

## **Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Meeting – June 1, 2020**

At approximately 2:55 P.M., Mayor Dyer recessed the City Council meeting and convened the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meeting.

### **(4) Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)**

(1) Approving Funding Agreement between the CRA, Orlando Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land, Inc., related to purchase of land. Mayor Dyer called on CRA Executive Director Thomas Chatmon who provided background on this item. Project DTO-Advancing Downtown Orlando was initiated in April 2014 as a comprehensive visioning process to formulate the next chapter of Downtown Orlando's evolution which resulted in the creation of the DTO Outlook, the 2015 Update to the Downtown Orlando Community Redevelopment Area Plan ("Redevelopment Plan"). One of the key findings of the process was the need for green space within the Downtown Orlando CRA. An entire section of the Redevelopment Plan is devoted to addressing parks and open space, with the need to create and enhance open spaces within the CRA noted as an opportunity for the CRA to seize upon. The opportunity to create signature gateways and entrances into Downtown is also noted in the Redevelopment Plan. The property at the Northeast corner of Central Boulevard and Rosalind Avenue ("Property") is located at a potential gateway to Lake Eola Park. The Trust for Public Land, Inc. ("TPL") has entered into a contract ("Purchase Contract") to purchase the Property from the current owner. TPL and the Orlando Land Trust ("OLT") have entered into an additional agreement relating to the purchase of the Property and related fundraising to ensure that the Property is preserved as parkland in perpetuity. Under the attached Funding Agreement, the CRA agrees to provide funding of up to \$1,225,000 ("Funding") towards the purchase of the Property to ensure its perpetual use as open space and City park. The Funding will be provided at TPL's closing on the Property, and TPL will convey title to the CRA immediately following its purchase of the Property to ensure the Property's long term use as open space within the Downtown Orlando CRA. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Patty Sheehan moved and Commissioner Regina I. Hill seconded a motion to approve the Funding Agreement between the CRA, Orlando Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land, Inc., related to purchase of land, and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) voted 6 -1 to approve the Funding Agreement between the CRA, Orlando Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land, Inc., related to purchase of land, noting that Commissioner Jim Gray voted "no," filed and documentary. **#200601401.**

(2) Approving Amendment to Agreement with Mydatt Services, Inc., d/b/a Block by Block for Ambassador Services. In July of 2018, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) contracted with Block by Block to provide a hospitality and safety focused Downtown Orlando ambassador program. Mayor Dyer called on Executive Director Thomas Chatmon who provided background on this item. Since its inception, the ambassador program has operated 7 days a week from 7am to 11pm (with limited exceptions and holidays). As presented in 2017, the Downtown Orlando ambassador program was a pilot whose impacts would be evaluated throughout the contract's first two years. Much success has been observed and tracked during this time. The insights from these observations and metrics have reinforced the need for additional ambassador resources, including the addition of outreach ambassadors and an operations supervisor. The proposed amendment to the agreement with Mydatt Services, Inc. d/b/a Block by Block will extend the term through January of 2022, with an approximate monthly spend of \$85,000. The scope of work provides for additional

safety ambassador hours and new outreach workers to circulate throughout the downtown CRA area pursuant to a deployment schedule set by CRA. Commissioner Regina I. Hill moved, and Commissioner Bakari F. Burns seconded a motion to approve the Amendment to Agreement with Mydatt Services, Inc., d/b/a Block by Block for Ambassador Services. After a brief discussion amongst Commissioners, Commissioner Regina I. Hill moved to defer this item to the June 15, 2020 meeting, and Commissioner Robert F. Stuart seconded a motion to defer, and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) voted unanimously to defer the Amendment to Agreement with Mydatt Services, Inc., d/b/a Block by Block for Ambassador Services to the June 15, 2020 meeting.

At approximately 3:40 P.M. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and reconvened the City Council meeting.

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City Clerk

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Chairman