

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT**
2 **AGENCY BOARD** of the City of Orange City, Florida, held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 5:30
3 p.m. at 201 N. Holly Avenue, Orange City.
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5 **1. CALL TO ORDER**
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7 The board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Blair and roll call was taken.
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9 **2. ROLL CALL**
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11	Council Member Crippen	Present
12	Council Member Allebach	Present
13	Council Member Mahoney	Present
14	Council Member Marks	Present
15	Council Member Harper	Present
16	Vice Chair O' Connor	Present
17	Chair Gary A. Blair	Present

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19 **3. Adopt 2019 CRA Board Meeting Schedule**
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21 Becky Mendez, Development Services Director, advised there was a change to the agenda. Agenda
22 item 3 was deleted because the annual report was already accepted in March. A revised agenda was
23 provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
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25 Ms. Mendez discussed the various matters the CRA Board will discuss in the upcoming year. She
26 gave a historical overview of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Ms. Mendez advised
27 that a CRA encompasses the revitalization of store blighted areas and includes a Finding of Necessity
28 report. In 2012-2013 the City completed a Finding of Necessity report which was approved by City
29 Council. Subsequently, the CRA was created in 2014 after Volusia County crafted an ordinance
30 accepting the Finding of Necessity report and a capital improvement plan. Nothing can be funded with
31 CRA funds unless it is a capital improvement project that is part of the capital improvement plan. The
32 benefit of a CRA is the tax inclement financing which allows a city to make improvements in the
33 identified area, increasing property values and taxes. Taxes at both the City and County levels are
34 kept in the CRA boundary to continue with improvements and increasing property values. That is
35 what is called TIFF financing.
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37 Ms. Mendez commented there are approximately 13 CRA's in Volusia County and Orange City was
38 the first to get the next CRA approved through County Council. She gave "kudos" to previous
39 administration staff and City Council for passing the CRA through Volusia County.
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41 Ms. Mendez advised the Board that so far, two capital improvement projects have been funded through
42 the CRA, the Façade Improvement grant and the South Holly Avenue projects. The purpose of a
43 Façade Improvement grant is to encourage private investment to reduce the blight in the area and to
44 encourage redevelopment.
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1 The South Holly Avenue project include several projects such as streetscaping for off and on street
2 parking that will be paved up to the brick gaps that are a part of Mill Lake Park on the north side of
3 Holly Ave. The parking will be installed between driveway connections to continue the urban profile
4 in that area.

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6 Ms. Mendez commented that not having utilities is a deterrent to redevelopment. The biggest
7 redevelopment goal is to provide utilities to that area. Instead of running sewer down U.S. 17-92, the
8 Utility plans to extend the sewer lines one street over, so it does not disrupt the businesses on U.S. 17-
9 92 and will trunk off of those sewer lines that are running parallel to the corridor.

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11 The streetscaping projects will improve the urban design element, increase pedestrian mobility and
12 link Mill Lake Park with the downtown administrative offices. In addition, it will increase parking by
13 approximately 72 spaces which will facilitate parking for large events in the area.

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15 Ms. Mendez concluded by stating staff request the CRA Board approve the 2019 Meeting Schedule
16 for the CRA.

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18 Chair Blair commented that the projects are excellent and it incorporates infrastructure and aesthetics,
19 which is good for the City.

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21 In response to a question from Council Member Allebach, Ms. Mendez advised that construction will
22 start before the June 2019 Board meeting.

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24 **Council Member Crippen moved to approve the 2019 CRA Board meeting**
25 **schedule, seconded by Vice Mayor O'Connor, the motion passed a 7/0 roll**
26 **call vote of the CRA Board.**

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28 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 25, 2018 CRA Board Meeting

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30 **Council Member Mahoney moved to approve the September 25, 2018 CRA**
31 **minutes, seconded by Council Member Crippen, the motion passed a 7/0**
32 **roll call vote of the City Council.**

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34 5. Adjourn

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36 Chair Blair entertained a motion to adjourn.

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38 **Council Member Crippen moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member**
39 **Allebach.**

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41 There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Blair adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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43 Respectfully Submitted,

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46 Gloria J. Thomas, CMC City Clerk

_____ 03-26-2019
Date