

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)
Meeting Minutes August 28, 2024
(DRAFT)

8/28/2024 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Chair Robin Gibson, Keith Thompson, Mayor Jack Hilligoss, Daniel Williams, Carol Gillespie

Staff Members Present: James Slaton, Executive Director; Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk; Albert C. Galloway, Jr., City Attorney

Robin Gibson, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

Howard Davies, resident, asked for assistance for Park Avenue businesses as they struggle through the construction. He said that down payment assistance and other programs should benefit Lake Wales residents.

3. Minutes - August 13, 2024

Mayor Hilligoss made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2024. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

ALL "YES"

Motion passed 5-0.

4. CRA Resolution 2024-23, Adoption Of FY2024-25 CRA Budget

[Begin Agenda Memo]

SYNOPSIS: The CRA Board will consider adopting the proposed operating budget for FY 2024-25.

RECOMMENDATION It is recommended that the CRA Board take the following actions: Adopt CRA Resolution 2024-23, adopting the annual budget for FY2024-25.

BACKGROUND In accordance with Florida Statutes 189.418 (3), the governing board of each special district shall adopt a budget by resolution each budget year.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **CRA RESOLUTION 2024-23** by title only

RESOLUTION 2024-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; MAKING FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Dorothy Abbott, Finance Director, reviewed this item. Chair Gibson noted that the CRA is a separate budget from the City budget. Ms. Abbott confirmed this.

Commissioner Gillespie asked what the changes are in this budget from last year. Ms. Abbott reviewed the changes. Chair Gibson noted that many changes are on the plus side. Ms. Abbott confirmed this. Commissioner Gillespie asked if that means we are taking in more money. Chair Gibson and James Slaton, Executive Director, said yes. Ms. Abbott showed the significant increases in revenue due to growth and grant money. Chair Gibson said this is how the CRA should work.

Mayor Hilligoss made a motion to adopt **CRA RESOLUTION 2024-23**. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

by roll call vote:

Mayor Hilligoss "YES"

Commissioner Thompson "YES"

Commissioner Williams "YES"

Commissioner Gillespie "YES"

Chair Gibson "YES"

Motion passed 5-0.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams said he is excited to see us continue to improve the City.

Mayor Hilligoss said the kick-off for the northwest sidewalk project last week was fun to be a part of. The open house also went well.

Commissioner Thompson said we need a healthy discussion going forward to identify and educate the population about assistance for housing. The Care Center may be helpful in this. He said we need to give attention to things going well in Lake Wales.

Chair Gibson commended the characteristic in Lake Wales where the City provides help for various non-profits that operate in and around Lake Wales. The non-profits do a lot of work that government does in other places. This allows non residents to help the broader Lake Wales community.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk