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COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD
City Hall Board Room
510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL
April 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discuss CRA Advisory Committee

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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DATE: April 16, 2024

TO: Honorable Chairperson and Board Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss CRA Advisory Committee

Introduction:

This is a discussion item to consider the CRA Advisory Committee role.

Discussion:

The Mount Dora Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was established on May 26, 1987. The CRA will sunset as an agency May 26, 2047, the maximum life allowed by FS, Chapter 163. The CRA Governing Board consists of the City Council with the Mayor sitting as the Chair and the Vice Mayor sitting as the Vice Chair. Under Chapter 163 and the bylaws of the CRA, the Governing Board must be appointed by the City Council. In Mount Dora, the City Council has always chosen to appoint themselves as the Governing CRA Board. This is the most common structure throughout the state. Mount Dora has appointed an Advisory Committee to both of their CRAs.

Advisory Committees are not required under Chapter 163 FS. Throughout the state, CRAs are mixed on advisory committees. Some CRAs never had an advisory committee, some had them for the first five or ten years, and some have them for the full life of the agency. One common trend has been noticed. Once a CRA starts issuing debt and allocating a significant portion of annual funding to debt service, several cities have decommissioned an advisory committee. The Advisory Committee is a recommending committee. They have no official authority or decision-making authority. Currently, staff takes a project to the Advisory Committee for a recommendation to the Governing Board, then staff has to take the project to the Governing Board with a recommendation from the Advisory Committee that the Governing Board may or may not follow.

The members of the Advisory Committee have severed the CRA and the City admirably since the establishment of the agency. There are 23 years left in the life of the Mount Dora CRA. Over the next 23 years, the primary goals of the Agency are to focus on parking solutions, economic diversification, workforce housing, and redevelopment of the Highland Street corridor. The members could be assigned open positions on other boards or committees. This would better serve the citizen involvement.

If the City Council chose to sunset the CRA Advisory Committee, they could still appoint an ad hoc committee when needed for a special CRA project if needed. If the City Council opted to sunset the advisory committee, that would not change the sunset date of the agency or have any impact on the Tax Increment Funding the Agency receives annually.

Budget Impact:

N/A

Strategic Impact:

Improve Efficiency.

Recommendation:

Governing Board to sunset the Mount Dora CRA Advisory Committee and direct the city legal counsel and staff for appropriate actions.

Attachment(s):

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Final Approval - 4/9/2024