

**Minutes from the Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting called September 14, 2022 at 2:30 P.M.**

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**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022  
2:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Jesse Nelson, Mayor  
Brandon Aldridge, Commissioner  
Pat Perno, Commissioner  
Jamie Warrick, Commissioner  
Judy Tinder, 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 2:32 P.M.

**Item #2. Public Commentary.**

Mr. Rich Walker – 1106 Michigan Ave – questioned the order of the CRA Board meeting and then the Budget workshop. Will the budget be published in the newspaper as with all other municipalities? When will we get to discuss it as citizens on each of the items? Will they allow citizens to discuss it here and then will it be published in the newspaper?

**Consent Agenda**

**Item #3. Approval of the meeting minutes from March 8, 2022.**

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

Second to the Motion Commissioner Warrick

On Vote:

Aldridge	aye
Warrick	aye
Tinder	aye
Perno	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

**New Business**

**Item #4. Discussion and possible action to adopt a tentative CRA budget for the fiscal year 2022/2023.**

Mr. Janke explained his report. Explaining that the budget was designed by the CRA advisory Board after two publications.

Attorney explained that the workshop after this meeting is for the City Budget, and that the workshop has to be advertised after the workshop including the notice about the millage.

Commissioner Tinder - \$32k for demolition – what did we demolish? Mr. Janke explained it is recouping the money of the funds we expended on demolishing the homes destroyed in Hurricane Michael. Commissioner asked where that money is coming from? Director explained from the tax roll by the end of this calendar year. Attorney explained that as part of the meeting later those properties will be explained.

Commissioner Tinder – asked about the Workmen’s Compensation amount. Finance Director explained that as per her earlier email the insurance company has changed the way it is charging

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risk cover for employees on a composite rate.

Ms. Walker – 1106 Michigan Ave – does the Commission have the same budget as the one she is using. Page 65 of the 80 pages – PTO buyout please tell me what that is? Finance Director – as we have explained before employees can only accumulate a certain amount of leave and so they are allowed to buy out 80 hours every 6 months.

Ms. Walker - Same page 65 – operating exp. Demolition in amount of \$40k? Mayor explained the line she is referring to is incorrect. Finance Director explained the demo is zero.

Ms. Walker - Same page account land vacant on Fl Ave for \$100k? Mayor explained the City is considering purchasing that property if it is within the budget and may be used for parking.

Ms. Walker - Page 66 – AID to police dept. \$10k? Mayor explained that last year we provided aid for the tracking scanners and therefore making that provision again this year.

Mr. Walker – 1106 Michigan Ave – CRA projects – original budget - includes Rails to trails – why do they need help from the CRA?

Mr. Walker - Florida Ave improvements – confusion on the City vs the CRA.

Mr. Walker went on to query multiple line items that he feels do not fall within the CRA responsibility. He said that the Advisory Board doesn't approve budgets, so it did not approve this budget.

CRA Director advised that the CRA Advisory Board did not approve the list that approved a motion to recommend approval to this CRA Board.

The install of historic markers – The northern portion of the Rails to Trails is clearly located within the CRA, and therefore this expense is allowable and justified.

Florida Ave improvements – we received \$4.3 million grant funding from the State for some improvements, but not all expenses are covered by this grant, so \$40k was added to the CRA budget to cover those expenses.

Equipment for pocket park on 17<sup>th</sup> street \$40k – this is an ongoing project, and this line item is phase 2.

Rails to Trails additional items (benches, shelters, lights) – those items are not reimbursable by DOT under the grant, so we have to find alternative funding.

Commissioner Warrick – if we buy a vacant lot in the CRA area does it have to come out of the CRA budget? Director said no.

Commissioner Warrick – we have to spend all that money by the end of the year, correct? CM said yes.

City Manager read the resolution by title only.

Motion by Commissioner Aldridge: To approve the tentative CRA budget for the fiscal year 2022/2023.

Second to the Motion

Commissioner Warrick

On Vote:

Warrick	aye
Aldridge	aye
Perno	aye
Tinder	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

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Item #5. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 02:58 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

  
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Jesse Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Vickie Gainer, City Manager

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