

Community Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2024

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, November 12, 2024.

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Call to Order/Determination of a Quorum

Chairperson Diesel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Daniel Diesel, Vice-Chairperson Joe Robinson and Members Herman Cole, Jr. Col USAF Retired, 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 Diesel 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: Member Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, as submitted. Member Cole 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

CRA Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures for FY 2025 – Executive Director Larese advised the request was for the CRA to approve the CRA Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures for FY 2025.

HB 7013, which passed on April 26, 2024, makes several important changes to the laws governing special districts, including Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs). The bill revised Florida Statute 189.0694 with the following key requirements:

1. All special districts must establish goals and objectives for each program and activity they undertake by October 1, 2024.
2. Special districts are required to create performance measures and standards to determine if their goals and objectives are being achieved.
3. An annual report must be published by December 1 each year, which must include:
 - A description of the goals and objectives achieved
 - The performance measures and standards used to make this determination
 - A list of any goals or objectives that were not achieved

These new requirements aimed to increase accountability and transparency for special districts by ensuring they have clear objectives and are regularly assessing their performance. The annual reporting requirement will provide stakeholders with insights into the effectiveness of special district programs and activities.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams reviewed the CRA Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures for FY 2025. She stated that if this item was approved, the CRA goals, objectives and performance measures would be posted on the City's website and would be updated annually.

Mayor Diesel stated that it was very organized and thanked staff for their work.

Member Nelson complimented the wayfinding signs in downtown. Member Nelson asked if a shared stormwater plan for Downtown Titusville would be added into the CRA Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures for FY 2025.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams stated that it was not budgeted for this year, but once it was addressed, it would go into the annual report. The CRA Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures for FY 2025 were based on the budget every year.

Member Nelson stated that Scobie Park needed wave attenuation devices along the shoreline to protect it. She stated that they could learn if the wave attenuation devices prevented erosion as well.

Member Stoeckel asked if staff was doing anything with the new goal six for community design as it pertains to the CRA.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams stated that staff has not done anything, but the CRA could discuss at a later time.

Member Stoeckel stated that she was in support of the performance standards and measures, but asked if it was appropriate to add the tracking of the open and closed businesses in Downtown Titusville.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams stated that staff could track and it could be added to the economic development goals.

Executive Director Larese advised that there was an item going before City Council for purchasing software that identified the vacant properties, the zoning and if a real estate agent was representing that property. He stated that the City was entering into an agreement with North Brevard Economic Development Zone because they were in support of this software.

Member Aker asked if there was an opportunity to acquire land for parking in downtown and how that would be addressed or if it was considered part of the infrastructure.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams stated that it was in the CRA Plan currently. If an opportunity came up for property, they could discuss purchasing that property with a bond, etc.

Stan Johnston discussed the sewage spill that occurred at Sand Point Park in December 2020, etc. Mr. Johnston stated that he was not in support of this item.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve the CRA Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures for FY 2025 as recommended with the addition of tracking the open and closed businesses in Downtown Titusville. Member Cole seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Member Aker	Yes
Member Cole	Yes
Member Nelson	Yes
Chairman Diesel	Yes
Vice-Chair Robinson	Yes
Member Ball	Yes
Member Stoeckel	Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

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Petitions and Request from the Public Present –

Stan Johnston discussed the oath of office and freedom of speech, etc. Mr. Johnston discussed dams in the City of Titusville and stated that he was not in support of them.

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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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Executive Director Larese advised that the new gateway signs were installed on Cheney Highway and on Garden Street.

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Chairman Diesel stated that it was an honor to be on the CRA the past eight years.

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Vice-Chair Robinson stated that he had a successful term on the CRA and enjoyed meeting and getting to know everyone while serving on this board. He stated that his greatest education was interacting with people. Vice-Chair Robinson thanked the City of Titusville and staff for allowing him to serve his community.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.