



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 2019

6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Chairman Washington, Director Marilyn Davis-Sconions, Director Brent Gardner, Director Taurus Mack

Members Absent: Director Eddie Cole, Director Rodney Daniels, Director Clarice Hopkins

Administration Present: Consultant E.D. Michael Johnson

Administration Absent: Attorney Greg Jackson

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

IV. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

A. Review of November 2019 Financial Statements

Mr. Johnson explained the November financials as presented by the Town's Finance Department. No board comments were made

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of November 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of November 17, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Washington requested approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion was moved by Director Davis second by Director Mack. Motion passed 4 – 0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Resolution 2019 – 32 Bylaws Amendment

Consultant E.D. Michael Johnson requested that this item be moved to suspension of the TOECRA Bylaws due to requested changes/amendments by some board members. Director Davis noted her request. Chairman Washington requested a motion to suspend the TOECRA bylaws until such time new amended bylaws are

presented to the Board of Directors. Motion was moved by Director Gardner and second by Director Mack. Motion passed 4 – 0.

B. Approval of Resolution 2019 – 33 Adopting TOE Procurement Policy

Consultant E.D. requested that this item be Tabled due to complexity and time to edit policy. This item will be brought back to the board at a later date to be in compliance with Florida Statute requirements. Item TABLED by the Board of Directors

C. Consideration of additional funding for Chamber of Commerce Façade Improvements
Chairman Washington open this item for discussion to the Consultant E.D. Michael Johnson. Mr. Johnson explained to the board that bids for this project base on the design of facade improvement would necessitate additional funding by the board. Mr. Johnson request that an additional \$10,000.00 be added to the original funding amount of \$20,000.00 to complete façade improvements as approved under the old program. Director Davis asked where this money would come from in the budget. Mr. Johnson provide the budget line item. Chairman Washington stated this a good project and that we should have kept funding the same as another awardee of the Façade Improvement Grant. Chairman Washington requested a motion to approved new funding request in the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion was moved by Director Davis and second by Director Mack. Motion Passed 4 – 0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Resolution 2019 – 34 Adopting FY 2020 Annual Budget

Chairman Washington open the floor to Consultant E.D. who explained each line item and statutory requirements for the annual budget. The Orange County revenue/ TIF repayment was explained. New recommended part-time position was explained along with the expenses and program funding request. Consultant E.D. also explained if needed that the budget could be amended after the approval to make any recommended changes as needed. Director Davis asked several questions pertaining to the budget and funding for programs due some residents not being funded from the previous program. Chairman Washington expressed concerns about some items in which funds were spent the previous year. Director Mack spoke about the need to support the efforts of the administration and making sure dollars were being spent to accomplish the goals of the plan. Director Gardner made no comments. Chairman Washington requested a motion to approve Resolution 2019 – 34 Adopting the FY 2020 Annual Budget. Motion was moved by Director Mack and seconded by Director Davis. Motion passed 4 – 0.

B. Approval of Resolution 2019 – 35 Authorizing TIF Rebate to Taxing Authorities

Chairman Washington open this item for discussion by Consultant E.D. who explained this item was needed so the Finance Director would have board authorization to move funds in and out of the trust account in accordance with the Inter-Local Agreement requirements. Chairman Washington requested a motion to move this agenda item. Motion was moved by Director Davis and seconded by Director Mack. Motion passed 4 – 0.

C. Approval of Resolution 2019 – 36 Adopting Fiscal Year 2020 Meeting Calendar

Chairman Washington opened item for discussion. Consultant E.D. explained the meeting calendar and posting requirements but also requested the board consider changing meeting dates from Tuesday to Thursday. Chairman expressed concerns and meeting running over into Town Council. Discussion was had by members but ultimately no decision was made. Chairman Washington requested a motion to approve Resolution 2019 – 36. Motion was moved by Director Gardner and Seconded by director Mack. Motion passed 4 – 0.

D. Approval of Resolution 2019 – 37 Terminating Legal Service Agreement

Chairman Washington opened this item for discussion. Director Mack expressed several concerns with the attorney which revolved around the Bershaun Enterprises lawsuit against the agency and naming him individually. Chairman Washington expressed his ongoing issues about how the attorney has allowed the board to vote on issues that are now determined that should not have occurred. Director Davis expressed several concerns which she has had. Consultant E.D. discussed issues that have continued since his arrival especially billing issues. Chairman requested approval of Resolution 2019 -37 termination of the legal service agreement with Greg Jackson. Motion oved by Director Mack and seconded by Director Gardner. Motion passed 4 – 0.

E. Approval of Resolution 2019 – 38 Authorizing the Issuance of Auditing RFP

Chairman Washington open this item up for discussion. Consultant E.D. explained why the board needed to do this RFP and restated the requirements for reporting to include being consistent with the Ordinance 97 – 08. Director expressed concerns with the previous audit and fiscal operations of the Finance Department. No other board comments. Chairman Washington requested a motion to approve Resolution 2019 – 38. Motion moved by Director Davis and seconded by Director Gardner. Motion passed 4 – 0.

VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Eatonville Cultural heritage Foundation Discussion/Action

Chairman Washington opened this item up for discussion. Consultant E.D. explained where the administration was with this issue and was seeking further guidance from the board as to what to do next. Consultant E.D. also provided the board with cease and desist email from Attorney Jackson but in light of Mr. Reese statement at the last meeting reference an ongoing partnership with the agency and continued use of the TOECRA name and/or misrepresentation to public concerning projects of agency. Chairman Washington expressed his concerns. Director Davis expressed her concerns. Director Mack reiterated his overall concerns with Mr. Benderson. Director Gardner made no comment. Chairman Washington requested a motion to direct the Consultant E.D. to pursue all legal and criminal processes against the Eatonville Cultural Heritage Foundation and James Benderson for theft while as

employee of the agency. Motion was moved by Director Mack and seconded by Director Davis. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Citizen Participation: Angela Johnson asked was Mrs. Reese aware of the part-time position. Consultant E.D. replied “yes”. Angela also discussed the budget being out of balanced. Consultant E.D. stated he would review her concerns and if changes needed to made, he would bring back to board to amend budget.

X. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman moved for adjournment. No opposition stated. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.