

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

2:30 PM

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JOHN HERBST, City Auditor

JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, Secretary

ALAIN E. BOILEAU, General Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trantalis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Heather Moraitis (participated telephonically), Vice Chair Steven Glassman, (participated telephonically) Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (arrived at 3:01 p.m. - participated telephonically), Commissioner Ben Sorensen (participated telephonically), and Chair Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Executive Director Chris Lagerbloom, Secretary Jeffrey A. Modarelli, General Counsel Alain E. Boileau, and City Auditor John Herbst (participated telephonically)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Trantalis announced details regarding the virtual format of this meeting, including how members of the public can view and participate.

MOTIONS

M-1 [20-0601](#)

Motion to Approve Minutes for July 7, 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 Vice Chair Glassman.

APPROVED

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

M-2 [20-0544](#)

Motion Approving a Forgivable Loan in the Amount of \$290,000 to Junny Investment Group, LLC for Donna's Caribbean Restaurant located at 2012 NW 6th Street, and Delegating Authority to the Executive Director to Increase the Award to the Full Allocation of \$325,000 Subject to Satisfaction of Certain Conditions - (Commission District 3)

Commissioner McKinzie inquired if Ben Rogers, Director of Department of Transportation and Mobility (TAM), had followed up with *Historic Dorsey Riverbend Civic Association (Civic Association)* regarding traffic concerns related to this project.

Mr. Rogers remarked that TAM Staff would be meeting with the *Civic Association* to discuss traffic concerns and related mitigation measures in the area of the project.

Clarence Woods, Area Manager, Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights (NWPFH) Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), explained his understanding of the *Civic Association's* position as of last week that included traffic-calming measures, i.e., speed humps or a gate arm. He said the applicant would be willing to fund a portion of traffic-calming items. Mr. Woods said congestion is the issue. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner McKinzie confirmed the project's impact on neighborhood traffic congestion was the concern, expounding on discussions with Mr. Rogers. He requested this item be deferred until the next NWPFH CRA Board Meeting to allow input from the Civic Association.

Commissioner McKinzie confirmed communication from Dr. Pamela Beasley-Pittman that TAM Staff would be meeting with the Civic Association next week. Commissioner McKinzie urged Mr. Woods to attend.

Vice Chair Glassman commented on aspects of *Exhibit 10 - Meeting Minutes with Historic Dorsey-Riverbend HOA of 7-15-2020* attached to this item's Commission Agenda Memo (CAM), requesting Mr. Woods clarify when this item returns to the NWPFH CRA Board on September 1, 2020. Mr. Woods confirmed. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Chair Trantalis recognized Shakela Carter, assistant to Fidel Goldson, owner of Junny Investment Group, LLC. Ms. Carter confirmed Mr. Goldson is available to address questions.

Chair Trantalis recognized Fidel Goldson, owner of Junny Investment Group, LLC. Mr. Goldson provided a brief overview of what has occurred to date regarding traffic concerns and remedies and included ongoing discussions with Dr. Pittman and the community. He said comments on the project included addressing traffic concerns. Mr. Goldson expounded on ways to address these concerns.

In response to Chair Trantalis' question, Mr. Goldson confirmed he had no objection to the CRA Board delaying a decision until the Civic Association has an opportunity to provide input.

Chair Trantalis recognized Dr. Pamela Beasley-Pittman, 500 NW 19th

Avenue and on behalf of *Historic Dorsey-Riverbend Civic Association*. Dr. Pittman confirmed Staff would be participating in the upcoming Civic Association Meeting to provide input regarding traffic flow, stating a combination of traffic speed and congestion, would be addressed. She expounded on traffic concerns the project could cause at the NW 20th Avenue and Sistrunk Boulevard corner location and related details.

In response to Chair Trantalis, Dr. Pittman confirmed she would return and participate in the September 1, 2020 CRA Board Meeting. She affirmed the Civic Association's goal to validate and resolve the project's neighborhood traffic concerns. Dr. Pittman said the next meeting of the *Civic Association* is on Monday, August 24, 2020.

City Clerk Jeffrey Modarelli noted for the record that there was a correction to this item's CAM on page two, which was sent out earlier today.

Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to defer this item until the September 1, 2020 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

DEFERRED to September 1, 2020

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

M-3 [20-0638](#)

Motion to Approve Contract Extension and Increase in Expenditures for Construction Contract Audit Services - Carr Riggs and Ingram, LLC - \$54,000 - (Commission District 2)

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding extending this audit to the agreement for the Aquatic Complex South Building Replacement, City Auditor Herbst explained this item covers the contract already in place with Hensel Phelps Construction (Hensel Phelps).

There will be an additional change order for a contract extension and increase in expenditures with Carr Riggs and Ingram, LLC, for an audit of Hensel Phelps construction contract services for the replacement of the Aquatic Complex South Building.

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

APPROVED

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

In response to Vice Chair Glassman's question requesting a timeline for processing business assistance applications in the CRAs, Mr. Woods provided an update. Out of over two hundred applications, there are one hundred and three (103) preliminarily approved applications. Additional information is being requested from those preliminarily approved applications, i.e., tax returns and bank statements. Once all requested documentation is received and verified, checks would be disbursed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Chair

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
CRA Secretary