

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

2:30 PM

**OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
City Commission Conference Room**

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

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

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS - Chair
ROBERT L. McKINZIE - Vice Chair
HEATHER MORAITIS - Commissioner - District I
STEVEN GLASSMAN - Commissioner - District II
BEN SORENSEN - Commissioner - District IV***

***CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, Executive Director
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, Secretary
ALAIN E. BOILEAU, General Counsel***

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trantalis called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Vice Chair Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, and Chair Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Executive Director Chris Lagerbloom, Secretary Jeffrey A. Modarelli, General Counsel Alain E. Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst and Sergeant at Arms Luan Malushi

MOTIONS

M-1 [20-0216](#)

Motion to Approve Minutes for February 4, 2020 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Chair Trantalis

M-2 [20-0015](#)

Motion Approving \$150,000 for Finally Friday on Sistrunk Series - (Commission District 3)

In response to Chair Trantalis' question regarding the forecast for this program moving forward, Clarence Woods, Area Manager of the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights (NWPFH) Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), explained these events are hosted on CRA property to assist with development and marketing opportunities, expounding on details related to development.

Chair Trantalis discussed the funding associated with this item serving as an incentive for a NWPFH CRA business. He inquired about the tipping point, i.e., when this type of funding would be better used to have a significant impact on those wishing to invest in the NWPFH CRA. Mr. Woods commented that the time to use this funding for incentives is after developments are built.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Chair Trantalis

M-3 [20-0197](#)

Motion Approving First Amendment to Property Tax Reimbursement Agreement for the Flagler Village Hotel Located at 315 NW 1st Avenue in an Amount not to exceed \$1,711,020 - (Commission District 2)

Chair Trantalis recognized the applicant, Dev Motwani, President and CEO of Merrimac Ventures. Mr. Motwani explained Hilton Hotels has become part of the Flagler Village Hotel project (Project), explaining the Project will become Hilton Brands *Tru by Hilton* and *Home2 Suites*.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Vice Chair McKinzie.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Chair Trantalis

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Chair

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
CRA Secretary