



**CITY OF BRADENTON
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 A.M. by Chairman Harold Byrd, Jr., during the City Council meeting which was temporarily recessed.

In Attendance: Mayor Poston, Councilpersons Gallo, Brown, Roff, Smith, and Byrd
Carl Callahan, City Administrator; Bill Lisch, City Attorney;
Catherine Hartley, Planning Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Paul
McWade, Assistant Police Chief (in for Chief Bevan);
and Jim McLellan, Public Works Director

Meeting Summary

CRA Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes: Oct. 12 CRA Meeting
- B. Minutes: Oct. 26 CRA Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE CRA CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A & B was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Brown, and approved 5:0.

New Business:

- Downtown District – No new business
- 14th Street District – Carl Callahan said that the senior housing complex on 1800 block of 14th Street West was under construction and moving forward. Councilman Roff stated that he had been contacted by a constituent regarding Code Enforcement violations in the Village of the Arts. Mr. Roff had met with Code Enforcement and had had a very good meeting about means to mitigate the situations.
- Central District – Mr. Callahan said that the Beneficial offer for housing and a grocery store on 13th Avenue would need to be addressed at a future workshop. The Advisory Board had met and had recommended moving forward with negotiations.

A full presentation would be done for Council. Lastly, he said the consolidation of the CCRA office to City Hall was planned for January 1st.

General Discussion:

Chairman Byrd asked if anything needed to be voted upon or signed regarding the engagement letter from Browning CPA to continue to compile quarterly financial statements for the CRA's. Mr. Callahan said Mr. Byrd could sign the engagement letter as the firm has been doing this for quite some time.

Ward 1 – Nothing to report.

Ward 2 – Nothing to report.

Ward 3 – Mr. Roff said that a report from the US Economic Development Administration had been given at the meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council on Monday which implied a possibility of funding for a project which has been discussed here. The speaker had told him about the American Planning Association Magazine which could be utilized to advertise for candidates for the Economic Development Director position.

Ward 4 – Nothing to report.

Ward 5 – Nothing to report.

Updates from City Administrator, Carl Callahan

Carl Callahan said there had been a well-written article in today's newspaper about Sunz Insurance which had highlighted the opportunities for new jobs. He reported that the hotel site had been cleaned up and the well would soon be capped. Mr. Callahan said two new businesses were locating on 13th Street West and downtown was experiencing a general improvement. Public Works has been keeping the area clean and maintained.

There being no further business, Chairman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

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