



**CITY OF BRADENTON
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. by Chairman Harold Byrd, Jr., during the City Council meeting, which was temporarily adjourned.

In Attendance: Mayor Poston, Councilpersons Gallo, Brown, Roff, Smith, and Byrd
Carl Callahan, City Administrator; Bill Lisch, City Attorney

Meeting Summary

Downtown District - Updates from City Administrator, Carl Callahan

Recently a downtown district advisory board meeting had been held to discuss the proposed new parking garage to further explore possible uses and many exciting, thoughtful ideas were brought forth. A strategic overview of the use of the downtown vicinity including City Centre, Chamber of Commerce, post office, Bradenton Herald, etc. to take full advantage of the entire area to accommodate parking needs.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PLAYERS' POINT AGREEMENT was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Roff, and approved 5:0.

14th Street District – Updates from City Administrator, Carl Callahan

The Grand Palms project was moving forward, and the approved TIF agreement had been sent to the developer.

Central District – Updates from City Administrator, Carl Callahan

Work is still being done with Lincoln Village on their budgets and plans so they can submit their impact application in November. Various options for the 13th Avenue site continue to be looked at. There is some concern about how long the tax application approval process may take, so other possibilities which could arise prior to approval will be reviewed.

General Discussion:

Councilman Brown had attended the downtown district advisory board meeting and had been extremely pleased to see the engagement and energy demonstrated by the members.

Councilman Roff commented on how smoothly and effectively the City Council CRA Board was operating and how much progress had been made.

Councilman Smith broached the topic of the possibility of selling City Hall which had been an idea moved forward at the advisory board meeting. The value of the property versus the cost to relocate operations would need to be carefully studied. An informal process would be started to determine departmental efficiencies, space needs, and strategy of locations for operations of each.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m. A recording of this meeting is available upon request.