

Community Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
November 17, 2021
5:00 P.M.

Chair R. Henderson called the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Community Redevelopment Agency Board members in attendance: Reynolds Henderson, Darius Paul, Joe Johnson, and Susan Bakalo. Planning Assistant DeAnn Brooks, City Manager R. Thompson, and City Attorney Clay Adkinson were also in attendance. C. Mosely was excused.

2. Approval of Minutes - Chair R. Henderson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 29, 2021.

Motion by Board Member J. Johnson and seconded by Board Member D. Paul to approve the minutes of September 29, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Adoption of the City Policies and Procedures

Finance Director D. Gibson discussed the recommendations of the auditor for the CRA adopt all policy and procedures that the City of DeFuniak follows. As the CRA grows they can break out and adopt their own when that time comes.

Motion by Board Member S. Bakalo and seconded by Board member J. Johnson to approve Adoption of All City Policies and Procedures. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of Dumpster Use

A. Susan Deitz

Chairman R. Henderson and all other board members agreed to defer this issue until January when they can come back with more information.

B. Sherry Thompson

Motion by Board Member J. Johnson and seconded by Board member D. Paul to approve the use of Dumpster for Sherry Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Code Enforcement Officer- Removal of Dead Trees on Private Property

Code Enforcement Officer C. Strawn brought forward for consideration he is receiving calls regarding dead trees on private property, and he does not have the power to enforce them to take them down. Inquired as to whether property owners needed to come forward and plead their case and it be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Motion by Board Member J. Johnson and seconded by Board member S. Bakalo to stay away from giving authority to remove dead trees from private property. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Alleyway Cleanup Program Report

City Manager R. Thompson updated that the city is already removing trees on city right of way and city property. As to alleyways the city is going through and removing small shrubbery and Waste Management has began putting out trashcans and dumpsters.

7. Citizens Comments

Councilman A. Vallee discussed Gulf Power acquisition and its effects on Highway 331 and it's land value and trees and beauty of DeFuniak Springs.

Motion by Board Member J. Johnson and seconded by Board member S. Bakalo to authorize City Manager R. Thompson to write a letter encouraging Power South and Chelco to share the easement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member J. Johnson and seconded by Board member D. Paul to write a letter encouraging Florida Power to look at alternatives to the power lines that exist already and try to preserve the trees and keep the beauty of DeFuniak Springs. All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilman A. Vallee updated CRA board of the decisions made at City Council Meeting on November 8, 2021, in regard to developing a scoring criterion for substandard housing and blight within the city.

City Manager R. Thompson will come back in January with options to provide to CRA committee as to either RFQ, hire a planner, or other options.

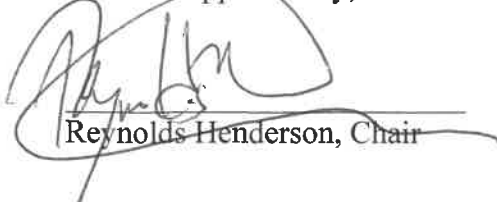
Councilman A. Vallee gave update of TPO in connector on Bruce Avenue, Highway 83 alignment to help with congestion at Highway 83 and Highway 90, and pedestrian bike path that will give alternate route of Old Spanish Trail.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Board Member S. Bakalo and seconded by Board Member D. Paul to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chair R. Henderson adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved by,



Reynolds Henderson, Chair

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DeAnn Brooks
DeAnn Brooks, Planning Assistant

