



DANIA BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Chair:	A. J. Ryan IV
Vice-Chair:	Lori Lewellen
Board Members:	Joyce L. Davis Tamara James Marco A. Salvino, Sr.
Executive Director:	K. Michael Chen
City Attorney:	Eve Boutsis
CRA Secretary:	Elora Riera, MMC

2. Budget Presentation and Discussion

2.1 CRA Budget Presentation

Executive Director Chen provided the Board with a draft budget which was included in their packet. He also shared a PowerPoint presentation that touched on

- Short-term priorities
 - o Federal Highway Public Realm Enhancements
 - o NW/SW 1st Street Enhancements
 - o CRA Website Enhancements
 - o Business Academy Support
 - o At Home Dania Beach Program
 - o Non-Residential Improvement Program
 - o Workforce Training Program
- Mid-term priorities
 - o PATCH Master Plan Implementation
 - o Projects Art, Entertainment and Innovation District
 - o Target Industry Inquiry

- Long-term priorities
 - o Special Events and Festivals
 - o Commercial Façade Grant Program
- Rebuilding Together – Safe and Healthy Homes Program Funding Request of \$50,000 for 10 homes
- CRA Staffing – Request to eliminate the Deputy Director position and change the Lead Farm/Market Coordinator position to full-time.

Chair Ryan commented that Rebuilding Together has established a great position in the City and he was in favor of the request and Board Member Davis was in agreement.

There was discussion on the \$50,000 for Rebuilding Together request and there not being clear information on how many homes this would help. After the discussion there was consensus to gather more information and have Rebuilding Together provide a presentation at an upcoming meeting before any decision can be made.

Vice Chair Lewellen inquired about the full-time and the benefits that would be required for that position and would like to see the numbers for changing the position from part time to full time.

Board Member Salvino inquired about the full-time hours of the PATCH position.

Board Member James would also like to see the numbers as well and she does not understand why there is discussion to eliminate a position. She is in favor of the full-time position but does not want to cut the Deputy Director position. She is in favor of changing the PATCH position from part-time to full-time.

Discussion ensued regarding the staffing in the CRA Department and the need for positions. He suggested the possibility of having three part-time positions versus the one full-time position so that it would cover more of the PATCH hours.

Vice Chair Lewellen is in favor of eliminating the Deputy Director position.

There was consensus to approve the full-time position for the PATCH.

Board Member Salvino commented that he would like to see the costs for more part-time positions.

Board Member James inquired about the way finding and signage project and Executive Director Chen provided an overview of the phases and how the second and third phases of the program would be paid and competed by the City and not the CRA.

Executive Director Chen touched on workforce training program.

Board Member James was unaware that the CRA and City were contributing to the motorcycle show. She is not in favor of that.

Discussion ensued on other budget items such as the business attraction grant, not renewing the office space lease, and the \$500,000 land acquisition.

Board Member James is concerned for the limited space and where employees will work when the new positions are filled.

3. Adjournment

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



ELORA RIERA, MMC
CRA SECRETARY

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ARCHIBALD J. RYAN IV
CHAIR – CRA

Approved: July 09, 2024