

Community Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2025

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) of the City of Titusville, Florida met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 555 South Washington Avenue, on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

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Call to Order/Determination of a Quorum

Chairperson Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Andrew Connors, Vice-Chairperson Herman Cole, Jr. Col USAF Retired, and Members Megan Moscoso, Jo Lynn Nelson, Dr. Sarah Stoeckel, Greg Aker and Jim Ball, Executive Director Scott Larese, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Attorney Richard Broome, and Sr. Administrative Assistant Emily Campbell were also present. Sr. Administrative Assistant Emily Campbell completed the minutes of the meeting.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Connors asked for a moment of silence and then led the entire assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*. Sr. Administrative Assistant Emily Campbell read the procedure for public comment.

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Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Vice-Chair Cole moved to approve the minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, as submitted. Member Nelson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Special Recognitions and Presentations – None.

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Old Business – None.

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New Business

Advisability - Safety Cameras for the Welcome Center – Executive Director Larese advised the request was to approve advisability for staff to research camera types and locations working with our IT Department and Code Enforcement Department.

The safety cameras located at the Welcome Center were outdated (installed in 2016/2017). They could only be accessed locally and do not provide the level of security consistent with other city facilities. Currently, the cameras did not provide enough visibility for police needs. Staff recommends installing new cameras with the ability for the police department to access them. Staff was requesting approval for advisability to research cameras and bring options back to the Community Redevelopment Agency for direction.

Member Nelson stated that the cameras were almost ten years old and technology has improved.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve advisability for staff to research camera types and locations working with our IT Department and Code Enforcement Department, as recommended. Vice-Chair Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Electric Vehicle Charging Station at the Welcome Center – Executive Director Larese advised the request was to remove or replace the Welcome Center electric vehicle charging stations.

In 2018, the two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Welcome Center were installed. The charging stations no longer work, and the Public Works Department could not obtain replacement parts as they were obsolete. Staff requested direction regarding the charging stations. Below are options:

1. Remove the charging stations.
2. Replace the charging stations.
3. Replace the charging stations and charge for its use by utilizing a meter system.

Member Nelson stated that she was in support of staff exploring options and using a meter system.

Member Stoeckel stated that she was in support of either removing the charging stations or adding the meter system for people to pay to charge their electric vehicle. She was not in support of the City paying for the cost.

Member Ball agreed that the charging stations should be metered.

Vice-Chair Cole asked if the City had to pay the expense for the installation of new charging stations.

Executive Director Larese stated that he was not sure and it would be part of the bid proposal process.

Member Aker stated that he did not want the City to bare the cost for maintenance and repairs of the charging stations. He stated that if the bid proposals included maintenance of the charging stations, he would support that process.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve for staff to review the options for replacing the charging stations and charging for their use by utilizing a meter system. Vice-Chair Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Train like an Astronaut Program – Executive Director Larese advised the request was to approve funding not to exceed \$300 to install signage for the Train like an Astronaut Program.

This action was a team effort with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) staff and Code Enforcement Staff. The purpose of this project was to create a positive activity generator encouraging legitimate users of our parks and other locations in the CRA. This path promotes health and wellness and also celebrates Titusville's vibrant role in the space industry. The proposal was a 1-mile pedestrian course starting at the American Space Museum and ending at Space View Park. Five (5) permanent signs would be needed to indicate the course every 1/4 mile. The cost of the weather and UV resistant, 12 by 18 inches signs, were \$47.50 each. The signs would be installed by the Public Works department.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams advised that the CRA would be paying for these permanent signs.

Member Stoeckel stated that she was impressed and supported this item.

Member Ball stated that he was in support of this item. He expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians at the crosswalk across US Highway 1 at Julia Street, where the yellow flashing lights were located on US Highway 1.

Member Aker stated that he was in support of this item.

Member Moscoso stated that she was in support of this item.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve funding not to exceed \$300 to install signage for the Train like an Astronaut program, as recommended. Member Stoeckel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Star Party Scavenger Hunt – Executive Director Larese advised this item was informational only - no action.

Code Enforcement partnered with the American Space Museum to plan a Star Party on February 22, 2025, offering participants an engaging way to explore the City's rich history and connection to the space industry. As participants venture through the downtown CRA, they would uncover clues that highlight key moments in space exploration. The scavenger hunt in the CRA was a positive activity generator, encouraging exploration and interaction with the City's parks while enhancing community engagement. The Code Enforcement Department created scavenger hunt booklets for participants.

The Community Redevelopment Agency members were in support of the Star Party Scavenger Hunt.

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Petitions and Request from the Public Present

Stan Johnston discussed the sewage spill that occurred in December 2020. Mr. Johnston discussed the fountains at Sand Point Park and stated that he was in support of adding fencing to the ponds at Sand Point Park.

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Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Larese submitted his written report and advised that all items were informational only.

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Member Ball discussed the repaving of the southbound lanes on US Highway 1 by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He stated that the CRA voiced interest and concerns for them to be engaged in the scoping of the northbound repaving. Member Ball discussed the request for FDOT to complete a speed study in downtown.

The CRA asked staff to look into additional signage for pedestrian's safety at the crosswalks in downtown Titusville.

Mayor Connors advised that he was the Titusville representatives for the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization and was on their Executive Committee. Mayor Connors stated that he would address this issue with the organization.

Member Ball stated that there were additional solutions being practiced in other communities for pedestrian safety at crosswalks in high-speed or heavy traffic areas.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.