Vandergrift, Commissioner
Vickie Gainer, City Manager
Chief Ricky Ramie, Sergeant at Arms
Kevin Obos, City Legal Counsel

Item #1. Call to order.

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Item #2. Public Commentary.

Mr. Walker – said he had attended the last meeting. He mentioned the Tag readers for the police that the CRA contributed to historically, and the point made was that there was an invasion of privacy, after investigating it was shut down. This time the same two ladies were there, and they brought it up again. They voted it down again. But it is apparently in the budget, nobody knows about it or talks about it, and it gets approved. The citizens of Lynn Haven are against it as are the CRA Advisory Board.

Item #3. CRA Director's Report (BCL change order #1 for CRA sidewalk project \$10,400).

Director of CRA, Mr. Janke, gave his report.

Commissioner Warrick asked if the tag reader were voted down as Mr. Walker advised? Mr. Janke answered yes, the advisory board approved all items on the list except the tag readers.

Mr. Janke clarified the process he follows when starting the list of projects that he presents to the CRA Board. The CRA plan states “where ever possible to increase the visibility of the police to prevent crime”.

Commissioner Warrick feels that recommendation should have been made clear to the Commission. City Manager advised the meeting was only held yesterday. Mayor Nelson advised the exact same discussion was held last year and the discussion last year was not about privacy or violating constitutional rights.

Commissioner Vandergrift – during the meeting do you normally take all the recommendation from that committee? Mr. Janke said yes.

Mayor Nelson confirmed that they (the Commission) are the CRA Board, and Mr. Janke brings the recommendations of the CRA Advisory Board to this meeting.

Consent Agenda

Item #4. Approval of the meeting minutes from May 23, 2023.

Item #5. Approval of the CRA Residential Paint Program application for 1603 Alabama Ave.

Motion by Commissioner Warrick: To approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Vandergrift

On Vote:

Perno aye

Vandergrift aye

Peebles aye

Warrick aye

Nelson aye

Motion passed: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Item #6. Discussion and possible action to adopt a tentative CRA budget for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

The CRA Director explained the item.

Commissioner Perno asked if the additional funds are well within the budget. Mr. Janke said yes.

Mayor Nelson reminded all that if we don't spend the money, we would lose it. Mr. Janke advised that it actually goes back into reserve and will need to reallocate it.

Commissioner Vandergrift asked why this board would go against the CRA Advisory Board recommendations. Mayor Nelson said the city won't remove the item from the agenda because of the Advisory Board recommendation, but now that this board knows it is up to them to look at it and the Advisory Board's recommendations and decide and vote on it.

Commissioner Vandergrift asked if it is the LHPD that made this request? Mr. Janke answered yes. Commissioner Vandergrift advised that they had one installed in their residential area and she is appreciative of how it has reduced the vandalism etc.

City Manager asked the Director what the main concern of the Advisory Board was? Mr. Janke explained it was where the budget was set.

City Manager asked the Mayor permission to allow Chief Police Ramie to speak about the reason he asked for the TAG readers. Chief Ramie explained how these TAG readers have helped. To continue to keep the City of Lynn Haven the safest city in the county he would love to come speak with the Advisory Board. He is available 24/7 to speak with them. Panama City has them all over their city to protect their citizens.

Commissioner Warrick – to be clear, the CRA Advisory Board was a no vote on the TAG readers on the budget? Mr. Janke answered yes. Commissioner Warrick – their main concern was invasion of privacy? Mr. Janke said no that was Mr. Walker's opinion, and he is not representing the Advisory Board. The reason they didn't want it is because they felt it should come from another budget.

Motion by Commissioner Perno: To adopt a tentative CRA budget for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Warrick

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On Vote:

Perno	aye
Warrick	aye
Vandergrift	aye
Peebles	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Item #7. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF September 2023.



Jesse Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Vickie Gainer, City Manager

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