

CITY COMMISSION MEETING - WORKSHOP

MINUTES

OCTOBER 28, 2014

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT:

Maria Lowe, Mayor
Melinda Pletcher, Vice Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner
Gregory Premer, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Elaine Edmunds, Interim City Manager
Andrew Dickman City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Dave Healey, Planning Consultant
Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
Stephen Yurcaba, IT Specialist

1. Presentation of Draft Community Redevelopment Plan

Evan Johnson, Tindale-Oliver and Associates, presented an overview of the draft Community Redevelopment Plan (CRA), major activities that have occurred in the CRA process and a proposed public hearing schedule to adopt the plan. Mr. Johnson explained that the CRA is established after an area is designated as blighted. This foundation provides the authority to use certain tools to create the CRA and the plan to rid the area of any blighted factors that were identified within the designated area. The County reserves some authority over approval of the plan.

It was agreed to include public input from the Small Area Study conducted by the Michael Baker Group regarding Corey Avenue reconstruction project even though the plan was not officially adopted.

Mr. Johnson explained the next step is to present the CRA plan to the Planning Board to adopt findings of consistency (with the Comprehensive Plan). The City Commission and the Pinellas Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) must then approve the CRA

plan before the establishment of the Redevelopment Trust Fund can occur. The CRA plan must be adopted by resolution and the Redevelopment Trust Fund is adopted by ordinance. Mr. Johnson further noted that once the ordinance is adopted and the plan is approved by the Pinellas BOCC, the base year for any increment collection can be established and the County will fund the plan the beginning of each year moving forward. The monies can then be used for redevelopment purposes.

Vice Mayor Pletcher moved to authorize the accompanying draft CRA plan to be advertised for public hearing on November 17, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein.

Mayor Lowe called for audience comments.

There being no audience comments, Mayor Lowe called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

Vice Mayor Pletcher moved to amend the previous motion to authorize the accompanying draft CRA plan to be advertised for public hearing, inclusive of all changes recommended by the City Commission, on November 17, 2014. Commissioner Falkenstein concurred with the amendment.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Maria Lowe, Mayor

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