

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

JULY 13, 2015

SPECIAL JOINT WORK SESSION

The City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, met in Special Joint Work Session with the Sanford Community Redevelopment Agency on Monday, July 13, 2015, at 4:00 PM, in the Railroad Depot Room, 2nd Floor, Sanford City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida.

City Commission Present: Mayor Jeff Triplett
Commissioner Art Woodruff
Commissioner Randy Jones (present @ 4:45 PM)
Commissioner Patty Mahany
Acting City Manager Tom George
City Attorney William L. Colbert
City Clerk Cynthia Porter
Deputy City Clerk Traci Houchin

Absent: Vice Mayor Velma Williams
City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr.

Community Redevelopment Agency Present: Charles Davis, Chairman
Brian Volk, Vice Chairman
Paul Osborne

Absent: Steve Chusmir
Michael Yebba

Mayor Triplett called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

1. Discussion re: City Commission's oversight, interaction and approval level with the CRA.

Acting City Manager Tom George gave thanks to everyone involved in the success of the CRA extension. He said that the CRA is a separate entity from the City Commission. The Commission reviews the CRA's annual work plan and budget. CRA projects involving City property will require agreements between the CRA and the City Commission.

2. Discussion re: CRA proposed ten year plan and future projects.

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[Commission Memo 15-114]

Mayor Triplett said that the Event Center is the largest project in the downtown area and they should discuss moving forward with it. Mayor Triplett asked Chairman Davis what the CRA Board sees as priority projects. Mr. Davis said that they would like to finish up a few streetscapes but that the number one topic is the Event Center. He said that they would like direction from the Commission. Mayor Triplett said that the CRA extension really gives the City an opportunity to do something great downtown.

Commissioner Mahany said that the City should utilize the waterfront to the best ability. She would like to see the old civic center torn down. An event center with all of the modern conveniences is needed. Commissioner Woodruff suggested that the Commission meet with Frank Cerasoli, owner and developer of Marina Isle and see if he would entertain a discussion on some type of deal or swap of the Marina Isle and Civic Center properties. Perhaps there is a way to benefit each party. Mayor Triplett said that he would be happy to talk to Mr. Cerasoli.

John Jones of Littlejohn Engineering suggested that the CRA Board stay focused on the implementation of the catalyst site development which is the area between Seminole Boulevard and 1st Street and between Sanford Avenue and Hood Avenue. The goal is to spur growth in the City. He suggested that they can continue working on the budgeting process and discussing future projects, however, he does not recommend taking any action at this time.

3. Discussion re: Corrected CRA Values; Overpayment to CRA (\$274,500)

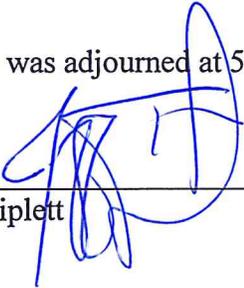
[Commission Memo 15-115] (RM 8.B)

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Commissioner Woodruff said that he would like to see the CRA return the overpayment to the City. After further discussion, there was a general consensus that the CRA pay back the City \$55,000 per year over a five year period. This is an action item on tonight's agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.



Mayor Jeff Triplett

Attest:



City Clerk

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