

**Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)
Meeting Minutes August 31, 2023
(APPROVED)**

8/31/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

CRA Members Present: Chair Robin Gibson, Keith Thompson, Danny Krueger,

Members Absent: Daniel Williams, Mayor Jack Hilligoss

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

Chair Robin Gibson called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

2. COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

3. Minutes - August 8, 2023

Commissioner Krueger made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

ALL "YES"

Motion approved 3-0.

4. Resolution 2023-01, Adoption Of FY2023-24 CRA Budget

[Begin Agenda Memo]

SYNOPSIS: The CRA Board will consider adopting the proposed operating budget for FY 2023-24.

RECOMMENDATION It is recommended that the CRA Board take the following actions: Approve Resolution 2023-01, adopting the annual budget for FY2023-24.

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 2023-01 by title only.

RESOLUTION 2023-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; MAKING FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt CRA Resolution 2023-01. Commissioner Krueger seconded the motion.

by roll call vote:

Commissioner Thompson "YES"

Commissioner Krueger "YES"

Chair Robin Gibson "YES"

Motion approved 3-0.

5. Approval Of Contract For Law Enforcement Services: Lake Wales Housing Authority

[Begin Agenda Memo]

Synopsis: The City and the CRA will consider approving a contract with the Lake Wales Housing Authority to continue providing supplemental law enforcement services at the Grove Manor and Sunrise Park public housing complexes.

RECOMMENDATION It is recommended that the City Commission authorize the Mayor to execute a Contract for Services with the Lake Wales Housing Authority for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. It is recommended that the CRA Board Authorize the Chair to execute a Contract for Services with the Lake Wales Housing Authority for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

BACKGROUND Since 2011/2012 the CRA Board of Commissioners has approved funding a law enforcement officer position to provide supplemental law enforcement services toward designated CRA areas and the Lake Wales Housing Authority, Grove Manor Complex. The City must be a party to the Contract as well since the City's Police Department is the agency which will provide the supplemental law enforcement services.

In an effort to continue providing these supplemental law enforcement services to the Lake Wales Housing Authority, Grove Manor and Sunrise Park Complex residents, the Lake Wales Police Department seeks approval to enter into a new contract for FY2023/2024. This contract for supplemental law enforcement services provides for a monthly payment due the City in the amount of \$3,280.00 from the Housing Authority.

The Lake Wales Housing Authority Board approved the contract for services during their last meeting, held on June, 21 2023.

[End Agenda Memo]

James Slaton, Executive Director, reviewed this item.

Commissioner Krueger made a motion to approve the Contract. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

ALL "YES"

Motion approved 3-0.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

James Slaton, Executive Director, said the Lake Wales Woman's Club has approached the CRA for funding to help preserve their building. One of the goals of the CRA is to maintain historic structures. The woman's club building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Slaton said there is rumored to be a reverter clause in the deed returning the property to the City of Lake Wales if the Woman's Club cannot keep up the building. Albert Galloway, Jr., City Attorney, confirmed that he and staff is looking for a copy of the deed.

Commissioner Krueger asked if the Woman's Club has funds to maintain their own building. Mr. Slaton answered and said that they don't have enough revenue. Commissioner Krueger asked if the Woman's club is growing or shrinking. Mr. Slaton said he did not know. Commissioner Thompson said the club is probably shrinking but the building is of value to the community as a place for events. Its a worthy historic building that is part of the downtown. We should help do repairs. Chair Robin Gibson reviewed the history of Women's Clubs. The clubs don't carry on as they used to. He expressed support for a good partnership to help the Woman's club. Commissioner Krueger asked if the City is going to invest this money should the City own it? Chair Gibson said let's see what the deed says.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk