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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

2:30 PM

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*****VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY*****

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

**FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

DEAN J. TRANTALIS - Chair

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN - Vice Chair - Commissioner District III

JOHN C. HERBST - Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN - Commissioner - District II

WARREN STURMAN - Commissioner - District IV

GREG CHAVARRIA, Executive Director

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, Secretary

D'WAYNE M. SPENCE, Interim General Counsel

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trantalis called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner John C. Herbst, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Chair Pam Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Warren Sturman, and Chair Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

MOTIONS

M-1 [23-0399](#) Motion Approving Minutes for April 4, 2023, Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Herbst, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Chair Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Chair Trantalis

M-2 [23-0420](#) Motion Approving an Amendment to the Services Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question, Executive Director Greg Chavarria confirmed this CRA Agenda item relates to two (2) Regular Commission Meeting Agenda items.

Commissioner Glassman discussed concerns regarding the City paying annual rent for a Police Substation to be relocated at the L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center (YMCA) facility (Substation). He discussed the amounts invested by the City for construction of the YMCA.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Clarence Woods, Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (NWPFH CRA) Area Manager, confirmed the NWPFH CRA funded \$10,000,000 for the development of the YMCA, and the total cost of the YMCA was between \$18,000,000 and \$20,000,000. The NWPFH CRA contributed an additional \$1,000,000 for Broward College at the YMCA location.

Commissioner Glassman remarked that the City is also funding \$225,000 for the Substation buildout and furniture. Executive Director Chavarria said that the City is paying rent for the Police Substation in an adjacent building.

Commissioner Herbst noted that the City also contributed the land for the YMCA. Commissioner Glassman expounded on his viewpoint opposing paying rent for the Substation.

Chair Trantalis remarked that amounts contributed to the YMCA funded capital costs, and rent for the Substation funds other items such as insurance and maintenance. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herbst concurred with Commissioner Glassman's viewpoint and noted that the Substation reduces the YMCA's operating cost for security. Commissioner Glassman expounded on his perspective, including the need for the City to negotiate improved terms.

In response to Vice Chair Beasley-Pittman's questions regarding similar financial arrangements with the FUSE Group, Mr. Woods confirmed it is similar in some respects and explained related details. Vice Chair Beasley-Pittman confirmed her support of the NWPFH CRA continuing similar efforts with the YMCA. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Chair Beasley-Pittman noted that the FUSE Group had not provided any community services. Commissioner Herbst explained concerns discussed regarding FUSE Group before NWPFH CRA funding and explained a rent subsidy was included in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Commissioner Sturman concurred with Commissioner Glassman's point. Chair Trantalis confirmed his support of paying rent for the Substation and noted that the entire area community benefits from the Substation.

In response to Commissioner Sturman's question, City Auditor Patrick Reilly confirmed the annual Substation's rent would be \$20,600. In response to Chair Trantalis' question, Police Chief Patrick Lynn confirmed the square footage of the YMCA Substation is eight hundred twenty-four square feet (824') and is located on the west side of the first floor.

Chair Trantalis reiterated his support of Vice Chair Beasley-Pittman's viewpoint.

Commissioner Herbst made a motion to approve this Agenda item and was seconded by Commissioner Sturman.

APPROVED

Yea: 3 - Vice Chair Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sturman and Chair Trantalis

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Herbst and Commissioner Glassman

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Chair

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
Secretary