



CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CRA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2023, 6:00 PM
Mount Dora City Hall
510 N. Baker St., Mount Dora, FL 32757

CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Crissy Stile called to order the meeting of the City of Mount Dora Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Governing Board.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilmember Bryant.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Crissy Stile, Mayor
Marc Crail, Vice-mayor
John Cataldo, District 1
Cal Rolfson, District 2
Dennis Dawson, District 3
Nate Walker, District 5
Doug Bryant, At-large

Also Present

Vince Sandersfeld, Acting City Manager
Sherry G. Sutphen, City Attorney
Adam Sumner, Deputy Planning Director
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk
Aneta Barton, Budget Director

ACTION ITEMS

1. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-34, CRA Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

City Attorney Sutphen read Resolution No. 2023-34, CRA Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-34 (CRA)

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA PERTAINING TO THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Sumner announced a 12% increase in revenue in comparison to last year. He explained the criteria CRAs must follow regarding budgets. Mr. Sumner reported that staff recommends approval of the budget.

Councilmember Bryant told to Mr. Sumner he received reports from residents concerned the CRA advisory boards had not been afforded the opportunity to review the budgets being presented at these meetings on September 7th. Mr. Sumner explained that the advisory boards review budget items throughout the year. He added that there have been difficulties with meeting schedules and quorums. He told Council he had emailed the budgets to the advisory board members and offered to speak with any member who had questions or concerns. He reminded Council that the committees only advise on the budget, but do not hold the power of approval. Recommendation for approval by the advisory committees is not required to pass their budgets.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Jay Smith, 1046 North McDonald Street, stated he is a member of the Downtown CRA Advisory Committee. He told Council he objected to this year's procedure for CRA budget approval because of the lack of communication and presentation to the advisory committee. He requested the item be tabled until after the committee's next meeting.

Lyn Tacher, 831 St. James Way, spoke of unclear communication regarding meeting scheduling and lack of opportunity for input for the advisory committees, especially for the Resource and Recreation Center.

Vice-mayor Crail asked if tabling the item would interfere with the required budget public hearing process. Budget Director Aneta Barton informed those present that any budget changes recommended by the advisory committees would have to take place through budget amendments, if approved by Council.

Jay Smith, 1046 North McDonald Street, asked how voting through email for budget approval could be fairly tallied.

Ms. Sutphen explained email is not an appropriate voting procedure. The Downtown CRA meeting that would take place the following week would provide a valid voting procedure for the committee's recommendations for the budget. Any voting that had taken place by email would not be counted.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-34 CRA FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THE CRA, THROUGH THE MANAGER, WILL PRESENT THE BUDGET TO THE CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THAT STAFF WILL PRESENT ANY ISSUES RAISED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Rolfson
Cataldo

Dawson
Walker
Bryant
Crail
Stile

NO None

ADJOURNMENT

***MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADJOURN;
COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED
WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.***

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:17 p.m.



CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora



JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK
City of Mount Dora