
Minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Auburndale held February 15, 2021 at 7:58 p.m. in the Commission Room of City Hall, after having been properly advertised, with the following members present: Chair Ellie Harper, Vice Chair Cindy Price, Dorothea Taylor Bogert, Richard Hamann, Jack Myers, and Tim Pospichal. Also present was: Assistant City Manager Jeff Tillman. Keith Cowie was absent.

Motion by Tim Pospichal, seconded by Dorothea Taylor Bogert, to approve the Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Meeting. Upon vote, all ayes.

Assistant City Manager Jeff Tillman said we have moved the January Finance report to this Meeting.

Chair Ellie Harper asked for any other citizen comment. There was no citizen comment.

1. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director/City Clerk Shirley Lowrance went over the January 2021 CRA Finance Report. She said in December we received the CRA Tax Increment money from the County (\$978,300.79) and the City portion (\$602,876.62) has also been moved to the CRA. The tax increment money was more than budgeted. The FY 2020-2021 budget was \$1,507,850, with collected revenues of \$1,581,211.84, and expenditures of \$79,320. The Balance for the Budget was \$3,214,645.57, as we have not started on the larger projects yet. The Pooled Cash total for the Community Redevelopment Agency was \$3,166,937.00 with \$519,979.67 designated as Incentive Loan Programs. The Adjusted Pooled Cash was \$2,646,957.33.

Assistant City Manager Jeff Tillman said the Street Resurfacing project is currently out to bid and has a budget of \$1 million. He said it was some time since we have gone to bid and with the size of the project, we wanted a bid. The project stretches from the triangle at Lake Ariana Blvd. all the way to Recker Hwy.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CRA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Assistant City Manager Jeff Tillman said the Capital Improvements Program is a long-term plan that acts as the key guiding document for the CRA Board in prioritizing redevelopment expenditures. At the last meeting of the CRA on January 19, 2021, Staff presented a revised draft of the Capital Improvements Program to the CRA Board for review and comment. In accordance with the CRA calendar, the revised CIP is being presented back before the Board for final approval. The proposed CIP includes all items presented at the January meeting and covers capital projects in FY 2022 through FY 2026. We start in November with adding projects to the Suggested Projects List and those projects are what we pull from to place into our Five-Year CIP. At the last meeting, there was a presentation of additional projects to add and we added the US Highway 92 Commercial Corridor Improvement Plan to our target area for the Grant incentives. Staff recommended approval of the FY 2022 to FY 2026 Capital Improvements Program adding the fifth year. A Copy of the CIP Capital Improvement Program is attached to the Minutes.

Motion by Dorothea Taylor Bogert, seconded by Tim Pospichal, to approve the CRA Capital Improvement Program for FY 2022-2026.

Dorothea Taylor Bogert asked about the possibility of undergrounding for electric while resurfacing the roads. She asked about the cost effectiveness of underground utilities around Lake Stella.

Assistant City Manager Tillman said the CRA will fund a portion of the resurfacing and the City will fund the balance. He said he thought the underground utilities would be a significant cost. He said it was something we could look into.

Vice Chair Cindy Price said we definitely would want to do the jack and bores prior to the resurfacing. She said the cuts need to be done before the road is resurfaced.

Upon vote, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.


Shirley Lowrance, Finance Director/ City Clerk