

HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 5:30 PM

Town Hall (Board Chamber) - 307 E Kennedy Blvd. 32751

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CALL TO ORDER – Chair Randolph called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. **ROLL CALL** – Quorum was established through roll call by the Town Clerk

PRESENT: (7) Chair Wanda Randolph, Vice-Chair Donovan Williams, Director Tarus Mack, Director Rodney Daniels, Director Theo Washington, Director Angie Gardner, Director Ruthi Critton (Arrived after roll call)

STAFF: (4) Veronica King, Town Clerk, Greg Jackson (Arrived after roll call), Attorney; (Absent: Shaniqua Rose, CRA Executive Director)

(Meeting reconvened 5:32p.m. for the Pledge of Allegiance)

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Randolph led the invocation through a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

(Meeting Recessed at 5:34 p.m. to wait for the attorney to arrive)

(Meeting Reconvened at 5:45 p.m. Attorney Jackson arrived)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - (0)

BOARD DECISIONS:

Approval of Resolution CRA-R-2024-27 Authorizing the TOECRA Chair to Appoint Interim TOECRA Executive Director (Preamble Read) Chair Randolph motion to APPROVE Resolution CRA-R-2024-27 Authorizing the TOECRA Chair to Appoint Interim TOECRA Executive Director; moved by Director Critton; second by Director Daniels with discussion; AYE: Chair Randolph, Director Critton, Director Daniels; NAYE: Director Gardner, Director Washington, Director Mack, Vice Chair Williams, MOTION FAILS. Discussions/Comments: The Chair will appoint the Interim Executive Director; Director Williams feels the board should make the decision; Director Gardner previously appointed an interim Executive Director in the role as Mayor; Director Critton have no issue with the chair selecting an interim for up to 90 days; upon the Executive Director (Ms. Rose) exiting her position, for 30 days, the chair is the executive director, during that time period, if we get someone, someone is appointed as interim up to 90 days (hoping to fill the Executive Director position within the 90 days at the approval of the board). There has been conversation amongst this board that the board should be separate from the town, in that regards, the executive director stands as a person that would be able to make interim decisions on behalf of the board as the mayor would have in that capacity, looking at the bylaws, the chair who steps into the position of the executive director during the interim period when there is no executive director does have the ability to higher certain positions; an elected official serving on a board as stated in the Sunshine manual indicates that is not dual office holding (can provide a memo); doing the administrative day-to-

day responsibilities is brought into question; as an independent body or independent agency, this board should make a decision or make a decision, through resolution, the chair is asking through a resolution if this is permitted, because typically the mayor would be sitting in that position and making that determination. Director Gardner recommends to consider the bylaws that allow for 30 days for the chair, the position can be advertise for the position within the 30 days (Board does not meet within 30 days), need to let the bylaws work, can revisit is there are no one interested; need to reset our thinking to reconsider how the Executive Director has been treated; Vice Director Williams recommend bringing in a consultant/contractor to be fulfill the different obligations with the grants; Director has confidence in the chair fulfilling the day-to-day responsibilities for the 30 days; clarity, the 30 day period is not indicated in the bylaws (there is no time); Director Daniels is in favor of the chair appointing a interim; processing grants is a concern, putting someone in place, we all know who got the grants, if there is an interest with that individual, they can come in from a consultant and grant administrator role to make sure the grant continue to move forward; if we do not provide this authority tonight to authorize the chair to hire an interim executive director who is handling the day to day, if someone calls in for one of the programs, there is an administrative assistant who can distribute the call, there are two current grants, those funds are already in the works for coming (the first draw), by the time you get a second draw, then your 30 days is up; the 30 days is enough time for the chair to identify an interim, the interim may only be there for 60 days, by that time we will start advertising for that position; the Executive Director provided a list of everything the board needs to know; anybody with background in business or grant writing should be able to come in and fulfill whatever the grant states that needs to be done; Director Mack supports the board selecting/approving the interim Executive Director for 90 days with the chair, in agreement with Vice Chair Williams in bringing the former individual who brought the grants to the CRA Board.

BOARD REPORTS:

Town Clerk (Veronica King) - No Report - Inquired about if the regular meeting in July will take place on (Yes)

Attorney (Greg Jackson) - No Report

Director Angie Gardner - No Report

Director Theo Washington - No Report

Director Donovan Williams - No Report

Director Tarus Mack - No Report

Vice Chair Wanda Randolph - No Report

Director Rodney Daniels - No Report

Director Ruthi Critton - No Report

ADJOURNMENT Chair Angie Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting (Moved by Director Daniels; Second by Director Mack; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 6:29P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Wanda Randolph, Chair